



East Cornwall CVS

The Signpost eNews Update

Your monthly eNews update from East Cornwall CVS

East Cornwall CVS celebrating 21 years of supporting voluntary & community organisations throughout Cornwall

Welcome to the October eNews Update, which contains snippets of information that has deadlines that miss the next edition of the Signpost newsletter.

If you would like to include articles for either the update or the main Signpost newsletter contact: Sylvia or Zoë on 01208 832763. We hope you find some of the articles useful.

Local & Regional News

Council's office vision will save £20 million

Plans by Cornwall Council to make better use of its office accommodation will generate savings of more than £20 million over the next five years and protect the jobs of around 140 front line staff providing core services to people in Cornwall.

The amalgamation of the seven former County and District Councils last year meant that the new Council inherited many more offices and buildings than it needs for the number of staff it employs, with many staff still working in buildings rented from private landlords. The Council's new office vision proposes giving up these leases and moving these staff into Council owned buildings – producing significant savings in rent – at the same time as reducing the amount of office space from 78 to 30 buildings by introducing more efficient ways of working. Visit <http://tiny.cc/vh10v> for more information.

Rainforest Lookout Now Open!

Adventurer Bear Grylls visited Eden last month to officially open our Rainforest Lookout, a new aerial platform at the top of the 165-foot-high Rainforest Biome – which is taller than the Tower of London!

The climb up to the Lookout gives you a unique bird's eye view of the biggest greenhouse in the world. From the platform you can see the tops of giant trees such as kapok and balsa which have nearly reached the biome ceiling and may even catch a glimpse of our resident wildlife such as tree frogs and tiny birds known as Sulawesi White Eyes. www.edenproject.com

Lostwithiel Food Festival - Asian Food Day.

Saturday 30th October, 11.00am to 4.00pm.
Location: Church Rooms

As part of Lostwithiel Food Festival ,a celebration of Asian food and culture will be held in the Church Rooms . The

range of Asian food on offer will include Thai, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Indian and Nepalese with visitors able to sample dishes and watch cooking demonstrations. Visitors will be also entertained by a variety of performances including Thai dancing, the Japanese drumming group Taiko and Thai kick boxing demo from west area kick thai gym. Or if you want to have a look more at www.lostwithiel.org.uk

Funding & Opportunities

Supporting activities in education and health

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants through the Hilton Foundation. Focusing on children and young people, the Foundation supports activities in education and health to relieve suffering and equip individuals. Organisations such as charities and other not for profit organisations can apply for grants ranging from a few hundred pounds up to £30,000 per year for up to 2 years that meet one of the Foundation's chosen areas of focus.

These are:

- disabled children;
- children in hospital;
- homelessness; and
- life-limited children in hospices.

The next closing date for applications is the **9th November 2010**. www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm

Funding to Develop Cancer Self Help Groups

Through the Helping You Help Others programme, Macmillan (the national charity supporting people living with cancer) is inviting new cancer self help and support groups across the UK to apply for grants of up to £500 to help with their initial development and promotion of service such as promotional costs; printing (leaflets, stationary, newsletters etc.); postage; venue hire; refreshments costs; and speaker fees; etc. Start-up grants for new groups are assessed on a monthly basis from January through to December.

The final closing date for Start-up grant applications this year is **1st December 2010**. For more information and to request an application pack, please email: resources@macmillan.org.uk or phone 020 7840 4936.

Macmillan are also inviting existing groups to apply for grants of up to £3,000 for their continuing development, for activities such as; away days; speaker's fees and associated costs such as travel; and the purchase of group resources such as computers, laptops and display materials for use at information days. The closing date for applications for grants to existing groups is the **29th October 2010**.

www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/CancerSupportGroups/HowWeSupportYourGroup.aspx

Funding Scheme for Community Groups Re-Opens

The People's Postcode Trust, a trust set up by the "People's Postcode Lottery" in April 2009, has announced that it will re-open for applications on the **11th October 2010**.

Funding of between £500 and £10,000 (£2,000 if not a registered charity) will be available to small organisations and community groups operating in the areas of Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection. Projects supported can last for up to 3 months. Visit www.postcodetrust.org.uk for more details.

Veolia Environmental Trust Launches £1.2m Volunteering Fund

The [Veolia Environmental Trust](#), the charitable arm of waste management firm Veolia, has launched a £1.2m fund to support new volunteering projects. Under a scheme called the Veolia cre8 funding challenge, the trust will give grants worth up to £300,000 each to four organisations to set up volunteering schemes that "bring generations together and help to improve health and wellbeing". Other criteria for applications include demonstrating that the projects will leave a legacy and will allow the volunteers to develop new skills.

Projects must be located within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site. The closing date for submission of Expression of Interest forms is 1 December 2010. Organisations interested in submitting an application should [visit the trust's website for more information](#).

Training, Seminars & Events

ECCVS Celebration Day

On **15th November 2010**, East Cornwall CVS will be opening their doors to a celebration event for the Voluntary and Community Sector. This afternoon event, running from **11am until 4pm**, will be a networking opportunity for other infrastructure organisations and a chance to come in and find out about the projects ECCVS are currently running.

Everyone is welcome to attend, so if you're a member of a community group and are in need of help why not drop in and meet with a member of our team to see what support we may be able to provide. Alternatively, if you have an idea for work which needs to be undertaken in your area why not come in and tell us so that we can see how to help. We will also be inviting along Funders so we can demonstrate some of the excellent work which has been taking place in Cornwall and exactly how their money has helped local communities. **For more information, contact Sylvia on s.johnston@eccvs.org.uk or 01208 832765. Or download the Flyer and Booking Form now – [Celebration Day](#)**

Make Sense of CRB Checks

Thursday 21st October - St Mary's Parish Centre, Bodmin. 2.00pm – 4.00pm

This information session will be valuable for anyone working or volunteering with young people, or those interested in setting up a youth group. There will be a presentation from Christine Pryce at Volunteer Cornwall who will run through the CRB process, and a short presentation on safeguarding training. Refreshments will be provided and the event is **free** to attend on completion of the [booking form](#). The deadline for booking is Tuesday 12th October. For further information please contact Sylvia on s.johnston@eccvs.org.uk or 01208 832765. Alternatively you can [Download the booking form now](#)

Health and Social Welfare Networking Event

Cornwall Council and East Cornwall CVS are hosting a networking event for providers of health and social welfare services in and around the Launceston area. The day will include opportunity for various groups to see how they can work together to make the most of their services. There will also be presentations giving up to date information on changes that will be taking place in the future.

After lunch the doors will open to the public, providing an opportunity for groups to connect with more potential clients and let Launceston know what is available. Contact details will be collected during the event in order to collate an information leaflet for distribution.

For booking forms or further information, contact-- Rosemary Stone on Tel: 07817 537390 or Email: rosemary.stone@cornwall.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can [download the booking form now](#).

'Maximise Your Supporter Base: membership management & retention'

Tuesday 19 October (Taunton)

This course will outline the steps organisations can take to stimulate and retain their current membership, whilst understanding the natural changes in any membership group. This workshop encourages delegates to debate the issues affecting their organisations. You will receive a variety of sample documents and templates that you can take away to use in your workplace. Please download your booking form [here](#). If you have any queries, contact:

lauren@cascaadetrainingplus.co.uk

LINK in Cornwall is Listening

[LINK \(Local Involvement Network\) in Cornwall](#) is holding a drop in session at Truro Methodist Church on Wednesday 13 October from 1pm to 3pm. This event is an opportunity for individuals and volunteers to raise issues and discuss what is and isn't working in health and social care. It is an informal affair, so attendees are invited to drop in for 10 minutes or stay for 2 hours. For full details visit www.linkincornwall.org.uk

South West Forum Annual Conference

[South West Forum's](#) annual conference takes place on **Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 November** at the Thistle Hotel, 3 Queen Street, Exeter. The Forum aims to be an active and dynamic influence in the South West, ensuring that the voluntary and community sectors are genuinely engaged in developing and influencing policy.

This year's conference is entitled "The Health and Social Care Landscape is Changing", and is an opportunity to find out what lies ahead for VCS organisations involved in health, social care and welfare. Places at this year's event will be limited so early booking is advised. [Click here](#) for booking details.

Celebrating Age & Ambition

Age Concern Cornwall's Celebrating Age & Ambition returns on Thursday 7 October, following the phenomenal success of last year's event, which was attended by more than 700 people. Crammed with activities, exhibitions, demonstrations and debate, the diverse event features zones dedicated to arts and crafts, physical health and mental wellbeing. Supported by Take Part Cornwall, it also features a strong Take Part element. For more details visit our website at <http://cornwallvsf.org>

Useful Information

Hot Desking for Charities

ECCVS is now able to offer desk space for hire by the day, exclusive to charities, voluntary sector organisations and social enterprises. From just **£15 per day** we consider this an invaluable service for charity contractors, freelancers, start-ups or out-of-towners. **For Full details of what we can offer visit www.eccvs.org.uk/?page_id=6. To arranging a viewing, or to book, please contact Elizabeth Gooch on 01208 832765 or email e.gooch@eccvs.org.uk**

Trustees' Week 2010

The first ever national Trustees' Week will be held on the 25th to 31st October 2010. Led by the Charity Commission,

the week aims to promote and celebrate the role trustees play in running organisations across the sector. This also provides a platform to build upon and a focal point for your trustee recruitment and development work.

Interested in getting involved? Email Carrie Deacon at governanceandleadership@ncvo-vol.org.uk to discuss your ideas and see how the Leadership and Governance work stream can support your work.

Institute of Fundraising Adds Checklists to its Codes of Practice

The [Institute of Fundraising](#) has added a checklist to the front of each of its codes of practice to make them simpler to follow. The checklists, which have been added to all of its 28 codes, are designed to make it easier for charities to find information. See www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk for more information

Organisation to Negotiate Short-Term Property Leases for Charities

Woolworths stores are being targeted by a new charity created to act as an intermediary between landlords with empty premises and charities seeking properties. 3Space aims to take advantage of the number of empty properties resulting from the current economic climate, saving landlords from paying business rates and giving charities free use of buildings while a permanent tenant is found.

It is utilising the Department of Communities and Local Government's Meanwhile Use Lease, which is designed to allow landlords and tenants to enter into agreements quickly. <http://tiny.cc/y63g6>

Help For Public Bodies To Make Fair Cuts

Compact Voice recently published a web page dedicated to helping guide local authorities to deliver spending cuts fairly. Visit www.compactvoice.org.uk/helpwithcuts for more information.

Gearing up for Compact Week

It's time again for Compact Week 2010! From 1-7 November, areas across England will be showcasing their Compacts at local events, and the annual [Compact Awards](#) will be announced in London on 2 November. Visit [the website](#) to find out how to get involved.

Volunteers News

From Crime to Volunteering

The Community Payback Scheme sees convicted offenders carry out community projects. A replacement for Community Service, the aim is that offenders repay the community for the crimes they have committed. The local community decides on the project, which can be community based or for the good of charitable organisations. Visit www.i-volunteer.org.uk/newshound/from-crime-to-volunteering/ for more information.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for volunteer groups, recognises the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups in the UK voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others. This is the highest national honour that can be bestowed upon groups of this kind.

More than 750 groups around the UK have now won The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, since it was created by Her Majesty in 2002. To nominate a Voluntary Group, find out more about the criteria for nominations, or to apply telephone 020 7781 2397 or visit: www.direct.gov.uk.

New micro-volunteering campaign

Online social action network i-volunteer has launched a new campaign to promote micro-volunteering - undertaking "bite-sized" actions from a computer or a mobile phone - urging people to "[Try something new in the bedroom](#)". It is hoped that many such volunteers will get hooked and move on to more sustained commitments.

I.T. & E-Resources

Meet the New Twitter.com

The increasingly popular social networking site www.twitter.com is having a re-vamp. To keep up with the ever more sophisticated needs of its 190 million users, twitter has created 'an easier, faster, and richer experience' which include the ability to add photos and other multimedia content to your posts. The changes will happen gradually over the next several weeks, for a closer look visit <http://twitter.com/newtwitter>.

Dizeo – Safe Social Networking

Christopher McCann has created the first ever safe social networking site specifically designed for children in the UK. Similar to Facebook, users can upload their photos and videos, create a profile for themselves and add friends. However, unlike Facebook, this site is fully monitored and anything children post on their profile is moderated. The site also goes one step further by introducing a 'Homework Help' feature, whereby subject-specialist tutors are online and users can expect a response to any homework question guaranteed within one hour.

To register your child, you'll need to provide full details, including an emergency contact telephone number (in case a child posts anything concerning online). Membership is £6.99 a month for a 12 month contract or £7.99 otherwise, but the first 1,000 to register get free membership. So if you've got social-savvy little networkers in the family, get over there now before it's too late. <http://www.dizeo.com>

Social Enterprise

O2 Phone Package is Aimed at Social Enterprises

The phone company [O2](#) has unveiled a phone package aimed specifically at social enterprises. O2 is offering social enterprises a free month of line rental, free mobile broadband for three months and several other concessions.

The mobile provider said it had spoken to more than 200 social entrepreneurs and other figures in the sector and identified the most important needs for socially focused businesses.

O2 has also committed itself to using its marketing channels to promote social enterprise, to back 100 organisations to receive the social enterprise mark free of charge and to procure from social enterprises.

For more information, go to: <http://tiny.cc/zcj1j>

School for Social Entrepreneurs Set to Expand

[The School for Social Entrepreneurs](#) is planning to extend its services in England and move into Wales, as well as opening schools in New Zealand and Canada. The school, which provides training for potential social entrepreneurs, operates 10 franchises in England and Scotland, but currently there are none in Wales or in some English regions.

Semantics Guide for Social Enterprise in the NHS Published

A paper on the role of social enterprise in Big Society has been published today by the NHS Alliance. The paper, *Semantics of the Big Society*, is the first in a series on social enterprise and its role in the NHS. The paper, and others from the NHS Alliance, can be [downloaded here](#).

Children & Young People

Plings Event Porthole

Voluntary organisations are being encouraged to take advantage of a new website porthole providing young people with comprehensive information on events and activities in their area in a bid to increase youth participation in structured activities.

The [Plings](#) porthole uses information provided by councils together with information pulled from websites, social networks and digital TV to create a database of activities, known as Plings

Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - Call for Views

The Minister of State for Children and Families, Sarah Teather, has invited views from everyone with an interest in services for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) or disabilities in England. All views and perspectives received will be considered as part of developing proposals for a Green Paper on SEN and disability to be published this autumn. Closing Date: **Friday 15 October 2010**. For more information visit: www.education.gov.uk.

Election Dates Announced

The dates for the 2011 UK Youth Parliament elections are now available on the [UK Youth Parliament website](#). If you are aged 11-18 and want to have a greater involvement with the UK Youth Parliament, then why not consider standing for election?

Lights, Camera, Parliament! What Law Would You Make?

Young people aged **11-16** across the UK are invited to think of a law they'd like to make, and then to create a short film about it! 'Lights, Camera, Parliament!' is a project for teachers and youth workers looking to inspire young people to have their say, and to think about democracy and law making in a fresh and creative way. Parliament's Education Service provides support to help delivery of this project with resource packs, lesson plans, tips on law making and film making. They are also offering free CPD training days in October 2010. Groups selected as finalists will be invited to the Houses of Parliament for a Winners' Day! They will have the opportunity to screen and discuss their films with a judging panel of MPs, Peers and film professionals, as well as the chance to win prizes on the day.

The final date for submission of films is Friday 14th January 2011. To get involved or to find out more go to www.parliament.uk/lightscameraparliament

Government Initiatives & Information

Big Lottery Fund Set to Move to Cabinet Office

Responsibility for the [Big Lottery Fund](#) will move from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and be placed under the Cabinet Office according to a leaked government document on the *BBC News website*. It follows the news in *The Telegraph* that the [Commission for the Compact](#), [Capacitybuilders](#) and the Office for Civil Society Advisory Group will be scrapped by the coalition as part of its quango review.

The *BBC News website* has published a list, dated 26 August 2010, of quangos and other public bodies to be axed, merged or retained by the coalition government. The document says that the [Commission for the Compact](#), [Capacitybuilders](#) and the Office for Civil Society Advisory Group are to be axed, while the Charity Commission will be retained.

The New Draft Compact

The consultation on the new draft Compact has begun. You can see it at www.compactvoice.org.uk/renewal. The current Compact contains the following Government undertaking at section 2.3:

Support the development of third sector infrastructure. Infrastructure bodies enable third sector organisations to help people and communities more effectively, through services such as capacity building, representation and other forms of support.

No similar undertaking appears in the new, much shorter Compact. Instead there is just a general reference to 'the value of support and development to organisations on the front line'. **The consultation closes on 29 October 2010. Go to the [Compact Voice site](#) for full information about how to respond.**

The Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership

On 29 June 2010 the Government issued a letter to all Leaders and Chief Executives of local authorities inviting them to work with Government to help strengthen local economies. The submission for a Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership is now available to view here - [Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership - Empowering Enterprise](#).

Political Parties Unite in Campaign to Halt Government's Creation of 'Devonwall'

Political parties on Cornwall Council have joined forces to urge MPs to thwart Government plans to redraw parliamentary boundaries and create a "Devonwall" constituency straddling both counties.

Parties temporarily set aside their political bickering to vote through a motion asking for Cornwall to continue to be represented by MPs whose constituencies lie entirely within the Cornish border. At the heart of the new Bill is a bid to cut the number of MPs from 650 to 600 and for all constituencies to have populations within five per cent of the average constituency size.

If left unaltered, Cornwall would end up sharing at least one parliamentary seat with Devon. For the full story, visit <http://tiny.cc/xxo3q>

Diversity & Equality

Guidance on discrimination: 'Is that fair?'

Advice Now has produced a new guide to discrimination, which helps you to:

- understand what discrimination is;
- recognise when someone might be discriminating against them;
- work out what their rights are;
- know where to get help.

Download the guide from: <http://static.advicenow.org.uk>. For more information visit: www.advicenow.org.uk.

Charity Commission's Faith and Social Cohesion Unit Puts Resources Online

The [Charity Commission](#)'s Faith and Social Cohesion Unit, which closed t the end of August, has made a range of resources for faith-based charities available online. The [resources](#) include guidance on how to register as a faith-based charity, along with case studies of mosques to demonstrate good governance. These will join guidance that is already [available on the commission website](#). <http://tiny.cc/rqbh3>

Health Matters

National Accreditation for NHS Plymouth Memory Service

High standards and continuous improvement have meant the NHS Plymouth Community Memory Service has been accredited service by the Memory Services National Accreditation Programme (MSNAP). This tough evaluation followed an intensive assessment process and peer review which highlighted 18 'areas of achievement'. The MSNAP is closely linked with the National Dementia Strategy, and is part of the Royal College of Psychiatrists quality improvement programme. For more information on MSNAP and what accreditation means for the service, click [here](#).

Node Testing Technique 'Cuts Cancer Surgery Wait'

Breast cancer patients in Cornwall are to benefit from a high-tech procedure which will mean waiting time reductions to remove affected lymph nodes. The OSNA technique - On-table Sentinel Node Analysis - is being used at St Michael's Hospital in Hayle.

When patients go in to have a lump removed, a sample is taken from their nodes and analysed immediately. If tests find other nodes have to be removed, it can be done straight away rather than in another operation later. The technique is only used at five hospitals in the UK, now including St Michael's, the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust confirms. Visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-11216282> for more information.

NHS Event on the Future of Health Services in Cornwall

[NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly](#) is hosting an event about the future of health in Cornwall, with a focus on decentralising services. It takes place at the Gallery at the Eden Project on **Monday 4 October** from **9.30am to 4pm**, and is open to voluntary organisations and members of the public who wish to give their feedback on this issue. [Click here](#) for full event details. The event takes place in partnership with Diversity Network for Cornwall. Registering is essential, and if you would like to attend contact Sarah Leigh on 01209 202683, or email sarah.leigh@victimsupport.org.uk.

Capacity Builders

Capacitybuilders Is a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB)

Set up in 2006 to take over the management of the ChangeUp programme and to work with other funders to build the capacity of the Third Sector. We exist to create a more effective third sector and we do this by improving support for third sector organisations.

Our strategy

Our strategy has been put together as a result of the consultation programme Capacitybuilders ran from December 2006 to March 2007.



Moving forward

It takes full account of the various views expressed and is designed to indicate the way forward for Capacitybuilders in relation to the ChangeUp programme as a whole.

Responding to change

No sensible strategy is set in concrete. We have to be both focused on achieving specific objectives and flexible in responding to changing circumstances. We provide a flavour of our current approach to building the strength of the third sector and ask for your support. (Source: <http://capacitybuilders.org.uk/content/Home.aspx>)

Information Commissioner tells Capacity Builders to Release Document

The Information Commissioner has upheld an appeal by *Third Sector* against the refusal by Capacitybuilders to release a briefing document requested under the Freedom of Information Act. [Capacitybuilders](#) had claimed exemption for a briefing about the closure of the Third Sector Leadership Centre on the grounds that its release "would, or would be likely to, inhibit the free and frank provision of advice" by officials.

Convergence

Convergence is the new European economic regeneration programme for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly that runs until 2013. Convergence will make investments that will have a long-term impact on the economy of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. It will help to build a stronger more diverse economy by supporting businesses, and helping people into employment and those in work gain new and up-to-date skills.

Convergence consists of two funds European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF).

What is Convergence investing in? Convergence will invest in a range of activities aimed at strengthening our economy, by: Developing our people; Strengthening business; Investing in our future and Making connections

How can I access Convergence? Over the lifetime of Convergence there will be a number of straightforward ways to access a range of business support, training; and help into work.

- Focused support for business: Business Link is the main access point for all business support products whether from UK mainstream sources or European programmes. Business Link can be contacted on 0845 600 9966
- Help into work: Cornwall Works is the main access point for help into work and training. Cornwall Works can be contacted on 01872 255015
- Training and support for younger people: Youth Cornwall can be contacted on 01872 326326
- New and updated skills: Nextstep is the main access point for adult learners. Nextstep can be contacted on 0845 850 5070

- Workspace development: Workspace provision can be accessed through the workspace strategic investment framework. Contact: Ian Whale.
- European programmes team: South West of England Regional Development Agency. Email: ian.whale@southwestrda.org.uk Address: Castle House, Pydar Street, Truro, TR1 2UJ

For further information go to Convergence Cornwall: www.convergencecornwall.com or see [Convergence Operational Programme 2007-13 \[1.2Mb\]](#)

300 New Cornish Entrepreneurs on the Way!

Outset Cornwall, the successful start-up support service for Cornish entrepreneurs, has marked its first 6 months by announcing 22 new businesses already started and over 25 jobs created - and 300 other potential entrepreneurs engaged in the programme.

[Outset Cornwall](#) was established to deliver free training across a broad spectrum of business and personal skills in an interactive, flexible and jargon-free way. Additional coaching support is given around the training via one to ones, and followed by ongoing peer support for up to 12 months enabling Cornish entrepreneurs to access vital information in one of the most testing times of any new business.

This is a FREE service and we welcome any comments. Please pass this item on to other interested parties. If you have received this from a source other than ECCVS and wish to be added to our distribution list then please contact us.

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