

Speakout will also be available via our website www.thurrockcvs.org.uk. The website is updated regularly with the latest news for the voluntary, community and faith sector so please check this out or follow us on Twitter @Thurrock_advice or @Thurrock_CVS

VACANCIES

COMMUNITY SHOP CARETAKER – 16 hours a week (Minimum Wage)

Are you reliable, flexible, approachable? Are you enthusiastic about volunteering and community involvement?

One Community Development Trust is looking for a community minded person to carry out caretaking and a variety of general tasks in their community shop in Tilbury. CVs are not accepted so for an application pack contact:

One Community Development Trust – 134 Dock Road, Tilbury RM18 7BJ

Tel: 01375 768233 Email: info@onecommunity.org.uk

Completed applications must be received by 5th January 2011

THURROCK GOVERNORS – Basildon & Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Through the Board of Governors and Members, the Trust is more accountable to the local community, patients, staff and partner organisations. Governors ensure they have a wide range of experience, opinion and expertise to draw on to help deliver services that are more responsive to the community and help shape the future direction of hospitals.

Now is your opportunity to get involved – there are 4 vacancies for Thurrock Governors in the election for 2012

No NHS experience is necessary and two briefing sessions are being held for anyone interested (one in Brentwood and one in Basildon) – if you would like to attend or find out more telephone 01268 598975, email foundation@btuh.nhs.uk or visit the website

www.basildonandthurrock.nhs.uk/member/election

A guide to help you understand the roles and responsibilities is also available on request or from the website.

TRAINING & EVENTS

~~TENDERING & ADVOCACY – 8th December 2011 (3.30pm–6.00pm)~~ CANCELLED

Facilitated workshops to look at current tendering and advocacy around Children's Centres, Carers & Thinking Families

This has now changed to ...

COLLABORATION, CONSORTIA & PARTNERSHIPS – 16th January 2012

The morning session (9.30am-12.30pm) will focus on issues and services for children and families

The afternoon session (1.00pm-4.00pm) will focus on issues and services for adults

Buffet lunch will be provided between 12.30pm and 1.00pm

These workshops will be facilitated by Nigel Newton Sawyer and both sessions will look at current trends, outcomes and networking – you are welcome to attend for the whole day or for either the morning or afternoon session

MANAGED NETWORKS – 19th December 2011 (9.30am-12.30pm)

First meeting to help shape and inform the managed networks and mandate members to the Joint Strategic Forum (a partnership group being set up between the voluntary and community sector and Thurrock Council)

WELFARE REFORM BILL & DILNOTT REVIEW – 2 sessions

12th January 2012 (2.30pm to 7.00pm) and 19th January 2012 (7.00pm to 9.00pm)

The Council's Task & Finish Group is gathering evidence to assess what the implications will be of this bill and review for the Council and the wider population of Thurrock

(Venue to be confirmed)

FUTURE FINANCE – 19th January 2012 (12.00pm – 4.00pm, *including free networking lunch*)

This seminar presents the ideal forum to explore how your organisation might make the most of the Government's Big Society financing ideas, e.g. social impact bonds, trading as a charity, Big Society Bank, funding opportunities such as trusts and company giving

If you would like to attend any of the above workshops or sessions please let us know asap – Tel. 01375 389881 or email: info@thurrockcvs.org.uk

Other workshops being planned ...

HR/PERSONNEL

The first workshop being considered for January is around Employment Tribunals and will include a mock tribunal + questions and answers. **If you would be interested in attending please let us know** (there may be small charge of £15 per person)

CONTRACTS & SUPPLIERS

If you would like to know what to look for before signing a contract, if you are tied into the wrong contract and want to know how to get out of it, or you have problems with a supplier and/or costs, Thurrock CVS is looking to organise a workshop early next year. **For more information or if you are interested in this workshop please let Renae know – tel 01375 389885 or email ren@thurrockcvs.org.uk**

WORKFORCE PLANNING

Limited places are available to voluntary and faith sector organisations on training being run by **Thurrock Council's Workforce Planning** in January and February next year. Topics include:-

Substance Awareness – 24 January

Child Protection – Everybody's Responsibility – 27 January

Child Development – 9 February

Child Sexual Awareness – 9 February

Parental Sub Misuse And The Impact On Children – 29 February

For full details or to book places email workforce.planning@thurrock.gov.uk

FUNDING

The Cabinet Office has launched a £16.8m grant scheme aimed at supporting voluntary organisations offering free advice services in England. The **ADVICE SERVICES FUND** will be administered by the Big Lottery Fund and offers grants of £40,000 to £70,000.

Eligible applicants must offer free advice services in the following areas:

- Advice on debt
- Advice on welfare benefits

- Advice on housing
- Advice on employment

Priority will be given to organisations experiencing the largest budget reductions, and those who have not received funding from the Transition Fund.

The deadline for registration is 22 December 2011

For more information please visit <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

The **PEOPLE'S HEALTH TRUST** is a registered charity which funds projects addressing health inequalities across England, Scotland and Wales. The Trust is funded by 51 local society lotteries and the good cause money they raise through The Health Lottery.

The Healthy Communities Small Grants Programme is now open - grants of £5,000-£10,000 are available to small community and voluntary organisations to support an improvement in health and well-being in their local communities.

The closing date for applications in this area is 3 January 2012. It is anticipated to make between 10 and 12 grants. The programme guidance can be downloaded by adding a location postcode to the search box on their website at

<http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/index.php/apply-for-funding/small-grant-programmes>

If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact the grants manager Susan Brown on 0207 697 4023 or email susan.brown@peopleshealthtrust.org.uk

The **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY FUND (CCF)** has announced that it will be launching its revised grants programme in 2012 and is currently not accepting applications. The new application guidelines will have a new set of strategic themes. These will be to significantly expand the Church's engagement with neighbourhood renewal; seek innovative ways of developing established community projects so that they either a) grow existing or b) evolve into new communities of Christian Faith, and; replicate models of successful community engagement across the wider church. The CCF will start to accept new applications to the new themes from **3 January 2012**.

A new set of guidance notes that will contain specific criteria, examples of what type of projects will be funded and more detail about the new strategy will be available in mid-December 2011.

For more information please visit <http://www.ccfund.org.uk/>

The **AUDIENCE FOCUS FUND** is provided and administered by Arts Council England and aims to engage more people in museums, libraries and the arts by supporting organisations to understand retain and develop their audiences. The total fund available for 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015 is £7.5m and it is anticipated that 10-15 awards will be made over the next three years, at a minimum of £100,000.

Deadline: 9 January 2012

More information is available on the website below:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/strategic-funding/commissioned-grants/audience-focus/>

ESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION awards grants to voluntary or community groups, which are charitable in purpose and are working for the benefit of people in Essex, Southend or Thurrock. They support a wide range of projects and welcome applications from both new and established groups. They manage a number of funds, many of which are tailored to the individual wishes of their donors. For the majority of funds all you have to do is complete a General Application Form and they will find the right fund for you. Please read the guidelines before you complete the application. If you have any questions, please call them on 01245 356018.

General Grants Round

Maximum Grant: £10,000 (average grant £3,500).

Deadline: 9 January (results within 10 weeks of deadline)

For more information please visit

<http://essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/index.html>

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED provides grants for up to three years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under. Within the programme, organisations can apply for Small Grants of £10,000 or less per year for up to three years and for Main Grants of over £10,000 per year for up to three years. Funding is available to organisations (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from illness, distress, abuse or neglect, are disabled, have behavioural or psychological difficulties and / or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

The closing date for applications is the 15 January 2012

For more information visit their website at:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

ECORYS and Department of Health are now accepting applications for the second funding round of the **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE VOLUNTEERING FUND**. It will support health and social care projects that encourage volunteer involvement in key areas such as personal budgets, cutting smoking and encouraging healthy eating. Grants will be awarded to projects that develop new, improved and/or streamlined systems in health and social care volunteering rather than projects that can simply supply core services.

Projects can apply for up to £200,000 per annum for up to three years. Projects should have national 'reach' by operating across at least four localities in different regions/counties geographically spread across England. Proposals for funding should differ substantially in scale and priorities from the fund's local projects for which there are separate calls for applications. The scheme is open to national charities and partnerships of voluntary organisations, as well as social enterprises, co-operatives and other not-for profit organisations, with social aims.

The closing date for stage 1 applications is 18 January 2012. Shortlisted applicants will then have the opportunity to develop a stage 2 application which will need to be submitted by the 16th April 2012.

For more information click below:

<http://www.volunteeringfund.com/news/health-and-social-care-volunteering-fund-national-grantscheme-2012-and-partner-search-portal-o>

The **BIG LOTTERY'S COMMUNITIES LIVING SUSTAINABLY FUND** is designed to support partnerships of public, private and voluntary sector bodies which are helping communities address the economic, social and environmental effects of climate change. It is expected that up to 10 communities will be supported with a mixture of expert support and advice, up to £10,000 development funding to support the applications and grant funding of up to £1 million.

Partnerships must be able to meet the overall aim of the scheme, which is to learn how best to empower communities to live in a sustainable way and cope with the impact of climate change and achieve all of the following outcomes:

- Communities are better prepared for environmental challenges and longer term environmental change and understand the improvements they can make to live more sustainably.
- Vulnerable people affected by the impacts of climate change are able to make greener choices to help improve their quality of life.

- Communities maximise the use of their assets and resources to create new economic opportunities and live more sustainably by, for example, using the skills and knowledge of individuals within their community to create green social enterprises and jobs.
- Communities have a greater understanding of and more opportunities to use natural resources more efficiently.

The total fund value is £10 million. Grants of £500,000 and £1 million are available for up to five years. Additionally, grants of up to £10,000 are available to develop a project delivery plan.

The deadline for submissions of Expressions of Interest is noon on 31 January 2012.

For more information please visit their website at <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

**** Please don't forget to send us any news and information you would like passed on ****