

Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service

Funding Bulletin

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Funding is a hot topic at the moment – with good reason! Here are a few pointers and recommendations for those of you who need to be in the know.....

Funding Surgery

RBVS will be holding a Funding Surgery on Friday 19th November. If you're in need of funds, and the help to get them, please do get in touch.



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Latest News

Grassroots Grants

This 3-year grant programme comes to a close at the end of this financial year (March 2011). The final deadline for applications to this programme is **31st December 2010**, and all funds must be spent by the end of March 2011. The next application round deadline is on **Friday 29th October**, for a decision by **Monday 22nd November**.

Contact Emma Wolfe on 01483 409230 or e-mail emma@communityfoundationsurrey.org.uk for information and to apply.

Reigate & Banstead Borough Council.

Last week Central Government announced its Comprehensive Spending Review which sets out how it will deliver its deficit reduction plan for the UK.

It was announced that the budget allocated to local government will be reduced by 28% over the next four year period. The council will not know how this will impact on Reigate & Banstead until December.

The Council currently receive £6.9 million in grants from the Government. This will reduce by at least £500,000 per year for the next four years.

Grow Your Own Income with NCVO Sustainable Funding Project

Tuesday 16th November 2010 9.30am – 4.30pm

Location: Black and Minority Ethnic Community Partnership Building, 10a Fleet Street, Brighton

Trading is a great way to build independence and sustainability in voluntary and community organisations. Get the technical and cultural aspects right and a social enterprise will drive growth. This fun and interactive one-day workshop is for VCO managers, staff or trustees who have a trading idea and want help to get it up and running – and earning. The course will cover:

- How trading will fit with your organisation
- The key role of business planning and finance
- Your budget and pricing strategy
- Legal issues and organisational structure
- Developing the right products
- Marketing your products

The workshop includes a peer-mentoring session for delegates to share ideas learn from the experience of sector colleagues. Delegates will finish the day with a better understanding of trading in the voluntary sector and improved confidence in their own ability to drive forward enterprise within their organisation. The participative and information packed workshop makes full use of our extensive collection of trading case studies.

To book a place on the above event, please contact the NCVO Sustainable Funding Project on 0207 520 2519 or on sfp@ncvo-vol.org.uk. Web page www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp/gyonov10.

Prices start at £55 for NCVO members and £79 for non-members.

Dealing with Uncertainty and Managing Risk

How can your organisation survive – and thrive – in today's uncertain environment? The New Start Learning Network are providing a course and toolkit to enable your organisation to anticipate and plan for uncertainty and risk.

Course date: 2nd November, London

Course fees: £195+VAT (New Start magazine subscribers);
£295+VAT (non subscribers)

Limited space - book your place now: phone 0114 281 6130 or email jamie@newstartmag.co.uk

All course delegates will receive a copy of the Toolkit as part of their booking, or you can purchase a Toolkit alone from New Start for £99+VAT (pdf format) or £115+VAT (pdf and hard copy format).

This course (and other New Start Learning Network courses) can also be delivered on an in-house basis. Please call 0114 281 6130 for more details, or go to <http://newstartlearningnetwork.wordpress.com/courses/>

Trusts Fundraising and Other Courses in Brighton

Company Solutions' Trusts Fundraising courses include a handbook in PDF format. All the courses take place at the Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton and cost just £59 plus VAT per place. You can book any of these courses online at www.companysolutions.biz or find out about other available services.



The Charity Bank is offering charities and community groups a preferential rate for new loans drawn before the 31st December 2010.

Charity Bank is a not-for profit bank that offers affordable finance to third sector organisations, including those that might not be able to borrow from commercial lenders.

The preferential rate being offered is a reduction of 0.5%p.a. on its standard interest rate. Interest rates depend on size, type and length of loan but typically vary between 5.5% and 7.5%.

For more details, or to see if loan finance is right for your organisation please contact Charity Bank's loan team on 01732 774050 or visit www.charitybank.org/loans. For details of Charity Bank's savings accounts visit www.charitybank.org/savings.

Youth Music Open Programme

Youth Music's Open Programme is available for organisations wishing to apply for grants of £5,000 to £30,000. **Next deadline: 10 December.** For further information go to:

http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/looking_for_music_funding/Open_programme.html

The Big Lottery Fund: International Communities

The Big Lottery Fund has launched its new programme to channel funding into the poorest and most marginalised communities around the world through UK-based charities working overseas. The 5-year programme will make grants to projects tackling some of the causes of poverty and deprivation among impoverished communities overseas. It will fund schemes that improve access to primary education, health care and natural resources, build sustainable livelihoods and support disadvantaged people to exercise their basic human rights. For more information on the programme, please visit

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_international_communities

BIG opens a gateway to Civil Society knowledge.

A **one-stop knowledge resource** on issues concerning the Voluntary and Community Sector is about to become a reality as the Big Lottery Fund allocates £200,000 to the Third Sector Research Centre. For further information go to:

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_111010_nat_r_i_big_opens_gateway_to_civil/?regioncode=-uk

Mental Health and Criminal Justice Funding

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales is interested in funding registered charities that are working together with statutory services to improve the outcomes and experience of people with mental health problems and learning disabilities who have been in the criminal justice system.

Deadline: 3 November.

For further information see:

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/FundingProgrammes/Pages/Mental%20Health%20and%20Criminal%20Justice%20Funding.aspx>

Boost Your Bottom Line By Improving Efficiency

The Green Grants Machine web site has the UK's most comprehensive source of information on grants, loans, awards and other funds available to help organisations go green and save on energy bills.

See <http://www.greengrantsmachine.co.uk/Default.aspx> for further details. **3**