

Email bulletin N° 108 – 21 April 2010

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to E- news bulletin N°108 – 21 April 2010.

I am very pleased to let you know that the Community Links Bromley staff team are in the final stages of checking and updating your records in the new database, prior to the launch of a fully searchable online directory of community groups in our borough.

As a consequence of this additional work, a decision has been taken to amend the e-news bulletin publishing schedule over the next couple of months. We will publish on the following dates:

Wednesday 12th May and Wednesday 16th June.

Rest assured that if you have any urgent events, news and job vacancies I'll send them out via our e-news alert service.

Best wishes

Philippa

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## Spotlight

### **Round up of election manifestos, budget and other news from Stephen Blann**

The General Election has been called for May 6<sup>th</sup>. Stephen Blann has compiled a policy briefing with analysis of the implications of the three main party manifestos and the budget on the voluntary and community sector together with his regular national news coverage.

- Read summaries of the [party manifestos](#)

- Read [extracts from each manifesto](#) selected by Stephen Blann, directly of interest to Voluntary and Community Groups
- Other [election news coverage](#)

### **Not Just for Profit – review of recent funding information event**

This event, delivered in partnership with Bromley Council and Community Links Bromley, was especially for anyone running a social enterprise or thinking about starting one in the borough. ‘Not Just for Profit?’ took place at Community House in South Street, Bromley, on Tuesday 30 March, between 9.30am and 2.30pm. It was very well attended - 45 local community groups and two individuals representing local forums.

A range of resources has been added to our website, including PowerPoint presentations, a review of the question and answer session and photos taken on the day. [Click here to go to CLB's website.](#)

## **Local news**

### **Does your organisation work with young Muslims?**

Pathways to Citizenship (PtC) is a London Councils funded project run by Muslim Aid. It aims to support organisations working with young Muslims aged 12 to 19. Organisations do not need to cater only to young Muslims and do not need to be faith-based organisations to get involved.

The project provides four days of management and organisational training as well as one to one support and accredited training in information, advice and guidance to 20 organisations per year across London, and is recruiting organisations to get involved now.

As well as the training for voluntary and community organisations, it also runs the Citizenship Award for young Muslims aged 12 to 19. This scheme recognises their contributions to their schools and communities and offers the chance to get certificates, a special award and prize, and attend an awards ceremony in their honour. Young people just need to fill in a portfolio recording their activities and submit it to PtC by June 15th 2010. If you are working with young Muslims, please inform them of this opportunity and encourage them to get involved.

For more information about the training, please contact Yahya ([yahya@muslimaid.org](mailto:yahya@muslimaid.org)) or Summereen ([summereen@muslimaid.org](mailto:summereen@muslimaid.org)) or call 020 7377 4200. For more information on the Citizenship Award and a copy of the portfolio, please email [pathways@muslimaid.org](mailto:pathways@muslimaid.org) or call 020 7377 4200.

### **Penge Police Station - transfer of front counter service**

Further to the MPA decision on 21 January to transfer the front counter service from Penge Police Station to the Safer Neighbourhood base in Maple Road, Penge, and the move took place on Monday 29 March 2010.

From that date a front counter service is operating between 1100 - 1500 and 1600 - 1900 on Mondays to Fridays at the Maple Road Safer Neighbourhood base, Maple Road, Penge SE20 8RE (these are the same hours that the front counter was open at Penge Police Station).

The Maple Road Safer Neighbourhood base is home to the Penge and Cator Safer Neighbourhood Team and the Crystal Palace Safer Neighbourhood Team. Although Penge Police Station does not now have a front counter service, Bromley Police's Safer Transport Teams and a Safer Neighbourhood Team Inspector will still be operating from there.

### **Having a spring clearout? Why not donate your unwanted items to CarePlus**

If you are planning a spring clearout this month, why not consider donating your unwanted items to Bromley older people's charity, CarePlus.

CarePlus is holding a fundraising Spring Fair at Bromley United Reformed Church, Widmore Road on May 22 and is appealing for any unwanted gifts, pre-loved toys, bric-a-brac and spring plants to help stock it.

All donated items are appreciated as funding, as always, is extremely limited. CarePlus provides volunteer support to older people (65+) in the London Borough of Bromley.

CarePlus is funded by donations, fundraising activity and from the goodwill of the local community. All money raised from the sale of these items will provide vital funds to help the charity continue its work.

For more information please contact: Jayne Gorey on 07918 142 792, email: [info@careplusbromley.org.uk](mailto:info@careplusbromley.org.uk) or visit the website [www.careplusbromley.org.uk](http://www.careplusbromley.org.uk)

## The HELP Card - helping everyone with literacy problems

The HELP card is for people who, for a variety of reasons, may have difficulties reading and writing and have problems accessing services as a result. Service users can present the card to front line staff or receptionists to ask for discreet help.

The card is a voluntary, self-help scheme and has no legal status. No specific criteria are required for a person to use the card, other than the fact that they may find it helpful.

All too often we assume that everyone can read and write, and this can lead to embarrassment, misunderstanding, and even anger, aggression and conflict. Poor communication can result in recording incorrect information, clients misunderstanding important instructions, missed appointments, loss of basic services, and even debt and prosecution. This project aims to:

- Remove the embarrassment people may feel in having to ask for help, often in a busy, public place
- Help front line workers and receptionists identify that a customer/client/patient may need additional help
- Give a better service by ensuring that everyone trying to access a service will get the appropriate help.

If your organisation would like HELP cards to distribute to your members please contact one of the following: Barbara Bickell, on 020 8290 6784,

email: [Barbara.bickell@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:Barbara.bickell@bromley.gov.uk) or Tina Cook, on 020 8662 6692 or

email [tina.cook@bromleypct.nhs.uk](mailto:tina.cook@bromleypct.nhs.uk)

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## Local events

### JustBe Film Club

**Date:** Friday 30 April

**Time:** 7pm for 7.30pm (prompt)

**Cost:** £10 (inclusive of refreshments i.e. popcorn, drinks, chocolate, ice cream etc)

The JustBe Film Club is not a members only club. We are just looking for those who want to enjoy a good movie and conversation. The idea is to get together, relax, have a snack/refreshments and watch a movie. The DVDs we watch are selected from a wide range of film productions that we would consider to be entertaining, thought provoking

and relevant. The subsequent discussions could be based as closely or as loosely on the chosen film as is appropriate for the particular session. Only 12 spaces available – so reserve your place now! To register your interest contact Janet or send an email to [janet@just-be.co.uk](mailto:janet@just-be.co.uk)

### **JusB Quiz Night**

**Date:** Saturday 24 April, 7.30-10pm

**Venue:** St Mary's Church Hall, 61 College Road, Bromley

Teams of 6 - 8, £5 per head (bring your own drinks and nibbles)

For tickets, please contact the JusB office on 020 8464 2722

### **Community engagement event with Bromley Police**

**Date:** Tuesday 18 May, 9.30 to 3pm (lunch provided)

**Venue:** Ripley Arts Centre

Come and share your views on how the police support vulnerable people and disadvantaged groups at this CLB event with Bromley Police. Interest has already been expressed following the announcement in the last e-news bulletin. Click here for [invitation](#) and [booking form](#) to secure your place.

### **CarePlus Spring Fair**

**Date:** Saturday 22 May, 12 noon - 4pm

**Venue:** Bromley URC, (next door to Boots), Verrall Hall, 20 Widmore Road, Bromley BR1 1RY

**Cost:** 50p (includes a printed programme of events). Children, accompanied by adults, go free. Spring-themed fun for all the family in the heart of Bromley. With stalls and attractions for the kids, and a well-stocked market area selling homemade cakes & preserves, refreshments, books, pre-loved toys, bric-a-brac, plant sale, a raffle (with prizes donated from local businesses), tombola and a CarePlus information point.

Contact: Jayne Gorey, tel: 07918 142 792 or email: [info@careplusbromley.org.uk](mailto:info@careplusbromley.org.uk)

### **The Maypole Project – Sparkling Charity Ball**

**Date:** Friday 7 May

**Venue:** The Coney Suite, The Warren, Croydon Road, Hayes, Kent

**Cost:** Tickets £60 each (discounts available for a table of 10)

Champagne Reception, Sumptuous three-course dinner, dancing to a live band, glittering auction and raffle prizes.

Contact: The Maypole Project, 203 – 205 High Street, Orpington BR6 0P, tel: 01689 898910.

### **The Maypole Project looking for 18 runners to enter Asics British 10k run**

**Date:** Sunday 11 July

**Venue:** all over London

**Cost:** £250 in sponsorship

[London's Official ASICS British 10K](#) enables over 500 British charities to raise collectively in excess of two million pounds in sponsorship from runners cost effectively. A typical sponsorship pledge is in the region of £250 - £500 per runner. The 10km run takes you past many of central London's world famous landmarks including: St James's Palace, Trafalgar Square, St Paul's Cathedral, the London Eye, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. This has proven to be a fabulous day for the participants and supporters. Last year the atmosphere was great and everyone had fun!

The Maypole project has 18 places for the run, to secure a place please get in contact with Phillip Price on 01689 89 8910 or email [phillipprice@themaypoleproject.co.uk](mailto:phillipprice@themaypoleproject.co.uk) The minimum sponsorship for 2010 is £250.00 per runner and if you raise this amount and/or over you will receive your registration fee of £15 back. So, if you would like to rise to the challenge and raise money for a very worthwhile cause, Maypole would appreciate your support.

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## **National/regional news**

### **Budget 2010**

Although an election has now been called for 6<sup>th</sup> May, there was a budget shortly before the announcement on 24<sup>th</sup> March. It has seven chapters and three annexes. Chapters relevant to the voluntary sector are chapter 5 'Achieving fairness and providing opportunity' and chapter 6 'Protecting public services'. Items in the Budget directed specifically at the voluntary sector include (based on NCVO's summary):

[Chapter 5 – 'Achieving fairness and providing opportunity'](#)

[Paragraphs 5.52 to 5.56 PDF 1.68MB]

- A commitment to work with charities and other organisations to remove the potential VAT barrier that exists for organisations seeking to share services (implementing the EU cost sharing exemption)
- The Gift Aid forum set up to consider possible reforms and simplifications will report by the autumn.
- The UK's tax reliefs for charities and charitable giving will be extended to certain EU charities (following a decision in the European Court of Justice in January 2009). This will involve a new definition of charity for tax purposes - all EU charities that wish to claim tax relief must demonstrate they are run by a 'fit and proper person'. Plus a number of other consequential changes to the existing compliance regime and Gift Aid process.

[Chapter 6 – 'Protecting public services'](#)

[Paragraphs 6.54 and Box 6.2), PDF 1.6MB

- Support for the first social impact bond pilots. (For more on these see [www.socialfinance.org.uk](http://www.socialfinance.org.uk).)
- Recommitting to invest up to £75 million of dormant accounts money in a Social Investment Wholesale Bank as a minority stake in a private sector social investment fund of funds
- A report on the nation's civic health will be published at the end of March 2010, 'bringing together information at national and local levels to help citizens understand the strengths and weaknesses of civic life in their area and hold public services to account'.

[Read the whole budget](#)

Further reading - other articles with details of the budget include

- The round-up at [Civil Society Media](#)
- [Third Sector's version](#) with links to further articles

<b>LVSC manifesto</b>
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London Voluntary service council has published 'A Manifesto for London's Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS)'. It asks all candidates to support the matters in the manifesto covering

- Partnerships
- Cross cutting issues

- Ensuring voluntary sector involvement

[Read the manifesto](#)

### **New Charity Commission web pages**

Reproduced from Volresource

A redesigned Charity Commission website appeared early this week. The structure has been redone, with new page addresses (and content?), so any bookmarks you have (as well as VolResource site/newsletter direct links) are likely to be broken. While in many ways it looks better, and 'degrades gracefully', some accessibility issues seem to have been overlooked, <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk>.

### **National Minimum Wage**

In March 2010, the Government published its response to all the recommendations in the Low Pay Commission's 2010 report. The Government has agreed that there will be an increase in the adult rate of the NMW from £5.80 to £5.93 in October 2010. There will also be a new minimum wage of £2.50 per hour for apprentices who are either under 19 or in the first year of their apprenticeship. For more information go to [www.bis.gov.uk](http://www.bis.gov.uk)

### **Local Spending Reports**

Local Spending Reports were introduced by the Sustainable Communities Act and show all spending in an area by public bodies. The Department of Communities and Local Government has created a website that allows users to look at spending in any area of England simply by clicking on and scrolling over maps. At the touch of a button, it will be clear to see how taxpayers' money was spent locally and by which public bodies. It includes:

- Economics and finance;
- Government and public administration;
- Information and communication;
- Performance management;
- e-Government

Visit the website [www.localspending.communities.gov.uk](http://www.localspending.communities.gov.uk)

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## Jobs

### **DSUK Bromley – seeks Chairperson**

Disability Snowsport Bromley is a voluntary organisation based in Bromley and is affiliated to the national charity [Disability Snowsport UK](#). We provide skiing opportunities for people with disabilities at the Bromley ski Centre in Sandy Lane, St Paul's Cray, BR5 3HY.

We are seeking a volunteer committee Chairperson to work with our existing club committee and to take over from our outgoing Chairman.

Tasks would include:

- General coordinator of club activities
- Time needed to communicate with everyone, including new helpers and skiers, and slope management
- Link to Disability Snowsport UK
- Some ski knowledge and enthusiasm and willingness to learn the needs of adaptive skiers
- No previous knowledge of adaptive skiing is necessary
- Some awareness of risk management / health and safety etc
- Ability to adhere to slope policies and ensure everyone else also does so.

Committee meetings are held every 8-12 weeks on a weekday evening with some intervening work.

The ski club meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month in the morning.

Attendance at some, but not all, ski sessions will be expected.

Please contact us direct to speak to the outgoing Chairman, Chris Sykes, 07900 897114 or [chrissykesand@aol.com](mailto:chrissykesand@aol.com)

### **Community Options – Senior Outreach Worker**

This post is being funded by the Big Lottery Ecominds Fund

Starting Salary: £19,479 per annum pro-rata (15 hours per week) - Two Year Fixed-Term Contract

Community Options is a registered charity specialising in supporting people with mental health needs to live independently in the community. We are looking for a motivated individual to work in our Branching Out project. Branching Out provides access to the

local community through a variety of horticultural, environmental and conservation projects within the London Borough of Bromley.

You will be supporting people to be involved in the Branching Out project. You will have experience of working with the client group and have excellent communication skills.

**WE OFFER:**

Extensive high quality training with appropriate support and supervision; a chance to work in an interesting environment with a rewarding client group; generous leave entitlement, contributory pension scheme and health care benefits

Closing date for application forms: Friday 30th April 2010 at noon

Interviews to be held: w/c 10th May 2010

For further information and an application pack contacts us on: 020 8313 9725, write to Community Options, 2a Fielding Lane, Bromley, Kent BR2 9FL, visit our website:

[www.community-options.org.uk](http://www.community-options.org.uk) or email [recruitment@community-options.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@community-options.org.uk).

We positively welcome applications from people who have experienced mental illness. All successful candidates must obtain enhanced disclosure and protection of vulnerable adults from the Criminal Records Bureau. As users of the disability symbol, we guarantee to interview all disabled applicants who meet the minimum criteria for the vacancy. Charity registration no. 1005994.

<b>Marketing and Communications Coordinator: £25,520 FT based in SE1</b>
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As a Volunteer Centre, we try and get people involved in the community. A big problem we face with volunteering and active citizenship is the misconceptions that people have about what they are. Most people's view of how they can get involved is very narrow and tainted with stereotypes.

We are looking for someone to lead on improving marketing and communications within our Active Citizens Hub. The Hub aims to get people involved in the local community in Southwark whether through volunteering, giving views to a local consultation, becoming a councillor or even being a good neighbour.

We are looking for a creative and driven individual to improve what we do, and in particular improve our use of the web including use of social networking sites such as Twitter and creating podcasts, increase our use and the effectiveness of email bulletins and viral marketing. You need to be able to work across a team to improve marketing and communication and be able to inspire people to get engaged in the community.

Deadline for applications: 10am Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May, interviews Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Job pack available to download from [www.volunteercentres.org.uk](http://www.volunteercentres.org.uk) or [www.charityjob.co.uk](http://www.charityjob.co.uk)

### **Alzheimer's Society – 2 posts**

The Alzheimer's Society is the leading care and research charity for people with dementia, their families and carers.

#### **Dementia Support Worker**

Location: BROMLEY

Actual Salary: £13,048 (Grade D1)

21 hours per week - 12 month fixed term contract

Closing Date: 5 May 2010

A dementia support worker provides support, information and guidance to people affected by dementia, primarily carers, friends and families. This may be in the client's home, at a local office or in a range of community settings.

Successful applicants will ideally be qualified to NVQ Level 3 in Care or equivalent, have experience of face-to-face service delivery, a broad understanding of statutory and voluntary services and possess excellent communication skills. Support group facilitation experience is desirable.

An ability to travel independently around the borough is essential.

A Criminal Records Bureau disclosure will be required.

For more information and an application pack, please go to ([www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)) or contact Tracey Errington at [tracey.errington@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:tracey.errington@alzheimers.org.uk) or on 020 8460 9245.

The Alzheimer's Society is the leading care and research charity for people with dementia, their families and carers.

#### **Day Support Manager**

Location: BROMLEY

Salary: £23,573 (Grade D2)

35 hours per week (rota system)

Closing Date: 5 May 2010

The main purpose of this role is to manage and develop our current Day Support service to people with dementia, ensuring a high quality delivery of this service. You will be

responsible for motivating a large team and be involved in their training and development. You will need to be able to deliver and meet targets set by our funders. The successful applicant will be qualified to NVQ Level 3 in health & social care and be prepared to work towards level 4 and already have experience of providing services to people with dementia. We are looking for someone who is innovative, creative and resourceful and is able to reflect, learn and adapt to this rewarding but demanding role. For more information and an application pack, please go to ([www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)) or contact Tracey Errington at [tracey.errington@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:tracey.errington@alzheimers.org.uk) or phone 020 8460 9245.

### **Full Time/Part-Time Social Workers at CAF Level To Work In The Voluntary Sector**

Senior Social Worker/Supervisor – full time (35 hours) – Scale 40 - £34,434 p.a.

Social Worker Level 3 – approx 14 hours/per week flexible – Scale 37 – £32,607 p.a. pro rata

We have some flexibility with these hours and are inviting applications from experienced social workers who want to join a small, friendly and well-established, professional charity to provide a comprehensive and preventative service to children and families with identified additional needs, in response to a CAF.

Bromley Welcare is a thriving voluntary agency providing social work and family support services. This is an exciting time for Bromley Welcare. We have secured an extension to our contract with the London Borough of Bromley and require new Social Workers who will be Common Assessment Framework and Safeguarding champions, to manage a limited caseload, and work in partnership with community agencies to promote the welfare of children in line with the Every Child Matters agenda.

All applicants will need:

- A Social Work qualification and to be registered with GSCC
- Experience of working in a children's social care statutory setting, experience of undertaking assessments and direct work with families

Closing Date: Wednesday, 5th May 2010

Contract available until March 2011 with the possibility of an extension, dependent upon funding.

For an application form please email [office@bromleywelcare.org.uk](mailto:office@bromleywelcare.org.uk), download from the website or ring 0208 466 0399.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The posts are subject to an enhanced CRB check. Bromley Welcare is committed to Equal Opportunities.

### **Bromley Mytime - Sports and Events Coordinator**

Ref No: DEV 009

Type: Permanent

Salary: £21,000-£23,000 per annum

Location: Bromley, Kent Closing Date: 30th April 2010

40 hours per week

Bromley Mytime is at the forefront of Sports Development with a highly motivated team, registered as Excellent under the UK Quality Scheme for Sport & Leisure (Quest).

Bromley Mytime is a leisure trust committed to working in partnership with the London Borough of Bromley to ensure there are opportunities for local residents to engage in sport and physical activity.

As Sports and Events Coordinator, you will be responsible for organising the Bromley teams for the annual Balfour Beatty London Youth Games and ensuring sports activities within facilities are high quality, structured and progressive in line with Sports Development principles. Consequently, you should have experience of organising and delivering a sport and/or physical activity project or event and the ability to deliver, monitor and evaluate programmes and events.

The role requires enthusiasm and commitment and demands the use of effective communication with a range of colleagues and partners including sports clubs and community organisations. Excellent planning and organisational skills, an ability to work to competing deadlines and knowledge of marketing and communications techniques are essential.

You must be able to attend meetings across the Borough and work some evenings and weekends.

For further details, contact Alison McCann, Sports Development Manager on 020 8323 1709. Click here to download the [Person Specification and Job Description](#)

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## Funding News

### PlaySport London - Free Sport

Sports clubs and organisations, youth and community groups can apply for grants of up to £1,500 and can receive extra information and marketing materials to make their activities even more successful. The aim of PlaySport London: Free Sport is to increase the number of people regularly taking part in sport throughout the capital, with a particular focus on participants receiving six hours or more coaching as a result of taking part in the programme. [Application for PlaySport London: Free Sport](#) Round 1 closes at 5pm on Friday 7th May.

### Scaling Up

The Youth of Today Scaling Up Fund is inviting applications from small third sector organisations to scale-up innovative youth leadership programmes and reach out across communities. The Fund is expected to make investments of between £5,000 and £20,000. Deadline for round three: 23rd April; round four (final round): 23rd June. [www.theyouthoftoday.org/scaling](http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/scaling)

### Department of Health expands third sector strategic partners scheme

Five new partnerships will get a share of £950,000 in 2010/11.

The [Department of Health](#) has increased its strategic partners programme to include five additional partnerships. The programme was launched in April 2009 with the aim of improving communication between the department and the 35,000 third sector health and social care organisations in the UK. The additions take the number of partnerships in the scheme to 16 for 2010/11.

The five new partnerships, some involving more than one organisation, are: the Mental Health Providers Forum; Carers UK, the Princess Royal Trust for Carers and Crossroads; the Women's Health and Equality Consortium; the Royal British Legion and Combat Stress; and Nacro and Action for Prisoners' Families. The new members will receive a share of £950,000 in 2010/11. The 11 original strategic partners were awarded a share of £5.5m over three years from 2009/10.

### **See the Difference - launched**

See The Difference is a new fundraising website portal for all charities to host videos of specific projects for which they are trying to raise money. It harnesses the power of video, and the networking power of the internet to bring the vital work that charities do alive to what has been termed the new “youtube generation”.

The site allows individual charities to upload videos about specific projects they are engaged in, and lets potential donors search through the content for those that particularly inspire them. Donors can share projects with friends and pass on content, in a similar way to the most up to date tools of Facebook and other online applications. Most significantly, when each project is complete, all donors will receive feedback, showing them the specific difference their money has made. We know how vital this can be in encouraging repeat donations.

See the Difference itself is a UK registered charity. For more information go to [www.seethedifference.org](http://www.seethedifference.org) where you can learn more and also see some of the films which charities have started making for See The Difference.

There are briefings in London at 140 London Wall scheduled for May 11th, June 8th, July 13th and August 10th from 10:30 to about 12pm or to access web briefings on , April 20th, May 25th, June 29th, July 27th or August 31st from 2-3pm. Contact a member of their team on 020 7600 3798. Third Floor, 140 London Wall, London EC2Y 5DN

### **Government announces £1 million fund for faith groups**

The Communities Secretary John Denham has revealed the Government is to offer funding to assist faith groups become involved in public service delivery. The Faith Working with Government fund will enable national faith based organisations to build their capacity and voice to bid for public service contracts.

Mr Denham also announced a £50,000 prize scheme to reward faith groups offering innovative solutions to the problems of their local communities.

“Faith groups have a unique perspective which must be recognised by Government and local councils and this is especially important at a time when public services are under financial pressure. The prize I am establishing today will highlight and reward the innovative ways faith groups address the challenges that arise in their communities.

The money “will not be used to fund these core groups directly but is intended to support those communities which lack the capacity and infrastructure to respond effectively in

dialogue on issues that affect and matter to them and highlight some of the great work being done.”

For more information, please go to: [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk)

### **Faiths in Action**

Faiths in Action is a £4m grant programme, administered by the Community Development Foundation, for local projects and activities. Grants of up to £6,000 are available for projects such as starting an inter faith group, organising a street festival, or running an arts workshop to explore the different faiths within a community.

[www.cdf.org.uk/faithsinaction](http://www.cdf.org.uk/faithsinaction)

### **Santander Foundation**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available from the Santander Foundation for charities working to help disadvantaged people. The foundation funds local, regional and national charities working in the UK. [www.santanderfoundation.org.uk](http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk)

### **Government fund -Inspiring Sustainable Living Fund**

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has made the £1m scheme available to third sector groups working to help the UK live more sustainably. The Inspiring Sustainable Living Fund forms part of DEFRA’s London 2012 Olympic Games-inspired push to encourage more sustainable lifestyles. The fund is part of the Government’s measures announced in their recent report "Shaping our Future", which outlines its approach to climate change, the environment and sustainable development. The fund is available to UK groups delivering initiatives at grassroots level. The minimum award will be £100,000 (with a maximum award of £200,000) and between four and eight separate projects will be funded, which will focus on the following:

- Energy efficiency and usage in homes.
- Waste and recycling.
- Water efficiency and usage in homes.
- Promoting active travel.
- Creating green spaces.
- Sustainable consumption.

For more information on the Inspiring Sustainable Living Fund go to [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

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## Volunteer News

### Volunteers' Week June 1st – 7th 2010

The Volunteer Centre will be celebrating Volunteers Week again this year with a presence in the Glades Shopping Centre on Tuesday 1st June and Saturday 5th June 2010.

We are offering you the opportunity to take part in this event as a way of raising the profile of volunteering with your organisation.

We are requesting a minimum contribution of £15 towards the costs incurred by the Volunteer Centre.

Each organisation taking part will be asked to provide a large poster which will be displayed throughout the day and then come along equipped with literature, flyers etc to distribute during their individual time slot (maximum 2 people). If you want to book for more than the 1 hour allocated time you may do so by booking consecutive slots. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will be confirmed as soon as possible.

A Volunteers Week Information leaflet will be produced for the event. You are asked to submit a short paragraph on your organisation and volunteering opportunities.

If you wish to take part, please contact Sue Lee, Office Manager, Community Links Bromley on 020 8315 1902 or email [suel@communitylinksbromley.org.uk](mailto:suel@communitylinksbromley.org.uk).

### Volunteers' Week Awards Ceremony

The Volunteer Centre will be hosting our third Volunteers' Week Awards Ceremony on Tuesday 1st June 2010.

All organisations involving volunteers within the Borough are eligible to nominate a volunteer for an award.

This year there will be 5 categories:

1. Young volunteer: Under 16s and between 16 & 25
2. Overcoming barriers
3. Outstanding contributions
4. Leslie Marks Trusteeship Award - created by Community Links Bromley to recognize the valuable contribution Leslie makes to the voluntary sector across the borough.

5. Volunteer Manager of the Year – an opportunity for volunteers to nominate their Manager/Supervisor

The ceremony itself will take place on Tuesday 1st June and each volunteer receiving a certificate will be entitled to invite a guest. Refreshments will be available.

Download nomination forms in MS Word:

- [Young volunteer, Overcoming barriers and Outstanding contributions](#) nomination form
- [Leslie Marks Trusteeship Award nomination form](#)
- [Volunteer Manager of the Year nomination form](#)

Please complete the forms and return to Diane Diamond, Volunteer Centre Bromley, Community House, South Street, Bromley, Kent BR1 1RH. email:

[dianed@communitylinksbromley.org.uk](mailto:dianed@communitylinksbromley.org.uk)

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Please note that there are separate nomination forms for The Leslie Marks Trusteeship and Volunteer Manager Awards.

The closing date for all nominations is Friday 7th May at 5 pm.

**Full guidance on Vetting and Barring Scheme for organisations and individuals**

(Reproduced from Volresource)

The Home Office has now put online full guidance to help employers and voluntary groups implement the Vetting and Barring Scheme. It covers every aspect from who is covered to how the process works and the implementation timetable.

Organisations are expected to start at [www.businesslink.gov.uk/vbs](http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/vbs), while employees or volunteers would find [www.direct.gov.uk/vetting](http://www.direct.gov.uk/vetting) more appropriate. Hard copies of the guidance for those who do not have internet access are available via the VBS helpline on 0300 123 1111. [Home Office news release](#)

**Best practice, resources and offers**

**Appropriate campaigning in the election period**

The General Election has now been called for 6th May, so here's a link to NCVO's round-up of advice on '[Charities Campaigning and Elections](#)', which includes a useful

Frequently Asked Questions section. While the key links have already been covered in this newsletter, the Charity Commission site redesign has moved the '[Campaigning and political activity](#)' starting page.

Local sector support umbrella body NAVCA asked the three main political parties to outline how they would support voluntary and community action if they won the election.

[Responses can be found online](#)

Many parts of the country also have local elections on 6th May. Community Matters has created a '[Local Election Campaign Pack](#)' for community organisations. [PDF 636KB]

(Source: Voluntary Arts England newsletter)

### **Quality mark for health information providers**

Reproduced from Volresource

A new certification scheme for health and social care information providers in England has been established. The 'Information Standard' mark indicates that an organisation has met rigorous quality standards - RNIB and the Terrance Higgins Trust are two of the 36 already signed up. [NCVO news item](#) or go direct to [www.theinformationstandard.org](http://www.theinformationstandard.org).

### **Guides on public sector (health) commissioning**

(Reproduced from Volresource)

ACEVO, the charity chief executives body, has published a number of guides on public sector commissioning: 'Getting Round The Table' aims to help you organise roundtable meetings with public sector commissioners, based on their experience of running a number of such events around the country, [www.acevo.org.uk/commissionerroundtables](http://www.acevo.org.uk/commissionerroundtables).

As part of the In Better Health programme, ACEVO publishes guides to 'The NHS Standard Contract for Community Services', 'The NHS Standard Contract for Mental Health and Learning Disability Services' and 'The Care Quality Commission', [www.acevo.org.uk](http://www.acevo.org.uk).

### **Primary Care Trust Procurement Guide for Health Services**

The Department of Health has recently published a guide, which sets out expectations of primary care trust boards on the use of procurement to improve services for patients.

[Follow this link to the D o H website](#).

## Information Sharing for Community Safety - guidance and practical advice

The Home Office has published a guide for Community Safety partnerships on information sharing. It has advice on sharing information that is transferred via electronic means, in paper records, or verbally between partner agencies. This can include the sharing of both personal and “depersonalised” information as well as non-personal information.

- [Download Information sharing for community safety - guidance and practical advice](#) (this is a large file)

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## Membership

### Join Community Links Bromley

Benefits of becoming a member of Community Links Bromley are many. Here are a few:

- Membership is free
- Specialist advice and support services
- Inclusion in the Directory of Local Voluntary Organisations
- Community library with over 500 titles
- Specialist funding information service
- Networking events
- Forum events
- Benefit from CLB’s strong relationship with statutory authorities
- Opportunity to elect CLB trustees and attend the AGM
- Free or discounted prices on members’ events
- Advertising job adverts and events on our website and e-bulletin free
- Volunteering brokerage and representation

Membership of Community Links Bromley (CLB) is open to charities, voluntary organisations and community groups operating for the benefit of Bromley people and those groups whose aims are compatible with those of CLB. To become a member your organisation needs to fulfil these criteria.

Please note that CLB is a company limited by guarantee. Therefore, all members are liable for the sum of £1 if CLB should be wound up.

To apply or to check the full criteria, download the [membership form and criteria](#). Or contact Sue Lee on 0208 315 1902.

If you aren't sure whether or not your organisation is a member, follow this link to the full [membership list of Community Links Bromley](#).

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