

WHAT IS COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT? THIS IS COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT!



Bridge Action Group!

Debbie, Val, Rachel and Margaret all received accredited certificates from Pauline (CVS) and Maria (Mosaic Consulting) for their work in and around The Graham Adams Centre

In all 21 local people have trained and put into action community leadership skills

The Community Development Qualifications are in:

Community Consultation

Planning for a Community Project

Organising and managing a Community Project

Community Groupwork Skills

&

Communication and Research Skills for Community Research

Community Leadership Training in a Neighbourhood near you!

EVENTS

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SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE FUNDRAISERS' FORUM



Thursday 15th May 2008

SYDNI Centre, Cottage Square, Leamington Spa

Funder : **Charity Bank**, Peter Hughes

Workshop: **Understanding Outcomes**, Jane Holdsworth

For further information and to book a place, contact:

Lin Pride on 0845 051 1171 or e-mail lpride@cvswd.org.uk

TRUSTEES TOGETHER

The concept of developing a local trustee network became live in November 2004. The event was successful in providing an opportunity for over 50 trustees to network, discuss issues affecting local VCOs and express their training needs.

Despite inconsistent funding, the "Trustees Together" Project has developed and has provided the following opportunities for local trustees:

- Monthly Trustees Together E news – provides regular updates on governance issues and training events through the Trustees Together email Network
- Training events to meet identified needs such as Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees, Employment Law, Charity Law, Managing Risk, Sorp 2005, etc
- Facilitation of Away Days for individual organisations to enable the Board of Trustees to focus on how it can serve clients more effectively
- Development of a Chairs Forum in Stratford upon Avon

Feedback provided on evaluation forms illustrate how valuable these events have been:

"Excellent evening – facilitators knew their subject inside and out!

Very good day, made some contacts with other charities that may be mutually beneficial

"...Can we have more courses like this?"

"...So pleased I made the effort to come – will recommend"

Activity in 2008/09 will initially focus on the development of a **Warwick Chairs Forum**. The first event is taking place on **Tuesday 17th June 6.00 pm - 8.30 pm** at the Quaker's Meeting House on High Street in Warwick. It will provide an opportunity for Chairs of Voluntary and Community organisations working within Warwick to network, discuss their roles and responsibilities, debate current issues and agree on the content of future sessions. Please make the Chair of your organisation aware of this event and encourage them to attend. Contact Marie Dawe on 0845 051 1169 or email mdawe@cvswd.org.uk to book. Alternatively, complete and return the enclosed flyer by **30/04/08**.

To allow the project to meet your present and future needs of Trustees/Management Committee Members/Directors, please complete the training needs flyer enclosed in Know-how and return to:

Marie Dawe

Governance Support

**WCAVA Warwick District Office, RRHL-JLLH-BKLU, Town Hall, The Parade
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4AL**

Alternatively, please complete it online on www.cvswd.org.uk

Bearing in mind, that there are at least 500 VCS organisations locally with a minimum of 3000 Trustees, it is evident that the Trustees Together Network has only reached a small proportion of trustees. To enable all trustees to have the opportunity to benefit from the Project we need your help! Please could you make your fellow trustees aware of the Trustees Together Project by passing on this article. To join the Network, please contact Marie as above.

If you are passionate about developing best practice in the sector locally, why not join the Trustees Together Steering Group? The group meets once every two months for about an hour and a half to plan future events. The next meeting will be held on Friday 23rd May at Warwick District Offices in the Town Hall, Leamington Spa. Please contact Marie as above.