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# York Voluntary Voice

## Chief Exec's Welcome

As you may be aware, York CVS recently underwent the renewal of its Navca Quality Award. Navca is the national body for support and development organisations. We are delighted to announce that our renewal was successful and we received a grading of 3+ in almost every category; we gather a grade of 4 is rarely achieved but we will be working towards that for our next renewal in 2013!



Two points were made in connection with the services and support we are able to provide for black and minority ethnic groups, which we intend to address before our next assessment. These were:

1. "CVS already supports many existing, new and emerging BME organisations. However there is scope to increase the support that these organisations receive".
2. "There is a level of inconsistency in the strengths of the different representational structures. There are particular issues with representation for BME organisations".

We would be really pleased to get your views on these comments.

- Are you able to give us any feedback on what you would like to see us do differently?
- For example, do we need to adapt our offer, provide more outreach services, or do things differently to encourage and facilitate access to services based at the Priory Street Centre?
- How can we work together to increase our reach to minority ethnic groups and enable them to access necessary support services, such as funding advice, governance support, community accounting and volunteering that other groups access readily?
- What do we need to do differently to encourage more minority ethnic groups to nominate representatives for the many forums and structures that exist in the city?
- How can we work together to achieve this?

We would be really interested to get your views and to discuss ways of improving our services to meet the needs of York's rapidly changing population.

Please feel free to pass this email on to anyone who you think will be interested. All views will be treated in confidence and will only be used in an anonymised way. My contact details are [Angela.harrison@yorkcvs.org.uk](mailto:Angela.harrison@yorkcvs.org.uk), telephone 01904 621133.

And finally....

It's a girl! Congratulations to York CVS Office Administrator Lydia and her husband Jamie, on the birth of baby Jasmine. She was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> January, weighing 7lb 4oz.

## Angela Harrison



## Local News

### North Yorkshire County Council - Health and Wellbeing

Preparations are moving ahead to get North Yorkshire ready for the changes to the provision of health care set out by the Government in the Health and Social Care Bill. The Bill introduces changes to the planning, commissioning and delivery of health-related services. The aim is to shape local services better around the needs of communities. This includes the establishment of health and wellbeing boards, which will sit within local authorities. For more information [www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/north-yorkshire-county-council-health-and-wellbeing](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/north-yorkshire-county-council-health-and-wellbeing)

### York Racial Equality Network (YREN) celebrates it's 20th Anniversary this year.

York Racial Equality Network (YREN), a voluntary organisation and registered charity, is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year, and is in the process of planning a number of events to mark this very special occasion. For further information about YREN's celebratory events 2012 contact: [info@yren.co.uk](mailto:info@yren.co.uk) or phone 01904 642600

### [Presentation given by officers from City of York Council to the Voluntary and Community Sector](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/presentation-given-officers-city-york-council-voluntary-and-community-sector)

Here's a link where you will find presentation given by officers from City of York Council to the Voluntary and Community Sector at two recent budget consultation events. [www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/presentation-given-officers-city-york-council-voluntary-and-community-sector](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/presentation-given-officers-city-york-council-voluntary-and-community-sector) If you weren't able to make it to the meeting, or if you have thought of more information to feed into their

budgeting process, please send your feedback directly to [keith.best@york.gov.uk](mailto:keith.best@york.gov.uk)

It's important that they hear from you.

### **Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) and Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust's (JRHT) strategic plan for 2012 to 2014**

I am pleased to tell you that the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) and Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust's (JRHT) **strategic plan for 2012 to 2014** is now available. Please see [www.jrf.org.uk/about-us](http://www.jrf.org.uk/about-us)

### **Support for Play Settings**

Do you organise play for young people? York CVS and City of York council have combined to offer help. For further information contact the Play Team 01904 553426 [www.yor-ok.org.uk/play](http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/play)

### **The Employment Advice Service is pleased to announce free training on human resource management issues**



The Yorkshire and York branch of the Chartered Institute for Personnel Development (CIPD) is running a number of free events on key employment management issues. Whilst places are limited, they have agreed that these will be free to members of the voluntary and community sector. Many of these are being delivered by local solicitors who are supporting us at this year's Employment Conference. For further details and to book a place go to [www.cipd.co.uk/branch/nyork/events](http://www.cipd.co.uk/branch/nyork/events)

### **Free Training for providers who are supporting vulnerable adults in North Yorkshire.**

Do you support people who may lack capacity to make decisions about their lives? If so you need to understand the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. For more information Telephone number: 01609 536399 or email: [workforcedevelopment@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:workforcedevelopment@northyorks.gov.uk)

### **Election of a voluntary sector representative for the North Yorkshire Health and Well-being Board**

Following receipt of nominations, voluntary sector organisations are now invited to participate in the election of a VCS representative on the North Yorkshire Health and Well-being Board. For more information and details on how to vote contact us on 01347 825710 or email [admin@nyfvo.org.uk](mailto:admin@nyfvo.org.uk)

### Accredited course Land Based Environmental Conservation Diplomas level 1 & 2 City & Guilds

The BTCV York & N. Yorkshire Office based in York is launching a new training opportunity which will provide nationally recognised accreditation in Environmental Conservation. The courses will cover practical land based skills needed to gain work in the environmental sector.



Course participants will receive training a range of skills such as construction and maintenance of boundaries - fencing, hedge laying, access management - footpath gates, steps, habitat management on woodland, grassland and wetland sites. For further information visit the BTCV website and select the training web page at [www.btcv.org.uk](http://www.btcv.org.uk) or contact:- Paul Appleton T: 01904 644300 [P.Appleton@btcv.org.uk](mailto:P.Appleton@btcv.org.uk)

### The Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund is a three year grant to be allocated to voluntary sector organisations operating in North Yorkshire to develop new and sustainable approaches to Health and Adult services. Details of dates, venues and contact for bookings are available through the York and North Yorkshire Funding Advice Network website:

<http://www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk/index.php/innovation-fund---north-yorkshire-county-council.html>

### The North Yorkshire Community Plan 2011-14

The North Yorkshire Community Plan 2011-14 sets out some key priorities for how to help make North Yorkshire an even better place in which to live, work and visit. It does this by focusing on important issues for our communities which need partnership efforts to be tackled effectively. You can download a copy of the plan at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/)

### Free coaching taster sessions from CreatingSpace4U..

Heard about coaching and mentoring and not sure of the difference? Want to find out if it will work for you? Like to try it for free? Then simply choose one of Charlie's monthly free slots and you can decide if it is right for you. If it is, then you will get a discounted rate on the hour (£40) or two hour (£80) slots that are available, helping you to choose the solution that is right for you. To find out more email [charlie@creatingspace4u.net](mailto:charlie@creatingspace4u.net) or call 07870 498886

## Basic Computer Courses now running at Space 109

Space 109 are running basic ICT courses. These courses are for people with no or limited experience of computers and basic applications or people who want to brush up their basic skills. For more information please email [contact@space109.org](mailto:contact@space109.org)

## Child Poverty Strategy for York

The Strategy was launched on December 20<sup>th</sup> and was a sobering reminder that for many children and young people life is not as comfortable as we would wish it to be. The latest data for York tells us that 4705 children and young people are living in poverty. That is the equivalent of 3 decent sized secondary schools. Please take a moment to read the strategy [www.york.org.uk/childpoverty](http://www.york.org.uk/childpoverty)

## Job Vacancies

Housing Support Workers x2 – Foundation

Part Time Project Manager – Foundation

Part Time Team Administrator – Foundation

Part Time Benefits and Money Advice Workers x2 - Age UK

For more vacancies please visit the York CV website

[www.yorkcvs.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/vacancies)



## **National News**

### The Charity Awards 2012



The awards celebrate the effects that charities have on a wide spectrum of social needs. Entry is free and open to all charities of any size, based anywhere in the UK. Deadline for entries Friday 9 March 2012. Full details online at [www.civilsociety.co.uk/charityawards/](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/charityawards/)

### Charities Act 2011

The Charities Act 2011, which is a consolidating measure bringing together the Recreational Charities Act 1958, the Charities Act 1993 and many of the provisions of the Charities Act 2006, has received Royal Assent and will come into force in March 2012. For more information

[www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/Updates/Charities\\_Act\\_2011.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/Updates/Charities_Act_2011.aspx)

### **Interim Commission guidance on charity public benefit**

The Charity Commission has provided an update for charity trustees on its guidance on public benefit following the recent decision of the Upper Tribunal connected with fee-charging schools. For more information [www.yorkcvs.org.uk](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk)

### **Free diversity calendar**

The Chartered Institute of Personnel Development have issued a free Diversity calendar giving details of over 260 important dates including holy days, festivals, special events and bank holidays. This can be downloaded from [www.cipd.co.uk/binaries/Diversity%20Calendar%202012.pdf](http://www.cipd.co.uk/binaries/Diversity%20Calendar%202012.pdf)

### **Enter your company for Race the Sun 2012**

We are looking for corporate teams from across the UK to take part in our famous Race the Sun event for Action Medical Research. The challenge is on for teams of four to cycle 50 miles, climb Helvellyn and canoe Lake Thirlmere. Teams are set off at sunrise and the aim is to finish by sunset - Racing the Sun! For full information

[www.actionforcharity.co.uk/eventdetailsnew2.php?urlsearch/Race-the-Sun](http://www.actionforcharity.co.uk/eventdetailsnew2.php?urlsearch/Race-the-Sun)



## **Funding News**

### **City of York: Community Covenant Grant Funding**

On Thursday 8 December City of York Council, the Army, Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal British Legion, reserve forces, veterans, York CVS and other key figureheads joined together to sign a scroll to mark the launch of the York Community Covenant. Adam Gray, Senior Partnership Support Officer For more information please see our website [www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/city-york-community-covenant-grant-funding](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/city-york-community-covenant-grant-funding)

### **Funding Bulletin - York & North Yorkshire Funding Advice Network**

The next edition of the Funding Bulletin is now available to download from <http://www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk/index.php/news.html>

## The Social Action Fund Round Two opened on 9 January and closes on 3 February 2012

The Social Action Fund is a new grant fund of over £20 million managed by The Social Investment Business on behalf of the Office for Civil Society. The Fund aims to inspire organisations to create new social action opportunities; encouraging people to give what they have, be it time, money, assets, knowledge or specific skills. For more information visit the Social Investment Business website: [www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/social-action-fund](http://www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/social-action-fund)

## 3 new Funding Workshops from The York and North Yorkshire Funding Advice Network

The York and North Yorkshire Funding Advice Network has developed 3 new funding workshops which will help you and your organisation to apply successfully to the BIG Lottery Fund, plan your funding and apply for small grants. For more information please visit

[www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/3-new-funding-workshops-york-and-north-yorkshire-funding-advice-network](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/content/3-new-funding-workshops-york-and-north-yorkshire-funding-advice-network)



## **Volunteering News**

### Volunteer Opportunity of the Week: Playworker at Young Friends of Foxwood

The Foxwood Community Centre are looking for volunteer playworkers to help support children with fun learning and creative activities in a Foxwood children's club. Volunteers will work as part of a small, friendly team to help the children aged 5 - 12 to take part in activities such as sports, crafts, cookery, music, and more. Volunteers will gain valuable experience working with young children young, and is great for anyone who is creative and enjoys activities and sport. For more information Contact Vicky Hughes on 07837184013 or [vickyhughes1@hotmail.com](mailto:vickyhughes1@hotmail.com)

### Collector wanted to 'box clever' for Guide dogs

Guide dogs for the Blind are looking for a volunteer to organise the donation box collections in and around York. You will place boxes, empty them and pay in the donations to the charity's bank account. For full details see [www.bit.ly/yCTMmB](http://www.bit.ly/yCTMmB)

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Low Moor Community Kids Allotment Help**

The Community Kids' Allotment are always looking for volunteers to help a regular group of young gardeners who visit the allotment Saturdays between 2.00 and 4.00pm. Volunteers are essential to work alongside them, assisting them with their different seasonal tasks, working organically on the allotment and incorporating some wildlife investigations. Contact: Angela Johnson Kilburn Road York YO10 4DE 01904 654357 [angela3147@hotmail.com](mailto:angela3147@hotmail.com)

### **New volunteer opportunity for historic York church**

Holy Trinity Goodramgate is seeking volunteers to welcome visitors for one or two days each week. You would ideally have retail and customer care experience, be interested in historic buildings, and be fit enough to undertake some manual tasks. Full details at [www.bit.ly/yAojtu](http://www.bit.ly/yAojtu)

### **Immediate Opportunity for a Volunteer Dance Assistant**

MoveUpstage is a project based around a weekly dance class for young people (8+). It aims to help them learn new skills, build their confidence in performing to a live audience, and ultimately to have fun. They are looking for a Volunteer Dance Assistant who is free on Thursdays between 5:30pm and 7:30pm, from now until the end of March. For full details see: [www.bit.ly/wSltKu](http://www.bit.ly/wSltKu)

### **In York? But not in work or training? Looking to volunteer in childcare?**

Playspace York has placements for volunteers who would like to receive training in childcare.

Funding restrictions mean the opportunities are for volunteers over 18, who are working no more than 8 hours a week, and who are not currently engaged in training. For full details contact Anne Parkinson at [yorkplayspace@hotmail.com](mailto:yorkplayspace@hotmail.com) or call her on 01904 627285.



.....where every child matters

### **Volunteer Opportunity: Volunteer Scout Leaders for Lidgett Grove Scout Group**

Lidgett Grove Scout Group are looking for new volunteer Scout Leaders for their Wednesday evening sessions. Tasks include: Assisting with planning programmes of weekly meetings, training, activities and awards. For further information please contact Michelle Howlett on 01904 78962 or [michelle.howlett4@ntlworld.com](mailto:michelle.howlett4@ntlworld.com).



## We want people aged 16-25 to volunteer with us - Team v York

1 in 10 older people suffer in intense isolation and loneliness. 50% of older people say the television is their main form of company. So team v York is doing something about it and we want your help.

[www.vinspired.com/teamv/leaders/9986](http://www.vinspired.com/teamv/leaders/9986) or  
07538797747. [rebecca.wellock@vinspired.com](mailto:rebecca.wellock@vinspired.com)



## Events

### Growing York for the Future - Edible York

A review of 2011 and plans and ideas for 2012 followed by light refreshments at the end.

No admission charge. All welcome. If you require further information, please contact Penny Bainbridge, 01904 659574.

**Time:** Friday 3rd Feb, 2012. 7:00pm - 7:00pm

**Location:** Friends' Meeting House, York.

### Session 1: Volunteers and Your organisation - Selby District Volunteer Centre will be co-delivering this training with York CVS

Starting February 2012, the course aims to provide organisations that are working with volunteers, opportunities to share experience and develop continued best practice for working effectively with volunteers. To book a place telephone Kathy / Kate at Selby AVS on 01757 291111 or email [kathydonnelly@selbyavs.org.uk](mailto:kathydonnelly@selbyavs.org.uk)

**Time:** Tuesday 7th Feb, 2012. 1:15pm - 4:30pm

**Location:** Community House, Selby

### Roles & Responsibilities of a Management Committee

This course is for management committee members / Trustees, particularly those new to the role or those in need of a refresher, and those thinking about taking on a management committee / Trustee role. It is also open to staff or volunteers who want to improve their knowledge about the roles and responsibilities of the management committee / Board of Trustees. [www.yorkcvs.org.uk/event/roles-responsibilities-management-committee-0](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/event/roles-responsibilities-management-committee-0)

**Time:** Tuesday 7th Feb, 2012. 5:30pm - 8:30pm

**Location:** Denham Room, Priory Street Centre, York

### **The hidden wealth of nations Lecture by Dr David Halpern**

The hidden wealth of nations? By Dr David Halpern. Director of Behavioural Insight Team, No 10 and the Cabinet Office/Senior Fellow of the Institute for Government. Tickets are available from York Minster Box office. Admission is free but by ticket only. To book a ticket go to [www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures). If you would like any further information please contact Ebor Lectures Co-ordinator on 01904 876474

**Time: Wednesday 8th Feb, 2012. 12:00am - 12:00am**

**Location: York St John University**

### **Funding Course 6: Creativity in Fundraising**

This course is aimed at groups with at least one year's experience of fundraising, or have done Courses 1 – 5, who want to explore how they could do things differently in terms of fundraising.

For more info [www.yorkcvs.org.uk/event/funding-course-6-creativity-fundraising-1](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/event/funding-course-6-creativity-fundraising-1)

**Time: Thursday 9th Feb, 2012. 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

**Location: Priory Street Centre, York**

### **Public Information Event, Palliative Care & End of Life Care Services in Hambleton & Richmondshire - Hambleton District LINK Group, North Yorkshire LINK**

Please come along to find out about the services that are available to individuals with a progressive illness, their families or those reaching the end of their lives. You will also have plenty of chances to ask questions & express your views about services. For more information 01904 621 631 or email:

[admin@northyorkslink.org.uk](mailto:admin@northyorkslink.org.uk)

**Time: Tuesday 14th Feb, 2012. 10:00am - 3:00pm**

**Location: Hambleton Forum, Bullamoor Road, Northallerton DL6 1LP**

### **Disability Awareness Event - Signs4Life**

A new initiative to encourage more voluntary organisations to take up Disability Awareness is now available in York. Signs4Life have set up an introductory workshop in Disability Awareness to help staff to communicate and engage with their disabled colleagues, service users, students and clients in York. For further information please contact Fozia on [info@signs4life.org.uk](mailto:info@signs4life.org.uk)

**Time: Wednesday 22nd Feb, 2012. 9:30am - 12:30pm**

**Location: York Guild Hall, St Helen's Square, York, North Yorkshire (YO1 9QN)**

### **Dealing with a Disclosure of Rape – Support Workers Forum**

Course aims: to deliver multi-agency training on what is rape, appropriate responses to use when hearing a rape or sexual assault disclosure, options available to the victim including police reporting, GUM clinic, agencies that can help and how to access them. For more information and to book a space email Cathy Foot [cathyfoot@yorkha.org.uk](mailto:cathyfoot@yorkha.org.uk) or

Lesley Ann McNulty [refugemanager@idas.org.uk](mailto:refugemanager@idas.org.uk)

**Time: Tuesday 28th Feb, 2012. 14:00pm - 16:00pm**

**Location: York Housing Association, 2 Alpha Court Monks Cross Drive, York.**

### **Footsey 2012: Celebrating 10 years of Footsey**

The Social Economy Trade Fair. Bookings and more information online at [www.footsey.co.uk/](http://www.footsey.co.uk/)

**Time: Thursday 1st Mar, 2012. All Day.**

**Location: Doncaster Racecourse**

### **Trustee Event - York CVS**

Committee Members/Trustees Drop-in Event

An opportunity for committee members/trustees in York to come along to a free drop-in event to find out more about the range of local support services available to them. Meet key advisors from each service and find out more about the information, advice and support they can provide, plus an opportunity to discuss any specific issues relating to your group. Free refreshments will be served. For more information [www.yorkcvs.org.uk/event/trustee-event-york-cvs](http://www.yorkcvs.org.uk/event/trustee-event-york-cvs)

**Time: Saturday 3rd Mar, 2012. 10:00am - 12:30pm**

**Location: York Priory Street Centre**

### **Northern Employment Conference 2012 for the Voluntary and Community Sector & Not-for-Profit Organisations**

Presented by: North Yorkshire & York Forum, Pay & Employment Rights Service and The Big Lottery Fund

**Time: Monday 5th Mar, 2012. 9:30am - 4:30pm**

**Location: Royal York Hotel, York**

### **Session 2: Attracting Potential Volunteers - Selby District Volunteer Centre will be co-delivering this training with York CVS**

Starting February 2012, the course aims to provide organisations that are working with volunteers, opportunities to share experience and develop continued best practice for working effectively with volunteers.

**Time: Tuesday 6th Mar, 2012. 1:15pm - 4:30pm**

**Location: Community House, Selby**

### York Voluntary Organisation's Tweets

Twitter is a quick way of notifying people about your work, raising the profile of your events or linking with groups doing similar things to yourself. You can look on-line at <http://twitter.com/#!/YorkCVS/york-voluntary-orgs> (if you need help let us know.)



Remember any voluntary organisation can put events on our notice board, website and twitter account for free...



The deadline for submissions is 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012.  
More information is available at the Priory Street Centre.  
Follow us on [www.twitter.com/yorkcvs](http://www.twitter.com/yorkcvs) for updates about York CVS work, voluntary sector policy and practice [www.facebook.com/yorkcvs](http://www.facebook.com/yorkcvs)  
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