

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

hvoss wishes its members, volunteers, friends and colleagues across the Voluntary and Community Sector a peaceful, restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you for your support over the last year. We hope we have been able to assist you and/or your organisations charitable and community work. We look forward to supporting you again in 2018.

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Funding Network Event

Tuesday 27th February 2 - 4p.m
(The Kindle Centre, Asda, Hereford)

Guest Speakers:

Alex Gay - The Eveson Charitable Trust
James Greenfield - E.F Bulmer Benevolent Fund

An our recent AGM, members requested more opportunities to find out about local funding sources and opportunities. This FREE workshop is an excellent opportunity to develop your understanding about a number of prominent local funding sources and to further develop skills in making future funding applications. The format of the workshop is:-

- Presentations about the grant making priorities of The Eveson Charitable Trust (www.eveson.org.uk) and E.F Bulmer Benevolent Fund (www.efbulmer.co.uk)
- Participative involvement - Look at and score some real applications!
- Submitting applications to funders — Hints and tips to improve the quality of your bids
- Question and answer session, including 1:1 follow up with Alex and James (time allowing)

Due to expected high levels of interest, we reserve the right to prioritise attendance for hvoss members and representatives of smaller charitable groups and organisations. To book your place email will.lindesay@hvoss.org.uk or call 01432 343932 after Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Data Protection Law Changes

Wake up!

Charitable organisations can't treat privacy as an afterthought any longer. Data protection changes affect you and the clock is ticking.

FREE (hvoss members only) workshop in partnership with



Tuesday, 23rd January 10a.m -1pm

(at Kidwells House, Rotherwas, Hereford)

From May 2018, new data protection laws (GDPR) will completely change how you deal with individual's information. All charities providing goods and services to EU residents will be required to conform to the requirements it lays down, or face serious penalties.

This session will look at what GDPR actually is, how you deal with the implementation of it practically, how it might affect your organisation and what you need to do to become compliant before May 25th. The format of this workshop: -

1. Introduction to GDPR
2. GDPR The Organisational and Technical Challenge
 - a. GDPR context, principles, definitions & penalties
 - b. Rights of the data subject, and vulnerable clients
 - c. Controllers and Processors
3. 360 degree view of the Legal Implications of GDPR
4. Roadmap to Compliance
5. Q & A
6. GDPR Questionnaire & Feedback

Briefing session 10a.m – 12.30p.m followed by light lunch and consultation about future training needs, including professional services Kidwells may be able to provide in partnership with hvoss. To book your place email will.lindesay@hvoss.org.uk or call 01432 343932 after 3rd January 2018.

Message from Karen Hall,

hvoss Representative Herefordshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

Herefordshire Safeguarding Boards have asked that we circulate revised statutory guidance: **Working together to Safeguard Children: changes to statutory guidance.**

Click the link [DfE consultation page](#) where all the documents can be accessed:

- [Consultation overview: we are seeking views on revisions to statutory guidance and the introduction of new regulations](#)
- [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#)
- [Local safeguarding - transitional arrangements](#)
- [Child Death Review guidance](#)
- [The Children and Social Work Act 2017](#)

The Safeguarding Boards are seeking feedback from colleagues regarding matters or issues that they should be considering with regard to the consultation on the government's proposals. The consultation closes on 31 December (apologies for the short deadline!). Please use this opportunity to have your say as soon as possible.

I would be happy, as the hvoss rep to the Safeguarding Adults Board, to receive feedback and pass it on, or you may prefer to contact Bill Joyce, Interim Business Manager for the Safeguarding Boards, direct. Bill's contact details are also included below.

With thanks

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Please note that the hvoss offices are closed after 3p.m on Friday 22nd December. We will re-open on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

HOLD THE DATE

Our Mental Capacity Act conference is to be held on 2nd February 2018

“The Voice of the adult”

How the Mental Capacity Act can be used to empower people who may not be able to make their own decisions.

Speakers

Mark Neary:

Mark Neary is the father of Steven Neary, a young man with autism and severe learning disabilities, who was at the heart of a “landmark” Court of Protection case. In December 2009, Steven went away for three days respite as Mark was ill. It took 358 days for Steven to return home.

Rachel Griffiths:

Rachel has been awarded the MBE for services to vulnerable people. Rachel has huge experience and knowledge in the area of Mental Capacity, including how to recognise deprivation of liberty, when and how to assess capacity and how to go about making decisions in someone’s best interests. She is nationally recognised as a leading voice with regards to Mental Capacity

More speakers to be announced

Workshops

Capacity and best interests masterclass.

The role of the advocate in Best Interest Decision Making and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards

Mental capacity and the under 18’s

Advance decision making and lasting power of attorney including the role of Court of Protection

To book please go to the safeguarding channel: www.herefordshirecpd.co.uk



And finally....Hereford Lions asked us for information about volunteering to include in their Festive News publication 2017. A personal reminder from Will about the principles, values and benefits of volunteering, and services provided by The Volunteer Bureau here at hvoss. If you or your group, network or organisations have a volunteering query please do not hesitate to get in touch.

To give your time freely, without expectation of anything in return is a very special thing to do.

hvoss (Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service) estimates that around 50,000 people (almost 1 in 3 of everyone living in Herefordshire) actively volunteering to help out others in their local community. Quite incredible I hear you say! With so many doing so much, it does make me ask the question “Where would be in Herefordshire without volunteers?”

That said many volunteers will tell you they get back more back from the experience than they put in, quoting personal development, friendship and social networks as benefits of volunteering or ‘just helping out’ as so many see it.

As a sporty teenager, volunteering helped me take my first important step on the career ladder. It brought me into contact with some very special people, and several of them have become lifelong friends who are still very important in my life today. This time of year is when many start to think of new beginnings, so why not consider starting volunteering as your New Year’s resolution? Here at hvoss (Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Service) our Volunteer Bureau is a non-judgemental service where you can explore around 400 volunteering opportunities on our database, you will be amazed at the huge range of opportunities available.

hvoss provides a range of services support an “active and vibrant Voluntary Sector across Herefordshire”. Our services are available to local charities, voluntary and community groups that need assistance. We estimate there are well over 1,000 organisations of this nature in the county, again doing so much charitable good benefitting others. We offer a range of services to our members and other not for profit groups including funding advice, information, networking, interest group, help with running your group, youth projects, and community transport.

Please contact us on 01432 343932 or go to our website at www.hvoss.org.uk for further information about how we can help. If you want to speak to us about volunteering email volunteer@hvoss.org.uk or click on the “I want to Volunteer” button at the foot of our website. It’s free to register. Then search online and see which roles sound interesting to you.

Best wishes All,

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