

## Happy New Year to you all!

hvoss wishes its members, volunteers, friends and colleagues across the Voluntary and Community Sector a happy New Year. Thank you for your support over the last year. We start 2018 by promoting a number of exciting networking opportunities and other information items you may have missed in our December newsletter. We look forward to supporting your vital work in the new year ahead. Best wishes to you all.

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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](http://www.eveson.org.uk)) and E.F Bulmer Benevolent Fund ([www.efbulmer.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:will.lindesay@hvoss.org.uk) or call 01432 343932 after 3rd January 2018.



## **Community Champions Awards**

**Do you know a champion?**

**Nominate them for a £500 award!**

The Community Champions awards have been developed to recognise and say a massive 'Thank You' to the extraordinary individuals and groups in Herefordshire that make it one of the best places in the country. The awards are open to anyone who lives in Herefordshire, and we invite nominations for those who have demonstrated commitment to making a positive difference in their community.

All nominations should be made online and the closing date is for nominations is **16 February 2018**. **All finalists are invited to the presentation awards ceremony dinner at the Town Hall on 16 March 2018.**

### **Award categories**

Community Champion

Caring Champion

Environment Champion

Youth Champion

**For more information and to make a nomination visit [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/champions](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/champions)**

**Coming soon in March - Governance training for organisations, voluntary and community groups in Hereford City wishing to improve how they operate including legal responsibilities, strategic planning, staff and trustee relationships!**



## **Practitioner Forum - Hold the date.**

**The theme of the next event on 15 February is:**

**"Putting it into practice - Learning from national and local case reviews and audits"**

### **More details to follow**

These joint multi-agency practitioner forums provide front line practitioners with regular updates from Herefordshire Safeguarding Adults Board and Herefordshire Safeguarding Children Board, as well as giving everyone an opportunity to listen to guest speakers giving informative presentations on the chosen theme.

The sessions also allow professionals from a range of organisations to share good practice and update knowledge on safeguarding both children and adults at risk.

For more details and to book your free place please click on the link:

[www.herefordshirecpd.co.uk](http://www.herefordshirecpd.co.uk)

# Turn over a new leaf in 2018 and really get to grips with your data

## Do you....

Wonder if your organisation could be making better use of its data to plan and show impact?

Worry your data protection might not be up to scratch?

Find data a bit daunting so not sure where to start?

Data Orchard is offering three new affordable one-day training courses designed specifically for non-profits. So why not make it your New Year's resolution to get to grips with your organisation's data?

### **25th January - [GoogleAnalytics: Make your website work for your cause](#)**

A detailed introduction to using this valuable free tool to really make sure your website works hard for your cause.

### **14th March - [Introduction to Fundraising Analytics](#)**

Interactive sessions and a variety of case studies will be used to demonstrate the essentials of fundraising analysis, helping you to make sure every penny counts.

### **19th April - [Data Protection: Changing times, changing laws](#)**

A practical hands on session where you can really get your head round the main data protection issues and understand what actions your organisation needs to take.

Data Orchard has designed these courses based on their many years of experience consulting with non-profits about their use of data. They are currently offering a subsidised early bird booking fee for all bookings in January - you can enrol for as little as £150 if you get in early - so don't miss out!

[Find out more and book your place >](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/data-orchard-9007937240>

# Mental Capacity Act Conference to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Workshops and FREE market place

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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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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