



## Welcome to the June edition of hvoice

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# **FREE Funding Network**

## **Big Lottery Fund Regional Officer**

**2nd July (2.30p.m – 4.30p.m—Kindle Centre)**

- We are delighted to announce **Lynne Carney, Funding Officer from The Big Lottery** will be our guest speaker . Lynne will provide an update on Lottery funding priorities and programmes, and how to apply. Come along with colleagues to share your fundraising experiences and needs and to ask questions. Please book your place with Joy Harvey on 01432 343932 or [joy.harvey@hvoss.org.uk](mailto:joy.harvey@hvoss.org.uk) to avoid disappointment.

## **FREE Social Media Workshop 11th July**

**(12—2.30p.m starting with free buffet)**

- In partnership with Fastershire this workshop will provide an opportunity to improve your social media presence, raise your profile and increase awareness of the work your organisation does in Herefordshire. We need to know how many to cater for so please let Joy know if you and/or your colleagues want to attend.

**We are developing a series of events/clinics, just for members, for later in the summer. If there are some subjects that would be really useful for you/ your organisation, please let us know.**

**If your organisation is not a member, our rates start from as little as £30 if you have no paid staff.**

**Click here to see what the benefits of membership are. <http://www.hvoss.org.uk/membership/membership-benefits.aspx>.**

# Community Volunteering Projects

We know a few local businesses and organisations that offer their staff the chance to volunteer during working hours and they are seeking things to do.

Currently only 2 community centres have come forward to take advantage of this offer of supported volunteering.

So, if your charity, community group or voluntary organisation has a project and could do with a few more hands—perhaps painting, tidying up a vegetable plot or garden area, please get in touch and we will connect you.



DATE FOR YOUR DAIRY.....

## Hvoss AGM—14th November 2018

### ‘Showcasing members success’

The hvoss AGM will take place on Wednesday 14th November in Hereford. Once again we are keen to showcase the work of hvoss members. If you are a member and would like a brief 5 minutes slot to promote your activities to others in the hvoss network, we would be pleased to discuss this opportunity with you. Please contact Will Lindesay, Chief Executive on 01432 343932.

An update on hvoss activities and achievements 2017/18 will also be provided. As a membership organisation, locally accountable to the voluntary and community sector, we will also be asking you to inform our future plans and priorities.

# Free Seminars, Workshops & Networking events

## Members Only—Booking required

Aug DTBC GDPR Clinics with Rebecca Hardy of Kidwells Law. Contact Joy Harvey on 01432 343932 to book your FREE 1:1 session

## OPEN events —Booking required

2 July Big Lottery Funding Network—Lynne Carney—All welcome  
2.30 —4.30pm

11 July Fastershire—Social Media for VCS organisations  
12—2.30pm

TBC Adult Safeguarding Policy & Procedures for Charities & Volunteers  
2—4pm. Contact us to express your interest

## External Events

24 June Violeta Tzavo Museum open day

29 June Ledbury Poetry Festival until 8 July

5 July Working to STOP Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour Based Violence (HBV) & Forced Marriage (FM) 10a.m —1p.m (FREE course)

15 Sept Reach Out event for charities & VCS sector, High Town

In September, we have the opportunity to run a training day on **Governance**. Topics to be covered could include running effective meetings, roles and responsibilities of trustees, developing longer terms plans. Please contact Will or Joy on 01432 343932 to express an interest and for further details.

As I write this, on World Refugee Day, I am very grateful to live in Herefordshire.

It is something to be very proud of: that our community understands that to leave one's home, town and country with only what you can carry and head into the unknown, whilst everything you have loved is destroyed, is not a choice.

The skills and knowledge that come with these arrivals are the skills we as a community need - nurses and doctors as well as teachers. To enable a transition from being 'a refugee' or 'asylum seeker' to 'nurse' or 'teacher' they need just two things from us: Acceptance and Support.

Herefordshire City of Sanctuary is a new organisation that is organising informal community gatherings on Friday mornings from 3<sup>rd</sup> August. They need volunteers to welcome visitors, make tea/coffee, help with English (not classes, just everyday practice) and offer support and by doing so empower people in to work and thereby contribute to the greater wellbeing of the county.

In recent months, hvoss has also been able to support a local community group benefitting refugees and Asylum seekers. This organisations wishes to become a Community Interest Organisation, so hvoss has been supporting their volunteers with their online application to the Charity Commission. Another example of the development role the organisation has been playing in promoting local activities for "public benefit"!

The Volunteer Bureau has new volunteering opportunities available for trustees, gardeners, gym buddies, drivers, mentors, bereavement support and fundraisers, along with a selection from the British Red Cross and RSPCA.

We are also seeking community projects for organisations to get involved in. The recent collaboration at the Hereford Breast Cancer Haven with Santander Bank has resulted in a peaceful and calm outdoor space for people to gather their thoughts. Volunteering is a powerful gift because it costs nothing, yet creates significant change.

If you would like to have an informal discussion about volunteering, please contact me on 01432 343932 or email [volunteer@hvoss.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@hvoss.org.uk). If you want to register for free on our volunteering site please go to [www.hvoss.org.uk](http://www.hvoss.org.uk) and click on the "I want to Volunteer" button at the foot of the home page.

# Herefordshire

## Community Safety Partnership

**FREE Course!**

**Working to STOP Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Honour Based Violence (HBV) & Forced Marriage (FM)**

**Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership has organised a FREE to attend course on 5th July 10a.m -1p.m @ The Kindle Centre, Hereford. Attendance at this seminar will give you an insight and understanding behind disturbing facts and figures relating to, HBV, FGM,& FM.**

- You will learn and understand the nature and prevalence of HBA/V, FGM and FM nation-wide**
- Develop methods to strengthen awareness and inform victims on their legal rights and support**
- Explore successful campaigns and educational programmes raising awareness of HBA/V**
- Debate how to find the balance between addressing issues of cultural sensitivity and taking a zero tolerance approach to illegal practices**
- Learn about evidence based best practice on what works to protect victims of FM, FGM and HBA/V and prosecute perpetrators**
- Understand the role of the education sector in safeguarding young people and empowering them to challenge harmful traditional practices**
- Analyse how the police can be better trained to identify victims and improve the recording and handling of HBA/V crimes**
- Further information on the course content and outcomes can be found [here](#).**

## A hvoss Expert Pool.....

### Promoting co-operation & local support

Here at hvoss we are in the process of developing what we are calling an 'Expert Pool' of resources and skills to develop our future support services for our membership. In the face of the external funding pressures our idea is to co-operate and share resources wherever we can do so. **One** area where we have already developed capacity is volunteering within the organisation. We have started to involve volunteers in positive roles including administration and project development. This is already proving beneficial to a number of people and service areas. Another area that is under development is pro bono support from individuals who are keen to contribute proven skills to support others.

We now have a number of people with specialist skills who have kindly agreed to assist hvoss and its members in a voluntary capacity. Tony Featherstone has become a hvoss volunteer and has kindly agreed to: -

**Provide general support to hvoss MEMBERS ONLY on short, medium and long term facility development plans.**

Therefore, if you own, lease or otherwise occupy a building from which you currently operate and are looking to improve or develop the facility to enhance the service you provide we are happy to explore this, and indeed any areas you would like to discuss. Please contact Will Lindesay, hvoss Chief Executive on 01432 343932 or email [will.lindesay@hvoss.org.uk](mailto:will.lindesay@hvoss.org.uk) in the first instance . Thank you.



## MEMBER VACANCIES/OPPORTUNITIES

A number of our members including SIL, Herefordshire Mind, Herefordshire Green Network, and HOPE Support Services have some exciting and rewarding vacancies available. For further information visit the jobs page of our website [www.hvoss.org.uk/jobs](http://www.hvoss.org.uk/jobs)

### Hereford Make CIC

#### Community Groups Event 27th July 2018

Invite you to join us to discuss how we can improve our community and work together to make things happen! Further information and a programme of how to get involved is available [here](#).

We always welcome contributions to future editions of the e-bulletin from members wishing to promote their services and activities. We are also happy to promote your activities widely through our networks through the website and social media.



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