



hvoss AGM

The hvoss AGM will take place

on

Wednesday 16 October 2019

at

The Courtyard Centre for the Arts.

Commencing promptly at 2pm, Registration will be open from 1.30pm.

Please email joy.harvey@hvoss.org.uk to confirm your attendance, if you have not already done so.

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Herefordshire Carers Support

HCS is seeking expressions of interest from like-minded charities to undertake activities during 2020 and beyond that support Carers in Herefordshire following the planned dissolution of HCS by the end of March 2020. We have approximately £60,000 to commit to continuing our legacy of supporting Carers. We want these funds to:

- Support and grow local Carer groups and what they offer to relieve stress on carers including social events and outings
- Maintain the existing HCS contact/ membership network
- Contribute a collective Carer voice for Herefordshire to relevant forums and decision makers, raising Carer Profile and ensuring Carer concerns are heard, especially in securing respite care
- Widen and strengthen the range of Carer support within the county alongside other relevant organisations.

If you think your organisation can deliver this work, download the full briefing on what we are looking for and how to express your interest from www.herefordshirecarerssupport.org or contact help@herefordshirecarerssupport.org. Applications close on 28 October 2019 at 12noon and Expressions of Interest will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees on 29 October. For informal discussion with Shelia Marsh, Chair of Trustees, call 07785 574896.

Volunteer Bureau

The new hvoss premises on Broad Street have already seen a marked increase in people wanting to know about volunteering roles.

If your organisation has a need for volunteers, please do let us know so that we can promote the roles for you. Please email volunteer@hvoss.org.uk for a copy of the Guide to register and upload your roles on the free Simply Connect system.

We are also seeking volunteers for hvoss Front of House and Volunteer Bureau.

Membership 2020

The Board of Trustees has agreed to repeat the Membership offer of 30% discount for organisations that renew and pay before 1st March 2020.

We will email all members the new renewal form in January.

If your organisation is not currently a member and would like to know more about the benefits of joining, please get in touch with our Chief Executive on will.lindesay@hvoss.org.uk or 07813 108552

Legal Responsibilities of Voluntary Organisations

Hereford City Council and hvoss recently hosted a workshop on the Legal Responsibilities of Voluntary Organisations. This introductory level event was specifically for new or soon to be Trustees and was facilitated by Sandy Adirondack, a renowned adviser and trainer on the subject.

The full day event was held at the Town Hall and attended by representatives from local voluntary organisations of many differing sizes. All felt this was a very important subject for Trustees and enjoyed the interactive element to the day.

The following comment was received after the workshop:

"... to say how much I enjoyed the training day which was delivered with great energy and, at the appropriate moments, humour. I think all of us around the table had 'light bulb' moments which will make us go away and work on some areas a bit more. I hope we will see you again in Hereford some time soon. "

There will shortly be links in the members area of the hvoss website to guidance that is essential for Trustees.

hvoss will be developing a series of workshops for 2020—if you would like to see a particular subject covered, please email joy.harvey@hvoss.org.uk using 'workshops' as the subject heading.



2Faced Dance—Young Trustees

Our journey started in 1999. Now 20 years later we're one of the UK's most loved dance companies, we tour all over the UK and internationally and recently secured charitable status. In September 2019 we celebrated our 20th anniversary with activities, special events and commissions for our audiences and participants in Hereford and further afield.

We include young people at every part of our organisation from work experience to apprenticeships and now we want to extend this to governance. We are looking for people aged 18-25 to be represented on our board of Trustees. Being a Trustee means you see the deeper workings of our organisation, meet four times a year and gain insight into how development and business support the creation of dance. Being part of a board provides fantastic opportunities for personal and professional development and will help build new skills and networks, broaden knowledge and build respect within your industry giving you credibility and a voice. Charlotte Brennan, Chair of the 2Faced Dance board says:

"We're looking to make our board truly representative and are keen to ensure we have people aged 25 and under on it; they are our key audiences and participants and we want to reflect our culturally rich programmes such as The BENCH and our women of colour commission on our board.

We're also looking for people aged 25+ to join the board who can bring specific expertise in areas such as Marketing, PR and Sponsorship. At 2Faced Dance you can really make a difference by joining the company as a Trustee, offering your skills and time to support, and be a part of its continued growth and artistic mission."

If you're interested in joining our board head to (<https://www.2faceddance.co.uk/about/the-company/jobs-opportunities/>) and apply before November 15th.

The Marches Renewable Energy (MarRE) Project

We have been asked to bring your attention to the The Marches Renewable Energy (MarRE) project which is accepting formal expressions of interest.

MarRE is a grant scheme part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The project will run for 2½ years from July 1st 2019 to December 31st 2021.

Eligible applicants can apply for a 50% grant towards the installation of eligible renewable technologies on their premises.

Eligible applicants which I think will be of interest to you include:

- ü Statutory and non-statutory public funded organisations/bodies
- ü Voluntary/community organisations
- ü Registered charities
- ü Not-for-profit organisations

I have attached more information. Expression of interest forms can be downloaded from the Council's web site at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/MarRE

DWP workshop for those who support, signpost and advise carers - 23 October

Herefordshire Council and the Department for Work and Pensions are planning a 2hour workshop for people who support, signpost or provide information to carers. The aim is to help delegates understand what help and support is available in relation to claiming benefits (including Universal Credit and Carers Allowance), managing work whilst caring for someone and resuming work when the caring role is finished.

We plan to make the session fun and interactive - details will follow but for now we just need to know who is likely to attend. Please share this information within your organisation and ask folk to email cpreston@herefordshire.gov.uk if they'd like to join us.

Proposed date & time: 23 October 2019, Kindle Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm

ASPIRE

Calling all Crafters

Aspire Living will be holding an early Christmas Fair on 30 October 2019 at their Community Hub. Set up from 8.15am, the Fair opens from 10am until 3pm. Tables are available for Crafters or organisations that have hand-made items to sell. Please contact 01432 266881 or tracey.taylor@aspireliving.org.uk

Free Counselling

Relate Worcestershire is offering free counselling to individuals and their families with service in the grocery industry, UK banks, chartered accountancy, Civil Service, Air Force, Royal Navy/Marines or a child victim of or witness to a crime.

For information, eligibility criteria and appointments call 01905 28051 (24 hr) open Mon-Thurs 9-7, Fri 9-6 and Sat 9-1. www.relate.org.uk/worcestershire. The charity offers counselling at their centres in Worcester, Redditch, Bromsgrove, Bewdley, Broadway, Kidderminster, Upton upon Severn and Hereford. It currently has short waiting lists in Hereford, Upton upon Severn and Worcester for some appointment times.

hvoice—articles for inclusion

We want to hvoice to be useful for the community sector across the county. If you would like something included in our next newsletter (Festive issue, due early December 2019) please use 'hvoice' as your email heading and send it to joy.harvey@hvos.org.uk no later than Wednesday 27 November 2019.