

# Swale Voluntary Sector News

April 2011



Volunteer Centre  
Swale



NAVCA  
Quality  
Award

## Swale Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and Volunteer Centre achieves new NAVCA Quality Award

I am delighted to report that Swale Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) has gained the rigorous new NAVCA (National Association of Voluntary and Community Action) Quality Award. The award is open to local infrastructure organisations like Swale CVS which work behind the scenes to ensure local voluntary organisations and community groups get the support they need.

The award is based on a set of Performance Standards. Achievement of the NAVCA Quality Award gives an authoritative endorsement for the effectiveness of local infrastructure organisations. To gain this award we had to demonstrate that our support makes a real difference to voluntary and community organisations in Swale. The rigorous assessment process involves an external audit and interviews with service users and funders.

Kevin Curley, Chief Executive of NAVCA has written and said "We are delighted to announce that Swale CVS has obtained the new NAVCA Quality Award. Swale CVS has demonstrated that it delivers high quality services to the voluntary and community sector in Swale. By working towards and gaining the award the CVS has underlined their commitment to making a difference for local people.

The Quality Award is given following a rigorous independent audit process which is subject to moderation.

Of the 290 local support and development organisations in membership of NAVCA, to date 85 have gained the Quality Award and only 12 have successfully renewed their Award ! "

Christine White  
Director  
Swale CVS and Volunteer Centre

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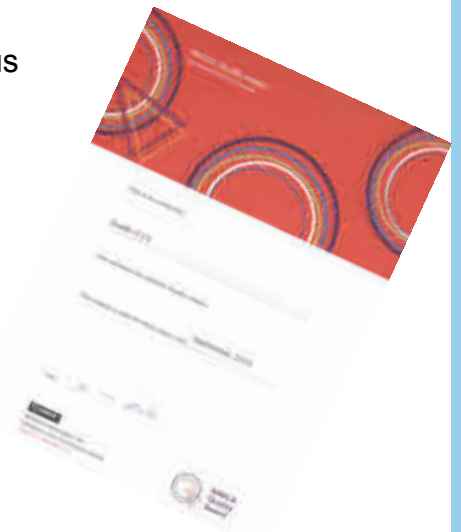
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# Swale news

A TOUR of New Zealand almost ended in disaster for Lynn and Nick Verrall. They arrived in Christchurch the day before last month's earthquake, and were walking into the city centre when the main tremor hit, killing about 240 people.

Lynn, a transport volunteer with Swale CVS, said: "The wind seemed to get up and we lost our footing. The movement was incredible, we were jolted from one side to another, and it was very noisy - a rumbling. My vision went, so I wondered if it was me not feeling well. It's terrifying because you don't know what's going on".



A marquee setup in the park for a flower show quickly became a makeshift shelter, with the Salvation Army and Red Cross providing food, water, bedding, clothes and medical supplies.

But what really overwhelmed Lynn was New Zealanders letting strangers spend the night in their homes, despite being victims of the quake themselves. She said: "We bumped into a lady at the garage when we were buying food, and she took us to her house and gave us cups of tea".

The also had also been in the Christchurch's cathedral the day before it collapsed in the quake. On the morning of the quake, they were intending to take a sightseeing trip in a cable car. The couple, who were three days from the end of a 23-day tour, took up the offer of a flight from Christchurch to Wellington on a Hercules transport aircraft. They were not allowed into their hotel, so most of their possessions, including cameras with photos from the rest of the holiday, are still in the damaged building, where they will stay for the foreseeable future.

New passports were issued at the British Embassy in Wellington and they flew home carrying a few possessions in plastic bags.

Lynn said: "I felt shell-shocked, and lots of things were running through my mind. I just felt glad to be alive".



Lynn at her desk, at Swale CVS



## Kent and Medway Funding Fair 2011

The 2011 Kent and Medway Funding Fair, organised by Funding Buddies and Action with Communities in Rural Kent, will be held on Wednesday **13 April 2011** at the Folkestone Academy.

This event is supported by Charity Bank, CCW Works, Reeves and Neylan, and grants from KCC's Members:

Chris Capon, Tim Prater and Dick Pascoe through their Local Schemes and Member Community Grants.

This is a free event, but the number of attendees is limited. To reserve a place please email [info@ruralkent.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralkent.org.uk) or phone 01303 813790.





## **Play and Outreach Worker (2 posts)**

**18.5 hours a week**

**£16,354 (pro rata)**

**5 weeks annual leave (pro rata)**

**12 month contract**

Are you interested in a job with flexible working?  
Do you have an NVQ3 or equivalent childcare qualification  
with experience of work with children and families?

Can you work as part of a team but also on your own initiative?

The Play and Outreach Service offers a home based play service  
to families with children aged 0-4.

Play and Outreach Workers arrange to meet parents in their home  
and actively engage them in a range of play activities with their children.

Other tasks include planning and delivering play activities  
in Children's Centres and outreach venues.

There are two part-time posts available.

The first post is based at Bysing Wood Children's Centre, Faversham.

This post includes work with families from  
Murston Children's Centre, Sittingbourne.

The second post is based at St Mary's Children's Centre, Faversham.

For more information and an application form please contact;

Julie Blackmore  
**Swale CVS**  
Central House  
Central Avenue  
Sittingbourne  
Kent ME10 4NU

**Tel: 01795 473828**

**Or email: [julie.blackmore@swalecvs.co.uk](mailto:julie.blackmore@swalecvs.co.uk)**

Closing date for completed applications: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011

Interviews will be held in Faversham on: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011

If asked to attend interview, you will also be asked to demonstrate your play worker skills.



R ecreation and  
E vents  
E quipment  
L ibrary

**Want to save up to £5000 from your budget this year?  
That is the value of the equipment available for hire from the scheme!**

Swale CVS currently runs this library service that allows community groups to borrow equipment for a minimal fee. Membership to the scheme is **FREE** of charge and the only limit on what you can borrow is its availability.

We are continually expanding the items available for hire and the latest additions now include a number of Story Sacks and a Music Making Set aimed at children under the age of 5 years old.

**Other items available include:**

Portable PA System

Nintendo Wii with lots of games and accessories

Gazebos for outdoor events

Laptops

High Definition Flip Video Cameras

Sports sets

14 mega pixel Digital Cameras

And many more.....



**For a full catalogue and details about becoming a member please contact us on  
01795 473828**



**Kent and Medway  
Disability Involvement Forum**



**Tuesday 12 April, 2011, 6.30 pm –8.00 pm  
at Kent Police Training School,  
Coverdale Avenue, Maidstone, ME15 9DW**

Come and find out about changes to Policing in Kent.  
Come along and have your say.

For further information please view the  
“Diversity –Get Involved”  
section of the Kent Police website at:  
[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)

or contact the Kent Police Diversity Team at:  
[diversity.team@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:diversity.team@kent.pnn.police.uk)

or Tel: 01622 652437



## - LEAD THE WAY - BECOME A DRIVER FOR PILGRIMS HOSPICES!



Our exhibition trailer travels throughout east Kent to promote Pilgrims Hospices services and fundraising events.

The trailer has had a huge impact on the way that Pilgrims Hospices communicates with the local community. It gives people the opportunity to talk to us in person and help to dispel some of the myths that persist about hospices.

The trailer is becoming a regular feature at events and town centres in east Kent, and we always looking for volunteers with a smile to promote Pilgrims Hospices and a driving licence to transport it between venues.

Those wishing to drive the van will require the 'trailer towing' attribute on their driving licence (most who have held a licence since before 1995 will have this).

If you have either the skills to tow the trailer or would like to form part of the team to fundraise from it, then please contact Nigel Donkin on 01233 504102 or email [nigel.donkin@pilgrimshospices.org](mailto:nigel.donkin@pilgrimshospices.org)

<http://www.pilgrimshospices.org/>

### **Caring Confidently in Kent – Support Workshops for Carers**

Following the withdrawal of funding for the Caring with Confidence programme, NHS West Kent PCT in partnership with Kent Adult Social Services have commissioned a shorter version of the seven week programme for all Carers living in the County of Kent.



Caring Confidently in Kent has taken the very best of the original, and produced a new three week programme aimed at helping Carers improve their lives and the person they care for.

- Week One – Caring Day To Day
- Week Two – Caring and Me
- Week Three – Caring and Life

Our main objective is to raise your confidence in your caring role, and take better care of yourself. We also aim to put you in contact with other Carers who, like you would like to share their knowledge and experiences, and maybe build a new network of friends.

This FREE, three week programme is being held all over the County so there is an opportunity for you to join one near to where you live.

The course dates include:

WHITSTABLE 1st, 8th & 15th April 2011 - HERNE BAY 9th, 16th & 23rd June 2011

To register your place contact : Helen Appleton Cert.Ed Mfl – Lead Trainer / Facilitator

on Tel: 01474 – 330350 or e-mail: [caringconfidently@btinternet.com](mailto:caringconfidently@btinternet.com)

website: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/training>

# Vcs training

Swale VCS Training

## CIEH Level 2 Food Safety

Wednesday 6th April  
Registration at 9:45 for 10 - 12pm  
Half Day **Refresher** Session  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

£40

Swale VCS Training

## Fire Safety

Wednesday 11th May  
Registration at 9:15 for 9:30 - 1:30pm  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

£30

Swale VCS Training

## involving Service users

Friday 20th May  
Registration at 9:45 for 10 - 3pm  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

includes lunch

£35

Swale VCS Training

## Understanding Mental illness

Wednesday 25th May  
Registration at 9:15 - for 9:30 - 4:30pm  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

includes lunch

£35

Swale VCS Training

## First Aid

Friday 8th April  
Registration at 09:15 for 9:30 - 4:30pm  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

includes lunch

£45

Swale VCS Training

## CIEH Level 2 Food Safety

Wednesday 15th June  
Registration at 9:15 for 9:30 - 4:30pm  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

includes lunch

£45

Swale VCS Training

## The Accidental Fundraiser

Friday 17th June  
Registration at 9:45 for 10 - 4:30pm  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

includes lunch

£35

Swale VCS Training

## Tendering and Procurement

Wednesday 29th June  
Registration at 9:15 for 9:30 - 1:30pm  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

£30

Swale VCS Training

## Train THE Trainer

Friday 1st July & Friday 8th July  
Registration at 9:45 for 10 - 4pm  
To be held at Swale CVS

LOTTERY FUNDED

includes lunch

£45

To book a place on any of these courses contact:  
Joanne Burt, Swale CVS  
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Tel: 01795 473828  
email [jo.burt@swalecvs.co.uk](mailto:jo.burt@swalecvs.co.uk) or  
[shanice.buler@swalecvs.co.uk](mailto:shanice.buler@swalecvs.co.uk)

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Swale CVS, North West Kent CVS and CVS Medway will use this funding to provide training for the Voluntary Sector across North



**8th April 2011**

Registration at 9:15 - 9:30 - 4:30pm

Venue: Swale CVS, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne

## Course Content:

- Managing Incidents, Delegation & Communication.
- Priorities of First Aid.
- Contents of a First Aid Box.
- Unconsciousness & Resuscitation
- Control of Severe Bleeding.
- Heart Attack



**Lunch  
Included**

To book a place on this course please contact:  
Jo Burt

Central House, Central Ave,  
Sittingbourne. ME10 4NU

Tel: 01795 473828 email [jo.burt@swalecvs.co.uk](mailto:jo.burt@swalecvs.co.uk)

**£45**

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# Fire Safety



**11th MAY 2011**

**Registration at 9.15 for 9.30 until 13.30**

**Venue: Swale CVS, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne**

## Course Aims

This is aimed at anybody with the responsibility for overseeing organisational health and safety, and is suitable for those who are already, or wish to be a fire warden.

## Course Outline

How fires start

Evacuation

Putting out fires

The Law & fire procedures

Understanding fire fighting equipment

To book a place on this course please contact:

Shanice Butler

Central House, Central Ave,

Sittingbourne. ME10 4NU

Tel: 01795 473828 email [shanice.butler@swalecvs.co.uk](mailto:shanice.butler@swalecvs.co.uk)

**£30**

North Kent CVS Partnership

# Understanding Mental illness



**25th MAY**

Registration at 9:15 - 9:30- 4:30pm

Venue: Swale CVS, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne

## Course Outline

To give an understanding of the various problems people with mental illness can face and how their carers can better help them.

## Course Aims

- ★ Look at the social meaning of mental health
- ★ Discuss how to cope with, and handle, mental health problems in people
- ★ Examine what dementia, anxiety, depression, bipolar affective disorder and schizophrenia are and how they affect the individual
- ★ Discuss the various therapeutic interventions that can help
- ★ Look at the various medical treatments available and the possible consequences of those medications

**Includes  
Lunch!**

To book a place on this course please contact:  
Jo Burt Central House, Central Ave,  
Sittingbourne. ME10 4NU

Tel: 01795 473828 email [jo.burt@swalecvs.co.uk](mailto:jo.burt@swalecvs.co.uk)

**£35**

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**1st & 8th July**

Registration at 9:45 - 10 - 4pm

Venue: Swale CVS, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne

## Course Outline

- ★ To develop an understanding of the methods used by trainers to ensure adequate planning, delivery and evaluation of courses.

## Course Aims

- ★ Types of Learning, TNA, Aims & Objectives, Session Plans, Domains of Learning, Learning Styles, Equal Opportunities, Differentiation, Training Aids, Presentation Skills  
Assessment & Evaluation

## Aimed at

- ★ People who deliver training sessions (in-house or external), workshops or mentoring to others.

To book a place on this course please contact:

Jo Burt Central House, Central Ave,  
Sittingbourne. ME10 4NU

Tel: 01795 473828 email [jo.burt@swalecvs.co.uk](mailto:jo.burt@swalecvs.co.uk)

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# Kent Partners' Compact

better together



A partnership for mutual benefit  
between the voluntary, community  
and public sectors in Kent

**Don't be reactive**

**Be proactive!**

## What is the Kent Partners' Compact?

**Open, honest  
and transparent**

**Promoting equality  
of opportunity**

**Voluntary, Community  
and Public Sector**

**Common  
purpose**

**Respect, trust,  
integrity**

## How can I get involved?

### Become a Compact Champion

Compact Champions have an important role to play in raising awareness of the Compact, increasing its effectiveness, collecting information relating to successes and issues and encouraging colleagues and organisations to work in a Compact way.

For more information and to download the Kent Partners' Compact go to:

[www.kentcan.org](http://www.kentcan.org)  
[www.kentpartnership.org.uk](http://www.kentpartnership.org.uk)

## Useful contacts

### Compact Voice

020 7520 2451

[compact@compactvoice.org.uk](mailto:compact@compactvoice.org.uk)  
[www.compactvoice.org.uk](http://www.compactvoice.org.uk)

### Office for Civil Society

020 7276 6400

[ocs.info@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ocs.info@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk)  
[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/voluntary-sector.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/voluntary-sector.aspx)

### KentCAN

01233 650640

[www.kentcan.org](http://www.kentcan.org)  
[communications@kentcan.org](mailto:communications@kentcan.org)

### Kent Partnership

01622 694022

[www.kentpartnership.org.uk](http://www.kentpartnership.org.uk)  
[kentpartnership@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentpartnership@kent.gov.uk)

# News



## Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, speech at NCVO Annual Conference



Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, made an announcement in his speech that he expects local authorities to behave reasonably in the way they manage their relationship with voluntary and community groups.

In his speech the Secretary of State set out three tests of reasonableness. First that councils should not pass on disproportionate cuts to local and voluntary groups. Secondly that they should talk to voluntary and community groups at a very early stage about how services need to change. And thirdly that they will have at least three months notice about the need to end or alter a grant or other support.

The Secretary of State defined disproportionate cuts in his speech as bigger reductions to budgets than they take on themselves. He also gave a commitment to consider giving statutory force to these expectations should local authorities fail to meet them.

This is a very important statement from the Government. It fires a warning shot across the bow of local government not to make disproportionate cuts to the vital services that the voluntary and community sector provides. The Secretary of State also made it clear that he expects those Local Authorities that have made disproportionate cuts to the sector to reconsider.

Eric Pickles speech can be read in full here.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/networking-discussions/blogs/20591/11/03/01/eric-pickles-mp-secretary-state-communities-local-govern>

## Charities Bill



[www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

The Government has published the Charities Bill at:

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/charitieshl.html> which consolidates existing charities legislation into one Act of Parliament.

First reading took place on 3 March. This stage is a formality that signals the start of the Bill's journey through the Lords.

Second reading - the general debate on all aspects of the Bill - is yet to be scheduled.

To consolidate the Charities Act 1993 and other enactments which relate to charities.

## School Academies

OFSTED has published a list showing which schools have converted to Academy status including Westlands, Highstead and Fulston Manor Schools.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/List-of-schools-which-have-converted-to-Academy-status-under-the-Academies-Act-2010>

## Fighting crime

The Home Office has published a document setting out a new approach to tackling crime.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/new-approach-fighting-crime?view=Binary>

## Home Office announces limits on criminal record checks



Volunteers and staff will need criminal records checks only if they work "closely and regularly" with children and vulnerable adults, under plans for a wide-ranging reform of the vetting and barring system announced by the government today.

Under the proposals, part of the new Protection of Freedoms Bill, about 4.5 million people who would have had to register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority under the vetting and barring scheme initiated by the Labour government, would not have to have criminal records checks.

A Home Office spokesman said: "Far fewer people will come within the scope of regulated activity under the new system. The only people needing checks will be those working most closely and regularly with children and vulnerable adults."

He said the government would also "monitor the scope of criminal records checks" to make sure they were not deterring people from volunteering.

A statement from the Home Office said that, subject to parliamentary approval, the bill was expected to become law by early 2012. It said the new system would be introduced soon after that.

## Kent LINK

The Kent LINK (Local Involvement Network) is an independent network of local people and community groups working together to influence and improve Kent's health and social care services.



This is an opportunity for the community of Kent and for YOU to get your voice heard. It will only work with your involvement, so join today to get started and we will let you know about the various ways you can take part and have your say!

Your LINK for improving health and social care: [www.thekentlink.co.uk](http://www.thekentlink.co.uk)

## Ladder4learning

Ladder4learning provides a dedicated helpline and comprehensive website for all your training and development needs within the South West and South East regions.



What can ladder4learning now offer you and your organisation?

- A detailed database of relevant, current courses.
- Research carried out on your behalf by qualified advisors.
- Advice on how to choose the right course.
- Information on different methods of learning.
- The opportunity to join message boards for networking and information sharing.
- Free of charge downloadable tools and resources.
- Advice, support and information about training needs skills audits.
- Links to other useful and relevant sites.
- Staff attendance and display material at your workshops and events within the regions.
- Sign up to free alerts and up to date information and Newsletters.

Further information: [www.ladder4learning.org.uk](http://www.ladder4learning.org.uk)

## 2011 National Year of Communication – say Hello

2011 is the national year communication. "Hello" has been announced as The Communication Trust's campaign to achieve the aims of the National Year of Communication. The aim is to make children's communication skills a priority in schools and homes across the country.



You can visit the Hello website at <http://www.hello.org.uk/> to sign up for regular updates on the campaign.

### New Talk To Your Baby website for parents

To mark "Hello", the national year of communication, we are launching a new website for parents and carers which emphasises the positive role they can play in helping their baby to develop communication skills. Professionals can signpost the site to any parents they are working with.



Please visit <http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/> for more information

## NEW! Intensive short accredited courses from Kent Adult Education



No need to commit to long term studying – gain a qualification in just a few weeks.

Kent Adult Education has some fantastic new short training courses getting you or your staff skilled, qualified, and if required, ready for work!

If you or someone you know is interested in investing in their own personal development, Kent Adult Education offers a diverse range of course due to start in Kent very soon.

Visit [www.kent.gov.uk/adulted](http://www.kent.gov.uk/adulted) or call 0845 606 5606 for more information or to enrol.

## PRS for Music



*PRS for Music*, at its discretion, chooses **not** to charge a licence fee for certain small community events, such as street parties, celebrating the Royal Wedding where all the following criteria are met. The event:

- is in celebration of the Royal Wedding 2011
- takes place between 22 April 2011 and 6 May 2011, inclusive
- is organised and run by unpaid volunteers
- is provided for the local community
- has a total expected attendance / capacity of 300 or fewer
- does not generate a profit
- is held in a premises or a place that does not otherwise require, or currently hold, a PRS for Music licence

Events that do not qualify for this policy, but are provided for charity or the community may be able to apply for a discount to their licence fee. Details of how to do this, and what types of events can apply are available at: <http://www.prsformusic.com/Pages/default.aspx>

If you are unsure if your event qualifies for this discretionary policy, please contact us to find out on 0870 333 7003 or email: [localauthority@prsformusic.com](mailto:localauthority@prsformusic.com)

## Government to ban use of phrase “Every Child Matters”

The new Government has placed a ban on the term "Every Child Matters" as part of a widespread change in terminology within Whitehall departments.

Details of the changes are revealed in an internal Department for Education (DfE) memo, split into two columns for words used before 11 May and those which should be replaced.

Changes to phrases in the children's sector include the replacement of:

- \* “Safeguarding” with “child protection”
- \* “Children's trusts” with "local areas, better, fairer, services"
- \* and the term "help children achieve more" in place of 'Every Child Matters' or the five outcomes\*.

Some organisations have expressed concern at the changes. John Chowcat, General Secretary of children's services union Aspect, said he fears the change in language represents a gradual move away from the “Every Child Matters” agenda by the Government.

# Funding

## MSE Charity - Moneysavingexpert.com - Charity Fund

Grant Value: max £5,000



The MSE Charity supports projects such as self-help groups and other innovative projects that will help educate people about money/debt/consumer issues. Projects must assist people to improve their quality of life through knowledge and understanding of how to manage and take control of their own financial situation.

The MSE Charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisations core funding.

Groups applying for less than £950 should apply for an application form by email to: [charity@moneysavingexpert.com](mailto:charity@moneysavingexpert.com)

For more information including details on how to apply please see: <http://www.msecharity.com/index.html?pid=21#groups>

## SITA Young Person's Volunteering Fund



This fund seeks to support volunteering opportunities for young people aged 14-25 that create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

Projects must take place within a 10 mile radius of a qualifying SITA UK waste processing location. A location postcode checker is provided on the SITA Trust website but the main eligible areas in Kent are:

- Sevenoaks (TN14 6EP)
- Sittingbourne (ME10 3TT)
- Tunbridge Wells (TN2 3UY)

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. All bids must involve young people in the design and development of the project, be compliant with the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund and take into account volunteering principles advocated by the Youth Action Network.

Eligible applicants are not-for-profit organisations including youth groups, community groups, parish councils, charities and voluntary organisations.

The next deadlines for the scheme are 11 April; 13 June; 15 August and 17 October 2011.

Further information: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering>

## Looking for funding? Reaching Communities in your area



The Big Lottery Fund's (BIG) Reaching Communities programme can fund projects for up to five years that help people and communities who are most in need and it is looking for applications from Swale.

It has two strands:

- **Reaching Communities** funding from £10,000 to £500,000 for revenue projects and/or up to £50,000 towards smaller capital projects
- **Reaching Communities buildings** funding of between £100,000 and £500,000 for large capital projects based in particular postcodes

So if you are looking for a medium sized grant Reaching Communities could be the programme for you. Here is an example of a project that have taken advantage of this new approach:

- The Fresh Visions People Limited received **£74,000** over three years for its community-based furniture store in Swale, Kent. The project provides volunteering opportunities and work experience for unemployed people as well as working with HM Prison Service to enable inmates to complete stage one of the prison service's resettlement programme.

What are you waiting for?

You can get hold of an outline proposal form today by calling 0845 4 10 20 30 or downloading it from the Big Lottery Fund website:

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities?regioncode=-uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities?regioncode=-uk)

Make sure to check that you are eligible to apply. There is plenty of information on the Big Lottery Fund website including a postcode eligibility checker for those of you thinking about applying to the buildings strand of Reaching Communities.

It is a good idea to speak to a funding adviser before submitting an application. They can help you plan your project and give you guidance about how to fill in the application form.

Swale Council for Voluntary Service, <http://www.swalecvs.org.uk/> and Funding Buddies, <http://www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.uk/> both work in your area.

## Improving Futures Grant Value: max £900,000

The Big Lottery Fund has now opened the Improving Futures programme which aims to improve outcomes for children living within families who experience multiple and complex problems – for example, poor health, unemployment, debt or housing problems.

They have decided to fund partnerships that can offer joined-up support and provision for families with problems at a local level. Interested parties need to be aware of the following:

Partnerships must be led by voluntary sector organisations, but will need to be supported by or include local authorities in Wales and England, Community Planning Partnerships in Scotland, and Health and Social Care Trusts in Northern Ireland

Because every family is different, partnerships will need to be able to draw on a broad range of expertise and services to meet their needs, including setting out to help those families considered 'hardest to reach'.

***They have limited funding to support up to 20 partnerships across the UK, and no more than one expression of interest should be made per local authority area.***

For further information including details on how to apply please go to:

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_improving\\_futures?tab=2&regioncode=-uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_improving_futures?tab=2&regioncode=-uk)

Deadline for expressions of interest: 12 May 2011

Deadline for full application submission: 30 September 2011

## Woodward Charitable Trust

This Trust aims to support small-scale, locally based charitable initiatives. The Trust's current funding priorities are:

- Social and ethnic minority groups.
- Prisoners and ex-offenders rehabilitation and resettlement & prisoners' families.
- Homelessness, esp. young people & women.
- People experiencing violence or abuse.
- Arts outreach esp. involving disadvantaged people
- Disability projects, inc. rehabilitation, training, advocacy or help to improve employability.
- Environmental projects, esp. with a strong educational element.
- Addiction, inc. tackling social exclusion, preventative programmes and projects supporting families of addicts.

The Trust offers the following types of funding:

- Small grants of between £100 and £5,000.
- Large grants over £5,000 over a maximum of three years.

The deadline for applications is 31 May 2011.

Further information: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

## Woodward Charitable Trust Summer playschemes

One-off grants in support of summer playschemes for children between the ages of five and 16 from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Grants of between £500 and £1,000 are available.

Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding for startup or running costs, including core costs and salaries.

The deadline for the summer playscheme grant applications is 1 April 2011.

Further information: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/playschemeguidelines.html>

## Triangle Trust 1949 Fund

This Trust provides one-off or 3 year grants to registered charities in the UK for activities which improve the wellbeing and health of communities.

The Trust's current areas of interest are:

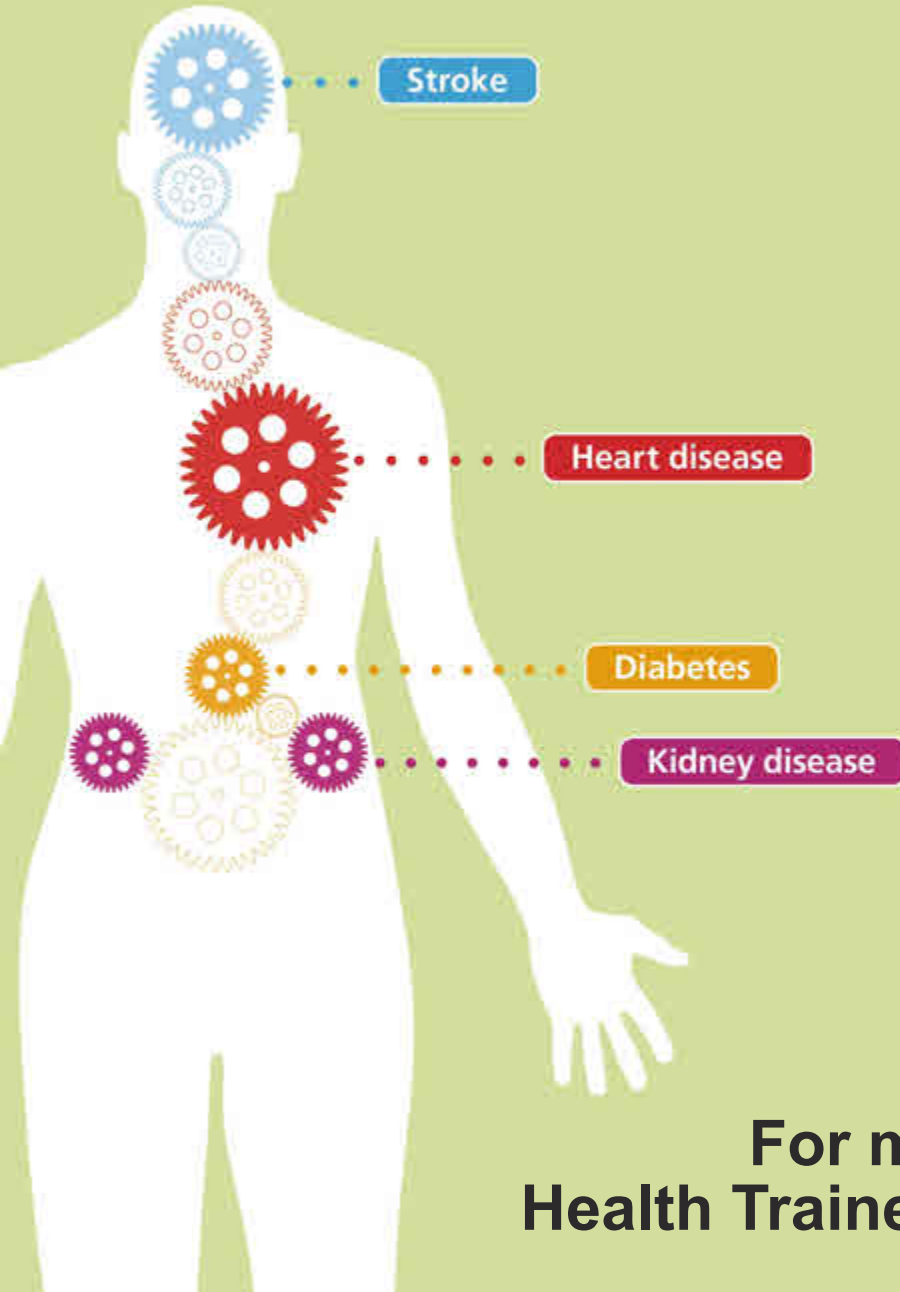
- Carers.
- Community arts and education.
- Disability.
- Older people
- Poverty.
- Integration and rehabilitation.

Grants are normally between £1,000 and £10,000, with the majority of grants around £4,000 to £5,000. The next deadlines are 14 May and 19 August 2011.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.thetriangletrust1949fund.org.uk/>

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Spa Eastchurch:**  
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**12 Apr 2011** at 10.00 - 15.30  
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# Engaging With Dads Conference

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**Strode Crescent Baptist Church,  
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- 13:00     *Registration and Coffee*
- 13:30     *Setting the scene*  
**The Fatherhood Institute**
- 14:00     *Making services attractive*  
**The Fatherhood Institute**
- 14:45     *Coffee*
- 15:15     *A Children's Centre perspective*  
**Seashells**
- 16:00     *Perceptions of Fatherhood*  
**The University of Greenwich**
- 16:45     *Cooking Together: Meet the dads*  
*(practical cooking session)*  
**Sheppey Matters**  
*(booking necessary for this session)*

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

at 10.00am

in The Artisan Room, Central House, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne

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