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Title: **(1) Apprentice schemes (2) Facilitation Training Course (3) Muslim Women's Forum (4) Another Big Do (5) Training course (6) RAISE: Economic downturn**

Dear members,

- 1 NAVCA are working with the Learning and Skills Council to help promote the upcoming Apprenticeship Week which will take place 23-27 February 2009. There are considerable resources being put towards this project specifically for third sector organisations, and NAVCA would like to get as many members involved as possible. Funding is available for case studies which demonstrate how Apprenticeships are working in third sector organisations. Specifically case studies of third sector organisations working with young people (16-19 year olds), disadvantaged or hard to reach individuals in Apprenticeship schemes.
If you have an Apprenticeship scheme in place, and are willing to share some of your experiences from the Employer point of view (as opposed to the apprentice's experience) Michelle would love to hear from you. Her contact details are: Michelle Emerson, Business Development Manager, NAVCA (National Association for Voluntary and Community Action) The Tower, 2 Furnival Square, Sheffield S1 4QL
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- 2 There is a Facilitation Training Day in London on 10th March 2009 from 10.00 – 16.30 at St Ethelburga's, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG. The course title is – Getting the best out of working with local communities; for full course details and fees see the poster at http://talkaction.org/FacilitationDetails_Sept08.pdf
- 3 Please see attached information regarding the Muslim Woman's Forum.
- 4 Another Big Do - Please find attached information regarding a drama workshop for young people aged 10 - 20.
- 5 There are still some places available on the Self Directed Support & Marketing for Providers course on 4th and 5th February in London. All delegates get free membership to the Providers Marketing Network which is a great networking and information service opportunity. If you haven't already booked just send an email to reserve your place to Catherine Titherington, Voice Social Marketing catherine@voicemarketing.org.uk
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- 6 Historically, when funding is tight, the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) funding is often cut disproportionately because the services that it delivers are usually not statutory ones. Funding cuts will occur at a time when demand, from individuals most affected by the economic situation, is rising substantially. In addition, many small VCS organisations work from subsidised premises, in local authority owned buildings. Such organisations' existence is threatened, should those local authorities decide to sell buildings in order to raise capital.

In reaction to the current economic climate we have compiled a questionnaire to start to assess the impact of the economic downturn on the VCS in the South East. Your help by filling out this questionnaire will be greatly appreciated. Please complete our economic downturn questionnaire by visiting: <http://digbig.com/4ybec> (If you have problems opening this link, copy and paste into your browser) If you would like a hard copy of this questionnaire or if you'd like to join our focus group please call Terry Bishop on 01483 885264 or email: terry@raise-networks.org.uk.

Many thanks –
Janet

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