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Dear members, *(my apologies for the length of this newsletter)*

- 1 This is the first newsletter for the West Sussex Hate Incident Support Service. This is a partnership project between Victim Support and the Harm Reduction Team at West Sussex County Council. Please distribute as widely as possible. If you require any hard copies, please contact Alison Stepney, West Sussex Hate Crime Project Manager on 01273 456168 or email alison.stepney@victimsupport.org.uk **Attachment:** [Hate Incident Newsletter](#)
- 2 Julie, Outreach Worker for, Horsham District Alzheimer's Society, has sent a copy of the flyer for this new group. The group will be held on the third Tuesday of each month (the 16th really is the third Tuesday). For the first one, the actual date is on the flyer so that people will know precisely when to come. If you could pop this up on any notice boards, etc., feed through to any interested parties, she would be very grateful. **Attachment:** [Horsham Carers' Group A4 flyer.](#)
- 3 Please see the attached document for details of a job opportunity within Horsham POP as part of the Community Partnership Team. They would be very grateful if you would pass the information on to anyone that you know of who may be interested. **Attachment:** [Job ad CLW May 09.](#)
- 4 Please see the following statement , send out by Brighton and Hove PCT on Sunday, confirming a case of swine flu in Sussex.
Press statement: Case of swine flu confirmed within Sussex region
Tom Scanlon, Director of Public Health for NHS Brighton and Hove, said:
One case of swine flu in the city of Brighton and Hove has today been confirmed by the Health Protection Agency (HPA).
The new case concerns an adult who recently returned from America and displayed mild symptoms. The individual is now recovering at home.
NHS Brighton and Hove and West Sussex PCT are working closely with the HPA, which will carry out a detailed risk assessment and advise whether any individuals need to be investigated or given anti-viral treatment as a result of contact with someone who is confirmed as having swine flu.
If anyone has any concerns about swine flu we would encourage them to call the Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513513. Further information is also available on the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk .
If you are experiencing flu like symptoms please stay at home and contact your GP or NHS Direct on 0845 4647 for advice. Please do stay at home and do not visit your GP as you risk spreading the virus to others.
The public can reduce the risk of catching or spreading swine flu by maintaining good basic hygiene, such as always covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when

coughing or sneezing, disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully and regularly washing your hands.

For further information, please contact: West Sussex PCT, Laura Skelcey, Press and Public Relations Officer, 01903 707447, laura.skelcey@westsussexpct.nhs.uk

5 There has been a lot of interest so far regarding the Full of Life campaign for UK Older People's Day 2009. This year, they are again looking for inspiring stories of older people who challenge stereotypes about what 'old age' means. These stories may be featured on the Full of Life pages online, or used in the national and regional media.

They want to hear your stories about people aged 65 and over who are influential or inspirational in some way, and who would make a person reading about them think twice about older people. Their story could be about any of the following:

- People aged over 65 who are still in work (e.g. MDs of businesses, self-employed)
- People who help the wider community (e.g. local councillors, charity workers)
- Community decision makers or people who are active within their community helping others or their environment
- Creative people (e.g. actors, artists, models)
- People who are in education - either learning or teaching
- People who have had some news presence this year (e.g. the man who prevented the robbery in the jewellers in Richmond; the 70 year old rollerblader)
- Campaigners
- People with quirky hobbies (e.g. playing computer games, competing in sport)

Do any of these examples apply to someone you know or work with? Perhaps you have an example that has not been included here? They would love to hear your stories.

If you have an individual you think they should know about, please feel free to suggest the person in question to Full of Life directly on 020 7255 1100 / fulloflife@uk.grayling.com together with a few details of who they are and why you think they would make an inspiring example for UK Older People's Day, plus details of how to contact them (this may be via you). A member of the Full of Life team will then be in touch.

6 **Event: Third Sector Involvement in the Future Jobs Fund Seminar**

Date: 2nd June, 10am-1pm

Venue: Cabinet Office, 67 Tufton Street, London SW1P 3QS

Contact: If you would like to reserve a place, please email your name, organisation and any special requirements to lara.rose@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk by **Thursday 28th May**.

In the Budget, the Government announced a £1 billion Future Jobs Fund to which third sector organisations and other organisations can bid to create around 150,000 new jobs. This is a new approach to creating jobs and providing hope for young people and jobseekers in deprived communities. Further information is available at www.dwp.gov.uk/futurejobsfund.

All bids submitted by 30 June 2009 will be considered for the first allocations of funding to enable the first jobs to begin in October or earlier.

In partnerships with the Third Sector Future Jobs Fund Taskforce (jointly organised by ACEVO and the Social Enterprise Coalition), the Office of the Third Sector is hosting an information seminar for third sector organisations that are interested in bidding to the Future Jobs Fund. Practical advice and guidance will be provided about the bidding process and other support that may be available for bidders. This will be a practical workshop based seminar that is intended to support the development of high quality bids from third sector organisations.

Further information will be available on the OTS website shortly.

Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. One place per organisation.

- 7 You are invited to 'Resisting the Recession' which is a workshop for everyone who supports organisations and groups in the voluntary and community sector in East or West Sussex. The event will be held on the morning of the 17th of June in Lewes. This FREE event will help participants to get to know more about the effects of the recession on the VCS in Sussex, explore together what they can do, and work together to construct a robust evidence base which can be used to demonstrate the importance of the role of the local voluntary and community sector. You will also be able to meet, discuss and network with others and it will finish with a free lunch. They are delighted that colleagues from NAVCA and the University of Brighton will be able to lend their expertise to the success of this event. As well as practitioners from across West and East Sussex, colleagues from Brighton and Hove are also invited to help to identify where they can work together across all 3 counties. More information is on the attached Invitation.
- If you'd like to go, please complete and return the booking form to Claire Reynolds at Action in Rural Sussex [her contact details are on the booking form]. Finally, please feel free to disseminate to colleagues in the voluntary and community sector who you think may also be interested in attending. **Attachment: [Recession Workshop Flyer plus reply slip](#).**
- 8 You are invited to an intensive 2-day workshop on **'Preparing successful bids for statutory contracts and grants'**
London: 23-24 June or 8-9 July. Birmingham: 6-7 July [Download brochure](#) [Book and request invoice](#)
- This two-day training is the leading UK course on how to secure statutory contracts and grants. It has been run more than 100 times and adopted as a core training module by a wide range of organisations, including Action for Children and Futurebuilders. Presented by Derek Smith of Action Planning, formerly Services Director of RNID, the course provides intensive 'hands on' training for a maximum of 18 people. It enables participants to achieve high scoring bids by understanding evaluation systems and completing high quality applications. It also explains how to cut the time involved in bid writing by preparing information in standard formats and provides resources, including their 'Bid Preparation Tool Kit', for your ongoing use.
- The training costs £385 including VAT, lunch both days and all course materials. You can book places for your team and request an invoice by entering your details [here](#) or by completing the form on the [brochure](#). If you have several people who need these skills, they may be able to run the course for you in-house. Please [email them directly](#) if you want to explore this. Here are some comments from recent participants:
- "This training is fantastic and meets a key need for charities." Nicole Penn Symons, Chief Executive, Disabled Living Foundation
 - "A superb course. It is so needed for medium sized voluntary and community organisations." Sue Holmes, Chief Executive, Medway Mediation
 - "I wish I had done 'Preparing successful bids' ten years ago." Ann Evett, Development Manager, Thomas Pocklington Trust
 - "This is the single most beneficial piece of training I've attended since joining my organisation." Patricia Hanson, Director of Strategic Partnerships & Development, National Day Nurseries Association
- 9 Horsham Volunteer Centre has received an 'Awards for All' grant to purchase new computer equipment. The new Computers will enable staff at the Centre to optimise the space at The Octagon in Chart Way, make better use of on-line information and be able to take this service out into the rural communities.
- The Volunteer Centre, one of a network across West Sussex, became part of Horsham Area Council for Voluntary Service in January of this year. The merger will continue to provide opportunities for the Centre to make the most of information technology to help organisations find Volunteers to deliver services in the community.

The recession has meant that we are busier than ever says coordinator Sharon Turton and new volunteer opportunities appear every week. We are receiving lots of enquiries as people of all ages who are keen to help. It's a great way to put your skills or talents to good use. The recession has brought about a change of circumstances for many who want to continue to develop their skills whilst they are seeking work. With ever increasing demands on the charity sector, volunteering can help you broaden your skills or gain experience if you are seeking employment. Other people want to keep socially active and volunteering really is a great way to meet new friends whilst giving a little of their time to help a good cause. Whatever your reasons Volunteering remains one of the UKs top pastimes across all age groups.

The Volunteer Centre team have lots of experience and really enjoy helping you find the right opportunity. We love to hear that we have helped to fill a vacancy and people are actively helping in their communities. Volunteers tell us they enjoy being part of a team, feeling that their efforts are appreciated and they are developing or sharing their skills.

June 1st – 6th is National Volunteers Week and the Volunteer Centre will have displays in the Library, the Carfax in Horsham on the 4th & 5th June and the Octagon will be open on Saturday 6th of June from 10.30 – 3pm. So come and meet us and find out about how you can help locally.

For more information about The Volunteer Centre visit our website – www.horshamvolunteercentre.co.uk or call 01403 232100

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Lost Monkey vows to preserve the park

20 May 2009

Local cafe & catering business, Lost Monkey Cafe & Scarlet Dining have vowed to keep Horsham Park 'green' after they agreed to supply the catering facilities for the upcoming Kidz Stuff Festival on 30th & 31st May. Cafe owners, Rich Spicer & Beth Hartgroves will be selling a variety of hot and cold food and drinks at the event, served in 100% biodegradable boxes and cups. The boxes are made from pressed sugar cane with cutlery packs and cups being made from potato and corn starch.

"I think it is our responsibility to provide these products to our customers, especially when an event is held in a place such as Horsham Park," said Rich Spicer. "Hopefully the kids at the event will learn a little bit about awareness of the packaging they use and its impact on the environment."

The forward thinking caterers will provide these boxes in both adult and child sizes at different locations around the event. "The idea is to sell the boxes separately from the actual catering outlet, this is due to a desire to keep down the queuing times for visitors," explained Beth. "This way there should be a constant flow of hungry guests with hopefully no bottle neck of visitors waiting to pay."

Once the box has been purchased, visitors can then visit either the on-site Lost Monkey Cafe or Lost Monkey bbq at their leisure and choose from a variety of dishes as well as the usual festival fare. Also on sale will be fresh fruit deli pots, a variety of soft drinks, children's juices and tea or coffee. "We wanted to keep the food fresh and as healthy as possible by giving people a choice while still also providing the classic festival menu. I hope visitors will taste the difference!" said Rich.

The Lost Monkey will also be providing an alcohol bar for parents to relax at the festival where they will sell local Hepworth beer as well as jugs of Pimms and spritzers. Soft drinks will be available at refreshment stations around the site to help ensure all visitors can keep hydrated during the day. Recycling stations will also be scattered around the catering area to help with the clean up operation and hopefully this will also aid in educating the children of its importance.

Lost Monkey Cafe and Scarlet Dining are available for hire for various events from weddings to festivals and can provide a bespoke package to suit their clients' requirements. For more information visit their website at www.scarletdining.co.uk

The Kidzstuff Festival looks set to be the biggest children's festival in the South, and one thing is for sure, visitors will enjoy a hearty meal during the three day event and be able to enjoy a 'green' park afterwards. That's if Lost Monkey have anything to do with it!!

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