

E-bulletin November 11th 2008

(1) Funding Fair (2) Law Workshop (3) Paying Your Council Tax (4) Head Forward website launch (5) Fuel Poverty

Dear members,

1 The venue for the Grants Fair has changed from the previous time this was circulated via e-bulletin dated November 6th 2008. There is also an additional funder now speaking at the event. See the attached flyer for further details.

2 There are still places available on Volunteers and the Law workshop on Thursday 20th November in East Grinstead:

- Understanding of the key issues of law that affect volunteering
 - Create a practical approach to health and safety for volunteer
 - Raise an awareness on volunteers and employment rights
- For further details see the attached flyer or contact Victoria Dickinson
vaconsultancy@hotmail.com 07908624942 or Jakki at the East Grinstead CVS
jakki@egcvs.co.uk 01342 328080

3 Help in paying your Council Tax: please find attached a news item from Horsham District Council.

4 Here is a reminder that the Head Forward website launch will take place next week, Tuesday 18th November. Although there will be a short presentation at 12 midday, and a buffet lunch afterwards at 12.30pm, you are very welcome to drop-in at any time between 10am and 2pm to talk to us about the website, find out what it does, and have a go at using it for yourself. If you do intend to come, please let them know (if you haven't already contacted them). A copy of the invite is attached.

5 Understanding Fuel Poverty
 Monday 17 November 2008 at 17.30 in the Council Chamber
 Louise Skipton has organised a training session to help you understand the issues surrounding fuel poverty. Rebecca Jones, the West Sussex Fuel Poverty Co-ordinator, will be running the session. She has already run sessions for councillors and officers in neighbouring districts, and they have found them very beneficial. With rising energy prices an increasing number of households in the District will experience fuel poverty, the inability to adequately heat the home. With every 1% rise in energy prices a further 40,000 households are forced into fuel poverty. Figures from earlier this year gave estimates of 4.5 million in Fuel Poverty but with price rises this year of possibly 40% or higher this could lead to 6 million in fuel poverty. Help is available for many people in these high risk groups, but often people are not aware that they are at risk or that help is available.
 The training session will cover:

- An understanding of what fuel poverty is and what you can do to help
- Information on the health implications of fuel poverty
- How to identify signs of fuel poverty in peoples homes
- Sources of advice and information
- Information on the kinds of help your residents could receive

Could you please confirm by 12 November whether you wish to attend.
Contact details: Louise Skipton-Carter, Environmental Co-ordinator, Horsham District Council, Park North, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1RL
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She is normally in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Many thanks –
Janet

Attachments:

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