

Ebulletin 21st October 2008

(1) West Sussex Compact Week (2) Christmas Lunch Grants

Dear Members,

1. Would anyone like to know more about the West Sussex Compact? The Compact is an agreement between local government, local health services, other public bodies and the voluntary and community sector. It aims to improve our relationships for mutual benefit of people in West Sussex. The agreement is a framework which underpins the relationship between the statutory and voluntary and community sector organisations in West Sussex. If anyone would like to find out more, the invitation is there for you to come along to Lavinia House in Horsham on Tuesday, 4th November 2008 at 1000 to meet Safder Mohammed, VOLG's recently appointed Compact Development Officer. If you are interested please let me know via the email address at the foot of this e-bulletin and if we have enough of you who wish to take up on this offer we will run the two hour session. It is important you book via myself so that I can gauge interest. Many thanks.
2. Cathie Kennedy, Help the Aged Regional Development Officer (Buckinghamshire, Surrey & West Sussex) writes:-

It's almost that time of year again!!

Help the Aged has just launched this year's Christmas Lunch Grant programme and we're looking for small community groups and organisations of older people (or working with older people) who would like to organise a festive activity to relieve the isolation which can be felt by so many older people at this time of year due to lack of money, poor health and mobility problems, to name but a few.

*If you are aware of any such groups who could really benefit from a **small grant** (usually based on £2.50 - £5.00 per head, depending on demand) towards their festive activity, do let me know the details required below, or pass on this information as appropriate for groups to contact me direct. No forms to complete.*

*As always, the timescale is tight and I need to receive all requests by Friday 31st October to enable approval and cheques to be dispatched in good time for Christmas. The response to the Christmas grants programme is usually overwhelming, so applications will be dealt with on a **first come, first served** basis.*

I look forward to hearing from you. (I apologise if you receive this e-mail more than once)

Information required:

Name of Organisation:

Full Postal Address:

Contact Name:

Telephone:

e-mail (if relevant):

Date of event (if known):
Number of Older People likely to attend:
Cheque made payable to:

Best wishes,
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Many thanks –
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