



# Voluntary News News Bite

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Welcome to South Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service's **Voluntary News - News Bite**.

A huge **News Bite** this week packed with lots of news, events and training! We're now taking bookings for our popular accredited Voluntary Sector Management Level 2 Course (see other attachment)

Many Thanks

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**Friday 11th March**

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## Community News

### New bill to simplify charity law put before parliament

The Charities Bill, which will consolidate existing charity legislation, is going through Parliament.

The Bill will bring together three separate Acts which relate to charity law – the Recreational Charities Act 1958, the Charities Act 1993 and the Charities Act 2006.

The Charities Bill has been prepared by the Law Commission working with the Office for Civil Society and the Charity Commission.

Nick Hurd, minister for civil society, said:

“Charity legislation is extremely difficult to navigate, particularly for the untrained reader. The Charities Bill is to be welcomed. The Bill will make it easier for people to understand and follow charity law.

“I am grateful to the Law Commission for preparing this consolidation.”  
The Bill had its first reading last week in the House of Lords.

[http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/directory/company/2765/office\\_for\\_civil\\_society](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/directory/company/2765/office_for_civil_society)

Source: Civil Society – Governance 08/03/11

### Charity Commission to make more services online only

The Charity Commission is set to move more of its information and services online after a consultation found that there will be no impact on the majority of its users.

The Commission already offers a number of services online and last year more than 80 per cent of annual return or update submissions were completed electronically.

[http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/it/news/content/8511/charity\\_commission\\_to\\_make\\_more\\_services\\_online\\_only](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/it/news/content/8511/charity_commission_to_make_more_services_online_only)

## DWP Employee Volunteering Initiative

The initiative provides Department, Work and Pensions staff of all grades with the opportunity to volunteer for one day for a charity, voluntary or community organisation which is linked to DWP customers or communities where people live.

DWP are currently looking for one-off projects (Monday to Friday), events or activities across Lincolnshire that their people can participate in as part of our commitment to the communities we serve.

Volunteer placements can be for individuals or teams. Volunteers can undertake a number of activities, some recent examples include helping to develop IT skills, helping in a charity shop, supporting group activity at a day centre, gardening, clearing heath land, litter pick and tidy up, decorating, - the options are many and varied!

For more information please contact Bhadra Brown Volunteer Manager (East Midlands) Dept. for Work and Pensions| Floor 2 Newtown House| Maid Marion Way| Nottingham| NG1 6GG  
Tel: 01 15 989 5746| mob: 07876398752| email: [bhadra.brown@jobcentrepplus.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:bhadra.brown@jobcentrepplus.gsi.gov.uk)

## Volunteering England group to look at mediating volunteer disputes

Volunteering England has set up a new group which will provide guidelines on volunteer management and look to create a mechanism for mediating conflicts which arise between volunteers and charities.

<http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/fundraising/news/content/8493/volunteering-england-group-to-look-at-mediating-volunteer-disputes>

## Government names new partner to deliver Community Organisers

The government has announced the selected partner who will deliver and train up to 5,000 Community Organisers.



Locality - a new nationwide network of community led organisations, formed through the merger of the Development Trusts Association (DTA) and bassac - has been chosen to carry out a range of work including developing a training framework, Code of Conduct for Community Organisers, and an Institute for Community Organising.

Community Organisers will be well-trained and committed individuals who will play a major role in delivering the Big Society. They will work closely with communities to identify local leaders, projects and opportunities, and empower the local community to improve their local area.

Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society, said:

I am pleased to announce Locality as our partner in delivering Community Organisers. The Organisers, who will be driven by local communities needs, will encourage social action and enable individuals to shape the services that matter most to them. The Big Society is about empowering people and the Community Organisers will play a key role by giving people a chance to improve the community in which they live.

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/government-names-new-partner-deliver-community-organisers>

## Charity Commission strategic review

The Charity Commission has set out its key regulatory priorities for the next four years as it concludes the first stage of its strategic review and publishes the responses from the public consultation.

[http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr\\_initial\\_conclusions.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_initial_conclusions.aspx)

Source: NAVCA LINX 168

## Who should be eligible for adult care?

Consultation has begun into proposals to change the eligibility criteria for people who want care support and Lincolnshire County council would like to hear the views of as many people as possible.

Called Fair Access to Care, the county council provides services to people assessed as having moderate, substantial and critical levels of need. People with low levels of need are not eligible for council-funded support

Under new proposals out for consultation, people with moderate needs would not be eligible for funding but would be supported through prevention and re-ablement services.

<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/local-democracy/council-news/fair-access-to-care-consultation/101795.article>

### Business and Social Enterprise

## Growing the Social Investment Market: A vision and strategy

This document sets out the Government's vision of a thriving social investment market where social ventures can access the capital they need to grow, allowing them to do more to help build a bigger, stronger society. We also set out a strategy for achieving the vision, explaining how Government and others can act, including the key role of the Big Society Bank as a wholesale investor and champion of the market.

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/growing-social-investment-market-vision-and-strategy>

## Selling to the Public Sector

### Top tips for winning business with the public sector

**Date:** 15th March  
**Time:** 8.45am - 1pm  
**Venue:** The White Heather, Caenby Corner, Market Rasen LN8 2AT

**Date:** 17th March  
**Time:** 8.45am - 1pm  
**Venue:** Meeting Room 1, South Holland District Council, Priory Road, Spalding PE11 2XE

**Date:** 22nd March  
**Time:** 8.45am - 1pm  
**Venue:** The Bentley Hotel, Newark Road, South Hykeham, Lincoln LN6 9NH

**Date:** 23rd March  
**Time:** 8.45am - 1pm  
**Venue:** Eventus Business Centre, Sunderland Road, Northfields Ind Est, Market Deeping PE6 8FD

For more information contact Charlotte Robson: 0844 5555220 or email: [charlotte.robson@lincs-chamber.co.uk](mailto:charlotte.robson@lincs-chamber.co.uk)

## Helping Volunteer Managers Manage Workshops

**Volunteers are your most valuable asset - Let us help you to keep them**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of community organisations and you'll know just how difficult it can be to find and keep volunteers who are passionate about what you do.

Through the **Helping Volunteer Managers Manage** training you'll Find out how you can attract volunteers to match the roles you need to fill, discuss the different methods of recruitment and learn how you can welcome volunteers confidently into your organisation.

Let us help you manage this important role even better than you already do by enrolling on this free workshop. Get the best from your volunteers and let them get the best experience from volunteering with you.

**Workshops 9.30am –1pm followed by lunch and networking**

### **BOSTON BOROUGH**

**Date:** Friday 25th March 2011

**Venue:** Kirton Town Hall, Station Road, Kirton, Boston

### **STAMFORD**

**Date:** Wednesday 23rd March 2011

**Venue:** Christchurch Church Hall, Green Lane, Stamford, PE9 1HE

Download a booking form:

[http://www.southlincs.gov.uk/standard\\_page.asp?id=training](http://www.southlincs.gov.uk/standard_page.asp?id=training)

Return to Heather Bagley at: [heather.b@southlincs.gov.uk](mailto:heather.b@southlincs.gov.uk)

**Please note you can not attend only the lunch and networking**

## South Kesteven Migrant Worker Supporters Network

**Date:** Wednesday 16th March

**Time:** 1pm - 3pm

**Venue:** Bourne Children's Centre, Bourne



South Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service has recently received funding from South Kesteven Local Strategic Partnership to run a year-long scheme in the area which aims to bring together people who provide services or support for Migrant Workers, either directly or indirectly, to paint a picture of what services are currently available and highlight the gaps which need to be filled.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Ruth Baldry:

**Tel:** (01476) 561798

**Email:** [ruth.b@southlincs.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.b@southlincs.gov.uk)

## Promoting Your Group: Top Tips for success !

### Information and Networking Event

**Date:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** 10am - 12 noon

**Venue:** Jeans Cafe, The Butterfield Centre, Bourne

- Find out how to raise your profile, attract new members and get **your** message across
- Get top tips from our resident expert on how to use a range of media to your advantage
- Meet other local groups, promote your activities and build your own Networks

**To book your place contact Ruth Baldry:**

**Tel (01476) 561 798 | Email: [ruth.b@southlincscvs.org.uk](mailto:ruth.b@southlincscvs.org.uk)**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
March**

**9.30am - 4pm**

**Mablethorpe  
Learning Centre,  
Seacroft Road,  
Mablethorpe**

*(Lunch will be provided)*



- **Are you looking for volunteers in the Mablethorpe?**
- **Do you need support in recruiting and retaining volunteers?**
- **Do you live in Mablethorpe and want to find out more how volunteering can benefit you? Up skill and meet new people!**
- **Join us!**

#### **Programme**

**AM - Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers Training**

**PM - Find out how volunteering can help you to find employment**

**Have a go on [www.do-it.org.uk](http://www.do-it.org.uk)**

For more information and to **book a stand** contact:

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[www.southlincscvs.org.uk](http://www.southlincscvs.org.uk)

## Lincolnshire Alcohol Training

The Lincolnshire Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership has commissioned Alcohol Concern, the national agency on alcohol misuse, to deliver Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice (IBA) training to front line workers across Lincolnshire.

Course duration 9.15am - 4.30pm with lunch provided

Spalding - 16th March 2011

Grantham - 25th March 2011

Louth - 28th March 2011

<http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/tackling-alcohol-issues/consultancy-training/lincs>

**Closing Date today!!!**

## Training course in bereavement care

To be held at East Skirbeck House, Pilgrim Hospital, Boston from March to June 2011.



The Cruse Bereavement Care Foundation Course 'Awareness in Bereavement Care' comprises 16 x 3 hours sessions covering all aspects of supporting bereaved individuals. The course will be held over the following dates:

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April & Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April (6.30pm – 9.30pm)
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April & Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (6.30pm – 9.30pm)
- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June (9.30am – 4.30pm)

The course is aimed primarily at people who wish to become support volunteers with Cruse, but is also open to people already working in a helping profession who wish to learn more about bereavement.

Entry onto the course will be by selection interview and there will be a fee of £175\* (for those who volunteer for Cruse) or £225 (for professionals). The course is accredited by OCNW at Level 2. (\*concessions may be made with regard to the fee in appropriate circumstances)

If you are interested in attending this course, please follow the instructions below.

**The closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**

**To obtain further details of the course and request an application form:**

**Ring (01205) 357396 and leave your name & address or send an e-mail to [boston@cruse.org.uk](mailto:boston@cruse.org.uk)**

## Learning Lincs Brochure

An amendment has been made to Issue 6 of the Learning Lincs Training Bulletin. You can now access the bulletin via the website by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.involvinglincs.org.uk/documents/training%20bulletin%20issue%206%20-%20end%20february%202011.pdf>

## Family Fun Day

**Date:** Saturday 12th March

**Time:** 1 - 4pm

**Venue:** Christ Hospital School, Wragby Road, Lincoln LN2 4PN

FREE

- Dean Wallings's Pro Soccer Academy including 'Speed King' - how fast can you kick a football
- Face painting
- Henna Tattooing
- Information Displays
- Food and Refreshments will be provided (100% HMC certified Halal)

### Prayer facilities available

This event is aimed at the BME community and is being followed up by a ladies only FREE event which is taking place on the 26th March 2011 between 11am and 2pm. This event is specifically aimed at members of the Asian/Muslim community and will deal with issues surrounding honour based domestic violence, forced marriage and other female related issues.

## Funding

### Heritage Lottery Fund Coffee Morning

The Heritage Lottery Fund will be holding an informal coffee morning at Ayscoughfee Hall Museum, Churchgate, Spalding on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011** from **11:00am to 1:00pm**. Light refreshments (beverages and cakes) will be provided. There will be an opportunity to network with Heritage Lottery Fund grantees and find out about recent projects.

To confirm attendance please reply to the following to: [eastmidlandscontact@hlf.org.uk](mailto:eastmidlandscontact@hlf.org.uk) or, if you prefer, please telephone the office on 0115 934 9050.

### Community, Lottery & Heritage Funding Event

**Date:** Wednesday 30th March 2011

**Time:** Doors open from 2pm - 6pm

**Venue:** Gedney Victory Hall, Chapel Gate, Gedney, Spalding PE12 0BJ

- **Free presentations by Heritage Lottery Funding and Awards for All**
- **Free advice and support on grants currently available**

Talk to the experts

- Big Lottery Fund
- Heritage Lottery
- Lincolnshire County Council
- South Holland District Council
- **South Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service**

For more details please contact Karen Johnson at:

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Tel: (01775) 764868

[www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk)

### East Lindsey Community Grants

Community Grants will soon be available from East Lindsey District Council again and a series of special workshops have been organised to help organisations who might like to make an application. East Lindsey District Council is encouraging organisations considering an application to attend a Workshop to better understand the process and how to write a strong community grant application.

The Workshops take place as follows:

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|----------------------|---|
| <b>Louth</b>         | Saturday, March 19, 2011, 10.00am – 11.30am |
| <b>Skegness</b>      | Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 7.00pm – 8.30pm  |
| <b>Sutton on Sea</b> | Thursday, March 24, 2011, 7.00pm – 8.30pm   |
| <b>Fulstow</b>       | Friday, March 25, 2011, 7.00pm – 8.30pm     |
| <b>Binbrook</b>      | Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 7.00pm – 8.30pm    |
| <b>Horncastle</b>    | Wednesday, March 30, 2011, 7.00pm – 8.30pm  |
| <b>Eastville</b>     | Thursday, March 31, 2011, 7.00pm – 8.30pm   |

Application forms and Information Guides are available at [www.e-lindsey.gov.uk](http://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk) or paper copies can be requested from the Community Grants Team.

For more information on Community Grants or to book onto one of the Workshops, please contact the Community Grants Team on (01507) 601111 or email: [community.grants@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:community.grants@e-lindsey.gov.uk)

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