



Voluntary News News Bite

Issue 10, 2011



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

For all the latest news on this week's Budget Announcement please see page 2. We would love to hear your views on this subject so get in touch via the contact details below.

Many Thanks

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Friday 25th March

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Community News

Localism Bill: NAVCA briefing on right to buy and right to challenge

NAVCA has produced two briefings on the community right to buy and right to challenge. Consultations have been announced on these rights, which are being introduced as part of the coalition government's Localism Bill.

NAVCA need your views to inform their response to these consultations. In particular we are looking at how we can ensure these new rights give power to local communities and not big business.

www.navca.org.uk

Please send your responses to NAVCA by Friday 8 April.

Source: NAVCA LINX 17th March 2011

Charity Commission Update

Managing charity assets and resources: an overview for trustees (CC25)

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Publications/cc25.aspx?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+CharityCommissionUpdates+%28Charity+Commission+updates%29

Communities Together Newsletter

To view the Issue 6 of the Communities Together newsletter please click on the link below.

<http://www.communitylincs.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/Communities-Together-Newsletter6.pdf>

Budget 2011

Key Points for the Voluntary Sector

- **Reducing the rate of inheritance tax** by 10% for those estates leaving 10% or more to charity, from a rate of 40% to 36%. This will reduce the cost of giving to charity through bequests and should help charities with an additional **£300 million**.
- **Increasing the Gift Aid benefit limit** from £500 to £2,500 from April 2011 to enable charities to give 'thank you' gifts to recognise the generosity of significant donors
- Consulting on **proposals to encourage donations** of pre-eminent works of art or historical objects to the nation in return for a tax reduction.
- **Reducing bureaucracy for charities** through the introduction of a new system of online filing by 2013.
- Introducing a **Gift Aid small donations scheme**. This will allow charities to claim Gift Aid on up to £5,000 of small donations per year without the need for Gift Aid declarations. 100,000 charities are set to benefit to the tune of **£240 million**.
- Commitments to **encouraging charitable giving and philanthropy** and supporting the voluntary sector.
- **Increase payments to volunteer drivers** - Government will increase the Approved Mileage Allowance Payments rate to **45p per mile** (25p after the first 10,000 miles). Government will also extend the passenger allowance of 5p per mile, which is already available to business, to volunteers.

Source: *j4b community 23/03/11*

Earlier this month the National Council for Voluntary Organisations wrote to the Chancellor asking him to put in place a series of measures to support the sector. They called on the Government to issue guidance to local authorities to guard against making disproportionate cuts and to work closely with voluntary and community organisations to take long-term decisions on the services they provide. NCVO have been working closely with the Department for Communities and Local Government on this issue over the past few days.

SLCVS will endeavour to keep you updated on all of the matters above.

Useful Websites

www.j4bcommunity.co.uk

www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

www.navca.org.uk

www.acevo.org.uk

www.businesslink.gov.uk

Send us your views and tell us how these changes will affect you and your community group or organisation.

Email: anna.v@southlincscvs.org.uk

Desks FREE to a good home

South Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service have 5 office desks FREE to a good home.

If you are interested please be aware that the desks must be collected from our Spalding Office (Broadgate House, Westlode Street) by 4pm on Monday 28th March 2011.

Please could you let our Spalding office know if you would like these by lunchtime on Friday 25th March 2011.

For more information please contact our Spalding Office on:

Tel: 01775 718008

Mob: 07958 870026

Email: gill.w@southlincscvs.org.uk

Office Chairs Needed

The Butterfly Hospice Trust need some office chair to go with their free desk if you have any going spare please contact Sue Wray on:

Tel: 01205 311222

E mail: sue@butterflyhospice.com

Equality and the Law

Added or updated on the legal update website for voluntary organisations

Government consultation until **25 May** on abolishing age discrimination in provision of goods, services and facilities.

www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#equality-ageservices

(Needless to say I am totally in favour of 66-year-olds being able to have bus passes and reduced price admission to the cinema....)

More about the importance of charities reviewing their objects if their beneficiaries are limited to specific groups.

www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#equality-charities

Public sector equality duty in effect from **6 April**.

www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#equality-advancement

Government will not implement Equality Act socio-economic duty, requiring public sector to consider measures to reduce socio-economic inequality.

www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#equality-social-eco

Government considering whether to add caste to the description of race in the Equality Act.

www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#equality-caste

Developing a micro-volunteering project

Help From Home has published 'How To Set Up a Microvolunteering Project', giving various views on what micro-volunteering is, a range of examples (almost all internet based and including the likes of click-to-donate websites). Download pdf, 2MB, from <http://www.helpfromhome.org/microvolunteering-project.pdf>.

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

Source: NAVCA LINX 168

Voluntary Sector apprenticeships - Employers Forum

Skills - Third Sector and Fair Train have launched a new [Employers Forum](#), which will support the development, understanding and promotion of apprenticeships in the voluntary sector.

http://www.skills-thirdsector.org.uk/news_media/news/third_sector_support_for_apprenticeships/

Volunteering and the Law

Added or updated on the legal update website for voluntary organisations

Court of appeal confirms volunteering is not an 'occupation' for the purposes of discrimination law.

www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#vol-occupation

Volunteers without certificate of sponsorship not allowed into UK.

www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#vols-tier5

Volunteer Rights Inquiry issues call to action.

www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#volrightsinquiry

Who are Lincolnshire's finest citizens? You decide!

People in Lincolnshire who play an important and voluntary part in their local communities are to be celebrated, as the popular Good Citizens Awards return for 2011.

Shining the light on Lincolnshire's *Big Society*, they are YOUR chance to nominate special people who selflessly give up their time to help others. People who might otherwise not get the recognition they deserve.

Councillor Peter Bedford, chairman of Lincolnshire County Council, said: *"It's your chance to honour those special people whose voluntary contributions make extraordinary differences to people across Lincolnshire. Of course, they don't do it for reward. But the hugely positive impact they have on people's lives should be recognised. So, I urge everyone to nominate their Good Citizen for 2011 and make Lincolnshire proud of its Big Society."*

Who do you think should be awarded? Make your nomination online at

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/goodcitizensawards

Alternatively, send your contact details and those of the person you're nominating, along with a description of the voluntary work they've done to: Good Citizens Awards, Lincolnshire County Council, FREEPOST DC1082, Lincoln LN1 1BR.

The closing date for entries is Friday 29 April.

Digital TV Switchover is coming! Can you help us to ensure no-one misses out?

Community Lincs is involved in spreading the word about the Digital TV Switchover happening here this Summer for more information please visit:

<http://www.communitylincs.com/what-we-do/developing-communities/switchover-help-scheme/>

Business and Social Enterprise

SLCVS's competitive Payroll Service

As we are nearing the end of the Financial Year now's the time to take a look at our fantastic payroll service...

What we provide ...

Monthly ...

- Duplicate printed payslips (weekly arrangements can be made)
- Facility for SSP, SMP, SPP and Pensions
- Payroll Liability Balance

Annually...

- P11 for Inland Revenue records if required
- P14/ P60 for HMRC, Employee
- P35 for HMRC



For further information contact our Finance Officer, Anne Rawson on:

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New Legal Form for Social Enterprises

Charity lawyer [Stephen Lloyd](#), one of the architects of the Community Interest Company structure, is leading a drive to convince the government to create a new legal form that advances a social purpose but also allows financial returns to private sector investors.

Social Enterprise Limited Liability Partnership would be similar to the new US hybrid legal structure known as a [Low Profit Limited Liability Company](#), or L3C. Under this model, companies must have a social aim as their primary goal but they can be run as regular profitable businesses.

http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/8624/stephen_lloyd_moots_new_legal_structure_for_hybrid_social_businesses

Social enterprise does well in government's strategic partner programme

The government's Office for Civil Society has now announced which organisations have been chosen to continue to receive funding under its Strategic Partner programme, for the period to 2014 (when the programme will end). The sector umbrella bodies to get money include the Institute of Fundraising, chief executives body ACEVO and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations - more from Third Sector news item at:

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/DailyBulletin/1061268/>.

Training and Events

Promoting Your Group: Top Tips for success ! Information and Networking Event

Date: Wednesday 30th 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

Supporting Independence - Focus Group Meetings

As part of the Supporting Independence Consultation, Total Voice Lincolnshire, an independent Advocacy and Involvement service, are running a series of focus groups to support people to have their say.

Focus Groups:

25th March - 10-12: Longwood House **Gainsborough**

25th March - 2 - 4: The Warren, **Market Rasen**

1st April - 10 - 12: Homeleigh Centre, **Horncastle**,

1st April - 2 - 4: Elizabeth Court, **Louth**

4th April – 10 - 12: Springfield Business Park, **Grantham**

8th April - 2 - 4: Trinity United Reformed Church, **Lincoln**

15th April - 10 – 12: 2 Ida Road, **Skegness**

15th April - 2 - 4: Carlton Road, **Boston**

21st April – 10 – 12: Chapel Centre, **Spalding**

21st April – 2 – 4: Venue to be confirmed, **Stamford**

If you would like more information, or to book a place at a focus group please call:

Tel: **01522 706580** or email tvl@voiceability.org

LIVES Open Day

Date: Saturday 9th April

Time: 1.00pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Mablethorpe CAP and Library

In partnership with Neighbourhood Management and Mablethorpe and Sutton on Town Council, LIVES are holding an open meeting. There will be a presentation on what it is like to be a Responder with LIVES and demonstrations on how they help at the scene of a 999 call. This is your opportunity to see if you could be a responder and to hear about the work LIVES do in Lincolnshire.

Tel: (01507) 525999, visit www.lives-responders.co.uk

Funding

Barclays Community Sports Award

The Barclays Community Sports Award is a new award to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and groups that use sport to benefit communities across the UK.

<http://www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com/>

Lloyds TSB Foundation Community Programme

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales is celebrating its 25th birthday by donating over £20 million to charities through its Community Programme.

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/FundingProgrammes/Pages/Community.aspx>

Transition Fund Announces £7 Million Boost for Big Society

The Government's Transition Fund has announced an additional £7 million investment from the Department for Health.

The fund exists to help charities prepare for the requirements of the Big Society. This latest announcement takes the fund total to £107 million.

Almost £17 million has already been committed, with a further £90million to be allocated after April 2011.

The next 183 charities to receive immediate payouts totalling nearly £15million were also announced by the Minister for the Cabinet Office, Francis Maude and Civil Society Minister Nick Hurd.

Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office, said:

“Big Society will open billions of pounds worth of new opportunities for charities but some need immediate support. We've set up the Transition Fund quickly so that the charities most vulnerable to public spending cuts won't be left to sink or swim. The additional £7million from the Department of Health means that we can respond positively to all the strongest Transition Fund applications at this stage.”

Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society, said:

“All the grants awarded today go to charities with robust plans for making the most of future opportunities. The extra funding from the Department of Health will give many more charities the breathing space they need to move forward and shows that the importance of their work is recognised across government.”

Source: j4bcommunity.com 23/03/11

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www.southlincscvs.org.uk



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