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General News

You are invited to the Partners Against Crime Community Safety Day

When: 10:00 am – 3:30pm Saturday 20th February 2010

Where: Medina Leisure Centre, Fairlee Road, Newport

A major event for all the family is taking place later this month where several organisations will show the work they do, which is aimed at tackling and preventing crime.

'Partners Against Crime', which follows on from the successful 'Question Crime' event in 2009, is a multi-agency event organised by the Isle of Wight Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP)

Many Island organisations are members, including Isle of Wight Council, Hampshire Constabulary, Drug Alcohol Action Team, the Island's NHS, the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Probation Trust, HM Prison Isle of Wight, the Youth Offending Team and the Rural Community Council. Over thirty organisations have signed up to have a stand in the exhibition hall.

The event will feature some fun activities and interactive demonstrations from across the partnership, including the police, prisons road safety, fire and rescue service and a theatre style show on anti bullying. Highlights include a mock up prison cell, a SmartWater demonstration; see drugs dogs in action and a Taser display. There will be free bike security marking and free dog chipping along with an opportunity to see and explore a number of emergency vehicles.

In addition to fun activities and demonstrations by organisations, there will also be an exciting opportunity to take part in a lively debate with the leaders of the partnership. Anyone can submit questions before the event to the panel members, who are being dubbed the 'usual suspects'. This can be done by emailing your question to partnersagainstcrime@iow.gov.uk

For further details please visit the Partners Against Crime website www.saferwight.org.uk/csi

Wootton Bridge Historical website

The creators of the village historical web site would like to invite you to browse through the updated and revised web site www.woottonbridgeiow.co.uk

The site, a result of five years of historical research, was started to ensure that what remained of the village history was collected and preserved for future generations. This has proved to be a more difficult task than we anticipated; initially Wootton appeared to have very little interesting history. You must view the site and decide if we have succeeded in our aims, "preserving the passed".

The site now contains 260 written articles and around a 1000 picture split into appropriate groups with more photographs are awaiting loading.

WightMind Awards 2010 - This is your chance to shine!

WightMind are pleased to announce the WightMind Awards 2010 sponsored by South Wight Housing Association. The WightMind Awards 2010 are an opportunity to highlight excellence and innovation, share good practice and celebrate outstanding achievements relating to mental health on the Isle of Wight.

Applications are invited for projects or service developments undertaken locally in eight categories. Nominations can be submitted for any one of the award categories. Self-nominations or submissions on behalf of others are welcome. Short listed applications will be judged by a panel comprising WightMind Trustees and local people with experience of mental health problems/distress.

The overall winners will be announced at the forthcoming WightMind event on Tuesday 23rd. March 2010 at The Riverside Centre, Newport (09:30am to 13:00pm). All short listed nominees will

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be invited to attend this event, or to send an appropriate delegate.

The nomination judged to be the best in the categories will receive a trophy and certificate

All short listed nominees in all categories will receive an award of recognition.

All applicants are asked to complete the nomination form:

http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/download_document.aspx?docid=812

The closing date for nominations/applications is Tuesday 16th. March 2010.

Any queries regarding the awards/nominations process should be addressed to Paddy Noctor at 01983 822209 ex 213 or 07825612275.

Rail emergency volunteers required!

If you're interested in seeing how a rail emergency on the Isle of Wight would be handled, the Isle of Wight Steam Railway are carrying out an exercise on Wednesday 24th February and are looking for your help. They are looking for people who are able to spend about 4 hours acting as members of the public caught up in the scenario's rail emergency. This will allow the Steam Railway to train its staff in their emergency procedures in a more realistic way (without the need to have a real emergency on their hands!). It promises to be an interesting day and will really help the Steam Railway enhance its emergency planning. Refreshments will be available during the day.

If you would like to participate or obtain further information, please call Pat Shannon, Health and Safety Officer, on 862308 or email pishannon@aol.com

Funding

Children in Need – Small Grants Program

Our experience tells us that organisations operating with smaller amounts of money can make a huge difference to the lives of children and young people. Through our Small Grants programme, we want to reach organisations of all sizes and especially those which may not have considered applying to us before. So, we've designed the Small Grants application process to be as simple as possible. We're also here to help you with any questions you may have, so please do call or email us if you would like help with anything.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/smallgrants.shtml>

Breakfast Club Family Grants Programme (UK)

Schools, nurseries, children's centres, other educational and community organisations that provide services for children, young people and families in the UK are being invited by ContinYou to apply for a grant of £350 through the Breakfast Club Family Grants Programme. The deadline for applications is the 26th February 2010.

http://www.continyou.org.uk/what_we_do/children_and_young_people/breakfast_club_plus/family_grants

Hilden Charitable Fund (UK)

The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that the next deadline for submitting applications is the 26th March 2010.

Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantages, notably by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that address homelessness; asylum seekers and refugees; Community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people; Penal Affairs. Preference is given to supporting small community organisations with an income of less than £200,000 per year. During 2009 the average grant given was £5,000.

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

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Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards (UK)

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. Previous projects supported have included part funding to:

- purchase minibuses;
- befriending schemes;
- luncheon clubs;
- day trips / social trips – for elderly / disabled people.

In addition the Trust also provides grants for projects that support children's education and welfare. The next application round to support children's education and welfare projects will re-open on the 1st May 2009. The closing date for applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities is the 31st March 2010.

http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility_09/community/making_difference/charitablegiving/tesco_charity_trust/

Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales)

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. The next application deadline is the 30th April 2010. <http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/>

Jerwood Charitable Foundation

The Jerwood Charitable Foundation is dedicated to imaginative and responsible revenue funding of the arts, supporting emerging artists to develop and grow at important stages in their careers. We work with artists across art forms, from dance and theatre to literature and music. We also support and manage Jerwood Visual Arts; a year round contemporary gallery programme of awards, exhibitions and events at Jerwood Space which then tours nationally

<http://www.jerwoodcharitablefoundation.org/>

Training and Events

Vetting and Barring Briefings for Volunteer Involving Organisations

If your organisation works with children, young people or vulnerable adults are you aware of the implications of the new Vetting and Barring system and the Independent Safeguarding Authority. Some successful briefings were held in the autumn but if you missed out we are running some more, updated in line with recent changes to the new system. There will be two sessions, the first on the evening of Thursday 11th March from 18.00 to 19.30 at the RCC offices and the second on Tuesday 16th March from 10.15 till 11.45 at Quay Arts. If you would like to attend either event please contact Helen on 01983 539377 or e-mail volunteer@iwrcc.org.uk. Please note these briefings are for individuals from groups who use volunteers only and there is a maximum of 2 places for any one group.

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Free Talks

As part of our FREE 'When We Had a Rocket' exhibition at Dimbola for the month of February, we have a couple of FREE talks.

On Thurs 18th February, there is a talk by the custodian of the Needles Battery on the Highdown Rocket Testing Site from 7.30-9pm.

On Thurs 25th February, there is a talk by former staff of the Highdown Rocket Testing Site.

Spring Training Courses FREE for organisations supporting rural communities

Community First Aid - Saturday 13th March Gurnard Village Hall – 9.00 till 5.00 pm

Health & Safety Awareness - Monday 15th March IWRCC Office – 9.30 till 1.30 pm

Risk Assessment - Thursday 25th March IWRCC Office – 9.30 till 1.30 pm

Food Safety Level 2 - Thursday 25th March Niton Methodist Church – 9.00 till 5.00 pm

Community First Aid - Saturday 27th March Wootton Bridge Scout Hut – 9.00 till 5.00 pm

Fire Safety Awareness - Monday 29th March IWRCC Office - 9.30 till 1.30 pm

To book, call the IWRCC on: 524058

Third Sector Mergers Masterclass for Leaders Considering, Negotiating, and Executing a Merger

ACEVO's Income Generation Workstream are hosting a 1 day event entitled The Third Sector Partnerships and Mergers Masterclass which will be held in London on the 22nd and 23rd of March. The event usually costs £65, but we are offering the event to Support Providers at the discounted price of £35. Hopefully this is something that will appeal a significant amount of your members/contacts.

The workshop will be hosted by David La Piana, one of the foremost authorities on the topic and author of The Nonprofit Mergers Handbook. Having worked extensively in the American nonprofit sector since 1979 La Piana's methodology is based on 5 years of case study research and 12 years of practical experience. The masterclass will provide participants with a solid background to the complex economic, political and organisation issues involved in mergers and will present a step-by-step approach to considering, pursuing and achieving success in this arena.

More information and details of booking can be found at the ACEVO website

<http://www.acevo.org.uk/Page.aspx?pid=1650> or by calling the ACEVO events team on 020 7280 4965.

Linking Faiths and Communities in the South East 2010 Annual Conference

8th April 2010 9.30am – 4pm

Lecture Theatre Building, University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 7XH

Programme: Catch up sessions from across the Region; Networking opportunities; Young Peoples Presentations, Key Speakers: Community Development Foundation - Future funding for Inter-Faith Initiatives & from the Government Office for the South East, 2 Workshops style sessions:

Communications/media relations & Fundraising;

The event will be free and open to all, however advance registration is necessary

Booking Forms can be found on our website www.se-faithforum.net or by contacting:

contact@se-faithforum.net Tel: 01483 790 324

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The West Wight Arts Association – 2009/10

A series of chamber music and other concerts of talented musicians. They are held at Freshwater Memorial Hall on selected Saturday evenings, starting at 7.30pm. The hall is fully accessible

13th March - Alexandra Dariescu, piano

10th April - Adam Walker, flute and Sally Pryce, harp

A free coach pick up service is also available from selected towns and villages

A full programme of events including any revision and coach pick up details are available on the association's website here: <http://west-wight-arts.co.uk/index.htm>

Girlguiding Isle of Wight Exhibition

A free Open Day will take place at The Museum of Island History, Newport Guildhall on Saturday 20th February 2010.

At this time as well as the usual exhibition there is a special exhibition showing 100 years of Girlguiding. To celebrate their Centenary Girlguiding IW has staged this exhibition together with the IW Council Museum staff. A book "Moments in Time", which covers the history of Girlguiding on the Island, has been specially written to commemorate the Centenary. This book is on sale at the Island's TICs and local book shops.

The Girlguiding exhibition continues until 14th March but usual admission charges apply except for 20th February.

West Wight Conservation Group Beachwatch Survey's

Saturday 13th March 10am-Noon, Freshwater Bay

Sunday 14th March 10am-12.30 approx Totland Bay

Sunday 14th March 13.30-15.30 approx Colwell Bay.

Contact Peter (West Wight Conservation Group) phone 755169 pm or email peter.gibson13@btopenworld.com West Wight Conservation Group

Charity trustee induction and refresher training

Charities are expected to report on their efforts to ensure that all trustees are trained and inducted to fulfil their role. We offer a tailored half day course which gives new trustees a comprehensive induction to their legal and ethical responsibilities as trustees and acts as a useful refresher for existing trustees.

Course dates for 2010 are: 9 March – Southampton, 15 June - Oxford and 5 October - London Informative and practical, our course will also provide an opportunity for you to network with other trustees and share information with other organisations in order to develop new perspectives and insights into the running of your organisation.

A half-day training course costs £100 + VAT per delegate. A discount of 25% will be offered for organisations that register more than five delegates. The price includes a buffet lunch, refreshments and a presentation folder of course material. Payment can be made either by cheque or by credit card.

To register for any of the three training sessions or to find out more information, please email kelly.benfield@bllaw.co.uk or telephone 01865 253268.



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RCC Training and Events Spring 2010

Communication Skills - Speak! Listen! Write!

22nd Feb : 3 sessions- take your pick : Westridge Centre, Ryde

Speak! 10am to 1pm: Gain confidence in speaking up at meetings, addressing conferences etc

Listen! 2pm to 4pm: Improve listening skills, remember more about meetings, hear hidden inflexions

Write! 5pm to 7pm: Write concise interesting minutes, reports and leaflets

Why not get three different people from your organisation to attend and only pay for two?

Band A-Free BandB-£15 BandC-£25 Spring training leaflet can be downloaded here:

http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/download_document.aspx?docid=775

Booking form and booking conditions here

http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/download_document.aspx?docid=665

There's more to life than fundraising!

26th March : 1pm-3:30pm and 6pm-8:30pm : IWRCC Office

So many organisations focus so much on funding issues that they overlook more obvious ways to cut costs and save money. This course will help you to look at how your organisation can help itself, including how to:

- Do a real SWOT and PEST analysis
- Undertake a skills audit
- Get the most from staff and volunteers
- Catch the rising stars and cast off the dead ducks

An absolute must for everyone running and planning the future of voluntary and community organisations

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Please phone - 01983 524058, mail@iwrcc.org.uk or visit the our website at www.iwrcc.org.uk to obtain a booking form, find details about course pricing and payment as well as details about

booking terms and conditions that apply to all IWRCC courses

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