

A Great Big Compact Thank you!

Thanks so much to all the voluntary and community organisations across Devon who took part in the recent 12 week consultation on the three draft Codes of Practice to accompany the Compact for Devon:

- Partnerships
- Consultation & Policy Appraisal
- Community Groups

What happens next

All of the comments have now been considered by the Stakeholder Panels and responses have been made on a 'comment by comment' basis. The Stakeholder Panels have done great work to take on board everything that has been said.

The Devon Hub has the task of agreeing the basis for the final versions of the Codes, based on everything you, other consultation respondents and the Stakeholder Panels have said.

If you are interested in the detail of the consultation responses and the work of the Stakeholder Panels, then please contact Sara Bennett, Compact Development Worker S.Bennett@exetercvs.org.uk for more information.

We look forward to the three new Codes of practice being launched in Devon, and to the positive impact that they will have on multi agency and partnership working across the county.

We are changing our name!

As part of our incorporation, from 1 April 2008 South Hams Council for Voluntary Service will be known as

South Hams Community and Voluntary Services

Our work and services will stay the same.

The South Hams CVS trustees decided to change our name so as to reflect more aptly our work within society.

The Arts Council want more disabled people to enjoy the arts

If you are disabled or deaf, The Arts Council want to know what will make a difference for you.

They want to hear from you if:

You are already working as a Deaf or disabled artist, or would like a career in the arts;
You are Deaf or disabled and regularly attend arts events.... or
If you're Deaf or disabled and have never engaged with the arts

They also want to hear from you if:

You invest in the arts, run an arts organisation or train people in the creative industries and want more disabled and Deaf people to engage with the arts.

The Arts Council has developed a *Disability Action Plan* for the whole of England and have arranged a series of six meetings to help decide what are the priorities they need to act on in the South West.

All meetings will be fully accessible (including BSL interpreters), and they will accommodate individuals' needs wherever they can. Transport costs will be provided.

Local meeting: Thursday 6 March - Exeter

If you would like to attend please contact Emma Molony who will send you a simple booking form. If you are unable to attend the meetings there will be other opportunities for you to feed in to this discussion – please contact Emma Molony for details:

Email: emma.molony@artscouncil.org.uk

Telephone: (01392) 229239

Intergenerational theme for next VSF

The next meeting of the South Hams Voluntary Sector Forum (VSF) will take place on Tuesday 29 April 2008 from 10 am-12.30 pm at Townstal Community Centre, Dartmouth.

This will be a 'Special Interest' Forum with the theme of 'Intergeneration.'

Please contact South Hams CVS to let us know what you would be able to do towards this meeting or who/ what you would like to be involved.

For more information contact: South Hams CVS
Tel 01803 862266

For further details of the Forum and to download minutes of previous meetings see our Voluntary Sector Forum page at:

www.southhamscvs.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!

Charting sector trends and expectations

NCVO is setting up Charity Forecast, a quarterly confidence and trends survey of sector leaders.

Charity chief executives, directors and trustees are invited to give their views on the health and prospects of their organisations (in confidence) online.

See the NCVO website for more details: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

Engaging with Every Child Matters

The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Engage website, set up to strengthen the involvement of the voluntary sector in the government's Every Child Matters agenda, has been expanded with regional information and more on VCS Engage work:

www.vcsengage.org.uk



Gay? Trans? Lesbian? Bisexual?

Are you LGBTQ and under 25?

*Could an LGBTQ youth group
give you the safety you're
looking for?*

The Intercom Trust are looking into the needs of young lesbian, gay, bisexual & trans young people in the Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon areas and need to know what you want done about this!

Contact them with your views :

T: 01392 201012

E: andyd@intercomtrust.org.uk

Messenger/email:

*yourviews2intercom@hotmail.
co.uk*

Or add them:

*'Intercom Trust' on Bebo,
MySpace or Facebook.*

*Lesbian, gay, bisexual & trans
communities in the South West*

www.intercomtrust.org.uk

(All comments received are treated
with the strictest confidence).

Registered Charity: 1072772

NCVO's 'Only Connect' scheme

This scheme sponsored by Triodos Bank enables people or groups, new to income generation, to visit another voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) to learn about their experience and about the key issues to consider when generating earned income.

'Only Connect' will pay £150 for time and travel to visit another organisation to learn about how they have diversified their income into trading or public service delivery or by using loan finance.

The host organisation is paid £200 as a consultation fee for their time spent with visitors. Visitors are asked to write a report of the visit so that others can share in the learning.

To apply, visit the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) applicant's page to download an application form and to view a step-by-step guide to the application process. The bursaries are awarded every three months.

The next deadline for applications will be Friday 7 March.

Further information at: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk or
tel: 0800 2798798

Free publicity is positive news for charities

A 'positive' news website has been launched with the aim of offering lower income charities free publicity. The site, www.optimistworld.com, will provide a free listing for every UK charity, regardless of size.

Other features will include a weekly vote in which visitors to the site can vote for their favourite of five featured charities. There will also be a charity of the year award, with the winner announced at the optimistworld.com awards ceremony in January 2009.

Optimistworld.com, which describes itself as a news site dedicated to establishing a more positive news agenda, also includes a section on corporate social responsibility, which enables companies to list their activities.

Learning Workshops

South Hams CVS

New Training Calendar Summer 2008

How To Be A Volunteer Magnet!

May 2008

Cost £15 members / £20 non-members

Telling Your Story

An introduction to communications and media

June 2008

Cost £15 members / £20 non-members

After The AGM

Trustee and Committee roles

July 2008

Cost £15 members / £20 non-members

For more details about these workshops please see our new Learning Events information sheet enclosed.

How to book:

For booking forms and further information please contact:

South Hams CVS T: 01803 862266

E: cvs@southhamscvs.org.uk or see our website and book online at www.southhamscvs.org.uk

Good News to Share?

South Hams CVS provides 3 free email bulletin services for local organisations:

Snippets (*local and national news*)

Funding
Training

To share your news to other groups across Devon or to sign up to receive our popular bulletins, contact: info@southhamscvs.org.uk

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Local groups are encouraged to become members of South Hams CVS. This supports our work and offers a range of benefits. Contact us to find out more about joining. *A large print copy of Voluntary Vine is available on request.*

Please send your articles for inclusion in May / June 08 issue. Deadline: 11th April 2008.

We reserve the right to edit submissions.

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