



# shropshire infrastructure partnership

strengthening the voluntary sector together

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## One last time...

The final newsletter for 2010 ..... Thank you so much for your comments on all our newsletters and our work in general. Without your feedback we don't know if we are getting it right. We look forward to working with you in 2011 and hope you have a peaceful Christmas break.

Remember our web site [www.ShropshireVCS.org.uk](http://www.ShropshireVCS.org.uk), has a lot of useful information on it, follow us on twitter @VolunteerShrops to be the first to know.

If you know of anyone else who may find this newsletter useful, please feel free to share it with them. Signing up is simple, just email [info@shropshirevcs.org.uk](mailto:info@shropshirevcs.org.uk) and we will include you on the distribution list.

Unfortunately we can only distribute this newsletter by email.

For this edition we had contributions from/via: CCS, NCVO, TSDaily, the West Midlands European Network, NFP Techno newsletter, ngo.media, Race on line and as always the wide pool of information that is Twitter.

Previous issues can be found on <http://shropshirevcs.org.uk/blog/spotlight/shropshire-infrastructure-partnership-newsletter/>



## Level 3/4 Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS) for staff and volunteers in the 'third sector'

### Does your paid or voluntary role involve training and supporting volunteers?

If so, then the Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector qualification may help you in this role!



### PTLLS for Volunteer Managers

We have secured funding from the Capacitybuilders Volunteer Management Programme for the Community Council of Shropshire to deliver this training in conjunction with Walford & North Shropshire College to support **fifteen Volunteer Managers to undertake PTLLS**. All course and certification fees will be funded by the programme, which aims to increase the skills and knowledge of Volunteer Managers in Shropshire. Candidates will need to provide an overview of how they are involved in the management of volunteers (ie induction, training or support of people in their volunteering role).



Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

**31st January to 21st March 2011**

at the Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury Business Park, Shrewsbury. Each session will be held on a **Monday morning from 9:00am to 1:00pm**.

Please visit <http://shropshirevcs.org.uk/blog/events/preparing-to-teach-in-the-lifelong-learning-sector-ptlls/> for more information and an application form or contact Maxine Betts [Maxine.betts@shropshire-rcc.org.uk](mailto:Maxine.betts@shropshire-rcc.org.uk) or phone 01743 360641

## Our partnership staff have been trained in 'Get Legal'

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**THE LEGAL JOURNEY**

**RESOURCES**

**DECISION TOOL**

**Welcome**

Welcome to Get Legal, the free online reference and decision-making tool for charities, social enterprises and co-operative organisations.

Get Legal has been developed by NCVO, with support from BWB, to enable organisations and their advisors to access clear information and guidance on the most appropriate legal form and governance structure for delivering their goals.

**CASE STUDIES**

**Big Art Trust**  
A trust promoting public art, focussing in particular in engaging local communities and other stakeholders in the commissioning process  
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**Amnesty International UK**  
Leading human rights campaigning organisation, Amnesty is a company limited by guarantee without charitable status  
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**Charity, Company Limited by Guarantee, by Shares, Community Interest Company, Industrial and Provident Society, Unincorporated Association.... confused?**  
Try <http://www.getlegal.org.uk/>

This free online reference and decision-making tool for charities, social enterprises and co-operative organisations has been developed by NCVO, with support from Bates Wells & Braithwaite LLP and gives clear information and guidance.



Our staff have had a thorough look at the site and the decision making tool and if you need assistance regarding the most appropriate legal form and governance structure we are happy to help. Email [info@shropshirevcs.org.uk](mailto:info@shropshirevcs.org.uk) or contact any of the partner organisations direct.

## Funding Fair Event update

We now have a full round up of our recent Funding Fair on our website. You can download presentations, additional information etc from <http://shropshirevcs.org.uk/funding-your-future-event-update/>



### Did you attend the ACEVO Full Cost Recovery session?

If you did then can you please have a look if you picked up a **green fountain pen**, the trainer lent it to someone (we think in the first session) but she forgot to ask for it back. She has since found out that it belonged to a colleague and was a very expensive gift with a lot of sentimental value for him. If you picked up this pen, please email [info@shropshirevcs.org.uk](mailto:info@shropshirevcs.org.uk)  
**Many thanks!**

## Barrier Busting

**The Communities and Local Government department** has launched a new website where charities and community groups can ask for help in overcoming bureaucratic obstacles to their work. <http://barrierbusting.communities.gov.uk> lets people setting up or running local community projects submit queries about regulations, such as by-laws or health and safety rules, that hinder them in their work. A team of civil servants at the department will be responsible for helping the groups overcome the problems. Those who log problems on the site will be given an ID number so that they can track the progress of their case online. They will also be given the contact details of a civil servant responsible for helping them.

## Charities and Associations Exhibition (CHASE)

This takes place in London on **February 22nd and 23rd 9.30am – 4pm** on both days.

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Charities and Associations Exhibition

It is a business exhibition for our sector, providing a forum for sector managers and their professional advisers to meet with a broad range of suppliers of goods, services and advice. The event will appeal to directors, trustees and senior managers within the sector representing charities, campaign groups, voluntary organisations, trade associations, professional institutes. The event is in London but it is **FREE** and it offers some useful workshops on topics such as **marketing, fundraising, strategic planning, event management, finance, governance and the Equality Act.**

For more information and full workshop programme see

[http://www.conferencehouse.co.uk/CHASE/CHASE\\_2011\\_Home.aspx](http://www.conferencehouse.co.uk/CHASE/CHASE_2011_Home.aspx)

### ngo.media

Their blurb says that: 'ngo.media is a team of experienced journalists, dedicated to making your life easier through excellent charity writing, editing, publications, training and much more. We're all about solving YOUR editorial, copywriting and publications problems and helping you achieve your goals. We are passionate about the power of great communications to enable the organisations we work with to make a positive difference to people, communities and our environment.'

I came across them at a DSC event and attended several of their very interesting workshops. There are some useful tips on the ngo.media website regarding marketing and media writing and they are running an online **FREE** webinar on 17<sup>th</sup> February on Basic Media Skills for Charities.

Keep an eye on their website <http://www.ngomedia.org.uk> for more information.



### 'Nine Million UK adults have never used the internet'

According to the **Race Online website** <http://raceonline2012.org>: 'Four million of those are among the most disadvantaged. Also 39% are over 65, 38% are unemployed, 19% are families with children.'

They're missing out on what is now, for most of us, the primary route to information, education, jobs and customer savings.



Race on line 2012 is a challenge to EVERYONE in the UK. The ambition is to make the UK the first nation in the world where everyone can use the web. Technology links us together like never before. The UK has 40 million adult internet users, with 30 million people using the web every day.

Can you help? They are calling for action to **inspire, encourage and support** millions more people online by the end of the Olympic year 2012 through partnership with government, industry, charities and individuals.

**Have a look and see if you/your organisation can help the UK's non-liners.**

### Social Media Surgeries

We will be resuming our programme of Social Media Surgeries in Shrewsbury in 2011. Watch this space for dates and for more information in the mean time see

<http://shropshirevcs.org.uk/our-services/training/shropshiresocialmediasurgery/>

## Funding Advice

Don't forget to check out our funding updates on the website and in particular the external funding updates from the Shropshire Partnership on <http://shropshirevcs.org.uk/our-services/funding-advice/shropshire-partnership-funding-updates/> which has newly updated information on:

- The new Community Buildings Strand of BIG's Reaching Communities programme
- 2011 round of People's Millions
- Changes to HLF criteria, to encourage more bids
- OPAL grant scheme – for local history society recoding schemes (grants of £500 to £5,000)
- Community Sustainable Energy – final deadline
- Heart Research UK – grants for local groups to promote the importance of a healthy heart
- Community Climate Change Grant Scheme

**Please note some of these have very short deadlines! Don't miss out!!**



Don't forget we have funding advisors available throughout Shropshire, email [info@shropshirevcs.org.uk](mailto:info@shropshirevcs.org.uk) for more information or an appointment.

## FREE Write Better Bids Workshop



The West Midlands European Network is an excellent regional resource for Third Sector organisations seeking information and assistance with regard to European Funding in the West Midlands.

Join this FREE bid writing course on  
**14th January 10am-1pm**  
in the Training Suite at the Community Council of Shropshire

This course has been designed for third sector organisations that may want to access **European Funding** and will help you to understand:

- what is required when putting your proposal together
- what information you should be including in your application
- how you should be evidencing the information required to meet EU funding requirements.

The course is also being run in Birmingham on three dates but these are all fully booked so if this is something for you, don't delay! For enquiries and more information please contact Eddie Currall, European Project Advisor, West Midland European Network, 0121 683 8890  
<http://www.wmeuronet.co.uk/>

## Event/Training Heads up

We are currently collating our training/events brochure and when it is available we will no doubt let you know here. In the mean time have a look at <http://shropshirevcs.org.uk/blog/events/2011-trainingevents> for 'Save the Date' info on a round of Breakfast Briefings.

The **Shropshire Infrastructure Partnership** consists of: [Community Council of Shropshire](#), [Marches Community Enterprise](#), [Oswestry Community Action](#), [Pre-school Learning Alliance](#), [Shropshire Sub-committee](#), [Shropshire Youth Association](#), [South Shropshire Furniture Scheme](#), [Mid West Rural Enterprise](#) and [The Roy Fletcher Centre](#)

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