



# shropshire infrastructure partnership

strengthening the voluntary sector together

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## Hello

Just a quick sheet with a few event reminders.

As always keep a look out for information on our website

[www.ShropshireVCS.org.uk](http://www.ShropshireVCS.org.uk) and share this document with anyone who may find it useful. Signing up for yourself is simple, just email

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## Quick Events update

### ○ Funding Workshops

**When:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10am – 1pm

**Where:** Wem Town Hall

With presentations from Heritage Lottery and UnLtd, the foundation for social entrepreneurs, and ample opportunity to speak to our funding advisors.

**When:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10am-1pm

**Where:** Ludlow Assembly Rooms

With presentations from Lloyds TSB Foundation and UnLtd, the foundation for social entrepreneurs, and ample opportunity to speak to our funding advisors.

The events are free. For more information and to book contact Lorna Crawford on 01743 360641 or email [lorna.crawford@shropshire-rcc.org.uk](mailto:lorna.crawford@shropshire-rcc.org.uk)

### ○ Trustee Recruitment Knowledge and Nosh Briefings

**When:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 8.30am - 10.30am

**Where:** Bridgnorth

**When:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 12noon – 2pm **\*Pls note this one is a LUNCH**

**Where:** Shrewsbury

Breakfast or lunch is included but booking is essential.

For more information and to book

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

### ○ Successfully recruiting and retaining volunteers

**When:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1pm – 4.30pm

**Where:** Community Council of Shropshire, Shrewsbury

Volunteer Managers and Co-ordinators often find they are constantly looking for volunteers and better ways to recruit. This course will look at how to bring new talent into your organisation and how to keep hold of the volunteers you have through good quality recruitment, support and training processes. The course is aimed at those with responsibility for coordinating volunteer recruitment within an organisation.

**Cost:** £15 for voluntary and community organisations

For more information please contact Lorraine Smart on 01743 237880 or email

[lorraine.smart@shropshire-rcc.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.smart@shropshire-rcc.org.uk)

## **Big Society Debate**

**When:** Wednesday 30th March 2011 9.30am to 1.00pm

**Where:** The Education and Conference Centre, Shrewsbury Hospital

The Big Society is now well and truly on our radar, but can a voluntary and community sector facing unprecedented funding pressure make it all happen? Come and meet some of the leading Big Society minds and help find new ideas and solutions for our Sector

This half-day conference will be of special interest to you if you're responsible for communications, community engagement and driving the Big Society agenda, to:

- sharpen your communications: your survival toolkit
- reach into the communities you serve: advocate and act for them
- prove your worth in an ultra competitive funding environment

**Keynote speakers** include Michael Hyatt (Assistant Chief Executive of Shropshire Council), Cllr Gwilym Butler, Val Lewis (RAWM)

There will be **six facilitated discussion sessions:**

- National Citizenship Service (by FSC)
- Personalisation Agenda
- Community Organisers (RE-generate)
- Neighbourhood Support Groups (Good Neighbours Scheme)
- Senior Citizens Forum
- Disabilities (Shropshire Disability Network)

For more information see

<http://shropshirevcs.org.uk/site/blog/events/shropshire-big-society-debate-2/>

To book please contact Lucy Cooke on 01743 342167 or email: [lucy.cooke@shropshire-rcc.org.uk](mailto:lucy.cooke@shropshire-rcc.org.uk)

## **Social Media Surgery**

**When:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm - 8pm

**Where:** HCS Computers' Log Inn Internet Café, 55 Castle Foregate, Shrewsbury, SY1 2EJ

(Also 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> May)

For more info and to book

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

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