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News

Help protect the Island's orchards



may also be a refuge for rare or local varieties, they're beautiful, and of course they can produce delicious crops of fruits and nuts.

PTES have identified over 200 possible sites across the whole Island, but so far volunteers have only checked about 20 of these on the ground. More volunteers are needed to find out whether those sites really are traditional orchards, and if so whether they're in good condition. Only when we know what we've got can we protect our traditional orchards and then manage them so that they can keep providing a home for our wildlife.

Volunteers Training Day

A training day for volunteer orchard surveyors will be held at North Court in Shorwell on Tuesday 22 March. The beautiful North Court gardens include one of the best traditional orchards on the Island.

The training day is free, but you do need to book. To find out more and book your place, ring the West Wight Landscape Partnership on 759779 or email orchards@wwlp.co.uk. You can find out more about the traditional orchard survey at www.ptes.org.



Wightmark quality assurance programme

The Wightmark is a quality assurance programme for voluntary sector organisations working with Children, Families and Young People on the Isle of Wight. Organisations wanting to participate in the scheme work through a set of criteria that seeks to test your current practice and highlight areas of improvement. The scheme covers safeguarding, green issues, health and safety and finance. If you would like to take part in the scheme then please contact Claire Tillman at the Rural Community Council on 524058 or e mail claire.tillman@iwrcc.org.uk

Race for life

The Isle of Wight Race for Life takes place this year on Sunday 17th July at 11am, at Medina Leisure Centre. We hope that 2000 women will come together to walk, jog or run the 5k course and raise £110,000 to go towards research and help in the fight against cancer. 2011 is a very ambitious year for Tesco and Cancer Research UK's Race for Life. Every two minutes someone is diagnosed with cancer, and that's why this year we need more women than ever before to join the girls at events across the UK. A fifth of Cancer Research UK's income is generated through Race for Life, so our goal is to recruit as many women as possible to raise as much as we can towards our life saving research. Together we will beat cancer.

You can sign up on-line at www.raceforlife.org or the team will be in St Thomas Square, Newport on 23rd February promoting the event. If you are male or just don't think you can manage the 5K course why not volunteer as a marshall or administrator. For more details on opportunities [visit](#)



A season of learning

The Rural Community Council in conjunction with a number of outside bodies is bringing to individuals and communities on the Isle of Wight, a Season for Learning. Over 25 opportunities to learn more about 10+ topics, to be held at a number of venues and at different times. Details of some of these events can be found further on in this newsletter under 'Training & Events' or can be downloaded directly from [here](#). ALL are free to attend but booking is essential. Please pass the details on to colleagues, family and friends.



Money up for grabs by community groups

The Isle of Wight Community Fund (IWCF) is encouraging local groups to apply for funding as it opens its 2011 grant programmes.

There are two streams of funding this year, the main 'IWCF' grant programme and the new 'Isle of Wight Grassroots' programme which has been created from donations from local business and individuals such as Red Funnel, Wightlink, Brian Gardener, and Cowes Week Ltd.

Both funds aim to support disadvantaged people on the Island, primarily in the 16 to 25 age range. The focus of the IWCF fund is for projects which provide support and training opportunities. The Grassroots programme can provide funding for projects which help people to lead healthier lives or develop opportunities for playing sport.

Grants from £250 to £5,000 are available to voluntary and community groups and non-profit making organisations. The IWCF is especially interested in supporting smaller groups where a small grant can make a big difference.

The IWCF also continues to offer the Red Funnel Travel Voucher scheme, which can help groups with ferry costs of up to £250.

"In 2010 the IWCF awarded over £125,000 to groups on the Island through the various grant programmes we manage locally" explains Hamish Wilson, chair of the IWCF grant sub committee. "Local groups are going to play an increasing important role in communities on the Island, but finding vital funding to keep them going is proving harder than ever. We hope as many as possible will take advantage of the grants that we have available to offer them."

The IWCF has a simple and straightforward application process and welcomes applications from established organisations as well as new groups and projects. Full details can be found on the [website](#). Simply click on the 'Apply for a Grant Button'. You can also contact Krissy Lloyd at krissy.lloyd@hantscf.org.uk or by phone on 07563 594307 if you would like more information about the IWCF and its grant programmes. The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 18th February.

Safeguarding Board seeks new member

The Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board is looking for a local resident to join it as a 'lay member' to help build closer ties with the community. The voluntary role involves working with Island organisations to improve the lives of children and young people.

The Safeguarding Children Board is a multi-agency independent board which agrees how services and professionals should work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. It brings together representatives from all agencies involved in safeguarding children; this includes the local authority, police, primary care trust, probation, youth offending service and the voluntary sector. The board, led by Independent Chair Pam Robinson, is looking for an Island resident with close ties to local community organisations and an interest in keeping children safe from harm. The person should have the confidence to challenge professionals on the way they work and be prepared to attend meetings as required, approximately six per year.

The appointment will last for two years although subject to regular review. The position is not open to those employed by any agency represented on the board in the last 12 months. Anyone interested in applying the role should visit www.4lscb.org.uk and follow the link for the Isle of Wight Local Safeguarding Board (LSCB) or contact the business manager on 01983 814545. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 11 February 2011.



New guide helps rural communities generate energy and cash

With the continued rise in energy costs many people are finding it hard to make ends meet and to keep warm in the cold weather. Research by the Commission for Rural Communities (CRC) has shown that there is a higher proportion of households in fuel poverty in rural areas and there is an even higher proportion when the household is off grid.

However, a new guide published by ACRE working with partners the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), the CRC and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), provides ideas and inspiration for rural communities, helping them to consider the options available to them when setting up a renewable energy scheme. It advocates the need to think about energy efficiency of the homes in their area and promotes the role that Community Led Planning can have in identifying the wider needs of the community.

Paul Dixon, Regional Network Officer at ACRE says: "Rural communities have a tradition of supporting themselves and of finding their own solutions to address the issues they face. This guide can help communities to consider their options; by signposting to agencies that can provide further advice and information."

The guide titled, *Get Generating: A renewable energy guide for rural communities*, includes case study examples, a number of them supported by Rural Community Action Network (RCAN) members, highlighting communities that have succeeded in making renewable energy work for them. It provides an overview of community based renewable energy options for rural community groups, local councils and individuals. The guide is a starting point and signposts more detailed sources of advice, information and help for rural communities to get generating and take the next step in planning and delivering their own renewable energy developments.

For further details and case studies download: [Get Generating: A renewable energy guide for rural communities](#)

For more information, please contact Paul Dixon, Regional Network Officer, ACRE on 01285 653477, or email p.dixon@acre.org.uk



The Hampton Trust - job vacancy

The Hampton Trust is a registered charity (1055209) based in Southampton which provides services across

Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Devon and Gloucestershire working to break the cycles of violence, abuse, conflict and social isolation.

We currently have the following vacancy:

Young People's Admin/Project Worker

Based at Branstone Farm, Sandown, Isle of Wight

22.5 hours per week. Salary up to £18,500 pa pro rata (£11,100 pa) Funded until March 2012, post could be extended subject to further incoming funding

The Young People's Worker (IOW) will have a coordination role across two projects for young people currently running on the island. Primarily they will collaborate with the two project managers to promote the LINX and the ECO THERAPY projects. Both these projects aim to optimise the life chances of island young people who may be experiencing familial, health, social, educational, cultural or environmental challenges. In both projects a range of group and individual work takes place in schools, at Branstone Farm, and at other youth venues.

The work will vary between administrative responsibilities, coordination and referrals of young people between the two projects, and at times actual delivery such as co facilitation of a group (after undergoing further training).

This is an ideal role for a highly organised individual with sound administrative skills who can multi task across different projects and who is looking to expand their role into an operational delivery one. The role will also involve providing administrative support for some of our other projects on the island such as the Independent Sexual Violence Advocate worker.

An appreciation of diversity and commitment to social inclusion are essential. There will be a need to work some evenings and some weekends.

For further details and an application form please contact:

Tara Doel, Resources Manager, The Hampton Trust Tel: 023 8021 3520 Email: tara.doel@hamptontrust.org.uk

Or download an application pack from our [website](#)

Closing date: Wednesday 9th February 2011 Interview date: Wednesday 23rd February 2011

The Hampton Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment as well as being able to demonstrate a commitment to equality of opportunity.



Funding



Pupils and Teachers from the Make IT Happy 2010 winning school: Jessie Youngusband Primary

Make IT Happy 2011!

The theme for this year's competition is Pass IT On. Schools are challenged to show us how they have used technology to connect schoolchildren with others in their community - whether that is down the corridor, around the town, across the UK or halfway around the world.

Twelve winning schools from across the UK will be awarded £1,200 each, and from these entries 3 overall winners will be chosen to receive additional

cash prizes. All winners will be invited to attend an awards ceremony on 28th June 2011 at the Houses of Parliament.

As well as these great prizes the 12 winning schools will be able to experience a trip on the London Eye prior to the awards ceremony.

Click [here to register](#) and receive your free Make IT Happy 2011 animated badge to display on your school website! The first 100 schools to register will also receive a set of Make IT Happy stickers.

The Rosa Challenge Fund.

Rosa believes that women and girls should be the central actors in both defining the change they need, and in creating it. She is therefore inviting proposals for dynamic and exciting projects that will have a significant impact on the lives of women and girls in the UK.

total of £100,000 is available to projects working with women and girls in 4 priority areas. These are:

- Economic Justice
- Health & Wellbeing
- Leadership
- Safety.

Given the overall size of the fund it is likely that Rosa will only be able to support two or three projects. There is a two stage application process and the deadline for submitting an initial expression of interest form is 5pm on the 10th February 2011. www.rosauk.org

Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Education and Learning

The Foundation is looking to fund projects that address the themes of; supplementary education; developing speaking and listening skills for 11-19 year olds; and adding to the learning - preventing school truancy and exclusion.

<http://www.phf.org.uk/landing.asp?id=3>

Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Arts

Our funding benefits organisations and groups through our Open Grants and Special Initiatives. Our Open Grants scheme receives applications from organisations proposing innovative activities that we think will have a valuable impact for individuals and communities, organisations, and policy and practice. We work closely with applicants to develop high-quality proposals for consideration by the Arts Committee and Board of Trustees.

<http://www.phf.org.uk/page.asp?id=65>

Grundtvig Assistantships funding

Is open to anyone working or intending to work in adult education. Grants are available to go on a work placement to an adult education organisation in another European country, where you will spend 12-45 weeks working as a 'Grundtvig Assistant'. There is also an opportunity for organisations to host an assistant from overseas - but no funding for this.

Key Information

- The next deadline to apply for an Assistantships grant is 31 March 2011.
- Placements can last between 12 and 45 weeks.
- Grundtvig Assistants should be fully integrated into the host organisation.

[Web site here](#)

UK mammals grants

Applications are welcomed from voluntary conservation organisations, scientific researchers, individuals and consortia for financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals in the British Isles and Eire. Acceptable fields of work for funding include scientific research, practical habitat management work, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. Priority will be given to work likely to further the aims of Biodiversity Action Plans and similar initiatives. Individual awards are unlikely to be more than £30,000 or less than £250. To date, the average amount granted per project has been about £9,000.



<http://www.ptes.org/index.php?cat=89>



Training and Events

Insurance – Have you got it all covered?



The Isle of Wight Rural Community Council has invited Norris & Fisher, insurance brokers to host an information session to unravel the complexities of insurance and answer any questions voluntary and community organisations may have.

10am – 1pm
Wednesday 2nd March
Seminar Room, Quay Arts, Newport

FREE training with lunch

At the end of this session you will:

- understand what your responsibilities and liabilities are with regard to insurance
- know which insurances are compulsory and which are advisory
- realise if you have got the right insurance for your organisation
- have your individual questions answered by an expert

Booking is essential. Call Philippa on 524058 to reserve your place.



PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME

Medina Leisure Centre,
Fairlee Road, Newport

Saturday 12 February 2011
10am to 3.30pm

- meet the Community Safety Partnership
- demonstrations for all the family
- get up close with a variety of emergency vehicles
- let us inform you with what we're doing

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Find out more at www.saferwight.org.uk/csi



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**Isle of Wight
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Season for Learning

February 23rd to April 16th

**Starts
here**



Introduction To Social Enterprise

This beginners guide to setting up a Social Enterprise helps you to learn what a Social Enterprise is and how it works

Discusses advantages of the Social Enterprise model over others

And

What you need to think about before you start

This event is available for one day only and provides background material and information for anyone wanting to attend any of the four 'Be your own Boss' training events or the Masterclass 'Legal Planning and Governance for Social Enterprises' See separate flyer for details of these and other training events during our Season for Learning.

To book a place or for more details, contact Estelle Thomas 01983 524058

**February 23rd 2011
12 noon—3pm and
repeated at 5-8pm**

**This FREE event
will be held at the
offices of IWRCC**



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Training opportunities for those working with children, families and young people

All of us working in the public sector are facing some difficult and uncertain times ahead but some help is at hand for those of you in the voluntary and community sector. The list below offers training opportunities for those working with children, families and young people. As our environment is ever shifting and moving perhaps now is a good time to look inwards and focus on our own needs both personally and professionally. So if you haven't done any training for some time have a look below and see if there is something you can do. Please contact Claire Tillman directly if you require any further details or if you would like some support and advice on what training opportunities might be out there. Tel: 01983 524058 or e mail: claire.tillman@iwrcc.org.uk

Basic Child Protection

3rd March 1.30 to 5.00 at the Rural Community Council

Contact Claire Tillman on 01983 524058 or [email](#)

CAF training

Monday 28th February – Pyle Street, Newport

Wednesday 6th April – Sandown Youth Centre

Lead Professional Training

Wednesday 9th February – 9.30 – 12 or 14.30 – 17.00
Sandown Youth Centre

Thursday 17th February – 9.30 – 12 or 14.30 -17.00
Ryde Youth Centre

If you wish to apply for any of these courses call 527565 or [email](#) to book a place.

General Workforce Development Full details of courses are now available [online](#).

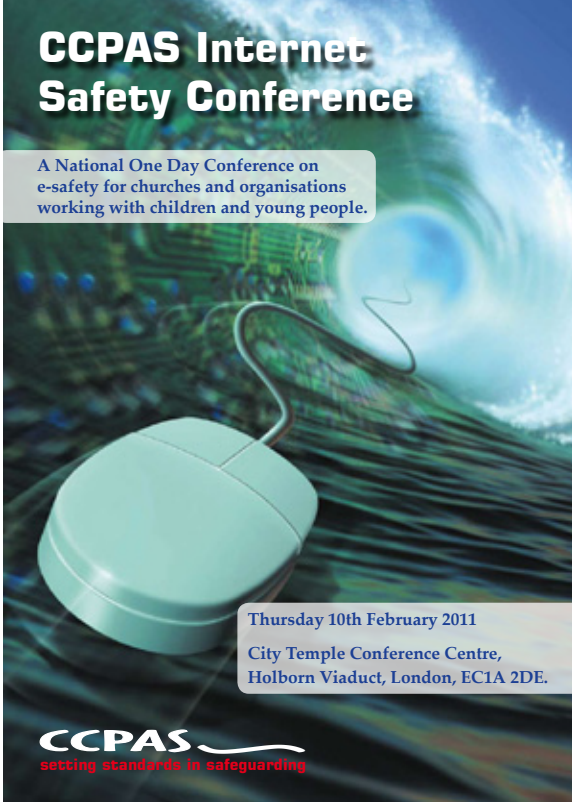
Recruiting Safely National Training Programme

As a key figure or organisation with an involvement in the safeguarding of children and young people, I wanted to let you know about the new 'Recruiting Safely National Training Programme', which is being delivered by a consortium led by Action for Children on behalf of the Children's Workforce Development Council.

This informative course, based upon the 'Recruiting Safely' Guidance (CWDC, 2009), highlights the fact that safer recruitment is one of the first opportunities that we get to safeguard the children and young people that we work with and the importance of getting it right.

Milton Keynes 25/2/11, Basingstoke 4/3/11, Brent Cross 17/3/11 Register your place [here](#)

Internet safety conference



CCPAS Internet Safety Conference

A National One Day Conference on e-safety for churches and organisations working with children and young people.

Thursday 10th February 2011
City Temple Conference Centre,
Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1A 2DE.

CCPAS
setting standards in safeguarding

Introduction to carnival masquerade

A short essentials skills course designed to underpin knowledge and understanding of basic carnival costume making in preparation for the May Day Jouvay Parade and other Carnivals in the West Wight. In association with West Wight Landscape Partnership.

Venue West Wight Middle School, Mondays 6.30pm to 9.30pm · £45/£33 (£15 for West Wight residents)

Starts 7 February for 6 sessions Contact: Carnival Learning Centre 01983 817288

www.thecarnivallearningcentre.org

Voluntary sector cloud computing seminar

Free event Hosted by Phoenix Software 6 April 2011
NCVO, London

Attend this free event if you are interested in finding out more about applications in 'the cloud' which can benefit voluntary organisations. Sessions will explore the benefits of Office 365, New Step, and will involve a short software demonstration. The event finishes with lunch and networking.

Book now: Places are limited so find out more or book now by emailing Joanne-Halley@phoenixs.co.uk or call 0845 265 1265



**Isle of Wight Rural
Community Council**

Season for Learning

February 23rd to April 16th

**March
Events**

Be Your Own Boss 22nd

Introduction to Volunteering 22nd and 31st

Healthy Eating 24th and 31st

Grow your own Funding 24th and 30th

Plan and Deliver Large Community Projects 26th & 31st

These events and more will also be repeated throughout April. They will be held at different venues across the Island and at different times to allow more people to attend. All of these events are free to attend but places must be booked in advance.

To find out the venues and to receive more information on these and the other training events being held during the Season for Learning; or to book a place, contact Estelle Thomas 01983 524058 or email estelle.thomas@iwrcc.org.uk



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