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General News

Partnership Provides Platform Noon – 2pm on Friday 5th February , Riverside Centre, Newport

The Isle of Wight Rural Community Council, together with the Isle of Wight Council, have organised a voluntary sector partnership seminar for noon on Friday 5th February 2010, at the Riverside Centre, to discuss the implications of the Councils proposed Budget and the support available to the sector in the future.

IW Council Chief Executive Steve Beynon will be making a formal presentation outlining the proposals to be contained within a Budget paper going to February's Cabinet, and IWRCC Chief Executive Michael Bulpitt will be outlining how it will continue to support the sector to improve skills, secure funding and support partnership based approaches to minimising costs and maximising effectiveness.

RCC Chairman, Richard Priest said 'The RCC are facing financial pressures of our own and appreciate the challenges that lay ahead for the sector, and want to work with the Local Authority to ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity for their voice to be heard, and that the implications of the proposed budget is fully understood and discussed'.

IW Chief Executive Steve Beynon added: 'In recent years the council has worked ever more closely with the voluntary sector which has played an increasingly important role in the community. "Now, because of the need to act as efficiently as possible in what are extremely difficult economic times, in addition to changes in national expectations, we are having to look at how we work with the voluntary sector to ensure our resources support those services and organisations most relevant to, and valued by, residents.

"While that may involve changes to the way we work with the voluntary sector we will continue to consult widely throughout the process."

Richard concluded 'We welcome officers and councillors making themselves available at short notice for this meeting, and I think this reflects the shared commitment to working together for the best interests of the Island, and to protect vulnerable people at a time of significant change and challenge'.

For further details please contact Michael Bulpitt on 524058 or e-mail michael.bulpitt@iwrcc.org.uk

VOICE - Isle of Wight

For those of you who haven't heard of VOICE - Isle of Wight, VOICE is the Volunteer Organiser's Information Communication Exchange. As part of the project the Isle of Wight Volunteer Centre is organising bi-monthly networking sessions to give people who manage/co-ordinate volunteers on the Isle of Wight the chance to get together, share problems and ideas and hopefully learn from each other. We had a first event in November which proved very successful and we hope to have even more people along to our next event.

The next session is on Wednesday 3rd February from 12.00 noon until 2.00 pm at UKSA in Cowes.

If you would like to come along contact Helen on 01983 539377 or e-mail volunteer@iwrcc.org.uk

The Big Health Check Up – "We Need You"

Making health services better for people with learning disabilities

People with Learning Disabilities on the Island, and their families and carers, are invited to a 'Big Health Check Up' day on Wednesday 3rd February, 09:30 to 15:30 at the Riverside Centre in Newport. The 'Big Health Check up' is an opportunity for people with learning disabilities to come together and meet with a range of local health professionals whom they may come into contact with if they need to access local health services.

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The idea is for people to gain an understanding of what they might expect should they need treatment, now or in the future, and give people with learning disabilities the opportunity to ask questions about local health services and the support available to them.

There will be health professionals from various health and social care services. For further information contact the NHS Isle of Wight communications team on 552003. Further information about health services can be found at www.iow.nhs.uk or www.nhs.uk

Download full details from the RCC website here

http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/download_document.aspx?docid=806

The High Sheriff of the Isle of Wight Certificate Celebrating Children and Young People

Do you know of a child or young person who has overcome significant difficulties in his or her life or has participated in an activity that has had a positive impact on him or herself, or on others? If so please nominate that young person to receive this new certificate.

Each nomination will go to the Youth Inclusion Forum (YIF), which is chaired by the High Sheriff, Gay Edwards. For more information about the Forum please visit :

http://www.hamptontrust.org.uk/what_we_do/administration_services/isle_of_wight_youth_inclusion_forum_index.html

Each young person who receives a certificate will be invited to a presentation at the Wight 2B

Heard conference on 5th March 2010

Nomination forms can also be downloaded from the RCC website here:

http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/download_document.aspx?docid=807

Office to let

Nice office / studio to let with lovely views of the river Medina from Bridge House, East Cowes.

The office / studio is large enough to accommodate upto 4 desks. All services including broadband are supplied with shared kitchen facilities. For further details please contact North Medina

Community Development Trust on I.W. 281524 or Mobile: 07584023446

Funding

Final £60,000 Up For Grabs for Community Groups

Voluntary and community groups on the Island are being urged to apply for a share of the final £60,000 Grassroots Grants Programme.

The programme, which is managed locally by the Isle of Wight Community Fund, is coming to a close and this will be the last chance for local groups to take advantage of this fund – it is expected that most of the remaining money will be allocated in March 2010 so the advice is to get your applications in as quickly as possible.

Grants from £250 up to £5,000 are available to groups who have been active in their community for at least one year and have an annual income of less than £30,000. Priority will be given to applications that clearly show the Community benefit of their group and how a grant will help to strengthen the group this could include: training for volunteers and staff, running costs, equipment, or marketing to attract new volunteers and member. Applications for expansion of /or new services will have to show how these service will continue to be paid for after the Grassroots Grant money is spent.

More information along with full criteria and application forms can be downloaded from the Isle of Wight Community Fund website www.hantscf.org/grassroots The deadline for applications is 12th February.

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Red Funnel Travel Voucher Scheme Bridging Communities

Red Funnel has established a transport voucher scheme to support voluntary and community groups based on the Isle of Wight. The Red Funnel Voucher Scheme can help groups by contributing towards travelling across the Solent on Red Funnel vehicle ferry and Red Jet services. This fund is managed on behalf of Red Funnel by the Isle of Wight Community Fund.

All voluntary groups, community groups and schools that are based on the Island and who support children, youth, seniors and people with disabilities can apply to the fund. The fund does not offer raffles prizes and is unable to offer direct support to individuals but local community and voluntary groups can make an application on behalf of an individual so we encourage individuals to contact a local group if they require travel support.

Details of the full criteria for this fund is available on the Isle of Wight Community Fund website and should be read by applicants before applying to ensure they qualify for the scheme. The web address is www.hantscf.org.uk/default.aspx?id=121 or email info@hantscf.org.uk

A maximum of £100 is available per organisation per year.

Funding for Rural IW Communities

Kick start the New Year with funding to help support your rural community.

Grants of up to £5,000 available for voluntary and community organisations, faith groups, registered charities as well as Town and Parish Councils.

For more information look at our website http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/36/view_article/355/Grants.aspx

Contact Philippa Daley by email: philippa.daley@iwrcc.org.uk or phone: 524058 to find out if we can fund your project.

The Links Foundation (England, Scotland and Wales)

The type of activities that the Foundation seeks to support include projects that advance people's education; reduce significant disadvantage; assist those in conditions of poverty, need or distress ; and provide for recreational or other leisure time occupation.

<http://www.linksfoundation.org/news/Default.aspx#>

The Tree Council

The Tree Council's two grants programmes, the 'Trees for Schools' and 'Community Trees' funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects.

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

Old Possum's Practical Trust

Old Possum's Practical Trust is a registered charity no. 328558 which seeks to increase knowledge and appreciation of any matters of historic, artistic, architectural, aesthetic, literary, musical or theatrical interest. The trustees of Old Possum's Practical Trust make grants each year in line with the aims of the trust, the size of which usually fall within the range of £500 - £5,000.

<http://www.old-possums-practical-trust.org.uk/page.cfm?pageid=300>

The Elephant Trust

The Trust was set up to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

<http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theguide.html>

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Training and Events

Acoustic Folk Night

Folk rock band Smoke and Mirrors, acapella singing group The Dollymopps and fiddle/guitar duo Pete's Sake are having an acoustic folk night at Porchfield Village Hall on Sunday 7th February, at Porchfield Village Hall. Tickets are £6 and proceeds from the raffle and bar will go towards Porchfield Village Hall. The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 by ringing Becky on 07969 735728 or email at rebpet@btinternet.com

Hedge laying courses

The West Wight Landscape Partnership is funding two training days in hedge laying, mainly in preparation for the hedge laying competition on the 27th February.

On Saturday the 6th Feb from 9-4 there will be a training day for novices and those with some experience. On Sunday the 7th Feb from 9-4 there will be a 'masterclass' for those who have already reached a fairly high standard with training undertaken by former mainland champions. Both days will take place at Dunsbury Farm and are FREE.

To book or for more details, ontact Tony Ridd on 07966292334 or by email on

Tony@Landscapetherapy.co.uk

IOW Hedge Laying competition takes place at Kings Manor Farm on the 27th February from 10-3, with presentations at 3.30. This is FREE and a tea tent will be available.

Regular activities at Shanklin Voluntary Youth & Community Centre

Mondays	7.30 - 9.00	Adults - Genshin Ryu Ju-Jitsu
Tuesdays	5.30 - 6.30	Junior - Judo/Kickboxing classes
	6.45 - 8.00	Junior - Table Tennis
	8.00 onwards	Adult Table Tennis
	7.00 - 8.30	Junior - Fun Gym sessions
	6.00 - 9.00	TC's Senior Club - High School Age
Wednesday	ALL DAY	Adult Learning - Computer Classes (many courses free leading to qualifications)
	7.00 - 9.00	Girls Venture Air Cadets 11- 21 years
Thursdaty	5.00 - 6.00	Hip Hop Dance Classes - Age 9 - 10 years
	6.00 - 7.00	Hip Hop Dance Classes (Age 11 - 13 years)
	7.00 - 8.00	Hip Hop Dance Classes (13 Years + (High School Age)
	8.00 - 9.0	Dance Classes for Ladies
Friday	7.00 - 9.00	TC's Junior Disco & Activity Club - Years 6, 7 & 8 of Middle School
Saturday	4.00 - 5.00	Junior - Judo/Kickboxing Classes
	5.00 - 7.00	Adult - Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
Sunday	10.30 - 12.30	Adult - Tai Chi classes
	5.00 - 8.00	Adult - Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Centre available for hire - contact telephone number 07792174941.

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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

Learn about the fight against crime

An event called Partners Against Crime is to be staged at Medina Leisure Centre, Newport next month, highlighting the partnership initiatives of various Island organisations.

The event is being held on Saturday 20 February and will feature displays, demonstrations, showcase services and consultations. Organised under the umbrella of the Isle of Wight Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, among those taking part are the Council (including the fire and rescue service), police, NHS Isle of Wight, the Islands rural community council, the prison service on the Island, the youth offending team, Hampshire and IOW Probation Trust and other partners.

As well as providing advice on many issues, the event will give people the chance to meet key officers in each agency. More information on Partners Against Crime can be found at

www.saferwight.org.uk Download an event poster here:

http://www.iwrcc.org.uk/download_document.aspx?docid=805

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 February - Pei-gee Ng, cello and Miyako Machida, piano

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>



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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

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