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**Voluntary Action
Arun & Chichester**

VAAC WEEKLY E-BULLETIN UPDATES

Dear Members and Colleagues,

Welcome to the weekly e-bulletin from Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester which we hope you will find useful. The following information, covers both Chichester and Arun Districts and West Sussex.

If you would like to include some information about your organisation including upcoming events, please contact us by emailing [Jenny Holmes](mailto:Jenny.Holmes@vaac.org.uk)

Selsey Volunteering Fair

Would you like to come along to our Volunteering Fair on Sunday 3rd September, 1pm-4pm at the Selsey Centre to showcase your volunteer opportunities and meet potential volunteers? We'll have an ice cream van on site giving out free ice creams (to the first 50 attendees) and hopefully a community art project that people can take part in. We're also hoping to have workshops and demonstrations by some of our member organisations.

If you would like to have a stand at the event and/or would like to book one of the 30 minute slots to run a workshop or demonstration about some of the work that your organisation does, please email [Jenny Holmes](mailto:Jenny.Holmes@vaac.org.uk).

Flourishing or Floundering 2017 - Thank you!

Last month we sent out our 2nd Flourishing or Floundering survey to find out how local groups are getting on. The purpose of the survey was to gauge the state of the sector locally and identify areas where more support is needed.

Huge thank you to everyone who participated in the survey – we really appreciate it! Your feedback is very important as it allows us to improve our services and provide the support you need.

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the £100 prize draw for completing the survey is The Apuldram Centre. Congratulations!!!

Thank you again for your time and participation.

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Upcoming VAAC Events & Training



**Volunteer Fair
Sunday 3rd September
1pm - 4pm
The Selsey Centre**

A showcase of local organisations that are looking for volunteers. Community Art project, volunteering workshops, talks/demonstrations by organisations and free ice cream! (For the first 50 attendees)

Read more [here](#)



**Fundraiser Network Meeting
Developing a Fundraising Strategy
Thursday 14th September
9.30am - 12.30pm
Bersted Green Learning Centre**

Find out how to write a fundraising strategy that works for your organisation

Read more [here](#)



**Littlehampton Networking Event
Tuesday 19th September 2017
10.00am - 11.30am
Friends Meeting House (Quakers)
23 Church Street, Littlehampton**

Network with other local organisations
Promote your work
Find out what support is available to help your organisation

Read more [here](#)



Social Enterprise Hot House Programme Discovery Session - 22nd September 2017 The Base Skatepark, Bognor Regis

Could you be the next local Social Enterprise?
Join the Hot House Programme, run by the University of Chichester and Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester and access free expertise, advice and support to start up your social enterprise.

Read more [here](#)



Health & Safety in the Workplace Training Thursday 19th October 2017 9.30am – 4.30pm Bersted Green Learning Centre

This training will include:

- Defining risks and hazards
- Health & Safety roles and responsibilities
- The steps of risk assessment and how they contribute to safety
- Workplace hazards, their harm and common control measures
- Recording incidents and accidents

Also includes a multiple choice examination

Read more [here](#)

**VAAC Training and Events Programme
September - December 2017 is now available**

Read more [here](#)

VAAC Training, Events & Networking Opportunities

Please can we remind everyone to book in advance for each VAAC event/meeting. This helps us to organise a suitable venue for the numbers attending and also enables us to notify you of any important changes (date/time/venue) in advance - thank you

For our terms and conditions regarding bookings for our training sessions please click [here](#), and for bookings for our events please click [here](#)

Attendees must book their place at these events using the requested system (usually via Eventbrite). Due to pressure on places we request that if you are unable to attend you at least de-register using the same system or send apologies, this will allow others to take their place.

In future if you register but fail to attend we will record this and ask for a refundable deposit for any future bookings.

VAAC Updates

NEWS

- Care Quality Commission August update - read more [here](#)
- FareShare Sussex, a local charity fighting hunger and food waste, have secured funding that enables them to offer their food delivery service at a heavily discounted rate to charities and community groups within West Sussex - read more [here](#)
- Healthwatch West Sussex Heads Up August 2017 - read more [here](#)
- Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter 11/8/17 - read more [here](#)
- Chichester Road Space Audit Public Consultation - read more [here](#)
- A new BBC programme is looking for examples of community groups delivering extraordinary projects on limited resources. You need to get in touch by 20th August - read more [here](#)
- A27 Arundel Bypass Public Consultation Exhibition Events - read more [here](#)

EVENTS

- VAAC Volunteer Fair, Sunday 3rd September 2017, 1pm - 4pm at the Selsey Centre - read more [here](#)
- Bubble Rush 2017, come along this September and run for fun! Have you ever wanted to run through a wall of bubbles and help raise money for St Wilfrid's Hospice? Now you can at the 'Bubble Rush' 4K Fun run on Saturday 2nd September 2017 at Chichester High School from 11am - read more [here](#)
- Blakefest, 16th and 17th September 2017 in Bognor Regis - read more [here](#)
- Silver Sunday, 1st October 2017, a day of free events and activities for older people - read more [here](#)
- Bognor Regis Illuminations Gala, Sunday 27th August - read more [here](#)
- Brewery Field Community Open Day, 20th August 2017, 12pm - 4pm - read more [here](#)

TRAINING

- Coastal West Sussex Mind Training, Safer Social Media, Saturday 7th October 2017, 10am - 12pm in Worthing - read more [here](#)

FUNDING

- The Aviva Community Fund opens for entries on 12th September 2017 - read more [here](#)
- Core funding and free training for health charities - 2018 GSK IMPACT Awards, closing date: 22 September 2017 - read more [here](#)

VACANCIES



VAAC have the following Vacancies available:

VAAC Development Team Manager to lead the Development team in its work to strengthen the ability of voluntary and community organisations (VCO's) to develop, resource and provide services to the community by providing support on funding and organisational development issues. 30/37 hours per week, NJC Scale 32/33/34 depending on experience, £28,485 – £30,153 full time. Closing date: 4th September 2017 - read more [here](#)

Business Manager to spearhead Pathfinder West Sussex – for better wellbeing on behalf of the West Sussex Mental Health Alliance. Salary NJC 46 £41,025, Hours: Full time (37 / week), Contract Initially 1 year. Location West Sussex – office base Bognor Regis. Closing date: 23rd August 2017 - read more [here](#)



Mind in Brighton & Hove have two vacancies for Independent Mental Health Advocates (West Sussex), one based in Worthing; covering Chichester and surrounding area and the other in Crawley and surrounding area. 21 hours per week, Salary £23,400 per annum pro rata (Actual Salary £14,040). Closing date: 12.00 (midday) Monday 18th September 2017 - read more [here](#)

LEGAL UPDATES

- Nothing to report this week
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