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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)

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## Christmas Volunteering

Are you looking for volunteers over the festive period? Every year Volunteer Now! gets enquiries from people looking to spend some of their time over Christmas helping those less fortunate than themselves. We want to put together a list of places that are looking for volunteers on Christmas Day specifically, but also over the wider period so people have somewhere they can go to help.

If you would like your Christmas volunteering opportunities included on the list, please email details to [Jenny](mailto:jenny@volunteer-now.com)

## Hilda joins the VAAC team!

VAAC is very pleased to welcome Hilda Sherwood to the team. Hilda is joining us as our new Development Manager and will be working with the development team to provide our members with advice and support on everything from setting up a charity through to fundraising, policies and procedures, dealing with staff and volunteers and lots more in between.

Hilda brings the VAAC team back up to full strength so if your organisation needs some support, please get in touch today. [Email](mailto:info@vaac.org.uk) us for more information or for a referral form.



## Pathfinder West Sussex - New Service in Development

Pathfinder West Sussex is an alliance of organisations working together to enable people with mental health support needs, and their carers', to improve their mental health and well-being. We aim to provide a pathway of mental health recovery support so people can move freely between services to get well and stay well.

Susan Kirkwood Taylor has recently started as the Business Manager and works from the VAAC Bognor base. Her role will be to work with member organisations to put processes in place to monitor this trial and testing phase and see the process through to full launch in April, focusing on reporting evaluation and quality control thereafter. She will work with the

clinical team, members, service users and commissioners to make sure the service achieves its aims .

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## Upcoming VAAC Events & Training



### Volunteering, Give a little, Gain a lot

Monday 30th October 2017, 10.30am - 11.30am

Look and Sea Centre, Littlehampton

Come and find out more about volunteering and what it can do for an organisation and you; the opportunities, the benefits and how even a small amount of time can help.

Read more [here](#)



### Volunteer Co-ordinator Network Meeting

Thursday 2nd November 2017, 10am - 12noon

Bognor Regis Library

How to deal with that awkward volunteer

Read more [here](#)



### Fundraiser Network Meeting

Treating Donors Fairly

Thursday 9th November 2017, 9.30am - 12.30pm

Bersted Green Learning Centre

New rules for charity fundraising came into effect on 1 November 2016 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) comes into force in May 2018. Find out what you need to know to get your house in order.

This session is for anyone involved in fundraising, trustees etc.

Read more [here](#)



## Charity Trustee Training

14th November 2017, 6pm - 8pm

9 Donnington Park, Chichester

Voluntary Action Arun & Chichester in partnership with Kreston Reeves (accountancy and financial advice firm) are putting on a free evening of training to experienced Charity Trustees to discuss 15 topical questions and give advice on where to get help.

Read more [here](#)



## Volunteering, Give a little, Gain a lot

Thursday 30th November 2017, 12.10pm - 12.50pm

Chichester Library

Come and find out more about volunteering and what it can do for an organisation and you; the opportunities, the benefits and how even a small amount of time can help.

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

- Fundraising Regulator Reminder: How to avoid the FPS scam - read more [here](#)
  - Sussex Safeguarding Week - read more [here](#)  
Programme of events [here](#)
  - Healthwatch West Sussex Heads Up - Health and Social Care Update in West Sussex - read more [here](#)
  - Ground Floor Office to let, £230 pcm including utilities. All enquiries ask to speak to June Caffyn (Manager) at Littlehampton Shopmobility, or [email](#) or call 01903 733004. First floor North and South suites to let as offices also available.
  - Bognor Chichester and District Amnesty Group Newsletter October 2017 - read more [here](#)
  - Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter 13/10/17 - read more [here](#)
  - CQC October update for voluntary and community organisations - read more [here](#)
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## EVENTS

- Emerging Futures CIC Asset Based Community Development Day, Wednesday 8th November 2017, 11:00am – 3:00pm at The King's Church Mid-Sussex, Burgess Hill - read more [here](#)
  - Empire Hall Graffham Halloween Party, 28th October, 7.30pm - 11pm - read more [here](#)
  - National Careers Service monthly drop in sessions, every 1st Wednesday of the month at Bognor Library, 09:30-12:00 - read more [here](#)
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## TRAINING

- Leadership in voluntary organisations: Lunch time Webinar, Friday 20th October, 12:00 – 13:00 - read more [here](#)
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## FUNDING

- Small grants available from NHS England for voluntary / community organisations to share good practice. The closing date for applications is midnight on 31st October - read more [here](#)

- Bright Ideas Fund to reopen for the final round on 1st November, closing date for applications is 5pm on 1st December - read more [here](#)

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## **VACANCIES**

Nothing to report this week

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