

Thanet Voluntary & Community Sector Forum

Summer 2009 Newsletter



Good Practice



Does your organisation work with children and families or people with disabilities? Does your organisation do any kind of outreach in the local community?

If the answer to any of these questions is 'Yes', then one or more of our good practice hubs might be for you.

Many organisations enjoy our large half day quarterly conferences and these offer a great opportunity to meet and network with all kinds of other organisations working in Thanet.

But many of you have asked us to create a new smaller forum to give you the opportunity to meet a couple of times a year with others who are working in the same field.

Here is a list of some of the things we will be doing at the meetings

- i) sharing and exchange of good practice
- ii) influencing policy decisions at local and regional level
- iii) connecting with other hubs at regional and national level
- iv) developing partner working arrangements between organisations working with the same or similar service users
- v) providing volunteering and work experience opportunities to increase skills and employability of the local workforce
- vi) helping to develop accredited training qualifications to increase skills base of local workforce

If you are interested please contact us either on 01843 843 222 or by e-mail at info@tvcsf.org.uk

Specialist Key Worker



Lynne Sutton will be working with voluntary and community groups in Cliftonville East and West, Salmestone, Margate Central and Dane Valley.

She will help you to locate funding and offer guidance on making your organisation more effective. Lynne can also advise on a range of policy issues and legislation which can affect your organisation. Local Councillors have warmly welcomed Lynne, who will be working closely with local volunteers on a range of exciting projects.

To book an appointment with Lynne telephone 01843 299185
Mobile 07855 299752 or email Lynne@tvcsf.org.uk



Thanet Works awarded funding to seven projects all aimed at reducing the numbers of young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are not in training, education or employment.

For further information contact Colin Maclean or Jacqui Ward on 577 000



The **Kent LINK** (Local Involvement Network) is an independent network of local people and community groups working together to influence and improve Kent's health and social care services.

The Kent LINK and NHS Eastern & Coastal Kent (PCT) would like to invite community groups and individuals to take part in a two hour interactive workshop that will directly inform how services are delivered 'near to home' in East Kent. The workshops will be run between 3rd and 21st August and can be run either at your own venue or at a series of venues across East Kent.

This is just the first stage of an ongoing involvement with the community in looking at how services are delivered over the next 5 years.

If you are interested in taking part or would like further information please call Louise Murrell, LINK Development Worker, on 07976 596797 or email louise@kentlink.org



Thanet District Council has submitted a bid to the Working Neighbourhood Fund. The programme will provide real job

opportunities in Thanet for young people who have been unemployed for twelve months or more. Working in close co-operation with Job Centre Plus the bid aims to provide over 100 new jobs in the private and public sectors as well as some in the voluntary and community sector.

If your organisation is interested contact Lisa-Maria Browning at TVCSF on 01843 843 222 or info@tvcsf.org.uk

You are invited to the

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Thursday 24 September 2009
9.30am
at the Broadstairs Pavilion



Are Networks and Partnerships working for you?

**Many organisations claim to be working on our behalf
Find out what these organisations do to benefit your group.**

**With keynote speakers and question time
Discover how to get more from all of these valuable resources**

- **Kent CAN**
- **Kent Partnership**
- **Action with Communities in Rural Kent**
- **Kent County Council Strategic Commissioning**
- **Compact Commission**
- **Volunteering England**

Come and find out more!

**To book your place and a FREE buffet lunch, please complete and return the
booking form as soon as possible.**

to:

TVCSF c/o 16a Grenham Road Birchington CT7 9JH

or email info@tvcsf.org.uk

Check our website at www.tvcsf.org.uk for more information

Raffle prizes

Buffet lunch

Working in Partnership



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Are Networks and Partnerships working for you?

I/we will be attending the FORUM
on
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at the Broadstairs Pavilion

Organisation:

Telephone No:.....

E-mail address:

Names of Attendees:.....

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To secure places return this completed booking form ASAP

By e-mail to info@tvscf.org.uk
by post to TVCSF c/o 16A Grenham Road, Birchington, CT7 9JH

We will send you a programme to confirm your booking

Check our website at www.tvcsf.org.uk for more information

