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Managers' Working Lunch: EAVS is hosting a Working Lunch on 1 May to help Manager's meet each other, network, and share some of the problems and the successes that they may have had managing their particular group. If you are the Senior Officer of a local voluntary or community organisation, this will be an opportunity to talk about all the little (and big) things that land in your lap, with other people who are in the same position. Please email Sue Duffell on 01323 639373 or email: sue@eavs.org.uk

EAVS Funding Workshop: 16 April 10-12 at Eastbourne Town Hall. Come and find out about how to write a really good funding application that will give you the best chance of successfully bidding for money. We'll give you top tips on filling in the application forms and point you in the direction of potential funders. Please ring Marie on 01323 419788 to book your place on this workshop.

EAVS Training News:

New courses:

C.I.E.H. Level 2 Award in Health and Safety – Weds 4 June 2008

Basic First Aid – Weds 17 Sept 2008

Places still available on:

Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers – Weds 21 May 2008

Building Strong Teams – Mon 2 June 2008

C.I.E.H. Level 2 Award in Food Safety – Mon 23 June 2008

Details will be available soon on:

Volunteer Management – Weds 25 June 2008

Working with Volunteers with Extra Support Needs – Weds 9 July 2008

Full details available from www.eavs.org or Sue Duffell on 01323 639373.

Devonshire Project Update: The next meeting of the DNA (Devonshire Neighbourhood Action) Group is on 11 June. Please contact Cathy Smerdon if you would like more details of the Devonshire Project and how to get involved. cathy@eavs.org.uk

Volunteer Development: Hopefully as a member of EAVS, your organisations will have recently received a tracking request form from Sarah Hodgetts (Volunteer Development Officer) requesting some data about your numbers of volunteers. Sarah would like to thank all those organisations who have already responded and encourage those who

have not already done so to get in touch. The data is being used to create a picture of volunteering in East Sussex which will help to raise awareness of the crucial importance of voluntary work in the county and encourage investment in the sector. If you have any questions about the project, or would like a tracking form, please contact Sarah on 01323 639373 or at sarah@eavs.org.uk

Rooms to Let: EAVS has a number of offices of different sizes which are due to become vacant over the next couple of months. We can accommodate organisations of different sizes from provision for one person up to a maximum of ten. The offices are situated in the centre of town close to the railway station and are rented under a renewable annual licence. The licence fee includes business and water rates, buildings insurance, cleaning of communal areas and access to a photocopier. There are additional meeting rooms on site which are available to hire. If you are interested and would like to make an appointment to view, please contact Alison Maconochie on 01323 639373 or alison@eavs.org.uk

East Sussex County Council consultation event for the voluntary and community sector looking at the future delivery of youth work: The voluntary and community youth sector delivers extensive services to 11-19 year olds in East Sussex so getting your knowledge and expertise heard is vital to helping shape and develop delivery to young people for the future and letting the Council know what would help you to deliver your work. This will take place on 2 May 14.00 - 16.00 at Uckfield Civic Centre Book your place with Luke Drunis on 01273 335464 or luke.drunis@eastsussex.gov.uk
www.esvcys.org.uk/knowledgebase/sector_developments/events/strategic_youth_work_review

Tight deadline for expressions of interest: East Sussex Children's Fund is seeking to extend delivery of the STOP and Incredible Years (Webster-Stratton) parenting programmes across county. Organisations are requested to complete a pro-forma to indicate interest in delivering programmes within a designated geographical area. A Small Grants Fund is also available for small projects which meet the criteria of the Children's Fund: information will be distributed separately for this Fund. The deadline for expressions of interest is 18 April so for further details, please contact Childrens.Fund@eastsussex.gov.uk

Improving Reach Celebration Event: TWICS (Training for Work in Communities) are holding an event for volunteers and employees of black and minority ethnic (BME) community organisations based in the south east. The free event takes place at the BRIGHTHELM Centre, North Road, Brighton on 1st May between 10am and 1pm. Places are limited so please contact Ranthir on 0238 0671111 or email rrathore@twics.org.uk

Climate Change Conference: There are 10 places available for East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) members to attend the one-day conference on how strategic partnerships and local communities can work together to address the issue of climate change. If you would like to attend the event on 24th April (10am-4pm) at the Eastbourne Centre TGWU Building, please contact Barbara Arnold on 01273 484372 or Barbara.Arnold@lewes.gov.uk.

How ICT Can Help Faith Groups Workshop: This free workshop is aimed at staff and volunteers who work as part of a faith-based organisation. It is not a technical session but is aimed at managers and decision-makers who want to know more about how computers and the internet can help their work. Community Base, Queens Road, Brighton BN1 3XG, Friday 25th April 2008, 2-5pm. For bookings please contact either Mark on 01273 234049 or by email at mark.walker@scip.org.uk or Lucian at Lucian@clusterit.co.uk

Futurebuilders England Funding and Surgery Day: Offering loans-based investment packages, Futurebuilders provides flexible finance to organisations that are delivering

public services or want to start contracting with public bodies, such as local authorities, primary care trusts or learning and skills councils. To register your interest before the fund opens, or to find out more about how loan finance can help your organisation achieve sustainability, visit www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk or call **0191 261 5200**. For anyone thinking of applying for funding from Futurebuilders to deliver public services, this event is an opportunity to hear presentations and ask questions as well as a one-to-one session to assess your organisation's eligibility. 22 April 2008, 10am to 1pm at Community Base, 113 Queens Road, Brighton. Please ring Marianne or Sharon on 0191 2692850 or email marianne.patterson@futurebuilders-england.org.uk

BASIS Funding Round 2: The Big Lottery Fund will be launching Round 2 of the BASIS programme and will be holding a launch event at the Woking YMCA on the afternoon of 19 May 2008. If you would be interested in attending, please contact the Big Lottery Fund on 01483 462920.

Woodward Charitable Trust Funding: The Trust favours small-scale, locally based initiatives with grants (£100 - £50,000) for one off projects. The next deadline date for applications is 30 May 2008. Tel: 020 7410 0330 or email contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

Anti Sweatshop Movement Eastbourne Event: Breaking Sweat 08 will be held at the Underground theatre on the 25 July and will feature performances including live music, visual arts and theatre. For further details, please contact Jamie Findon on (01323) 727403.

Help In Kind Donations: In Kind Direct re-distributes new goods donated by some of Britain's best-known manufacturers and retailers to hundreds of voluntary organisations working at home and abroad. Founded in 1996, In Kind Direct has since gone on to assist 4,000 charities, working with over 700 donor businesses and funders. Look on their website for further details: www.inkinddirect.org

Focus on East Sussex: The annual monitoring report, with intelligence on significant social, economic and demographic trends affecting the county. You can also download a 'pdf' version on East Sussex in Figures website at www.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk

Update on Town Centre Parking: News on town centre parking can be found at www.eastsussex.gov.uk/eastbourneparking

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