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Arcola Theatre wins Community Award

L-R: Victor Bamigboye (Judge), Ben Todd, Leyla Nazli, Owen Calvert-Lyons, Brenda Emmanus (presenter)

For their outstanding contribution to the development and ongoing success of 6 primary schools, Arcola Theatre has been presented the **Community Organisation Award** at this year's Educator's Awards.

The Awards, which took place at the Hackney Empire on Tuesday 13 March, celebrated Hackney's educational achievements and success stories over the past decade and marked 10 years of excellence in Hackney.

Arcola Theatre was given the award for their Arcola Start Project which **has allowed 500 children to see their first play**, 200 to see their first theatre and has trained 25 teachers.

Receiving the award Arcola's Creative Learning Manager Owen Calvert-Lyons said: "We are very proud to win this award in a borough with as many creative organisations as Hackney. Arcola Theatre's START programme aims to provide every child in Hackney with access to world class children's theatre in their borough. This award is recognition for the first stage of the programme but this is just the beginning: now we want every school and children's organisation in Hackney to get involved."

The evening was presented by **BBC London's Brenda Emmanus** and included performances by Hackney's young musicians including the Petchey Academy jazz band, African drummers and dancers from Kingsmead Primary School and the Hackney Training Orchestra.

Hackney CVS celebrates another young trainee's success



Abdul Shikdar completed his placement at Hackney CVS last month and has left with a brand new qualification: an NVQ in Business Administration. Abdul said: 'It was a great experience and gave me communication skills and other important qualities for the future.' His manager Kristine Wellington said: 'Abdul was an asset to the team and quick to learn. We wish him the best of luck for the future.'

Hackney CVS has a track record of successfully supporting young people on NVQ placements. For more info contact: paul@hcv.org.uk

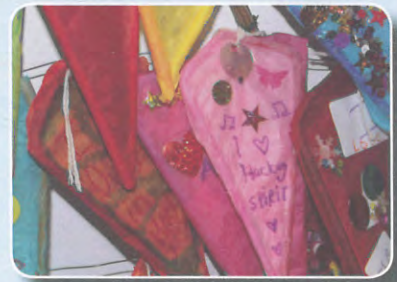
Hackney's Heart

What do you love about Hackney? This is the question that young people were asked during the Youth Takeover weekend at Hackney Empire.

Amongst the many responses were: 'I love sledging in Springfield Park', 'I love the farm', 'I love my family' and 'I love Hackney's spirit'. The group of young people went on to create the Hackney Heart, made up of multiple coloured pennants displaying these wide ranging opinions.

The activity was organized by Artburst and the installation is on display in The Bullion Rooms at Hackney Empire's new Empire 2 building, a space for artists and young people to rehearse, meet and create.

Artburst Founders Penny Embden and Amy Bicat were delighted with the project: "It was great to work with so many positive young people to make the Hackney Heart. We'd love to create more Hackney Hearts and with broader age ranges of Hackney residents."



www.artburst.co.uk

Dalston Energy Angels

During February and March Arcola Theatre ran the Dalston Energy Angels project, with funding from the Department of Energy and Climate Change.

The project generated a large amount of interest and an incredibly positive attitude. This was one of a group of projects getting communities ready for the Green Deal, a government plan to make homes more energy efficient to help meet carbon reduction targets. The project has also been making sure people in Hackney understand how energy is used in their homes, how to make things

more efficient, and how to save money in the process.

Katherine, who had an energy survey of her home, wrote to say "The energy assessors were extremely knowledgeable and also understanding about a person like me who is very unconfident about DIY and also anxious about the thought of spending large sums of money on major home improvements. I am thinking about the suggestions they made and hope to put at least some of them in place before next winter."

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LIVING IN THE MARGINS

The Afiya Trust Campaign: Living in the Margins

Empowering BME voices against the cuts and securing healthy futures

Living in the Margins is a new social media based campaign, empowering the most vulnerable groups to alleviate health inequalities for black and minority ethnic (BME) families in a climate of cuts.

The interim findings of the campaign suggest that one in five local authorities is failing in its duty to BME communities as a result of disproportionate cuts. In England around **£3m was cut to the BME voluntary and community sector** in social care funding in 2010/2011 - £1.5 million of this was in London alone. The provisional findings are based on the responses of 118 local authorities to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Patrick Vernon, The Afiya Trust's Chief Executive states: "There is clear evidence that many local authorities are not delivering on their legal requirement...to conduct Equality Impact Assessments when making funding cuts that affect BME communities. This comes at a time when BME communities are experiencing one of the **largest increases in health inequalities** and one of the largest reductions in social mobility since the 1940s. Yet, from our initial findings, they are bearing a significant brunt of the cuts."

More information: www.livinginthemargins.org



Chinese elders at the Hackney Chinese Community Services Centre

Freephone 24 hour National Domestic Violence Helpline

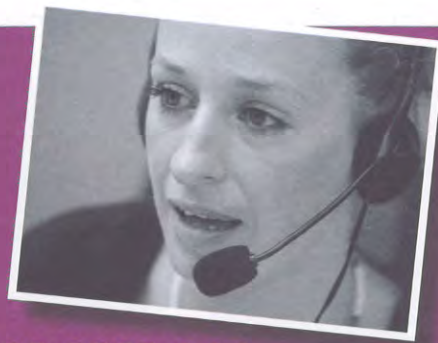
"It was like somebody had switched a light on in my brain"

Kate, describing her crucial first call to the Helpline

Are you scared of your boyfriend or husband? Is he jealous and possessive? Are you changing your behaviour because you're scared of your partner's reaction? Or are you worried that someone you know might be being abused?

The Freephone 24 National Domestic Violence Helpline, a confidential source of support run by two domestic violence charities, Refuge and Women's Aid, is there for you, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, on **0808 2000 247**.

The Helpline is staffed by trained women support workers and volunteers who can offer confidential, non judgmental support.



Tel: 0808 2000 247

The Helpline receives hundreds of calls every day, and in the past year it received over 400 calls from Hackney alone.

Cris Kinhead, Senior Operations Manager at Refuge, says: "If a woman needs to escape from her partner, Helpline staff can help to find her and her children a place in a refuge which gives her the breathing space she needs to decide what to do next."

Any woman experiencing domestic violence should remember: it's not your fault. You're not alone. And calling the Helpline could be the first step towards escaping domestic violence and living a life free from violence and fear.

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Race on the Agenda

Hackney CVS and the Community Empowerment Network (CEN) partnered Race on the Agenda (ROTA) for Race and Racism in the 21st Century, a community discussion at the Tomlinson Centre at the end of February.

A panel including Dr Elizabeth Henry (CEO ROTA), Dr Richard Stone (ROTA Patron), Sir William Atkinson (Headteacher Phoenix High School), Jake Ferguson (CEO Hackney CVS) and Jacqueline Stewart (Hackney Parent Governor), presented their views on the disadvantage and discrimination that Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee children and their families continue to face.

Followed by group discussions, the event evidenced examples of the discrimination that exists in Hackney and beyond. Whilst recognising the progress made over previous decades in the fight for equality, it was clear from the afternoon's discussion that Britain still has a long way to go before it can truly be called a post-racial society.

"Stop and search should be intelligence led but often it's not"
Elizabeth Henry, ROTA

"Why are schools fearful of talking about racism?"
Steve, discussion participant

"A big problem of stop & search is the dehumanising process"
Patrick Vernon, Afiya Trust

"There aren't enough forums for BAMER communities to have a voice"
Rueben Tapper, Immediate Theatre

"Parents need a greater role in schools and there needs to be greater BAMER representation"
Jake Ferguson, Hackney CVS

"Many aspects of the criminal justice system are flawed"
Judy Harris, Economic Development Network

Facts & Stats

There are currently no Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee representatives on the board of the Learning Trust, the organisation responsible for the education service in Hackney. Plans to address this lack of representation are under way. Contact Kristine Wellington if you are interested in school and board governance and representation: kristine@hcv.org.uk

There are just 30 black male headteachers in England's 21,600 state schools. (*The Guardian*)

In England and Wales, black people are 7 times more likely than white people to be stopped and searched by the police. This rises to 30 times more likely when police use powers granted by section 60 of the Public Order Act, which allows people to be stopped and searched without reasonable suspicion. (*The Guardian*)

Unemployment among young black people (aged 16-24) is a shocking 44% – over twice the rate of their white counterparts. (dianeabbott.org.uk)

Safeguarding young people

Safeguarding is everybody's business, yet at times we are unable to make it to events to learn more about it unless we close our organisations to the very people we are set up to support. So what's the solution?

That's the question being posed to a group of organisations working with children, young people and families which over the next 6 months are coming together to make up the Safeguarding Communities project.

Safeguarding Communities Project

The project is being supported by the City and Hackney Safeguarding Board and will provide an opportunity to connect and reflect on the barriers to safeguarding for community organisations, particularly those which lead cultural networks and smaller providers working out of hours on estates.

A wide range of key concerns will be examined by the project, including the link between safeguarding and child protection which is often a hazy area. The project also aims to support the voluntary and community sector to understand what constitutes illegal behaviour and what might be considered as misconduct. The safeguarding of vulnerable adults will also be addressed.

Sarah Peel, the Local Area Designated Safeguarding Officer from Hackney Council, is available to support VCS providers.

She says: "The community sector is a trusted source of support. Workers in the sector are often closest to the ground when it comes to picking up when things have gone wrong - so it's vital that they understand what risk is in the context of keeping children safe. It's our job to help them to do this."

Sarah and her team are available to support the VCS to address some of the big issues that have arisen in the sector such as safer recruitment, handling referrals, reducing bullying and information gathering and sharing.

New Safeguarding Champions in Hackney

Nine individuals signed up as safeguarding champions as a result of attending Hackney CVS NSPCC safeguarding champion training which was delivered by Children England's Sharon Long and Hackney CVS's Kristine Wellington. The one day course provided an insight into the NSPCC Toolkit, which includes user friendly resources such as the Safe Network CD, a great 10 minute film which provides an introduction on safeguarding to boards of trustees, management committee and staff, and an excellent safeguarding check list which can be completed. It provides a complete insight to the four core safeguarding standards.

Four of the champions are committed to reaching organisations operating in the evenings and weekend so that both the VCS and public sector work together to safeguard children and meet the national safeguarding requirements.

If you want to find out more email: helpline@hcv.org.uk



Empowerment for parents programme

Do you know a carer, mother or father who is finding parenting challenging? Then they may benefit from taking part in a life changing 10 week programme with other parents who want to improve their relationship with their children.

As part of the Families First project parents can take part in the programme which is being delivered at Princess May School by approved facilitators

If you would like to refer a parent or for further information contact: office@acschool.org.uk or 0207 249 5748

Training

Children's Health & Wellbeing Day

26 April @ Hackney CVS

Meeting 1: Time: 9.45 - 11.30am
Community Safeguarding Strategy Group:
Hackney Child & Wellbeing Model

Meeting 2: Time: 11.30am - 12.45 pm
Better outcomes for children with disabilities

Meeting 3: Time: 1.00pm - 3.00pm
Children and young people's
emotional wellbeing

All meetings offer a chance for providers from across the sectors to examine the key issues around children's health.

To book/info: helpline@hcv.org.uk

Children & Young People's Forum: The road to real jobs for young people

08 May / Time: 09.45 - 1PM
@ Hackney CVS

How can we create real jobs and employment for young people in Hackney?

This event will bring together VCS providers who want to uncover solutions to the soaring levels of unemployment amongst specific communities.

What steps do we need to take at policy level? What lessons can we learn from past initiatives?

To book/info: helpline@hcv.org.uk

Welcome to Julia Gay who joins Hackney CVS to support groups working with children, young people and families to improve their safeguarding practice.



Contact Julia on : 020 7923 8188

Hackney CVS and partners win £900K from BIG to support local families

Families First, a Hackney partnership working with young children growing up in very challenging family circumstances has been awarded close to £900,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

Hackney CVS, partnered with London Borough of Hackney, Claudia Jones Organisation, African Community School, Inspire! and Daymer, will receive the money from BIG's Improving Futures programme, which will provide more joined-up and earlier support to families with multiple and challenging problems.

Hackney CVS and its partners will work together to support 210 families over three years. It will work mainly, but not exclusively, with African Caribbean, Turkish and Kurdish families who have been identified as having complex needs which do not yet require statutory intervention.

Jake Ferguson, CEO at Hackney CVS, said: "The Hackney Families First Programme is all

about helping families in difficult and often complex circumstances avoid costly and frustrating attempts to get the right help from local public services. By focusing on 210 mainly black and ethnic minority families who live with multiple needs, this programme will provide a range of preventative initiatives such as mentoring children to get ready for secondary school transition or helping parents find the skills to cope better with challenging situations such as when a family member is diagnosed with a mental health illness.

Alison Rowe, Big Lottery Fund's Head of the London region, said: "Too many families in difficult circumstances still don't know who to turn to for help...By mobilising all those who can help at a local level in a coordinated way, Hackney CVS aims to pilot and explore the new ways of improving the lives of some of the most vulnerable children."

More info: please contact the lead officer for the project: Rebecca Clarkson:
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Making Sense of Welfare Reform

We are currently in the midst of massive changes to the benefits system which will have a huge impact on many Hackney residents and could eventually change the population of Hackney itself. Housing Benefit (HB) reform may result in many people not being able to afford to live in the borough anymore and could cause significant distress and upheaval for HB claimants as they are forced to move elsewhere.

In order to support the sector to understand and respond to these changes, the Community Empowerment Network is hosting a series of events called Making Sense of Welfare Reform, the first being an event focused on Incapacity Benefit (IB) reform and its relationship to the Work Programme. The event will include a mapping exercise of VCS groups working with IB

claimants and will produce a directory of VCS services available to Hackney residents from Employment and Support Allowance claims to the transition into work. Please take 2 minutes to add your organisation to our map:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SR7NRTS>

Many VCS advice organisations in Hackney provide invaluable information and support which is ever more crucial. For those organisations which do not specialise in benefits advice the reforms can be especially confusing. Therefore, following on from the council's Welfare Reform Briefing we have produced a simple guide to welfare reform which is available on the CEN website:
www.hackneycen.org.uk

'What's Good' – giving young people a voice, opportunity and a chance to showcase their talents

A group of young people from Hackney have been supported by Hackney CVS and the Council's Young Hackney service to host number of events, called 'What's Good' for their peers in the summer. On the 6th June they will be hosting a **Young People's Question Time** with the Mayor of Hackney and the new Borough Commander of the Police to get to the heart of the issues that affect them.



Siobhan David-O'Dean

Local youth projects, The Youth Skills Network and Hold It Down are working with the young people to make sure the debate, which will be streamed live on the internet, engages a cross section of young people from across the borough. The What's Good Organising Committee are also planning a job and enterprise fair on the same day as well as preparing a **talent showcase** for young singers, dancers and spoken word artists.

Siobhan David-O'Dean, aged 24, got involved with the project after being told about it by Hazel Ellis at the Claudia Jones Organisation, which is dedicated to supporting and empowering African Caribbean Women. "Hackney is always being looked down upon," said Siobhan, "so we want to hold a positive event - a Hackney jobs fair and talent show".

These events follow on from the work led by Hackney CVS to engage local people in discussing how to tackle the underlying issues behind the August riots. Hackney CVS is also working with **the Met Police** to establish a young people's Stop and Search Monitoring Group which will help to give young people the sense they have more control over the way they are policed in Hackney. Watch this space for more updates.

C.L.R. James

The campaigners who fought to retain the name of C.L.R. James for Dalston's new Library saw the fruits of their labours rewarded on Tuesday the 28th of February with the launch of the new library on Dalston Lane proudly displaying the name of the famous African-Caribbean writer and activist.

At the launch of the permanent C.L.R James exhibition in the new library his widow Selma James said of her late husband: 'He was not ambitious for himself and he didn't mind not being recognised for his work. He did it simply because he felt strongly about it and because it needed to be done, not for the acknowledgment of others.'

Also addressing the launch were Ngoma Bishop from Black Ethnic Minority Art (BEMA) and Cllr McShane. Thanking Cllr McShane for his support in the fight to retain the name, Ngoma said:

'If we are going to make a point of when councillors betray us we should recognise and acknowledge when they act with integrity.'

See the video of the launch of the exhibition on BEMA's website:
www.bemanetwork.org.uk



Selma James with a booklet about her late husband C.L.R. James



Jah Messam & Ngoma Bishop

IS HACKNEY SUSTAINABLE?

Sustainable Hackney has been formed by the merger of three local environmental groups: Hackney Environmental Forum, Hackney Environmental Network and Ecoactive. Andrea Enisuoh from the Community Empowerment Network spoke to Kathryn Johnson, one of Sustainable Hackney's founding members.

Why does Hackney need an Environmental Network?

We are not moving towards sustainability quickly enough. We need to work out how best to do that and bring together lots of different people in Hackney.

What does sustainability mean to you?

It means looking at all aspects of society: economical, social and environmental. It means looking at how we live within environmental limits. We need to be able to manage people's needs while bearing in mind we need to meet the needs of people in the future too.

Do you think people are convinced about the need for environmental change?

I think there are still many people just thinking about today. They look at what have been traditional or conventional ways of thinking about the economy rather than recognising that there are different ways of doing things that can work better economically and environmentally.

Could you tell us about the network's new website?

It's a place to network, organise, publicise events and find information on key issues. It is also a place to check out our fantastic green

maps. Tree Musketeers, Hackney Marsh User Group and the Tree Nursery are just some of the many groups you will find interacting there. We really want people to add information or let us know new places to add to the green map. It is a really important tool for all the work we do.

A lot of organisations feel they want to support sustainability but don't know what they can do. Every organisation can look at their impact on the environment. You do not need much expertise to do this. People just need to sit back for a few minutes and think about what they do. How much energy do we use? How much water do we use? How much travelling are we doing and what transport are we using? There will be things that they can do to reduce their organisation's environmental impact. If they need some help or advice there are lots of people and organisations that can help.

Future plans for the network?

We are already developing and supporting Hackney Food Growers and we will be having an event this Spring. The council have agreed the Biodiversity Action Plan and we are now pushing for its implementation. People need to be trained on how to support the action plan and support the species that are at risk. We want to try and protect and create more habitats to support them.

We are also looking at doing some work on the local economy so if anyone is interested we would like to hear from them.

Sustainable Hackney will be holding their AGM on the 25th April.

www.sustainablehackney.org.uk

Hackney African Forum

was originally set up to support African organisations addressing health issues in their communities. Janet Bake-Murungi from Hackney African Forum, was asked about how they are continuing to thrive in these difficult times.



Janet Bake-Murungi

"Though we were originally working mainly in the area of HIV prevention," she says, "now there are many issues we need to concentrate on such as tuberculosis, drug and alcohol abuse, breast cancer awareness, diabetes, mental health and domestic violence. In order to do so we use a collective approach, **pulling together organisations** from all communities.

An important example of the importance of our work is the issue of **breast cancer**. We try to get the message out to check early and to assure people that Africans can get breast cancer and we try to be a bridge between them and the mainstream service providers. Recently we hosted an **International Women's Day event** on breast cancer awareness to explain to women the risks and how to check themselves. In future we aim to raise awareness of the other issues with Faith Communities.

Though we have had **trouble with funding** we have been able to increase our capacity and diversify our work. We now attend meetings with key policy makers, sit on boards and meet commissioners face to face and because we know the issues and have a track record we are **confident that we can deliver** where we need to."

SPARK spoke to 81 year old Hackney activist Shirley Mugraff about NHS reforms

Former teacher and Hackney resident Shirley Mugraff made headlines recently when she was carried away by police for stopping traffic in Parliament Square in protest against the Government's NHS reforms.

Shirley had padlocked herself to chained protesters, who were on a road outside the House of Lords, to draw attention to what she feared was "the real danger that if we don't stop the Bill, that will be the end of the NHS."

Now the Bill has been passed are you going to carry on protesting?

Absolutely, more direct action is needed. We have to expose the fact that this is a privatisation bill.

How will the passing of the Bill impact on Hackney's residents?

There is going to be increased rationing of health care. Already hospitals are saying they are not doing hip, cataract or hernia operations. This is affecting older people disproportionately.

Also there have been huge cuts to third sector care organisations in Hackney. The situation is building up and up and now people are beginning to feel the difference.

You clearly feel passionate about the NHS. Yes, because this is our NHS. It's not theirs (the Government's) to sell off. Our taxes have paid for it over decades. It's a very sad situation but we are going to carry on the fight.

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Sector Spotlight

The voluntary and community sector relies on the talent and dedication of volunteers. Spark caught up with three dedicated locals and found out what inspires them.

ADENIKE OJO

**HACKNEY
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What inspired you to volunteer at the Hackney Law Centre?

I've worked in the corporate sector for several years and I wanted to take some time to give back to the community and sharpen my skills before returning. I also felt that volunteering in Hackney would enable me to feel the heartbeat of the community.

Could you tell us about your role?

I work on the telephone helping the general public with legal problems and I also staff the face to face drop in clinic.

What have been the highlights of volunteering at Hackney Law Centre?

Having the opportunity to work with supervisors who are passionate about their work and seeing a case progress which can potentially change an individual's life.

Do you feel that the austerity cuts are hitting the VCS and vulnerable people too hard?

I think the real issue is encouraging those in the community to support those who are vulnerable because doing small things for others can make a great impact.

What do you do when you're not at the Law Centre – hobbies, family etc?

I am part of the British Nigeria Law Forum (BNLF), I volunteer for the International Law Book Facility (ILBF), and I also volunteer at a soup kitchen in Stoke Newington once a week. I enjoy reading and I am part of a book club, I write poetry in my spare time and I am doing Zumba religiously every morning!

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www.vchackney.org



What inspired you to volunteer?

I wanted to learn admin skills and thought that volunteering would be a way of getting hands on experience while helping others.

Could you tell us about your role?

My role involves talking to people about volunteering, promoting the volunteer programme, data entry and making and receiving calls to and from potential volunteers.

What have been the highlights of volunteering?

Meeting people, giving them advice and seeing the progress they make as a result. Also the feeling of appreciation, in particular when I receive certificates from the volunteer programme to celebrate my hard work.

Do you feel that volunteering can help a person's career?

Yes, definitely, as volunteering improves confidence, develops hands on experience and gives work/life structure. Also, it is a good way for someone to try out a role if they are considering a career change.

Can you give an example of a time when your volunteering has helped others?

I gave advice to a close friend who wanted to develop her skills in sewing. We matched her to a role that was so perfect for her that her confidence has increased to the level where she is now considering starting her own business.

What do you do in your spare time?

I am currently studying an IT course with Learn Direct. I also like socialising with friends, going to restaurants and dancing.

GUL KARAGAG

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What inspired you to volunteer at HRF?

I like working with people from different communities and HRF offers a great opportunity to meet people from all over the world, and learning about different cultures and needs. At HRF we join forces to deal with common problems in our communities.

Could you tell us about your role?

I design leaflets and posters and I organise meetings and events. I do all kinds of administrative work and in general I support the HRF Director. We visit refugee community organisations and we organise funding partnerships and joint events. Also, we represent our communities at a wide range of meetings and events.

What have been the highlights of volunteering at the Hackney Refugee Forum?

I enjoy meeting women from refugee and migrant communities to discuss problems and act together to find solutions. For example we

recently organised a Wellbeing and Health conference with volunteers from 23 different communities which attracted over 200 people. It was a brilliant experience.

Do you feel that volunteering can help a person's career?

Definitely yes. I have improved my skills in marketing and administration and I have learnt about the local voluntary and community sector. This has helped me to improve my self confidence and helped me look for new types of employment.

What do you do when you're not at the Hackney Refugee Forum?

I also volunteer at the Refugee Workers Cultural Association helping them to organise cultural events and courses for women and young people. My son is currently acting in a play organised by our association; a Kurdish love story (Mem u Zin). I teach Anatolian based folk dances and last year I trained many people at primary and secondary schools in Hackney. Also I sing with the Turkish and Kurdish Women's Choir.

The Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) - how do I get involved?

Hackney CVS has been working on a way to ensure that, when it comes to opportunities for securing new contracts, all VCS groups have a fair chance of getting some resources.

This includes the small, specialist providers who are the unsung heroes doing a great job but without the means, or the desire, to start running big contracts for service delivery. Through forming a consortium – the SPV – we can offer groups a way of participating in large-scale bids with somebody else taking the strain of looking after the reporting, finances

and other administration involved in contract delivery.

To join the SPV, groups will need to be able to demonstrate that they have a well run organisation with proper governance and management arrangements in place, with evidence that they account for their money in accordance with best practice and have a tangible commitment to quality standards.

A prospectus setting out what will be required for those wishing to join the SPV will be launched on the Hackney CVS website in April but if in the meantime you want to know more get in touch with Rebecca Clarkson on:

rebecca@hcvcs.org.uk

Community Diary

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May 2012

Tues 8th: 9.45am – 1pm
The Road to Real Jobs: (see p.11)
@ Hackney CVS

Tues 8th: 1:30 – 3pm
Safeguarding: Managing allegations against your staff @ Hackney CVS

Thu 10th: 10am – 3.30pm
CAP: (Community Accountancy Project)
Preparing Budgets and Cash Flows:
Venue: TBC

Ready Steady Go: a 3 day programme for new Hackney VCS organisations. You will learn about key legal and organisational issues: **Mon 14th, Mon 21st, June 11th:**
Times: 10am – 1pm @ Hackney CVS

Tues 15th: 9:45 – 4:15
Champions Modular Training: Into the four key safeguarding standards @ Hackney CVS

Thus 17th & Thurs 24th : 10am – 4pm
CAP: Manual Financial Record-keeping:
Venue: TBC

Thurs 21st: 10am – 12.30pm
CAP: Charity Reserves: Examine the importance of reserves and how to devise a reserves policy: Venue: TBC

Tue 22nd: 9.45am – 1pm
Community Safeguarding: Cyber Safety with The Learning Trust @ Hackney CVS

Wed 23rd: 10am – 3pm
CAP: EXCEL: From beginners to intermediate Venue: TBC

Thurs 31st: 10am – 3.30pm
CAP: Producing Financial Reports for Funders & Management Committee:
Venue TBC

For course details: info@hcvs.org.uk
Check www.hcvs.org.uk for our June diary

Kaday Rose Kamara, a well known and respected figure in the local community, recently passed away. An event in celebration of her life is being held on April 12th, from 18:00 to 21:00 at the Trinity Centre, Beechwood Road, E8.

Contact: Ngoma Bishop: bemaadmin@hcvs.org.uk

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