



Newsletter

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About us

Hillingdon Association of Voluntary Services exists to support and develop the voluntary sector in the London Borough of Hillingdon. See the back page for our

Newsletter

We welcome your news items and articles. To contribute to the next edition please contact us before 30th November 2011.

Website

Visit our community website hillington-connected.org.uk for our directory of voluntary organisation, information about our projects and latest news.

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NEW SUPPORT PROGRAMMES ANNOUNCED

The Government has recently announced a £30-million programme for *Transforming Local Infrastructure*. This will fund local infrastructure organisations like HAVS. They in turn will be expected to assist frontline civil society organisations to modernise, become more efficient and improve their services.

But competition is fierce with only 50% of bids for support being funded and only one bid being considered per borough. HAVS is therefore leading on the Hillingdon bid and we are working with local groups to deliver a strong local partnership and bid.

The Government support offered is also expected to help organisations to engage more effectively with the commissioners who are seeking to place public service contracts.

In addition to this programme, the Government has launched a £10-million programme called *Investment and Contract Readiness* to help frontline organisations to grasp the opportunities arising from new funding sources.

They include new markets in public service delivery as well as new types of social finance - including loans and equity stakes - facilitated by the Big Society Bank.

The Government says it is also making it easier in future for SME civil society organisations to do business with government departments online via the *Government e-Marketplace*.

Speaking about the new programmes, Nick Hurd Minister for Civil Society, said: "We want organisations to develop the right skills, systems and attitude so that they are ready for investment and in a stronger position to win public service contracts."

Ted Hill, Chief Executive of HAVS, said: "We welcome these new initiatives as they should enable charitable and voluntary organisations to improve and to take advantage of new funding arrangements.

"We await further information as to just how they will operate and will keep you informed through our website. I hope to call a conference later in the year once the detail on Contact Readiness is announced."

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DEVELOPING YOUR VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT!

A FREE practical workshop on the Volunteer Management Charter and Health Check

- Do you or someone in your organisation manage volunteers?
- Would you benefit from some support in your Volunteer Management practice?
- Would you like to be part of a London-wide initiative of good practice in Volunteer Management?

Experts in Volunteering is a project of Greater London Volunteering that is working in partnership with local volunteer centres to provide an increased level of support for, and guidance on, Volunteer Management.

At our workshop for organisations in Hillingdon you will have the opportunity to:

- **Sign up to the Volunteer Management Charter**
- **Complete the Volunteer Management Health Check**
- **Receive practical information, advice and resources from the Experts in Volunteering team**
- **Meet other Hillingdon groups and share ideas around good practice**

The workshop takes place at: Hillingdon Association of Voluntary Services, Key House, 106 High Street, West Drayton, UB7 7BQ.

On Tuesday 20th September, 10am - 12.30pm.

To book a place: Contact Kellie Beagley on **01895 442722** or kbeagley@havs.org.uk We will need your name, organisation and email and phone contact details.

To find out more about the session or about the project in general contact May, West London Development Worker, based at Ealing CVS on 020 8280 2233, may@glv.org.uk

NEW BRIBERY ACT

New anti-corruption laws relating to both companies and individuals came into force on July 1st.

The laws are contained in the Bribery Act 2010 and introduce several new criminal offences for bribery in business activities conducted in the United Kingdom and overseas. The penalties on conviction for these offences are severe, ranging from imprisonment to heavy fines.

Active and passive bribery

The Act highlights *active* and *passive* bribes. An active bribe is defined as a financial or other advantage offered, promised, or given to induce a person to perform a relevant function or activity improperly, or to reward him or her for doing so.

A passive bribe is requesting, agreeing to receive, or accepting a bribe. A bribe takes place even where the advantage offered is to be provided to a third party.

HAVS is committed to tackling any form of bribery by employees and associated persons, including agents, subsidiaries, consultants and contractors. We have introduced robust procedures to comply with the Bribery Act.

Members are strongly advised to review and update their anti-bribery measures to ensure that you too comply with the new law.



YOUR IDEAS FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Your ideas are needed now by your local **Better Neighbourhood Team** (BNT).

The three local BNT's have money to fund projects and activities to make neighbourhoods which people respect and want to make places to settle and stay.

To give your ideas and for more details contact: Hayes BNT- Jenny on 07591 927112; Ruislip BNT - Earl on 07983 582389; Uxbridge, Yiewsley & West Drayton BNT- Nikki on 07944 265141.

Alternatively ring the Community Involvement Team phone 01895 277038 or email: HHS-communityinvolvementteam@hillingdon.gov.uk

HILLINGDON'S PILOTING CHARITIES

Three lucky charities working in the London Borough of Hillingdon are to take part, for free, in an exciting new business development project.

The project will be run by the national charity Pilotlight which will provide tailor made capacity-building support over a 12-month period.

Prospective charities are currently in discussions with HAVS and Pilotlight and the project is expected to kick off later this year.

Focusing on business planning and strategy Pilotlight helps organisations that are already doing great work to reach more people more effectively.

It will help the participating organisations to develop a modern business plan and, as part of this, aims to place them in the best possible position to meet the current challenges of working in a changing voluntary sec-

The support provided will utilise the challenge and business skills of four senior level business executives working in a team to support each organisation.

The whole process is managed by a dedicated Project Manager and also explores ways in which the charities can link up and make best use of partnerships and working collaboratively with colleagues within the voluntary sector.

To assist, HAVS is providing Pilotlight with advice and information on the role of the voluntary sector locally and how it can play its part in the Big Society being promoted by the government.

The scheme has the backing of Nick Hurd the Minister for Civil Society and MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner.

Ted Hill, HAVS Chief Executive, said: "This project offers a uniquely managed capacity-building process exploring the charities' vision for their growth and provides the skills to make it happen. It doesn't cost them anything at all as Pilotlight is funded by donations from its business partners.

"We hope it will be possible to extend the project to other local organisations once the initial project is finished."

After benefitting from Pilotlight's support, organisations have reported better management and governance, more income and staffing, and greater impact on service-users.

Two years after working with Pilotlight, it has been found that the charities and social enterprises they support have:

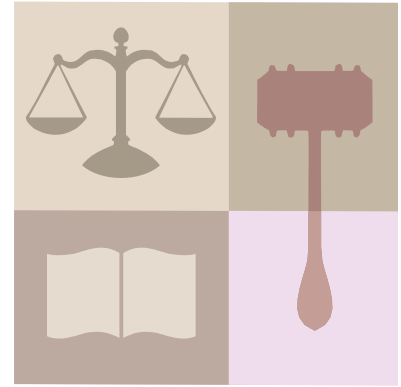
- Increased the number of people reached by 57%
- Increased turnover by 54% - six times the voluntary sector average
- Improved services provided to individuals and communities by 60%

For more information on Pilotlight go to www.pilotlight.org.uk

Premises, the Compact and public law

Does your organisation rent or use council owned premises?

This NCVO *Empowering the Voluntary Sector* guide is a short introduction on how the Compact, public law, and equalities duties are relevant and can be used where decisions are taken that affect your use of premises. It will help you to know where you stand; what your rights are, and how you may be able to challenge unfair decisions.



The Compact

The national Compact sets out general principles which underpin the relationship between government and the voluntary and community sector. The spirit of this partnership agreement has been taken on between local authorities and our sector.

While local Compacts may differ according to area priorities, common to nearly all local Compacts are undertakings by public bodies to:

- consult the voluntary and community sector on issues likely to affect it
- discuss early on with organisations future service delivery
- give a minimum of three months notice where funding, or other support, is going to be Withdrawn.

If your organisation rents or uses council premises then these principles are all relevant. If the council is changing the use of a building that you use then this should only happen after consultation, dialogue with you and other users of the building, and appropriate notice.

Legal duties of public bodies

All public bodies have a legal duty to make decisions that are fair and reasonable. This includes consulting appropriately with organisations and services users, as well as assessing the impact of their decisions in accordance with the Public Sector Equality Duty. Public law focuses on the decision-making process of a council, for example, deciding whether it was fair, open and transparent.

If you have a rental agreement/tenancy for a council owned property this would be governed by standard private law principles. Because of this a council may claim that it does not need to consult on decisions or that the Compact and public law isn't relevant – **in most cases it is!**

If you have difficulties relating to council-owned premises:

- Make sure you know what the local Compact says
- Have a look at your rental agreement (what does it say about notice periods?)
- Think about your service users – has the impact on them been considered in any council decisions?
- Has there been any consultation with you or other groups?
- Was the decision made in an open, fair and transparent way?

Get help! The Compact Advocacy Programme works in partnership with the Public Law Project to give advice on Compact issues and public law. Contact them by email evsAdvice@ncvo-vol.org.uk or phone 020 7520 3161.

GIVING PROPOSALS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT!

A special summit is to be held this autumn to progress government plans for increasing charitable giving – monetary and in kind.

It follows publication of the Coalition's 'Giving' White Paper in May which set out a range of ideas, initiatives and investment proposals.

Unusually, the White Paper was framed as a starting point for further discussion.

Highlights include:

£40m investment in volunteering and social action

This is a two year programme made up of:

£30m local infrastructure fund to be administered by the BIG Lottery Fund. It will provide support to frontline voluntary and community organisations in England. The key aims are to support:

- more effective local hubs
- the development of an online resource bank
- growth of more local partnerships

£10m social action fund for projects such as:

- self-managed volunteering trials
- building participation schemes
- schools based giving programmes
- post National Citizen Service activities
- using opportunities from the 2012 Olympic Games
- training volunteer managers
- encouraging ex-civil servants to volunteer

£80m Community First programme

This will comprise:

£30m Neighbourhood Matched Fund

Communities in targeted areas will be asked to identify projects and to match government funds – which could be via volunteer time, cash, goods and services.

£50m Endowment Match Challenge Funds.

This is intended to build up local endowments through donations which, over time, provide income to award grants. An additional £1m is included as part of the programme to match the London Evening Standard's 'Dispossessed Fund'.

New funds

- £400,000 from government and NESTA to trial SPICE community time credits in England
- Challenge prizes for voluntary schemes
- £1m Whitehall fund for Do-it, the Volunteer Website

Support for existing funds

- £700,000 over the next three years for Philanthropy UK to support those with money to give away
- £200,000 bursary for 500 senior community organisers in the first year
- £5m over three years for Near Neighbours scheme by Department for Communities and Local Government with the Church of England

Other proposals

- A national campaign to increase take-up of Payroll giving
- Rewarding philanthropy through the Honours system
- More volunteering by civil servants and a Volunteer Day for Ministers
- Enabling charities to make use of government buildings
- Discussion on cash-point giving.

NAVCA survey reveals cuts' impact!

A members' survey by NAVCA* has revealed that their average income has fallen by 40% over the last two years whilst 1,800 posts have been lost with development work being the hardest hit.

NAVCA calculated that members' total income in 2009/10 was £203m and £192.2m last year. For the current year NAVCA estimates total income has dropped to a total of £125m or by £67m on the year.

The survey showed that on average members will be using £31,801 from their reserves in the current year, a total spend of more than £12.5m.

In April 2010 the average number of full time staff employed by NAVCA members was 17.2, a total of 6,880 across the membership. These fell respectively to 15.9 and a total of 6,360 by March 2011. The latest survey now shows a further drop to 12.9 employees per member - a total estimated staffing of 5,160.

Responses to the survey showed that of the members saying a post had been lost, 59.3% said they had lost a development worker post with 35% reporting the loss of an information worker and the same percentage a volunteering management post.

As a result 70.2% of members said that they were able to do less development work; 54.8% said they were cutting back on partnership working while more than 40% reported less of both volunteering and policy work.

NAVCA are using the results of their latest survey to lobby government and other funders on the importance of funding of vital services.

**National Association for Voluntary and Community Action*

Online training courses for you

Organisations that are affiliated to HAVS can now register for a series of free online training workshops designed to help you to keep up to scratch. The training is provided in partnership with the Charity Learning Consortium.

Topics on offer include communication skills, organisational management, budgeting and finance, ICT, and personal development.

To register all you need to do is to log on to our website hillingdonconnected.org.uk Click on Training and set up an account with a user name and password. This gives you access to the courses which you can complete at your own pace..

VOLUNTEERS' CONTRIBUTION RECOGNISED

The excitement is building at the HAVS run Volunteer Centre as we prepare for the **Hillingdon Volunteer Achievement Awards' Ceremony** on September 26th. The event will take place at Uxbridge College's Hayes Campus.

More than one hundred guests, including nominators, nominees, dignitaries and local celebrities are expected to attend. This year's awards have been a real partnership project with HAVS working with the following organisations to ensure that the occasion is as successful and special as in previous years.



Sponsorship secured

We're delighted that a local company has sponsored this year's awards. **John Guest Ltd** of West Drayton has kindly contributed to the running costs of the awards scheme. **Kristian Johnson**, the company's **Marketing & Communications Executive**, said: "As a local company, John Guest Ltd is happy to support an event that celebrates the amazing work of the volunteers in our community."



Our thanks

A big thank you goes to our sponsor and all of our partners for making the Hillingdon Volunteer Achievement Awards 2011 a reality.

Looking forward

The deadline may have passed to get your nominations in for this year's awards but it is not too early to think about the possibility of getting involved in the **Hillingdon Volunteer Achievement Awards 2012**. If your organisation would like to become a partner for next year's awards please contact Tracy Johnson on 01895 442730 or tjohnson@havs.org.uk

A VOLUNTEER'S STORY

The HAVS' run **Hillingdon Volunteer Centre** works hard to match the aspirations of prospective volunteers to the opportunities notified.

Often a spell of voluntary work can help to increase a person's skills and lead to part time or full time paid work.

It is always encouraging for us to hear how a volunteer has got on. Here **Kristian Johnson** explains how things went for him.

"After being out of work for some time, I wanted to keep myself busy and to learn new skills which would help enhance my CV.

"Following information from the Hillingdon Volunteer Centre I did some research on the charity Green Corridor. I found they were looking for a Media Volunteer to film their activities and create a promotional film for the organisation.

"I have a passion for film and my ambition is to be part of the film industry, so this opportunity really helped me get the experience I needed. I started volunteering in February and was pleasantly surprised to see the volunteer team really get stuck in to their work.

"To be honest when I was looking into voluntary work I was expecting quite boring duties. Amazingly I was soon filming people clearing archaeological sites, removing brambles, cutting down trees, and really making a difference to the environment.

"It made all the footage I collected much more exciting and at the end of it I managed to create a great promotional video. I made many friends and had many different experiences working with Green Corridor.

"I believe working with them also helped secure the job I have today. My employer was keen to know what I had been up to and was impressed that I had kept myself busy. It was the diversity of the activities that sparked their initial interest.

"So I would like to thank Green Corridor for giving me this opportunity and I would recommend them to everyone.

"There is no reason for not getting involved. It's fun, a great experience and you meet amazing people too!"



**Kristian filming
volunteers at work**

PROTECTING VULNERABLE ADULTS

Organisations working with vulnerable adults in the London Borough of Hillingdon should now be following the New London Procedures for protecting them. The older Hillingdon procedures are now obsolete.



Context

Protecting adults at risk represents the commitment of organisations in Greater London to safeguard adults at risk by:

- working together to prevent and protect adults at risk from abuse
- empowering and supporting people to make their own choices
- investigating actual or suspected abuse and neglect
- supporting adults and providing a service to adults at risk who are experiencing abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The new policy and procedures apply to the different agencies and individuals involved in safeguarding adults. This includes managers, professionals, volunteers and staff working in public, voluntary and private sector organisations.

Purpose

The procedures aim to make sure that:

- the needs and interests of adults at risk are always respected and upheld
- the human rights of adults at risk are respected and upheld
- a proportionate, timely, professional and ethical response is made to any adult at risk who may be experiencing abuse
- all decisions and actions are taken in line with the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

Audience

The report is relevant to all organisations that have responsibility for safeguarding adults at risk in London. Each local partnership in London is asked to adopt the policy and procedures so that there is consistency across London in how adults at risk are safeguarded from abuse.

This document is available, electronically only, at: [http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/media/pdf/f/q/PLSAR_policy_and_procedures_\(latest\).pdf](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/media/pdf/f/q/PLSAR_policy_and_procedures_(latest).pdf)

FOCUSING ON CHILDREN'S NEEDS

The key strategic three year plan for all partners in Hillingdon delivering services to children, young people and families in the borough has been published.

The agreed priorities of the **Hillingdon Children and Families Trust Plan 2011-2014** are:

- keeping all children and young people safe
- ensuring all children have the best start in life
- improving the health and well-being of young people, focussing on the groups undertaking risky behaviours
- improving the outcomes of looked after children
- improving the outcomes of disabled children

The full plan can be seen at: http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/media/pdf/k/4/HCFT_Plan_2011-14_v10.pdf

Local Safeguarding Children Board Conference 2011

The popular annual LSCB conference will be held this year on 3rd November in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Uxbridge.

But you'll need to sign up soon as usually there's a high demand for places.

Guest speakers for the day are:

- **Sue Jago - Operation Retriever, Child Sexual Exploitation**
- **James Blewett - Hillingdon Management Review, the SCIE Model**
- **DCI Dick Henson - Child Risk Assessment Matrix, a framework to highlight risk following the Baby Peter case**
- **Camila Batmanghelidjh - Kids Company, Working with Vulnerable Families**

To book your place, you will need to create an account with London Borough of Hillingdon, Learning and Development (a user name and password). Then you can book onto any conference or training course. Follow the link below:

<http://w12.hillingdon.gov.uk/eCommunityEvents.Live/Users/Organisation/OrganisationManagement.aspx>

Once you have created your account search under Learning and Development/LSCB/Annual Conference. **The conference is free of charge.**

HELP DESKS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Cutswatch.org.uk provides up-to-date news, case studies, guides and information on how to deal with spending cuts positively, along with links to useful events and services.

carina.mckeown@acevo.org.uk www.cutswatch.org.uk

Business mentoring initiative. A new website that provides small business owners with access to a range of experienced mentors.

<http://www.mentorsme.co.uk>

Sported provides support to community sport organisations that work with young people in disadvantaged areas. <http://www.sported.org.uk/join-us>

Ready for Change tool. This will help you explore how well your governance, financial management, communication and development activities are working and identify where you may need to focus your energies to ensure that plans for sustainability are realistic and achievable.

http://www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk/what_we_do/toolkits/ready_for_change_tool/

Able Internet Payroll has a complete guide to help you to complete your payroll over the Internet. www.ableinternetpayroll.co.uk

Cranfield Trust - Free management consultancy. Trust volunteers provide one-to-one consultancy to charities local to them. <http://www.cranfieldtrust.org/index.php?plDref=114-services>

PAYROO Free accredited Payroll offers a payroll package over the Internet. Any organisation with less than 50 employees can use it free of charge. www.payroo.com

PC4 Recycling offers a one stop solution to all your computer recycling needs including collection, data wiping and the disposal or recycling of your items. All you have to do is call them with the details and they'll do the rest! <http://www.pc4recycling.co.uk>

Global Action Plan - Free Green IT support for SMEs - London. This programme of SME support, co-financed by the European Union, is designed to identify potential areas of financial and environmental savings for your business. They then work with you to develop and deliver a Green IT action plan. <http://greenict.org.uk/sme>

Community Development Finance Association has a website called 'Finding Finance' to help third sector organisations search its membership for sources of loan finance. <http://www.findingfinance.org.uk/find-finance/>

Sport England - Small Grant Scheme. This supports local community sport projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. <http://www.sportengland.org/funding/smallgrants.aspx>

Peter Cruddas Foundation gives priority to programmes designed to help disadvantaged young people to pursue their education (including vocational) and more generally develop their potential whether through sport or recreation, voluntary programmes or otherwise. <http://www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org>



Lankelly Chase Foundation - Arts programme. The Trustees focus on three specific areas: promoting the use of the arts by people with severe mental ill health; encouraging vulnerable young people to participate in arts activities and, through a closed programme, helping young artists to pursue a career in the arts. www.lankellychase.org.uk

London Catalyst makes grants totalling around £300,000 a year, including: grants to social work and hospital teams; churches and community organisations to distribute to individuals in need; support for new initiatives to tackle the effects of poverty and ill health. <http://www.londoncatalyst.org.uk/grants-.aspx>

Sport for You. Its funding can be used for a wide range of purposes such as improving facilities, setting up tournaments etc <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/amateur/8281316/A-1000-amateur-sports-club-grant-could-be-yours.html>

Nationwide Foundation - Small grants. Grants are made to registered UK charities which offer financial and/or housing related support to survivors of domestic abuse, and to older people. <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp>

Alec Dickson Trust is passionate about volunteering and about young people making a difference. Grants of up to £500 are available. Applications are invited from individuals aged 30 and under and from small groups of young people in the UK. <http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>

Sylvia Waddilove Foundation provides grants to charitable organisations for new projects relating to education, music composition and performances, herbal medicine, medical research, disability, the assistance of the elderly and farming. <http://www.pwwsolicitors.co.uk/charitable-applications/charity-details/the-sylvia-waddilove-foundation-uk>

Anchor Foundation supports Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries of healing and the arts. <http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk>

PRS - Awards to Festivals scheme aims to support a wide range of festivals with a commitment to programming new UK music of any genre. <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/festivals.htm>

Swimathon Foundation offers grants to promote swimming to local communities. http://swimathon.org/page.php?page=tsf_Grants_Rules_Criteria

Henry Moore Foundation supports a wide variety of arts projects through its grants programme. <http://www.henry-moore.org/grants/applying-for-a-grant1/make-an-application>

Kelly Family Charitable Trust prioritises its funding in favour of charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. <http://www.kfct.org.uk>



HAVS' INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SERVICE

*Troubleshooting – both hardware and software, ICT best practice, ICT healthcheck and development, Signposting to other support services and useful ICT resources, ICT training for staff/volunteers and trustees, Development of ICT initiatives, Support with ICT accessibility issues, Targeted BMER groups via
Refugees in Effective and Active Partnerships*

HAVS' ICT Service is promoted like all HAVS' services on our community web portal - developed to support voluntary and community organisations — www.hillingdonconnected.com

(ICT) news bulletins that have made the front page of the community web include the following:

Everyclick raises £2 million for UK charities. Launched in 2005, Everyclick has generated the funds through its **Everyclick.com** search engine and its new Give As You Live service. Both of these are available at no charge to any of the UK's charities and their supporters. They aim to enable supporters to raise funds for their favourite charities simply by conducting everyday activities, such as searching online and shopping online. www.everyclick.com

No website, non-starter. Companies in the **business-to-business (B2B) sector** that do not have a website could find their venture never really gets off the ground. That's according to **KKSmarts.com**, which stated that individuals expect to be able to visit a website, so those firms that do not have one could see negative effects. <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/news/no-website-non-starter>

CBI: Public sector has become “more risk-averse” to IT. The **Confederation of British Industry (CBI)** claims there are “worrying signs” commissioners in the public sector have become “more risk-averse” to the use of IT, and that “IT should be seen as part of the solution, not the problem”. <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/news/cbi-public-sector-has-become-%E2%80%9Cmore-risk-averse%E2%80%9D-it>

Internet access via smartphones. More people are using smartphones to access the internet within the UK. **The Institute of Direct and Digital Marketing (IDM)** has revealed that around 28 per cent of internet browsing is done via this type of device. <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/news/internet-access-smartphones>

SMEs, do you tweet? Many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are not using **Twitter** as effectively as they could be, it has been asserted. Social media often has a strong presence at larger firms, but some smaller companies need to step up their communication efforts. <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/news/smes-do-you-tweet>

Women & Software Libre. FLOSSIE is a network of women who are interested in the use of, advocate and/or develop Free/Libre and Open Source Software (FLOSS). FLOSSIE came out of a **collaboration between Anna from Okay Computer and Paula from Fossbox to create FLOSS** events in Manchester and London which would be accessible to everyone, however ‘un-technical’, and where people could learn about FLOSS in a **women-friendly and supportive atmosphere**. <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/news/women-software->

Cable&Wireless offers funding for technology projects. International communications provider **Cable&Wireless** has launched its own charitable foundation and is looking for charity partners to help improve the lives of people with special needs through communications technology. <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/news/cablewireless-offers-funding-technology-projects>

BT competition for PTAs offers £4000 for IT. Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) are being encouraged to enter the **BT Internet Rangers School Award** which offers a prize of £4,000 to spend on IT equipment. The award will reward schools or groups of schools that have helped, or plan to help, older people in their local community make the most of the Internet. The winning school will receive a cheque for £4,000. Two runners-up will be awarded a cheque for £2,500. <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/news/bt-competition-ptas-offers-%C2%A34000-it>

Grassroots organisations offered £5,000 to close the digital divide. As part of ongoing efforts to get more of us online, a fund has been set up to help provide **grassroots funding** to local organisations to boost access. The money is being labelled the **Community Outreach Fund** and is designed to support innovative outreach projects. <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/news/grassroots-organisations-offered-%C2%A35k-close-digital-divide>

Register for training with **HAVS Training and Learning Centre and Hillingdon Connected Training.** <http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk/havs-training-2011>

Access more information and support on Hillingdon's community web portal
www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk

WANT MORE PUBLICITY?

Then why not use the year round Community Calendar on HAVS' website
[hillingdonconnected.org.uk](http://www.hillingdonconnected.org.uk)

Local not-for-profit organisations, including clubs, schools, churches and societies, are invited place their events for free! Event organisers can also check what other events are coming up and avoid an awkward clash of dates.

Send event details (title, description, date, time, contacts and hyperlinks) to
motite@havs.org.uk Give at least 14 days notice.

For more information email as above or ring 01895 442722.

Our Aims

Committed to enabling the **DEVELOPMENT** of Hillingdon's voluntary sector so that it can meet the challenges of the twenty-first century

Committed to enabling the development of **LOCAL SERVICES** that meet the need of local people

Committed to representing the **INTERESTS AND CONCERNS** of the voluntary sector at the strategic level within local statutory agencies

Committed to establishment of **REPRESENTATIVE** systems, procedures and the structures, which enables the voices of the whole volunteer sector to be heard on all issues that concern the sector

Committed to promoting **LIAISON** between the voluntary sector and other organisations in the belief that joint working produces incalculable benefits for the local community

Committed to the **SUPPORT** for the voluntary sector to enable it to achieve its many aims and objectives for the benefits of local people, and local environment

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