

High Peak CVS AGM

19th October 2006

Don't miss it—make a note in your diary **NOW!**

CVS campaigns against Community Fund cuts

As many of you will know, High Peak CVS have recently been conducting a campaign to prevent cuts in the Community Fund, the grant fund which supports community and voluntary groups working within the High Peak Borough. I want to say a big thank you to all the organisations who took part in the campaign by lobbying councillors and those 400+ people who signed the petition.

Whilst we successfully campaigned to prevent a cut of £45,000, at the recent full council meeting, Councillors voted for a £10,000 cut in this funding for the next financial year.

At the moment it is unclear where these cuts will be made: we have however, received undertakings that funding to small groups will not be affected.

Groups in receipt of funding in previous years have been asked to reapply and are awaiting decisions on their applications.

Interestingly, High Peak Borough Council is establishing a Scrutiny and Review Committee to evaluate the funding. The terms of reference for the Committee are yet to be defined however it is clear that current recipients of the fund will be asked to give presentations to the Committee and we hope that the Committee will look at the size of

the pot as well as where the funding is allocated. The first



Peter Dawson, Manager at Peaks and Dales Advocacy, will be giving us his own "take" on voluntary sector events in the form of cartoons over the next few issues. Here's his first.....

meeting of the Committee is scheduled for the end of April.

We hope that the review will highlight the excellent value for money the Council receives from its investment in Voluntary and Community Groups and how the groups enable the Council to meet its strategic goals included within the policy document, "improving the High Peak-priorities for action". I feel that the review offers the opportunity for groups to

demonstrate their impact and worth. From my experience hearing groups talk about the essential services they provide helps bring to life the excellent work they do and their impact in High Peak communities.

We will be providing updates on the progress of the review through our e-bulletin and website and would be delighted to discuss with groups how to highlight their impact and vital role.

Please contact me for more information.

Kevin Skingsley
Chief Executive

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Calling Arts Groups

After a long wait, the High Peak has a new Arts Development Officer. The post is a partnership between High Peak CVS and High Peak Borough Council with further funding coming from Arts Council England, Derbyshire Dales Economic Partnership and the Derbyshire Learning and Skills Council.

Richard Johnson, who at the time was Festivals Officer for Barnsley Council, was appointed in January.

Richard has worked in Arts Development of one form or another for over 10 years. He has experience of Festival Development both as a volunteer and professional and has much experience of working with and developing Cultural Industries. You can read more about him on page six.

As well as this, Richard has a keen interest in the Arts and is a semi-professional landscape painter. He and his family have now moved to the High Peak and so have fulfilled a long-term ambition of living and working in Derbyshire. The priority for the post is to implement the Borough's Arts Strategy. The strategy is quite wide reaching but has specific priorities:

- To develop opportunities for Young People to get involved in the arts
- To make sure that all parts of the Borough has access to the arts
- To develop festivals activity

Richard is now very busy planning the implementation of the strategy and is keen to hear from artists, performers, groups and organisations.

He is based here at the CVS, and can be contacted by telephone: 01663 735 350 or email: richard@highpeakcvs.org.uk

Your chance to gain a management qualification! Free!

VRQ LEVEL 3 Introductory Award in First Line Management

In the last newsletter, we mentioned we were looking to deliver an accredited training programme for people who are either in, or have the potential to, take on managerial roles – either managing people or projects. It is really important that, as a sector, we “grow” the skills of the people we have, and this kind of training is one way to do this.

We have now confirmed this course, to begin in May. It is a nationally recognised Institute Of Leadership and Management qualification, a VRQ (vocationally related qualification) at level 3, and will be delivered by Mitre Training at our offices in Whaley Bridge. This course usually costs in excess of £300, but is **free** for workers from the voluntary sector. The course is modular, and runs over 5 days (one day approximately every two week). Modules covered include:

Managing Change

Identifying the reasons that prompt change, and understanding the consequences for organisations.

Problem Solving and Decision Making

Recognising the existence, nature and scope of problems and looking at decision-making models for problems.

Building Your Team

Identifying alternative leadership styles and qualities. Recognising the differences between groups and teams.

Marketing and Understanding Customers

Understanding marketing concepts and the rights and expectations of customers. Appreciating the organisations major marketing activities and customer service issues.

Finance

Implementing measures to control costs and looking at how to formulate budgets.

The dates are 26 May, 8th, 22nd and 29th June, 13th July
To achieve the VRQ, delegates will need to attend the modules, complete four short reviews of some of the course work, produce a 1,000 word project report (about your organisation) and complete a short Personal Development Review. You will receive tutorial support to help you achieve this. I have done this course and found it really beneficial!

Full details and a booking form are in the training programme which is enclosed, but if you would like to find out more before committing yourself, please contact me—
01663 735 350.

Tony Okotie

Volunteer Voice

As you get an opportunity to hear from the rest of the new team, we thought you'd also like to hear from Jane, our office volunteer:

“Hello my name is Jane, I have been helping out at CVS for quite a few months now as a volunteer helping Gina with the administration and Chris with the ProHelp Awards Ceremony at Chatsworth in September.

I have been volunteering with various different groups for about 12 years, since I left work to start a family. I have gained lots of new friends along the way.

I think volunteering is extremely rewarding and as it was the year of the volunteer in 2005 I wish that many more people could just find an hour or so to volunteer to help the many different organisations that there are.”

Dates for your diaries

Database conference

More and more organisations need to use databases to manipulate information, record contacts with clients, prepare returns for funders etc. This one day session, with national experts Simon Davey and Paul Ticher, will show you how. It's on 13th June, at the Agricultural Centre, Bakewell. See the flyer for more information.



computers can help your organisation? Then this event, organised jointly by High Peak CVS, Derbyshire Dales CVS and PurpleZebra is for you!

Thursday, 14th
September – more details to follow

High Peak CVS AGM

Our AGM this year will be on 19th October, in New Mills. Again, more details to follow, but please put it in your diary now.

WiseUp!

Want to find out more about how

PC Security - be warned!

Since starting work with the CVS in September last year, I have become increasingly aware of an issue concerning the security of PCs and laptops within voluntary sector organisations. This concern has two primary areas.

First, when I appraise a PC or laptop I attempt to logon using the administrator's account. This is an inbuilt account that is present when the Windows operating system is initially installed. The account is there to enable the PC to be set up and managed. Most installers do not set passwords for this account and to make matters worse on Windows XP Professional and Home Edition the account is not visible to most users. To test the account a user needs to attempt to logon as the administrator. This attempt can be accomplished with a few keystrokes. The password can be set once the administrator account has been successfully accessed.

Why am I worried? Well, because access to the administrator account allows the user to view or modify any file on the PC or even to steal

information that she/he is not entitled to. Worse if the PC is connected to the internet it is vulnerable simply because a hacker knows that the administrator account exists but does not know the password. One of the first passwords he will try is simply to use no password. This needs to be checked for and remedied. Should you need help in checking your system please contact me – it's part of my role.

The second concern is that some PCs have been set up with no user accounts and the person that normally uses the system simply takes over the administrator account. Some do not set passwords which is dangerous, but more subtly a user with administrator rights whose PC is hijacked by a virus can lose all their data or may simply find the PC running more and more slowly. Anti virus software, that is updated regularly, is a must. Again if you need help or advice with this then please contact me.

Jim Owen
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DCF celebrates 10 year anniversary

Derbyshire Community Foundation has been providing grants to voluntary and community groups across the County since 1996, giving out over £4 million in grants to over 1600 groups in ten years.

To celebrate, they are hosting a number of celebration events throughout the year, starting with a funding road show in the summer. They will be touring the county in a bus, kindly donated by Trent Barton, and will be stopping in various towns to invite members of the public to find out more about the work done by the foundation. Members of the grants team and trustees will be available to talk about funding opportunities and how to you can help support the Foundation. Tour dates in the High Peak are as follows:

Buxton – Spring Gardens
Monday 5th June

Glossop – Norfolk Square
Monday 12th June

For the more active, Derbyshire Community Foundation are hosting an event to 'Challenge the Peak', which will take place on the weekend of the 24th/25th June. Teams will be invited to ascend Kinder Scout, Abseil from High Tor, Canoe across Carsington and to go caving in North Derbyshire. For the less adventurous there will be a family ramble on Saturday 24th and a cycle ride from Tissington on Sunday 25th. This event is kindly supported by The Derbyshire Building Society, and details will be displayed at your local branch nearer the time.

For more information on these and other events planned for the year, please see their website www.derbyshirecommunityfoundation.co.uk or email Amanda@derbyshirecommunityfoundation.co.uk

Welcome to our latest newsletter, which we hope you will find useful and informative. Because we wanted to tell you about our new staff, projects and the sheer amount of information we want to give you about new developments, we've not had room to include an in depth 'policy briefing'. We hope you don't mind too much!

News from the Small Group Project

Sandy and Ingrid who staff the **Small Group Project** are always pleased to be able to help the smaller, more disadvantaged groups in the High Peak to achieve their aims. The support we offer is completely free and we can come out to where you meet. We particularly want to hear from groups who want to make life better for older people, disabled people, lonely and isolated people, those with learning disabilities, mental health problems or who are marginalised in any other way. If your group fits this description and we can help in any way – don't hesitate – give us a call at **01663 735350**.

A LITTLE FUNDING GOES A LONG WAY!

The latest tranche of grants we've been administering on behalf of High Peak Borough Council was distributed again in March. In this round we've been able to fund some really deserving groups. Breastmates in Fairfield have received £300 to purchase nursing bras which will help them promote breastfeeding; Friends & Fun received £175 towards the purchase of a new cooker. Their members will now be able to enjoy a hot meal! Access Glossop's bills will be cut by the provision of Broadband funded by a £200 grant.

The older people of Cromford Court Lunch Club will have a little sparkle added to their activity programme. They've been awarded £160 towards transport for a day trip. The pre-school children at Hadfield Centre Playgroup will be able to enjoy their new play equipment funded by a £300 grant and the older people of Hayfield Pavilion Club will benefit from their new craft

and activity equipment and a contribution towards their transport costs. Their grant was for £300.

PEAK DALE COMMUNITY GROUP

We are always really pleased when we can support groups that work in the more isolated rural parts of our Borough. Recently, we've been doing a lot of work in Peak Dale, where things are really taking off. The action group that has been set up has carried out a consultation to find out what local people would like to

HPBC Small Grants funding helps groups in the local community

(Left) Eunice Gill on her 90th birthday at Hayfield Pavilion Club. She is a former founder and helper of the club for 20 some years and is now an active member.

(Below) The Breastmates group in Fairfield.



see to improve their village. They delivered questionnaires to every house in the area and held a very successful 'Village Voice' night in mid-March. As well as providing an opportunity for residents to air their views about local needs, the evening brought together many members of the community who were entertained by the local Hip-Hop group and Peak Dale's own Band. Peak Dale Community Group are now drawing up an action plan to meet those needs that have been identified.

PEAK DALE YOUTH GROUP

In such a short space of time the Peak Dale Community Group has made great strides. Already a

youth sub-group has been set up to develop and provide resources and activities for the children and young people of the area. They have been really successful in securing £10,000 from Leader Plus to fund a programme of exciting activities and to pay for youth workers.

FANCY AN ESCAPE TO THE SUN NEXT CHRISTMAS?

Many of our groups really enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. But not everyone looks forward to the festive season. For some, it can be a very lonely time. Families may have grown up and left home and some older people, particularly, can find themselves alone. Others might just want to escape the endless round of Christmas parties and panic buying.



Maureen has approached us at SGP as she thinks that, like her, there are lots of people who would love to leave it all behind and soak up the sun, explore far-flung places or take in a bit of local culture. Getting away on holiday can be difficult without a friend to share the experience with. Although there are lots of organised groups, how do you know if you'll get along with the other holidaymakers? Maureen is a very active, vibrant lady – she actually was the first woman in the country to start a driving school and, what's more, she's still teaching! She would like to gather together a group of like-minded individuals (over 50s) to decide whether such a group is for them. If enough people would like to be involved they can meet up socially to get to know each other and plan the holiday. It may not just be for Christmas – there might be other escapes! We are holding a meeting on Thursday, 13th April at 7pm at our offices here at Whaley Bridge for anyone who is interested. If you'd like to come along, ring Sandy or Ingrid at 01663 735350.

ProHelp reaches first anniversary

This is the end of the first year for High Peak and Derbyshire Dales ProHelp, and what a year it has been with over 80 projects being assisted by 30 professional member firms.

The 'in kind' contribution (that is the commercial value of the completed work) has amounted to over £65K and we are delighted that all the community groups have given very positive feedback on the assistance given. There has been an equal balance throughout the whole of the area which is great news for us as a rural ProHelp.

We have offered a total of 5 workshops on employment law, understanding accounts, business and financial planning, and Health and Safety Risk Assessment. These have been very well attended and several will be repeated later in the year, along with some new workshops

so watch this space. We are currently researching alternative heating and insulation sources and intend to offer a workshop on the options available in the near future.



Bonsall Frame Knitters workshop, built 1737, one of our current projects.

We are particularly delighted that three of our projects have now received funding and major work has either begun or is about to start on Footsteps in Whaley Bridge, Encore ReUse based in Ashbourne and Wormhill Village

Hall. Many other projects have now been completed and are still waiting for funding to be made available to them, of course some projects have not required funding and these are all completed.

We have some huge architectural projects ongoing at the moment. Whaley Bridge Uniting Church Community Hall, Glossop Community Transport and Bonsall Frame Knitters workshops have taken a considerable amount of time and the plans for all of these have been both innovative and exciting.

If you are a not for profit community or voluntary group and would like to find out if ProHelp can assist you with your project please contact Chris Mellor on 01663 735350 or email: chris@highpeakcvs.org.uk.

New High Peak and Dales Mobile IT Tutor

Our new mobile IT training programme is up and running, with our tutor Mark Davies who started in January.

If you need help learning a new program or improving your skills generally, give Mark a call. Sessions are normally 2 hours in duration and may consist of one visit or several. The topics Mark can help with include:

- IT for beginners/Using windows/files & folders
- Word Processing
- Excel Spreadsheets
- Access Databases
- PowerPoint Presentations
- Internet & E-mail
- Graphics/Photoshop
- Microsoft Publisher
- Web Design
- OCN qualifications in Word, Excel and Publisher (coming soon)



This service is FREE (thanks to funding from College of the Peak and Derbyshire Learning and Skills Council) and Mark will come to you!

Part of Mark's role also involves conducting one day ICT training events and we plan to offer some more of these over the coming months throughout the areas of High Peak and Derbyshire Dales. These are what we have coming up for May and June in the High Peak:

- Thursday, 11th May – Excel for beginners
- Wednesday, 28th June – Take control of your PC

More details of these can be found in our training brochure and you can also book via our website www.highpeakcvs.org/training/events.asp

Mark can be contacted on 01663 735350 or mobile 07850 363263. Alternatively, you can send him an email to discuss your needs: mark@highpeakcvs.org.uk

Meet the new team...meet the new team...

As Kevin outlined in our last newsletter, the beginning of January saw a flurry of activity at the CVS, with four new members of staff beginning work with us. You'll read about their individual projects and work elsewhere in this newsletter, and you may have already spoken to them on the telephone, or met them at an event, but who are they really? We thought we'd find out about who they are, and what makes them tick!

Nigel Caldwell - Development Programme Manager

My role is overseeing the CVS development work and carrying on the Community Voices Project, started by Di McIntyre, for groups working with children, young people and families, health related groups and those in Gamesley and



Fairfield in particular. I started at the CVS in January as Development Programme Manager and probably had the shortest distance to change jobs, as I used to rent an office at the CVS up until the end of December for the Sounds Good youth advocacy project. Before that I did a variety of community development jobs in Greater Manchester before working for Peaks & Dales Advocacy Forum in Buxton.

What is the best bit about your job?

Journey to work. I live close enough to cycle along the canal from New Mills.

...and the worst?

Cycling to work in a blizzard!

Favourite footballer or popstar?

I don't think he's a "pop star" but I

really like Peter Gabriel's stuff. As for a footballer it has to be Lua Lua of Portsmouth for his amazing gymnastic somersaulting goal celebrations.

Favourite food?

Mushy peas, the poor man's guacamole.

Best holiday?

Pre-kids: camping and climbing in the Alps, with kids: in Brittany for sun, swimming and Breton food.

Best film of all time?

For fun - Life of Brian; otherwise In the Heat of the Night.



Meet the new team!

Left: Nigel at a meeting

Above: IT tutor Mark

Below: Richard being arty at a gallery

Right: web designer Andrew at his computer



Piece of music or book you would take onto a desert island?

Music - Moonlight Sonata, Book - Gormenghast by Mervyn Peake.

What are you passionate about?

Humour.

Finally, in your own words - aims for 2006

Grow and eat something from my new allotment!

Richard Johnson

Arts Development Officer

"I'm the Arts Development Officer for High Peak. That means that I advise and support groups, organisations and individuals involved in the arts. I also contribute to regional initiatives that can benefit the arts in our area. Before this I was Festivals Officer for Barnsley Council".

What is the best bit about your job?

The best part of my job is meeting and working with people.

...and the worst?

Keeping my eyes on the road rather than the scenery while travelling around.

Favourite footballer or popstar?

The ultimate - John Lennon.

Favourite food?

Puddings.

Best holiday?

Dominican Republic - honeymoon.

Best film of all time?



Heroes of Telemark - no contest.

Piece of music or book you would take onto a desert island?

I'd take The Beatles White Album. It's good but it's a double album so would act as a good sun shade.

What are you passionate about?

The thing that means most to me is my family. I'm married to my childhood sweet-heart Amanda and we're lucky enough to have four smashing kids.

Aims for 2006

Well we've done OK up to now this year already. I've started my dream job here at the CVS and we've moved house from Barnsley to the Hope Valley which has been a long-term ambition. I think my aim for the rest of the year is to do well in the new job and enjoy our new home.

Andrew Reid -

...meet the new team...meet the new team...

Web Designer

"I am responsible along with Peter Beardwood for the technical direction, design and programming of our web projects. Previously I worked for 3 years as a web designer at NWT Internet in Knutsford before attending Manchester Metropolitan University on an arts course in Live and Visual Media where I created short films and music videos."

What is the best bit about your job?

Innovating with fresh projects.

...and the worst?

Working on projects that don't leave time or space for innovation.

Favourite food?

Chips.

Best holiday?

Melbourne, Australia, for one month in 2005.

Best film of all time?

Donnie Darko.

Piece of music or book you would take onto a desert island?

A Brief History of Time by Steven Hawking. If I was on a desert island, by the 100th read I would have understood it. I am fascinated by the origin of the universe.

What are you passionate about?

Formula One motor racing and travelling to new countries.

Finally, in your own words – aims for 2006

My aim for this year is to be successful in contributing to the growth of High Peak CVS's website department and to cut down on eating chips.

Mark Davies – Mobile IT Tutor

Previously at Halton CVS and in the Civil Service.

What is the best bit about your

job?

Variety – every day is different, plus the satisfaction from helping people.

...and the worst?

Driving over the cat & fiddle in the fog.

Favourite footballer or pop star?

Bono.

Favourite food?

Indian.

Best holiday?

Florida.

Best film of all time?

Godfather.

Piece of music or book you would take onto a desert island?

One – U2.

What are you passionate about?

Finally, in your own words – aims for 2006?

To help people improve themselves and to visit Paris!

New Parkinson's Support Group launches in Bakewell

The Parkinson's Disease Society is delighted to announce the launch of a new Support Group in Bakewell. The meetings will be held on the 1st Friday of each month, at Stanton day Hospital, Newholme Hospital, Baslow Road, Bakewell.

The Support Group will be led by Vina Shah, Development Worker for the Parkinson's Disease and Staff Nurse Sally Twyford and is for people with Parkinson's as well as carers, family members, friends, healthcare professionals and anyone with an interest in Parkinson's.

Vina Shah, commented, "We know there is a need for a Support Group in the area as we have held an open day here in the past which have been well attended. People at our other

Support Groups have told me how important it is to meet others in similar situations, find out information, share experiences and make new friends. I am really excited about this new group and would urge anyone interested to come along!"



PDS Support Groups offer help and support to local people who have friends and carers. Support Groups organise meetings and social events and does much to raise awareness on a local level.

For further information and a schedule of future meetings please contact Vina Shah on 0116 241 8012 or email to vshah@parkinsons.org.uk and/or Sally Twyford on 01629 817971 / 817852.

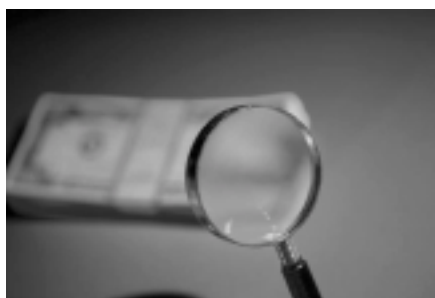
Looking for an IT supplier but don't know where to start?

Then our new list of suppliers of IT services that have already worked with voluntary organisations may help!

You can get hold of a copy from the High Peak CVS website using the following link <http://www.highpeakcvs.org/publications/DirectoryITServices.pdf> You will need a copy of Adobe Acrobat reader to view the file, and feel free to print a copy if you wish. If you can't access the list via the internet, please give me a call and I'll send you a copy.

Please be aware that we will be updating the list at intervals. If you have information on any other IT services organisations in Derbyshire that are not in the list, but that you think should be, please send them to me - Jim@highpeakcvs.org.uk

Jim Owen



Big Lottery Fund Infrastructure Funding for England - BASIS

This programme for England opens on 31 March 2006. The minimum grant is £10,001 and the maximum grant is £500,000 for projects within one England region. The total available is £155m to be committed before March 31st 2009.

The BASIS programme aims to improve the infrastructure support available to all voluntary and community sector organisations in England.

You can apply to BASIS if you are a voluntary or community organisation whose main or only purpose is to support the work of other voluntary and community organisations. BASIS will not make grants to statutory organisations or to bodies whose primary purpose is to make a profit. You can apply for up to £500,000 for capital and revenue costs for projects lasting up to five years. They particularly want the programme to deal with the following key issues: helping organisations to increase the financial and other resources open to them, including through support in fundraising and financial management; improving knowledge and skills in organisational and project planning and management; helping organisations to have more influence on local and national policies relevant to their work; supporting trustees and ensuring that organisations are run efficiently and accountably; promoting networking and sharing of knowledge and skills.

In addition, they want infrastructure bodies themselves to be more financially stable, to provide more consistent support to others to achieve the outcomes listed above,

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and to be able to make contact with and support organisations that they have traditionally found hard to reach.

Further information is available on their Website:
<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/basis/index.htm>

Japan 21

Japan 21 is a UK charity which exclusively supports and encourages educational and grassroots activity relating to Japan. They meet these objectives by providing the Japan 21 Awards - grants to support projects and events, giving priority to educational, regional and community projects, with particular emphasis on those involving active participation and exchange. They also give practical support and advice to schools in the primary and secondary sectors including workshops and resources for teachers, visits to schools and assistance with making links with Japan.

Japan 21 Awards are grants made to enable small scale projects and events related to Japan to take place in the UK. They concentrate their support on activities where a relatively small injection of funds can make a real difference.

They particularly encourage applications from those who are involved in organising grassroots projects and from schools and educational establishments. Application forms can be downloaded from their website. Applications may be made by organisations as well as individuals who are based in the UK for projects and events related to Japan and Japanese culture.

Priority is given to projects: with an education or youth focus; which include an element of participation; which are community or regionally based.

Most awards are of £1,000 or less

and should not, in principle, cover more than 50% of the total budget. The applicant must therefore be able to demonstrate that (s)he has secured other source(s) of funding for the project (including self-finance). However, where the entire budget is less than £2,000, Japan 21 may consider covering more than 50% of the requirement.

Applications may be made at any time: there are no deadlines. In most cases, applicants are informed of a decision within 4 weeks of receipt of the application. As a general rule, unsuccessful applicants are not given detailed reasons for the decision. Please direct any enquiries concerning the Awards to Shuko Noguchi.

Email: awards@japan21.org.uk
Japan 21 Awards, Swire House, 59 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6AJ Website: www.japan21.org.uk

Barclays - Community Sponsorships and Donations

From 2006, Barclays are focusing their UK community sponsorships and donations in the following areas:

- Helping to regenerate local communities through sport
- Helping people manage their finances
- Helping people into employment.

They will announce more on this shortly. Their regional and national community teams have links with many charities in each region, and proactively select community partners who are best placed to tackle the issues they focus on in the most sustainable and collaborative way.

Unfortunately, this means they will no longer consider unsolicited requests for funding at a regional or national level.

Website:
<http://www.personal.barclays.co.uk/BRC1/jsp/brcontrol?task=channelFWsocial&site=pfs&value=3736&menu=3113>

Funding update

Comic Relief –UK programme 2005-2008

Comic Relief are focussing their energies and the money they have, which means having fewer grants programmes, and it also means they're going to put their weight behind these by joining forces with others to really tackle the root causes of the problem so they can help bring about lasting change.

Red Nose Day programmes

2005-08 - This is their biggest grants fund. It awards some of the money raised from Red Nose Day. During 2005-08 they are concentrating their funding on 6 programme areas:

- Young people
- Older People
- Mental Health
- Refugees & Asylum Seekers
- Domestic Violence
- Disadvantaged Communities

They can give grants for running costs and capital costs, depending on the programme you are applying to. There is no maximum grant size and the amount you ask for should be the amount you need. They are likely to make some large grants, and a range of smaller grants of between £15,000 and £30,000 each year. They also have a fast-track application process for small grants up to £5000. If you want to apply for more than £100,000 in total, please phone them before you apply. They usually make grants for between one and three years. In some circumstances, and where they are supporting projects that aim to bring about lasting change, they may consider longer-term funding of up to five years. Please talk to them before you apply for five years funding.

Timetable for main grants over £5000 - **There will be four grant-making cycles for 2005-2006.**

Remaining Cycle Application deadlines for grants over £5000:

Cycle 3 5 May 2006; Cycle 4 8 September 2006. You should have a decision within five months of each application deadline. They will announce the deadlines for funding cycles in 2007-2008 towards the end of 2006.

Sport Relief grants - In the UK, Sport Relief aims to support projects that use sport and exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities for people who are excluded or disadvantaged. Over the next two years, up to £4million of Sport Relief money is being distributed through Community Foundations focusing on community groups that are using sport to: increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation; help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self esteem; and encourage people to take part in sporting activities that bring communities together. In Derbyshire, Sport Relief is administered by Derbyshire Community Foundation www.derbyshirecommunityfoundation.co.uk

Futurebuilders

Futurebuilders has four strategic aims:

- To improve public services significantly, in the longer term, through investing in a range of voluntary and community organisations.
- To provide an investment model comprising a combination of loans, performance related investments, grants and capacity building through consultancy support.
- To implement effective investment (outreach, application, assessment, decision-making and management) and administrative processes.
- To have a wider impact, especially on the voluntary and community sector, other funders and the public sector, by sharing learning gained from Futurebuilders' experiences.

There is no such thing as a 'standard' Futurebuilders investment. Every investment they make is designed to fit the plans, needs and financial situation of the individual applicant. Loan funding will form a substantial part of every



full Futurebuilders investment. Futurebuilders recognise that most of the organisations they invest in will be new to loan funding and they offer long-term support to all their investees, helping them to minimise the risks of loan finance and move towards long-term sustainability. The investment might also include a grant to cover revenue, or capital costs or capacity building. If Futurebuilders think your application looks interesting but needs further work before they can make a full investment, they might decide to offer you a development grant.

If you are thinking of applying in May (when the next, continuous window opens) and would like to start preparing your application, you can download a Word version of their application questions and guidelines at any time. Futurebuilders will be open for applications continuously from May 2006. The fund is changing its application process, from fixed windows to continuous opening, in order to better respond to the needs of the voluntary and community sector. Futurebuilders are unable to discuss your proposal in detail before they receive your application, but if you have a specific query about your project's eligibility or their application process you can check the Futurebuilders Frequently Asked Questions section of the website to see if they have already answered a question like yours, otherwise contact their enquiry line (0191 261 5200, email: info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk) Their telephone hotline is open on weekdays between 10:00am and 4:00pm (10:00 am to 12 noon only on Thursdays). Website: www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk

COMPUTERS ON THE MOVE



By the time you read this, High Peak CVS will have taken delivery of a new, mobile IT suite which will be available for groups to hire **FREE OF CHARGE** to support training delivery throughout the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales, including the work of Mark Davies, the mobile IT Tutor employed by High Peak CVS.

The suite, which comprises of nine laptop computers, digital projector, and printers, has been bought with funding from the Derbyshire Learning + Skills Council Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities programme. All of the computers have modern office, photo and video editing software.

The suite can be booked out on a daily basis, and will enable groups that are running courses and workshops to use modern IT equipment as a training aid and tool. There has already been considerable interest in using the equipment from High Peak Community Arts and U3A in New Mills.

If you would like to find out more about the equipment, and how you could use it, please call Tony Okotie at High Peak CVS on 01663 735 350 or email tony@highpeakcvs.org.uk

Licensing Act 2003 Occasional sales of alcohol using 'TENS'

Four months into the operation of the 2003 Licensing Act and voluntary groups are beginning to grapple with Temporary Event Notices or 'TENS'. Most community and public venues will now have a Premises Licence permitting entertainment to take place on the premises. However many community venues have not included the sale of alcohol in the Premises Licence and will be using TENS to allow it at occasional events.

Premises can have up to 12 TENS a year. Where there is more than one room in the building, it is possible to have 12 TENS for each room so long as common areas (e.g. toilets, kitchen, foyer) are excluded. A minimum of 24 hours must elapse between the ending of one TEN and the start of another if given by the same person on the same premises. TENS are needed whenever alcohol is sold (and 'sale' includes offering a glass of wine in the ticket price) unless the premises are fully licensed.

TENS can be used for events like parties, wedding receptions, wine and cheese evenings and interval bars. A TEN is not needed if alcohol is given without charge. Alcohol can be included as a raffle prize without a TEN, so long as tickets are only sold at the event and the alcohol is not opened on the premises.

TENS are issued by the District or Borough Council Licensing Authority. People wanting a TEN must get the necessary form from the Licensing Authority, fill it in and return it, and send a copy to

the police, at least 10 days before the event. There is a £21 fee for each TEN. Anyone over 18 can give up to 5 TENS a year (except for personal licence holders who may obtain 50). Under a TEN, alcohol will be supplied under the authority of the 'premises user' (i.e. the person who hires the hall) and a copy must be prominently displayed on the premises during the event.

It is essential that premises managers (e.g. the management committee) monitor and control the number of TENS obtained by hirers to ensure events booked well in advance are catered for and they do not run out of TENS before the end of the year. It is useful to have a written hiring agreement which requires hirers to notify the premises managers if they intend to get a TEN. Only one TEN is needed for New Year's Eve events even though they may straddle two calendar years, but it will count against the allowance for both years.

Detailed advice on TENS and other aspects of the 2003 Licensing Act is provided in Village Halls Information Sheet 10 'Alcohol in Village Halls', prepared by ACRE. A free copy has been sent to every village hall. Further copies are available for £2.50 from Nancy Slaney at Derbyshire Rural Community Council on 01629 821928 or nancys@derbysrcc.org.uk.

Helen Lidgett
DRCC Village Halls Advisor

Training changes to benefit you

At High Peak CVS one of our key services is to provide local voluntary and community groups with high quality training and workshops. These sessions will hopefully enable you to run your group more efficiently.

We want to make our training sessions as accessible as possible to everybody so from April groups without paid workers will be able to attend our sessions listed in the program for **FREE**.

We are flexible and will try to supply the type of training that you need. To do this we need feedback from groups and volunteers. If you have training that you need then please contact Nicola on 01663 735350 or email nicola@highpeakcvs.org.uk. We will then be able to discuss what training we have available in the current programme and possibly include the training you want in future programmes. Alternatively if your group has obtained funding for training we will help you organise trainer, venue etc.

At times we buy in the services of external trainers often at a high

cost. To make these sessions viable to run we often have a minimum number of people who must attend. We are keen to run as many courses as possible and will often run them at this minimum number. Disappointingly, however, there is an increasing trend of people not turning up for training sessions they have booked onto. The result of this is that the course is running at a level that makes it very difficult for the trainer to carry out activities they have planned, as well as it becoming a very expensive session. We understand that there are occasions when notice cannot be given in advance but when possible we would be very grateful if you could contact us beforehand or as soon as possible. We would like to avoid having to charge people the £10 cancellation fee so please keep us informed of any changes. We don't currently have any grant funding for any of our main training programmes, and so anything you can do to help us reduce unnecessary cost would be appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at our training sessions.

PCT Outlines Aims for Services

High Peak and Dales Primary Care Trust has produced a document that highlights the way in which it will work with local statutory and voluntary organisations in the future. The Provider Service Strategy and Development Plan 2006 is now available from the PCT and comments are welcome.

The plan discusses the PCT's vision for services in the future and affirms its commitment to working with local people to ensure services are integrated with colleagues across the NHS and in non-NHS organisations.

The future vision includes integrated provision of services with Social Services, the voluntary sector and the independent sector to aim to reduce health inequalities

and to support people in their local communities by maintaining and developing effective services. The PCT also highlights public health and primary care as key drivers towards making services responsive to the needs of local people.

To see the document, you can visit the PCT's website at www.highpeakanddalespct.nhs.uk or contact the PCT on 01246 514133 for a copy.

Comments should be made to:
Tim Broadley
Director of Operations
High Peak and Dales PCT
Newholme Hospital
Baslow Road
Bakewell
DE45 1AD

Update on the Joint Working Fund Grant Review

(Derbyshire Social Services and Primary Care Trusts)

There was considerable concern expressed at the last Health and Social Care Forum (25th January) about the proposed Joint Working Fund Grant review of groups who received this kind of funding. Voluntary and community groups were critical of the reason for the review and the design of the questionnaire, as well as the intention to complete some before the end of March. As a result there was another meeting of representatives from the Forum, the Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and the Social Services to discuss the concerns and to redesign the form.

Despite major changes being made at the special meeting, it seems that there is still some redrafting to be done and the schedule has been pushed back into the new financial year. The word from the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales PCT is that groups who have been receiving the funding can be reassured that they will continue to receive funding until such time as the review has taken place. Funding after that will depend upon the outcome of the review.

When the forms have been agreed they will probably be used first in High Peak and Dales PCT area to review the Joint Working Funded services which are coming to the end of their period of funding in 2006. After that it will be extended to organisations receiving large amounts of funding (over £100,000) and then scaling down to those with purchasing agreements of less than £10,000.

It seems that 11 groups in the High Peak and Derbyshire Dales will be affected by this. If your group has concerns and would like more information please contact Nigel at the CVS: telephone 01663 735350 or email nigel@highpeakcvs.org.uk

High Peak CVS and VAT

With effect from April 1st 2006 High Peak CVS will be VAT registered, because of the level of chargeable income we have generated in the previous twelve months. VAT will be applicable on all "services" - photocopying, equipment hire, consultancy etc.

As you can imagine, this is quite an onerous task for us, and we will shortly be producing a new leaflet outlining our revised prices. Wherever possible, the amount you pay, including VAT, will be no higher than previously.

If you have any questions, please contact Gina Spencer, Office and Finance Manager on 01663 735 350, email gina@highpeakcvs.org.uk

Congratulations to High Peak NightStop

Who have been awarded a grant of £85,000 over 3 years from the Big Lottery. This will enable them to expand their service and staff team. As well as providing emergency accommodation for young people they will now be able to offer some support to young people to prevent homelessness. For more information, contact s.gabriel.hpnightstop@virgin.net

Large print

CommuniCation is also available in large print and Braille versions. Please contact us on 01663 735 350 if you would like either of these formats.

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Sports clubs get special support

SportsTrain is a sports specific project that aims to raise the standard of sport and leisure in the Derbyshire Dales and High Peak by providing more opportunities for individuals to qualify as coaches or sports leaders, it also aims to use sport as a means to reduce unemployment and provide prospects to the disadvantaged in the area.

The project is being co-ordinated from the University of Derby, Buxton with the help of key sport and leisure partners in the area, including High Peak CVS. The project has developed a programme of courses to support people in their clubs and communities, and to provide a variety of opportunities to work in sport and physical activity.

Local clubs, schools, organisations and partnerships can all benefit from the new scheme, and courses are open to everybody who has a passion for sport and physical activity that would like to gain a qualification or develop their existing knowledge.

A key area of the project is to provide opportunities for the unemployed (aged 16 – 59 yrs, with less than a level 2 qualification). The project is currently running a number of Sports Coach UK Workshops for this group that operate as short introductory sessions into sports coaching that will then hopefully lead on to individuals gaining more qualifications and eventually employment. These taster sessions will be free for the unemployed

along with a large number of other courses that we run.

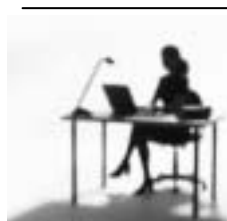
The SportsTrain brochure is now available with all of the current courses that can be accessed, in addition the SportsTrain website will also be up and running in the near future at <http://sportstrain.org.uk/> for all available courses in 2006.

Courses are continuously put on throughout the year by request from local clubs and organisations. Below is a list of the courses running over the next few weeks in the High Peak.

- Equity in Sports (Sports Coach UK Workshop) – 6th April, University of Derby Buxton, 6:30pm – 9:30pm
- Tops Sportsability – 22nd April, New Mills Leisure centre, 10:30am – 4:30pm.
- 1 Star Kayak – 19th April, Coombs Reservoir, 10am – 4pm.
- Level 1 Basketball – TBC May, Harpur Hill College, Buxton.

For further details contact the SportsTrain co-ordinator Steve Vernon on 01332 594 638.

High Peak CVS is also looking at ways to increase the development, funding and volunteers support offered to sports clubs in the borough, and are working with key partners to investigate how this can happen. If you are a sports club in the High Peak and would like to know more, please contact Nigel Caldwell, Development Programme Manager at the CVS on 01663 735 350, Nigel@highpeakcvs.org.uk.



Desks for Rent

We have two desk / workstation areas available

for rent at our offices in Whaley Bridge. They are complete with filing cabinet, telephone access etc. If you are the lone worker with a voluntary sector organisation, it

might be ideal for you – access to CVS resources and support, and nice colleagues to talk to! For more information, contact Office & Finance Manager Gina Spencer on 01663 735 350 or email gina@highpeakcvs.org.uk