



Merry Christmas

RVA will close for the Christmas and New Year period from **Friday 24 December 2010 to Monday 3 January 2011. We will reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2011.** The RVA offices will be manned from Monday 20 December to Friday 24 December—however it will only be a skeleton staff team.



Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

'Big Voice' – A Local Response

The Big Society is one of the coalition Government's major ideas, and we believe that it is vital to engage our membership to both gather your views on the strategy and your input into the consultation. Please follow the links and feed your views about RVA directly or contact us with your thoughts.

The Office for Civil Society (OCS) has recently published two documents:

- Building a Stronger Civil Society – a strategy for voluntary & community groups, charities and social enterprises
- Supporting a Stronger Civil Society – an Office for Civil Society consultation on improving support for frontline civil society organisations.

The strategy document aims to do two things. First the OCS make it clearer why they think the Big Society agenda is full of opportunity for social enterprises; charities and voluntary groups, and that it is not just about the chance to win a bigger slice of the public

expenditure cake. It is also about reshaping the role and influence of civil society in an age when more and more key decisions will be taken locally.

The OCS has also launched a consultation on how they can best help improve the effectiveness of the infrastructure layer that exists to support front line organisations. (This means RVA).

The links to both documents are below:

Download Strategy Document
www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/media/426261/building-stronger-civil-society.pdf

Download Consultation Document
www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/media/426258/support-stronger-civil-society.pdf

Local Cuts Survey If you haven't responded to our local cuts survey please take 5 minutes to help us to establish the level of funding cuts to voluntary and community organisations in Ryedale and the consequences and effect of those cuts.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BWPBD5L>

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2011 CENSUS

The 2011 Census is coming.

The census has collected information about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next census in England and Wales is on March 27th 2011.

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2011 CENSUS—The 2011 Census is coming.

The census tells us how many people live where and the types of people they are (young, old, married, single). This means decisions, like working out who needs facilities in the future, are focused on accurate, relevant details.

Millions of pounds shared out The Department of Communities and Local Government and the Department of Health allocate money to local and health

authorities. Census statistics feed into that process. That's why you need to be counted to make sure that your community is properly represented in the decision-making process.

Your community and family benefit You need to complete and return the Census form so that the services and facilities your community/family uses can be identified. These services include schools, hospitals and emergency services.

Census statistics help work out the amount of funding

allocated to facilities in communities.

If you, or your group needs more information, or help by raising awareness of the Census within your community group,

please contact John Wood, the Area Manager for Craven, Hambleton, Richmondshire, Ryedale and Scarborough by

email d101@census.gov.uk or by phone 07801 331313.

2011 Census - Help Tomorrow Take Shape

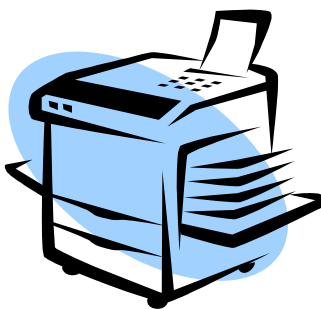
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Training

NYFVO Training Programme



Know Discrimination: free awareness raising training, Scarborough 20-1-11

Know Discrimination. Help your clients to fight it. FREE awareness raising training for VCOs providing information and support in North Yorkshire. Are you supporting or advising individuals? Would you be able to identify if they had been a victim of discrimination? And if so, what would you do next? The Forum, in partnership with Advice North Yorkshire, is delivering half day training sessions around the county that are available free to local VCOs thanks to funding from the EHRC (Equalities and Human Rights Commission).

The session will:

- promote awareness, understanding and protection of human rights
- describe what discrimination is, how it feels to be discriminated against, and why it is important to be aware of possible discrimination
- give an overview of the Equality Act 2010 from the individuals perspective.

Participants will be provided with a toolkit so they can cascade the training to colleagues within their own organisation.

Date: Thurs 20 January 2011 Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm

Venue: Scarborough

Course fee: Free for VCOs, £50.50 other organisations

Models of Collaborative Working, Malton 25-1-11

This half day course is a participative session aimed at voluntary and community organisations who would like to explore, or increase their understanding of, different ways of collaborating with other organisations.

The course will cover:

- An outline of different collaborative working models both within the VCS and cross sectors
- Collaboration drivers and context
- The benefits, obstacles and barriers to collaboration
- Useful resources and tools
- Tips for successful collaboration

The session will also include several case study examples and provide.

Date: Tues 25 January 2011 Time: 10am to 12.30pm

Venue: Malton

Course fees: £10 for VCOs, £92.50 other organisations

For more information or to book a place contact Jeanette at the Forum , telephone 01347 825710 or email jeanette.lilley@nyfvo.org.uk

Partnerships



Ryedale Strategic Partnership

Since October, the Ryedale Area Committee of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) has met – this is the group that has to give approval for projects to receive funding from the NYCC Community Fund. I'm happy to tell you that all the projects recommended by the Ryedale SP were approved for funding, as follows:

Ryecat Marketing Strategy – approval was given for the second and third parts of this project to be funded. This will mean the production of a strategic marketing plan followed by implementation – this will include a re-launch of Ryecat, which should take place early in 2011, so watch out for that!

Ryecat is one of our best means of improving access for people living in our scattered rural communities – two further projects designed to improve access were also given funding.

Ryedale Special Families received some support towards providing transport and support to their member families who live outside the market towns and beyond the range of public transport, and Ryedale Voluntary Action will be

conducting some research, and running two small pilot projects designed to improve access to hospital appointments.

Ryedale Home-Start will be training up volunteers who work with disadvantaged families to introduce healthy eating strategies aimed at improving their health and well-being whilst, in many cases, surviving on a limited budget.

The Ryedale Work and Skills Partnership (RWSP) received funding to offer numeracy and literacy skills as part of work-related courses for adults.

If you have any questions about anything to do with the Ryedale Strategic Partnership, please contact:

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further the direction of the Forum itself, including the right to elect trustees

For more information about their work and to find out how to become a member visit

www.yorkshirehumberforum.org.uk Or telephone 0113 394 2300

Local Focus



Ryedale In Touch has become Sight Support Ryedale

In order to more clearly indicate the work of the charity, and to connect with more sight impaired people in the area, Ryedale In-Touch has now changed its name to Sight Support Ryedale. The charity has also moved to new premises and is now based at 39 Yorkersgate in Malton. The telephone number will remain the same, and a website will follow early in the new year. The charity also plan to develop a small stock of useful aids, too, so that people in Ryedale can try out and buy some equipment locally rather than having to travel to York or Scarborough.

The Chief Officer, Janice Every, says, ' This is a really exciting and demanding time for Sight Support Ryedale as we move to meet the growing need to support blind and sight impaired people throughout Ryedale including many who often find themselves isolated and unsupported. We offer regular social groups in Malton and Pickering, a Book Group, Walking

Group, Yoga, computer support, outings and an annual holiday, all specifically tailored for those with serious sight impairment and all fully supported by volunteer help. We have a great team of people volunteering with Sight Support Ryedale, and we can offer activities, friendship and support to more people despite the current



financial restrictions. If any readers are aware of people who could benefit please help them to get in touch with us.'

Telephone 01653 698860, or email sightsupportryedale@btconnect.com



Elim Ryedale Christmas Carol Service

This takes place on **Sunday 19th December 2pm at Norton College.**

Our theme for this year is 'Christmas at Elim Ryedale...More than a Carol.' This will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate the festive season through familiar carols, sketches and a children's nativity. All are welcome. For more information, please contact (01653) 697796

For more information go to www.hopecentral.info



Terrington Arts with Rural Arts on Tour production

THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC SKIFFLE ORCHESTRA

Friday 14 January, Terrington Village Hall, 7.30 pm

Tickets £8 (£6 Terrington Arts members), half price for children, from Anita 01653 648249, Terrington Stores and Malton Tourist Information Centre.

4 very talented musicians who are not only multi instrumentalists, they play each instrument extremely well.

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Funding

Successful Meet the Funder Event

Meet the Funder, a free of charge event for voluntary and community groups in the Ryedale and Scarborough Borough area was deemed a great success by organisers Ryedale Voluntary Action (RVA) and Coast and Moors Voluntary Action. The event which was held on Tuesday 2nd November at Malton and Norton Rugby Club attracted over 50 delegates.



The Big Lottery presented a workshop on their latest funding programmes; how to apply and top tips. This proved very popular with the voluntary and community groups in attendance, as did the presentations from the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) on commissioning and the Holistic Partnership on obtaining quality awards.

Mike I'Anson from Helmsley Walled Garden said "The speakers were very knowledgeable and helped set out likely futures. RVA are to be congratulated for organising the event, their support will be needed by many voluntary groups seeking out opportunities in the transition to The Big Society."

All of the major funders were on hand to meet

with voluntary and community groups face to face to provide advice and information on the current grants that are available.

Andrea Hobbs, Chief Officer at Ryedale Voluntary Action said "We were very pleased to attract so many major funders to Ryedale, giving all our local charities and community groups the best chance to find funding in this difficult climate when we are all facing cuts and setbacks. Having the chance to speak in person with funders directly, and not just over the telephone or by email and website, makes all the difference and enables charities to feel they have the beginnings of a relationship which may well lead to something really positive for the people who need support in Ryedale. Feedback from delegates was really positive and we hope to hold something similar again next year, although it may not be a free event in years to come, as RVA faces cuts to our funding advice service."

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www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk

VCS Services



Help is at hand to switch to digital TV

TV is changing. In 2011 the traditional TV signal will be switched off in the Yorkshire region and replaced with a digital TV signal. This is not a concern for most people but some may find it harder to make the switch than others.

The Switchover Help Scheme has been set up by the Government and is run by the BBC. Its purpose is to make digital TV easy for older and disabled people by converting one of their televisions to digital in the run-up to digital TV switchover in their region.

What does the Help Scheme do?

The Switchover Help Scheme aims to reach out to all eligible people, and ensure that those who need our help get it, so that no-one eligible need be left behind without access to television after switchover.

People are eligible for help if they are:

- aged 75 or over,
- have lived in a care home for six months or

more,

- get or could get, disability living allowance,
- attendance or constant attendance allowance, or mobility supplement,
- Or if they are registered blind or partially sighted.

What's next?

In the run-up to switchover, every eligible person receives a Switchover Help Scheme information pack explaining the options for switching to digital. Most people will be asked to contribute £40 towards the help. The service is free for people who are eligible and also get pension credit, income support, income-based jobseekers allowance or employment and support allowance.

In the meantime, if you want more information for yourself or someone you know, please log onto www.helpscheme.co.uk

Where can I get face-to-face advice on switchover?

Digital UK has been working closely with charities to organise local advice points during switchover. These will be staffed by trained volunteers and are open to everyone. To find out where your local advice point or roadshow will be, visit www.digitaluk.co.uk or call 08456 50 50 50.



Community Accounting Network North Yorkshire (CANNY)



Are you the treasurer or finance manager for your group?

RVA is one of the organisations working on the CANNY project. CANNY provides FREE community accounting services for Ryedale based groups for one day per week. The project is funded by the BIG Lottery Fund, and provides FREE financial advice and support and training. Services include free telephone and e-mail help and advice, surgery sessions, information resources and one-to-one training sessions, tailored to meet the needs of individuals or groups. To find out more about how the community accounting service can help your group, **contact Barrie Tuck at Ryedale Voluntary Action on 01653 600120 or email barrie@rva-cvs.org.uk**

VCS Services



RVA Trustee Profile

Ian Robinson, co-opted onto the Board in September 2010

Ian is a Chartered Management Accountant who has spent his professional life working in the water and environmental services sectors. After 12 years working at York's private water supply company, The York Waterworks Plc, Ian moved to the Netherlands to become Group Finance Director of ALcontrol Holdings Ltd, one of Europe's largest food and environmental laboratory testing organisations. Since returning to the UK Ian has worked as a Finance Director for an environmental remediation and regeneration business on a part time basis. In 2007 Ian was accepted for ordination training in the Church of England and was ordained deacon in York Minster in June 2010. Ian is now serving as curate to the parishes of St Michael, New Malton and St Mary, Old Malton.



Ian's core skill set is in financial management and control, including strategic budgeting and organisational planning. He is very organised and has good presentation skills.

Ian's hobbies are singing (he sings in the Stamford Bridge Choir), choral music in general and also hill walking in Scotland and the Yorkshire Moors and Dales.

Useful Websites

www.ryedaleva.org.uk an online resource providing voluntary and community support.

www.2011.census.gov.uk Everything you need to know about the census and why it matters to you.

www.voluntaryskills.com is an award winning website for training and skills development in the Third Sector. Featuring an easy to use online training database of voluntary & community sector courses.

www.nyfvo.org.uk registered charity formed and run by voluntary and community organisations in York and North Yorkshire to promote, develop and support new and existing forms of voluntary and community action; and to ensure that their views and interests are well represented.