

## Welcome to the community weekly e-bulletin, 27 January 2012

This bulletin comes to you direct from Community Voluntary Services Tendring. Your voluntary group can use this spot to advertise and promote for free any forthcoming event or item of interest. ***As secretary / contact point for your organisation, can you please click on your forward button NOW to share this bulletin with your colleagues, staff, volunteers, committee members and/or clients.***

### Dates for your diary (press reply button and ask for further details)

**Epilepsy Action Drop-in**, Tuesday 31 January (Sams Hall), 10.30am – 12.30pm

**Introduction to Word**, Friday 3 February, 9.30am – 1.30pm

**Cultivating Confidence**, Friday 3 February, 1.30pm – 4.30pm

**Community Network Breakfast**, Friday 10 February, 9am – 10.30am

**Using the Internet**, Friday 10 February, 9.30am – 1.30pm

**Community Engagement**, Monday 13 February, 9.30am – 1.30pm

**Food Safety CIEH Level 2**, Monday 13 February, 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Voluntary Sector Partnership**, Tuesday 14 February, 1.30pm - 4.00pm

**Big Lottery and Heritage Lottery Fund Briefings and Funding Surgeries**, Tuesday 21 February, 10.30am.

Telephone 01255 425692 or email [admin@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:admin@cvstendring.org.uk) for further information

### Viennese Cafe New Year concert - Sunday 29th January, 3pm

The members of Clacton Concert Orchestra are preparing for the upcoming Viennese Cafe New Year concert at the Princes Theatre, Clacton on Sea. The street style cafe setting is an informal area with dancing. There will be waltzes and polkas with the occasional march. There will also be guest variety spots and coffee or tea with a slice of cake provided in the ticket price. CCO is a fund raising organisation which aims to entertain whilst raising much needed funds for local organisations, this time the beneficiary is St Helena Hospice Tendring Day Care Centre. Last year the event raised £500. Tickets £8.00 - family tickets £15.00. Available from the Theatre Box Office Tel: 01255 686633 Last year's concert was very popular so we recommend early booking to ensure you are part of this imaginative, musical extravaganza.

### Community Network Breakfast Friday 10 February, 9am – 10.30am

Essex Bloodrunners and Anglian Community Enterprise are the guest speakers at next month's network breakfast. Book your place now! Participants also have the chance for a 5 minute slot to promote their organization. The last breakfast attracted nearly 30 representatives from a wide range of organizations who all agreed that the event was not only really enjoyable but also a great opportunity to network and share a delicious breakfast with peers.

### Voluntary Sector Partnership Tuesday 14 February, 1.30pm - 4.00pm

Speaker: Dr Carla Mahmoud, Clinical Lead for Public and Patient engagement will be explaining the opportunities available for the local voluntary sector in the new health structure. There will also be a short film presentation about the new Virtual Ward. Places are running out fast! Email: [admin@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:admin@cvstendring.org.uk) to book your place to this important event.

### Out In the Open Artist Opportunity 2012: Creative writing based art project working with homeless people.

Out in the Open is a dynamic, year long initiative in which Colchester & Ipswich Museums are working with local homeless people and organisations on a series of ground-breaking projects and activities which seek to explore and change attitudes towards homelessness. The initiative has been funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and Renaissance.

We are seeking an artist or creative individual to lead a creative writing based project, working with individuals and groups who have experienced accommodation issues, inspired by a theme of "Maps". The sessions will be based in Colchester and will build on

the work already developed by the museum service. It is expected that the project will run over 8 weeks in February and March 2012. For full details download the information sheet from [www.cvstendring.org.uk/newslink](http://www.cvstendring.org.uk/newslink)

### **Learning Programme reminder!**

This year there are courses designed for those involved with voluntary organisations including **community engagement** (knowing what to do and what not to do, how to spread the word, fund raise, attract volunteers and involve the right people), **running a voluntary organisation** and **effective volunteering**. Depending on circumstances these courses may be free, otherwise they are heavily discounted. For full details visit our website [www.cvstendring.org.uk/training](http://www.cvstendring.org.uk/training) or email [richard.perkins@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:richard.perkins@cvstendring.org.uk)

### **Funding Advice Sessions! Tuesday 21 February, 10.30am.**

Both the **Big Lottery Fund** and the **Heritage Lottery Fund** will be at the CVS Community Information Centre to provide programme briefings and the opportunity for one-to-one discussions about potential bids. Big Lottery Fund will talk about their Reaching Communities programme and Heritage Lottery Fund will talk about their Your Heritage and Heritage Grants programmes. Places need to be booked by Friday 27th January, please contact Karen Tedder-Ward to book your place 01255 425692 or email [karen.tedderward@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:karen.tedderward@cvstendring.org.uk)

### **Could your organisation benefit from a £300 BURSARY towards the cost of IT support?**

A new service is being launched in Essex to provide IT support for local voluntary and community organisations. Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) is working in partnership with Suffolk Acre's Suffolk Online to develop Essex Online. Good IT infrastructure is essential for organisations to operate effectively and efficiently in an increasingly competitive environment. Essex Online is a social enterprise IT services provider which aims to develop long term sustainable provision for VCS in the county. To support this aim a limited number of bursaries have been made available for qualifying organisations towards the cost of support packages. For details of the packages as bursaries, visit their website [http://www.essexrcc.org.uk/ICT\\_Services/Bursaries.aspx](http://www.essexrcc.org.uk/ICT_Services/Bursaries.aspx)

### **Children and Young People Bulletin**

The Local Government Association produces a monthly publication covering issues relating to children, young people and their families. The latest edition includes LGA/DfE action research on the council role in education, Early Intervention Foundation, Special Educational Needs, Safeguarding Children peer review, Children and Young People Board. Visit the website for previous editions of the bulletin and details of how to subscribe.

<http://www.local.gov.uk/ebulletin/children-and-young-people>

### **Adult Community Learning**

The new spring course directory for Adult Community Learning in Tendring and Colchester is available now. There are a range of learning opportunities to kick start your year and try something different in 2012. These include a range of courses commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics. Request a hard copy by calling 01255 424151, visit [www.essex.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.essex.gov.uk/adultlearning) or call into your local centre.

**Overhead Projector free to a good home** – contact us if your organisation would like details.

### **Retail Shop Available In Clacton- Rent And Rates Free - For 3 Months**

To help small independent retail businesses get started, Tendring District Council has a shop in Jackson Road, Clacton which is available from 3rd February – 27th April.

This 'Pop Up Shop' initiative ran very successfully in Dovercourt last year, and the council opened the shop in Clacton in November 2011, with its first business trading as 'The Emporium'. The shop is now available for its second business and comes equipped with free broadband, a cash register, pricing gun, glass display cabinets and telephone – all ready for a business to move into. (The 3 months in the shop is worth approx £2,000) So, if you are already perhaps running a business from home that you would like to try in this shop, or would like further information, then please contact Rachel Fryer, on 01255 686149 or e mail [rfryer@tendringdc.gov.uk](mailto:rfryer@tendringdc.gov.uk).

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