

**Volunteer Centre NK –
What we offer**

Brokerage - We offer a “brokerage” or matching service. Together we can help people find volunteering opportunities suited to their individual needs.

Why volunteer? - Want to make a difference or do something more rewarding? Recently retired? Student looking for work experience? Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, get back into the workplace and meet new people.

Be involved - People can do something that they are passionate about, get themselves involved in the local community, learn new skills, enjoy themselves and really make a difference!

Get in touch with us at the number below to discover the range of opportunities that are currently available.

If you are a voluntary or community group and want to recruit volunteers, telephone 01529 308450 or email us at info@volunteercentrenk.org.uk



**VCS NK -
Supporting the
voluntary and
community**

**VETTING AND BARRING SCHEME
To operate from 12 October 2009**

From October next year, the new **Vetting and Barring Scheme** for people working with children, young people and vulnerable adults will come into effect. Some of the key changes include:

- A new agency, the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) will integrate the many lists and sources of information on people barred or disqualified from working with children and vulnerable adults into one new service.
- Individuals wanting to work in **regulated or controlled activities** with children or vulnerable adults, whether paid or unpaid, will have to apply to be registered with the ISA before they can start work.
- Under the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006, which will replace some of the current legislation around vetting, it will be an offence to employ a person who is not registered, or to fail to check the scheme for new workers (paid or unpaid).

Information about the Independent Safeguarding Authority and the Vetting and Barring Scheme is at www.isa-gov.org.uk. The Criminal Records Bureau issued a press release earlier this year with a useful list of questions and answers about the ISA and how it will operate at www.crb.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=5025.

If you don't have access to the internet but would like more information about the Vetting and Barring Scheme and what it might mean for your organisation, please contact Caty Collier at VCS NK on **01529 308450** - or book a place on our **free briefing session** on Monday 10th November 2008 (see previous page).

And Finally...

Need volunteers at Christmas?

Apologies for mentioning Christmas this early in the autumn, but is your organisation likely to need volunteers over Christmas? Perhaps you operate a crisis service over the holiday period, or a lunch club on Christmas Day? Over the coming months we may get enquiries from people looking to lend a hand, inspired by the festive season. If you can involve volunteers when others can't, please contact us.

Any tasks suitable for a team?

Could your organisation come up with a practical task for a group of young people in Jan/Feb 2009? The Princes Trust is looking for projects which would last about a week for a group of around 16 people. Tasks could be indoors or outdoors, for instance redecorating a village hall, producing a DVD, or doing conservation work.

If you could offer any of these opportunities please contact Caty Collier at VCS NK on 01529 308450 or email caty@volunteercentrenk.org.uk



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Newsletter

September 2008

VCS NK - First Training Event a great success!!

VCS NK have recently held their first training course. The course was a basic look at Social Enterprise and Community Interest Companies with Lorraine Lenton from South Lincs CVS.

All but one person who had booked on the course arrived which was the first sigh of relief for me. The support staff and volunteers had set the room up in advance and the attendance register was ready. The trainer turned up (always helpful at these events).

As usual we did feedback from the event which was quite positive. Some of the comments made were 'Very good course. Well delivered'; 'Has given me a good insight into SE/CIC models and helped reinforce my previous knowledge of the subject'; and 'Good introduction to this area'.

Look out for more information on training courses and events shortly.

Tim Barzycki – Project Officer

BIG COUNTY, BIG SKIES, BIG FUTURE - Help shape tomorrows Lincolnshire, today

As outlined on the survey page itself, this consultation follows on from the initial 'Big County, Big Skies, Big Future' project where people told the Lincolnshire Assembly how they wanted Lincolnshire to look in the future. These ideas are helping shape the Assembly's Community Strategy and have so far helped develop the following five key areas:


1. Boosting our economy
2. Promoting healthy lifestyles
3. Helping our communities to flourish
4. Bringing people and services together
5. Balancing our lifestyle with our environment

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/bigcountysurvey>

Free Legal Advice for Community Groups

LawWorks for Community Groups provides quality legal advice to those in the voluntary sector – free of charge! Thanks to a national network of volunteer lawyers, free business law advice can be provided to community groups, small charities and social enterprises that do not have funds to pay for legal fees. To apply, please visit the LawWorks website (www.lawworks.org.uk)





Volunteer Opportunity

Sleaford LittleTheatre

Helpers Assistant

A chance to work with young people in a theatrical setting - encouraging their involvement in their sessions and occasional performances.

Contact:
VCS 01529 308450

Are you involved in befriending or mentoring across Lincolnshire

This can mean a lot of different things. For example, home visiting schemes aimed at those who are lonely, isolated or home from hospital.

Or perhaps one to one support with young carers, or working with families? Maybe you are involved with helping young offenders?

You might be working in an organisation, within a community group or perhaps involved in a church group.

Val Barritt, the Regional Coordinator for the Mentoring and Befriending Foundation has already established links with a range of groups across Lincolnshire, and would like to develop further contacts, with a view to providing opportunities for networking and sharing good practice!

Please contact the coordinator on: val.barritt@mandbf.org.uk or 07932 453511

Take a look at the website for more information about the national charity www.mandbf.org.uk

Coffee time challenge!

How many times have you thought if only I can do something about that piece of land or what can be done about that litter? Voluntary Centre Services North Kesteven (VCS NK) is offering a series of coffee time challenges where you will get the opportunity to raise your particular issue among other people which in turn may generate support from others in the group. A lead professional e.g Age Concern, Youth Service, Lincs Sports Partnership will also be on hand to support a group to take matters forward on some of the issues.

VCS NK would then be able to follow up its support with strengthening the group structure, assisting with group roles eg secretary, chair or treasurer, training, assisting with funding advice and guidance and much more.

04/11/2008	Youth (6pm—8pm)	07/11/08	Older People
09/01/2009	Children and Families	05/12/2008	Carers
09/01/2009	Unemployed	06/02/2009	People with disabilities
06/03/2009	Sports groups	03/04/2009	Communities

The sessions are on a drop in basis but it would be of most benefit if people were able to attend for the full session which is 10am -12.15pm

New online directory from Institute of Fundraising

The Institute of Fundraising has launched an online directory of its members to help fundraisers improve their networking opportunities. The directory, an extended version of *The Fundraisers Handbook*, is available <http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/> For those who don't have access to the internet or just want to do an additional search VCS NK also have a number of fundraising guides that are available from its library on free loan to people involved in groups.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

Heritage Lincolnshire is a charity working to protect, promote and enhance Lincolnshire's rich heritage for the benefit of all. To help develop services, a public consultation is being carried out during August, September and October of this year.

Contact:
Joanna Hambly, Heritage Team Leader, Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire, The Old School, Cameron Street, Heckington, Lincolnshire, NG34 9RW Tel: 01529 461499
Fax: 01529 461001
www.lincsh heritage.org .



Training Update

Forthcoming training at VCS NK for organisations/groups:

Vetting and Barring Scheme, 10 November, 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm

This briefing session on the new Vetting and Barring Scheme is crucial for staff or volunteers who provide services for children, young people or vulnerable adults. It is an introduction to the new legislation and procedures for vetting applicants to work with vulnerable groups which will come into effect in Autumn 2009.

Introduction to Volunteer Management, 26 November , 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

New to working with volunteers? Is volunteer co-ordination just a part of your role? Come along and find out more about 'good practice', and the resources and support that are available to help you recruit, support and manage your volunteers.

Both sessions will be held at the Volunteer Centre in Sleaford. **For details and to book a place, please contact us on 01529 308450 or email info@volunteercentrenk.org.uk**

Dates for your diary... Community Training Events

Community Lincs and the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils have arranged the following joint training sessions, as all these topics are highly relevant both to Village Hall and Parish Council representatives. Details of the training sessions are as follows:

Topic	Venue details	Date	Time
Disability Discrimination Act	Billingham Village Hall	17 September 2008	7.00pm - 9.00pm
Data Protection and Freedom of Information	Scredington Community Centre	14 October 2008	1.00pm - 4.00pm
Security of Community buildings and tackling Anti-social Behaviour	Coleby Community Centre	18 November 2008	7.00pm - 9.00pm

Village Hall Quality Award Scheme Training

In order to recognise the work of the many volunteers who run community buildings in Lincolnshire, Community Lincs has developed the Village Hall Quality Award Scheme. Training sessions have been arranged to help halls who are considering entering the scheme. Details of these sessions are as follows:

Date	Venue and session times
Tuesday 7 th October	Welton Le Marsh Village Hall, 9.30am – 11.00am
Wednesday 15 th October	Fosdyke Village Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Tuesday 4 th November	Faldingworth Memorial Hall, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

For booking forms and more information about these events please contact: Samantha Smith at Community Lincs on 01529 302466 or email: samantha.smith@communitylincs.com or visit <http://www.communitylincs.com/?sect=documents&pid=113>

MEET THE TEAM

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Steph Bristow – Project Support Officer steph@volunteercentre.org.uk- Direct Dial: 01529 308454

Kerry Wint – Youth Volunteering Advisor kerry@volunteercentre.org.uk-Direct Dial 01529 308451

Volunteers:

Jenny Preston – Information, support and Volunteer Advisor
Michelle Hayward – Volunteer General Admin support
Denise Knott – Volunteer Receptionist
Anja Williams – Volunteer Advisor/IT support



Volunteer Opportunity

Committee Chair - Relay for Life

By leading a Cancer Research UK relay for life committee you will help to increase cancer awareness within your community and raise significant funds for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work to find new and better cures for this disease.

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