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## Skills Sharing Event



VCS Lincoln recently worked in partnership with Transition Town Lincoln to organise a skill sharing event at Lincoln Drill Hall. Timebank Lincoln is a skill sharing project, run through VCS Lincoln, where people swap skills with each other, and Transition Lincoln is working towards making Lincoln a more sustainable community. A Transition town works towards answering the question "for all those aspects of life that this community needs in order to sustain itself and thrive, how do we significantly increase resilience (to mitigate the effects of Peak Oil) and drastically reduce carbon emissions (to mitigate the effects of Climate Change)?"

(Transition Network website).

We thought that sharing the skills that we have, would be a great way to work together, and help people to learn new skills and find ways of saving money by doing things ourselves!

With 27 different stands hosting workshops, demonstrations and displays, there were a huge variety of skills represented, ranging from composting to knitting and bike maintenance to 'practical idling'. Over 200 people came along to come and learn something new and be inspired about what things they could learn!



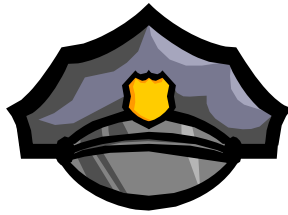
It was a really well received event, and future events will be planned for 2010.

For more information on Timebank Lincoln and Transition Lincoln, please visit their websites:

Timebank Lincoln: [www.timebanklincoln.org.uk](http://www.timebanklincoln.org.uk)

Transition Lincoln: [www.ecolincs.org/ecoliving/transitionlincoln.php](http://www.ecolincs.org/ecoliving/transitionlincoln.php)

# ISA Vetting & Barring Scheme



VCS Lincoln will be offering briefing sessions over the next year as the new ISA procedures come into place.

## ***The law is changing***

From **12 October 2009**, new measures will be introduced to help prevent unsuitable people from undertaking paid or volunteer work with children or vulnerable adults. This is called the **Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS)**. To help implement the Scheme a new public body called the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) has been created. The ISA make decisions over who should be

barred from working with vulnerable people. These decisions are legally binding so a barred person must not undertake certain roles under any circumstances. Failing to comply could result in both the employer and the employee or volunteer being prosecuted and even going to prison.

From **July 2010** all new employees, those moving jobs and volunteers who want to work with children or vulnerable adults can register with the ISA. From **November 2010**, all new employees and volunteers **must** register before they start work. From then it will be illegal to employ people who are not ISA-registered.

## ***Working with the CRB***

ISA-registration will not replace the need for Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure but represents an extra level of protection. This new Scheme helps to ensure that employers can be more confident than ever before that they are hiring a suitable person by making it a legal requirement for everyone who is working with children or the vulnerable to be ISA-registered. A CRB Disclosure will reveal if the person has convictions that would make an employer consider them unsuitable to do the specific job, such as convictions for theft, fraud or dishonesty. When used together, the ISA registration and CRB checking process will provide employers with one of the most comprehensive assessment and review services available to date.

## ***How employees and employers are affected***

From **November 2010**, all new employees and volunteers who want to work with children and vulnerable adults in a wide variety of settings **must be** ISA-registered before they can be legally employed. Obtaining ISA-registration is the employee's responsibility. It is not a difficult or time-consuming process and there is a one-off cost of £64 (£28 ISA/£36 CRB administration costs). ISA-registration for unpaid volunteers is free. There are two areas of ISA-registration, one covering working with children and one covering working with vulnerable adults. Once successfully ISA-registered, for either or both groups, an individual is ISA-registered for life in most cases and does not need to reapply. For employers wanting to hire that person they will need to first check their registration status. This can be done online for free. Only then, when a candidate's ISA registration has been confirmed, can they be taken on. At first, the Scheme will affect new employees and volunteers only. Over time, the registration process will be phased in to include current employees and volunteers.



## ***Does this affect me or my organisation?***

To find out who is affected by these changes and what, if anything, needs to be done, please visit: [www.isa.gov.org.uk](http://www.isa.gov.org.uk)

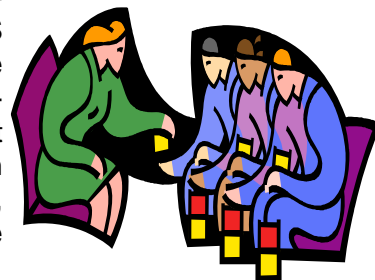
As an organisation or individual who undertakes work in a paid or unpaid capacity with children or vulnerable adults, these changes to the law will affect you. If your organisation has an HR or a finance department, then those staff should be made aware of the Scheme and the legal requirements around ISA-registration. Smaller organisations, without these departments, must familiarise themselves with the new rules to ensure that they too comply with the changes. We appreciate that you may not have done anything like this before so we are here to help you every step of the way. Together we can help prevent the unsuitable from working with the vulnerable.

For more information about the Vetting and Barring Scheme, the Independent Safeguarding Authority, the registration process, who is affected and how, please visit:-

[www.isa.gov.org.uk](http://www.isa.gov.org.uk) or call 0300 123 1111.

## Free Organisational Mentoring

**Organisational Mentoring** is a project which is funded by the European Social Fund (ESF) and Lincolnshire County Council. This project is run in partnership between Urban Challenge, Community Lincs, South Lincolnshire CVS and VAEL (Voluntary Action East Lindsey). The mentoring scheme will offer Free informal confidential guidance to small/medium voluntary and community organisations across Lincolnshire. Support available will vary from each mentor. It might include advice on quality monitoring, training and development tendering processes, partnership working, equality and diversity, budget and finance management and bid writing.



### **Who are the mentors?**

Mentors are experienced voluntary and community sector professionals who have an understanding of the opportunities and challenges in delivering and partnership working on public sector contracts.

### **Who are the mentees?**

Mentees are small/medium organisations within the voluntary and community sector who would like to gain knowledge and support from other organisations across the County. They may also be looking to work on public sectors contracts but are not confident in identifying the best route forward.

### **How do I enrol as a mentor or mentee?**

The first thing to do is contact the Training and Partnership Development Officer, who will discuss what you would like to contribute or achieve from the mentoring scheme.

### **Training**

As part of the project there is also a training brochure produced which incorporates all the training available via the partner organisations. For those organisations that take part in the mentoring scheme there is FREE organisational mentoring training for both mentors and mentees.

For further information on how to benefit and contribute to the Lincs2gether project please contact:

**Training and Partnership  
Development officer, Community Lincs  
The Old Mart, Church Lane, Sleaford, Lincs NG34 7DF  
(01529)302466 L2G@communitylincs.com**

## Make a Difference Day!!!

CSV Make a Difference Day will take place this year on 31st October 2009. A usual, VCS Lincoln will be supporting groups of volunteers who would like to spend some time improving their local area, or making a difference to the environment. We would be pleased to hear from you if you are part of a group. Equally, we are keen to register one-off opportunities on our database, so that we can match volunteers to appropriate opportunities, so please give us a call, or download the Opportunity Registration form from our website if you have something that a team of volunteers could help with.

**CSV**  
**MAKE**  
**A DIFFERENCE**  
**DAY**



Visit CSV's website at <http://www.csvcampaigns.org.uk/volunteers/> to find out more about the national campaign and to sign up to receive CSV's e-bulletin *In Touch* that will keep you updated with all the campaign news, resources and information on how you can get involved.

# Funding Information

## PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHES NEW YOUTH LEADERSHIP FUND

Gordon Brown has launched a major youth leadership programme for young people aged 13 to 19 aiming to increase the opportunities for them to lead change in their communities. The Youth of Today Leadership Fund has been set up to fill outstanding gaps in the provision of leadership opportunities available to young people. The Fund will help to support programmes with grants and will identify new innovations that could lead to greater sustainability and creativity in the sector in the long term. The grants aim to: Help more young people take on leadership roles in their community; Create more opportunities for young people to influence the decisions affecting them; Raise the quality of youth leadership opportunities; Enable small organisations to grow; Support innovative projects that are unlikely to find funding from other sources. The programme which is led by a partnership of charities headed by the Young Foundation has a total budget of £1 million to be spent by March 2011 to support organisations through two funding schemes. "Scaling Up" grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for organisations working with young people to scale up their operations or projects to the next level. The next funding round will be in the Autumn of 2009. Organisations with a proven track record can also apply for a limited number of "Reaching Out" grants of between £75,000 and £100,000 to set up new projects. The next funding deadline for "Reaching Out" grants is the 20th November 2009.



<http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/fund-your-dream-project>

## CASH 4 CLUBS

Sports clubs that are registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Cash 4 Clubs grants scheme. Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club. In 2008 over £30,000 was given out in grants to 30 community sports clubs across the UK. There are three tiers of grants at £250, £500 and £1,000. Previous grants have been awarded to the Southampton Canoe club which received a grant of £1,000 towards purchasing junior paddles and safety equipment; the Rugby Sea Cadets which received a grant of £1,000 to maintain and replace safety equipment; and Ipswich Basketball which received a grant of £1,000 to initiate a new women's team aimed at the 16+ league. Applications can be submitted at any time and grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

<http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

## AUSTIN AND HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST GRANT MAKING PROGRAMME

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas. The trustees welcome applications for projects within the following areas for the next three years. These categories are then repeated in a three-year rotation: 2009 (Deadline for applications: 1st Nov 2009): Community, Disability; 2010 (Deadline for applications: 1st June & 1st Nov 2010) : Children, Youth the Elderly, Medical; 2011 (Deadline for applications: 1st June & 1st Nov 2011), Music and the Arts, Overseas. Please note that, for 2010, only Medical Research projects dealing with the ageing population will be considered. The other priorities - Children, Youth and the Elderly - as well as other non-research based medical work are still welcome. If your charity's work falls within one of these categories and would like to be considered for a grant, please submit an application by 1st June or 1st November only in the appropriate year. Grants are usually between £1,000 and £10,000, with the majority being £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, grants of up to £20,000 are made, but these are usually for medical research projects. Previous grants awarded include: A grant of £5,000 towards a resource centre providing advice and training for workers dealing with mental health in rural areas; £5,000 towards a project aimed at a behavioural programme for persistent young offenders.

<http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>



## FINANCIAL BOOST FOR OUT OF HOURS SERVICES

The Government has announced the regional breakdown of £167million to boost out of hours services offered in schools across the country. Extended services in schools provide children and young people with meaningful activities before and after the school day, enabling parents to stay at work for longer. The money is part of the extended services subsidy which has been allocated: £8.5million in 2008-9; £40million in 2009-10; £167million in 2010-11. Extended school services will include: childcare from 8am-6pm, all year round for primary schools; a varied range of activities including study support activities; parenting and family support; access to specialist services like speech therapy; community use of facilities including adult and family learning and ICT. The allocation of funding follows an announcement by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) earlier this week of £5.5 million to help find innovative solutions to gaps in holiday childcare provision. Recent reports show that in some regions parents have difficulty finding childcare for their children during the summer holiday. The DCSF announced a pilot in every region aimed at finding innovative local solutions to this problem. The money will cover ten pilots, the findings from which will provide an insight into sustainable solutions for holiday childcare.



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[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2009\\_0136](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2009_0136)

## ECOMINDS ANNOUNCES CLOSING DATES

Mind, the leading mental health charity, has announced that due to the large number of applications received by its Ecomind programme, it is now introducing closing dates for its remaining unallocated funds. Through the Ecominds programme, Mind will fund a range of community and voluntary groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as: improving open spaces and wildlife habitats; designing public art; recycling. Funding is also open to commercial organisations for projects that operate on a non commercial basis and statutory bodies working in partnership with the third sector. Launched in 2008, Ecominds had a total of £7.5 million to distribute to around 125 projects. Ecominds is particularly keen to encourage application for small grants which are currently not oversubscribed. To be eligible for funding, projects must have: both a mental health and environmental perspective; involve people with direct experience of mental distress; encourage community access,



collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability; have a budget of under £250,000. Previously funded projects include: Finchdale College: Helping trainees, the majority of whom experience mental health issues, design and produce a recycling and conservation themed garden to enter into the 2009 RHS Tatton Park Flower Show. Other projects supported can be viewed at <http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/Ecominds+funded+projects.htm>.

The closing dates announced are: 12:00 noon on Friday the 30th October 2009 for large bids (£60,001 to £150,000); 12:00 noon on Friday the 8th January 2010 for Medium bids (20,001 to £60,000); 12:00 noon on Wednesday the 30th June 2010 for Small bids (up to £20,000).

<http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/>

## HEROES RETURN 2 SCHEME

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced the Heroes Return 2 Scheme is now open to applications. The Heroes Return 2 Scheme provides funding to help World War II veterans that saw active service overseas with or alongside the British Allied Armed Forces in the Second World War, and are resident in the UK or the Republic of Ireland to take part in commemorative visits (within the UK and overseas) to mark the anniversary of events that led to the end of WWII. The Heroes Return Scheme offers fixed amount grants of between £150 and £5,500 for each veteran and their spouse and/or carer towards the cost of their visit. There are five levels of funding according to the destination. For further information on this scheme please call the application on 0845 0000 121. Applications can be submitted at any time between the 1st April 2009 and the 31st January 2011.



[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_heroes\\_return?tab=2&regioncode=-uk&status=theProg](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return?tab=2&regioncode=-uk&status=theProg)

# VCS Lincoln Training

When?	Training Programme
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 09 10.00 -1.00pm  FREE	<b>Being more Assertive</b> <i>with Margaret Nicol</i>  Wanting to feel better about yourself and have more confidence in your own abilities? This short, practical course will equip you with some essential techniques for becoming more assertive in your dealings with others.
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 09 10.00 -1.00pm  FREE	<b>BBC Children in Need Funding Advice Day</b>  This event is aimed at organisations working with children and young people, who are interested in putting in an application to the Children in Need fund. The presentation in the morning will provide an overview to bodies who give advice on funding rather than to individual applicants. The afternoon surgeries are for organisations wanting to bid for small amounts of funding, e.g. for youth clubs, holiday schemes, sessional staff and equipment. Please book early, as places are limited.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 09 9:30 -1.00pm  FREE	<b>Get Yourself Organised</b> <i>with Ed Hollamby: ESH Consultancy</i>  If you find yourself struggling to fit everything life throws at you to the 168 hours each week, spending a couple of hours on this course might help make better use of the other 164.5! Put it in your diaries now so as not to miss this helpful workshop on how to manage your time more effectively.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 09 9:30- 4.30pm Lunch Provided  FREE	<b>Management Committees</b> <i>with Dianne Slapp &amp; Helen Sutton</i>  Course Details: Find out more about the roles, responsibilities and skills needed for being part of a management committee. This course will be ideal for those who are new to management committees, or those who would like a refresher on good practice.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 09 10.00 - 4.00pm Lunch Provided  FREE	<b>Recruiting Volunteers</b>  Volunteers are essential to many organisations and bring valuable skills and experience with them. This course offers hints and tips on how to attract and recruit volunteers for your project, including: advertising, role descriptions, and incentives. Come and find out how to make your volunteering opportunities more appealing to volunteers.

When?	Winter Training Programme
<p>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 09 9.30 – 4.30</p> <p>Lunch provided £10</p>	<p><b>Appointed Person First Aid Training</b> <i>with a Trainer from L.I.V.E.S.</i></p> <p>This course will take delegates through legislation as well as the essentials of first aid in the workplace. This will be a highly interactive session and each delegate will receive a certificate and a first aid handbook. We will be asking organisations for a £10 contribution per person, on booking a place on this course. Numbers are limited, so please hurry to book a place</p>
<p>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 09</p> <p>10.00 –1.00pm</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p><b>Change Management</b> <i>with Ed Hollamby: ESH Consultancy</i></p> <p>It has been said that the only constant is change. Within the voluntary and community sector, the way we manage and facilitate change is hugely important, given how the sector is affected by so many internal and external factors. This workshop looks at how people within your organisation are likely to change and share best practice to involve others and minimise difficulties.</p>
<p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 09</p> <p>10.00-1.00pm</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p><b>Managing your Money</b> <i>with Julia Ambrose CAB</i></p> <p>This short, practical course will cover – how to complete a basic budget, ways of increasing your income, how to make good credit choices (e.g. different types of borrowing and the costs of borrowing) and how to choose and use a bank account. This course will be useful for you if you need general information about how to get control of the money you have and how to budget for day to day items, and more expensive items. It will help you to feel in control of your money.</p>
<p>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 09</p> <p>10.00 –1.00</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p><b>Setting up a voluntary organisation</b> <i>with Helen Sutton / Dianne Slapp</i></p> <p>Thinking about how your group is structured? Wondering how you can grow and develop as an organisation? Come and find out more. There will be some useful hints and tips for you and plenty of information to take away. We look forward to seeing you there.</p>
<p>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 09</p> <p>10.00 –1.00</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p><b>Supporting volunteers</b> <i>with Dianne Slapp</i></p> <p>A key aspect of managing volunteers is learning how to support them effectively. This course will give you hints and tips on how you can improve in this area. It will be an interactive session and is especially aimed at those new to managing volunteers, although those looking for a refresher course are welcome.</p>
<p>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 09</p> <p>10.00 –1.00</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p><b>Dealing with debt</b> <i>with Julia Ambrose CAB</i></p> <p>This short, practical course will cover – the most common reasons for unpaid bills and debts, what can happen when you don't pay bills, how to prioritise bills and where to go for further help. This course will be useful for you if you need general information about dealing with the debts you already have, and deciding which debts are most important. It will help you get back control of your money if you feel you are struggling.</p>

All the courses are being held at The Healthy Hub, Beaumont Fee, Lincoln  
LN1 1UW

Places are limited and will be allocated on a strictly first come, first served basis. To book places, or for more information, please contact VCS – Lincoln on Tel: 01522 551683.

## ETN Training Events

***MANAGING your TIME - achieving a better work-life balance***  
***Islington Ecology Centre***  
***20 October 2009***

Would you like greater job satisfaction and a more fulfilling personal life? By managing your time well you can achieve much more without working harder, as well as creating thinking time, reducing stress and achieving your work and personal goals. This interactive event will help you analyse the way you are currently using your time and how you can take control by prioritising and planning on a short, medium and long term basis – and how you can harness your own energy levels for maximum efficiency. The practical techniques and systems which you will learn at this event will have a dramatic immediate effect, and can be used on a lifelong basis to create more personal time and achieve a better work-life balance.

***Develop the trainer in you***  
***York***  
***9 & 10 November 2009***

This 2-day (non-residential) introductory event covers assessing training needs and creating a good learning experience. It will give participants the opportunity to practise setting learning objectives, designing a training course and developing participative training exercises. Day two will be very practical and will focus on group facilitation skills, practising handling training equipment and dealing with difficult group situations. This is an introductory event designed for anyone who is new to training or who wants to use training skills as part of their work.

***Facilitating discussions, events and workshops***  
***Birmingham***  
***23 November 2009***

This is a very popular, fun and interactive event on the theory and practice of facilitation, particularly for running workshops, conferences and consultation events, but also for use within meetings and teams. It will be packed with hints and tips on how to maximise facilitation performance, including how to deal with challenging participants, and will give you the opportunity to develop your own style. The event will benefit anyone working with groups of people in formal or informal settings.

***Introduction to presentation skills***  
***Birmingham***  
***24 November 2009***

This popular 2-day (non-residential) event is designed for anyone who is new to management, is thinking of becoming a manager, or who has been carrying out a management role without having had the benefit of any formal management preparation or training. It is at an introductory level and does not assume any prior management training or experience. The event covers what management is about, different management styles, managing change, overcoming common management problems, and skills in managing people, including supervision and delegation.

***Negotiation and influencing skills***  
***Doncaster***  
***15 December 2009***

A participative and fun event that explains the theory and practice of entering into successful negotiation. It will cover models and principles of negotiation and give you the opportunity to practise and develop your own processes, skills and techniques for successful negotiation that benefits all parties concerned. It will allow you to explore your own situation and identify how you might change or adapt your approach. This event will be of particular benefit to those who struggle to negotiate effectively and/or find influencing others and gaining support difficult. It will also be particularly relevant for those situations where there is a power imbalance in the negotiation relationship such as in negotiations with your manager or your funder.

For further information on other courses available please contact them on 0121 359 2113 or Email: [ETN@btcv.org.uk](mailto:ETN@btcv.org.uk) . You can also book online or request further details via the BTCV online shop - see <http://shop.btcv.org.uk/etn>, or visit [www.btcv.org/shop](http://www.btcv.org/shop)

# Tackling Technology Together'

The WEA East Midlands Region is pleased to be part of an exciting new £1.4m innovation and transnational project part-funded by the European Social Fund (ESF). Running from April 2009 to May 2012, the project aims to develop, test and deliver approaches to challenge the digital divide, ultimately helping to widen participation in employment and learning.



DAIN is an action research partnership project and involves three UK charities; The Workers' Educational Association, NIACE and CEFET. Also involved are four transnational partners including Institut fur Lern-Innovation (Germany's Institute for Innovation in e-learning) which is the lead transnational partner around sharing of good practice and dissemination of DAIN project findings.

Mike Attwell, WEA East Midland's Regional Director, said yesterday 'The key project staff are now in post and we are looking forward to taking the DAIN project forward. DAIN fits well with the aims of the WEA as an organisation which has always championed educational opportunities for those who have missed out in some way. DAIN is an excellent opportunity to continue our work by challenging digital exclusion and enabling everyone in society to benefit from the advantages of using technology as part of their daily lives.'

DAIN will operate in 8 areas across the East Midlands starting in Nottingham, Leicester, Chesterfield and Lincoln in year one. The project will deliver 200 community based ICT courses per year and will recruit, train and support at least 100 volunteers from the local target communities who will be known as Digital Activists. The role of the Digital Activist will be to engage and encourage people experiencing digital exclusion to get involved in using digital technology.

For further information please contact Andria Birch, DAIN Manager on 0115 9858203 or [dain@wea.org.uk](mailto:dain@wea.org.uk).

The Workers' Educational Association (WEA) is a charity and the largest voluntary sector provider of adult education in Britain. It provides learning opportunities for over 95,000 people each year across all nine English Regions and in Scotland. WEA courses are created and delivered in response to local need, often in partnership with local community groups and organisations, including trade unions.

For further information please contact:

Andria Birch, DAIN Manager  
WEA Unit 10, 31 Hungerhill  
Road, Nottingham, NG3 4NB  
[abirch@wea.org.uk](mailto:abirch@wea.org.uk) or on 0115 9858203



# East Midlands Business Champions

The Business Champions programme was created and developed by the East Midlands Development Agency and is a pool of volunteers from the business community who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise with small businesses, community or voluntary groups.

The Big Lottery Fund has worked successfully with Business Champions on a number of occasions to provide help and support to Lottery-funded groups in some of the most disadvantaged communities. Their service has ensured that these groups have access to a range of services they would not normally be able to reach or afford.

Working with voluntary and educational organisations Business champions form a unique link between the private and public sector supporting projects and initiatives where the commercial perspective is needed. They work closely with schools on curriculum and career development, mentoring social enterprises, as well as performing an ambassadorial role flying the flag for the region.

## ***What do Business Champions do?***

- Give direction to enterprises by identifying a need and helping them to progress through sound business expertise
- Inspiring students through workshops or master classes
- Offering strategic direction through forums and board positions
- Fly the flag for the East Midlands as regional ambassadors



## ***Why become a Business Champion?***

Business Champions sign up to the programme for many reasons:

- An opportunity to give something back – to make a difference
- Developing your own skills through solving real life challenges
- Providing strategic input - a direct voice in shaping strategy
- To be taken outside of the box you normally work in, giving you new insights and the challenges that go with it
- Access to training – Champions can develop skills in areas such as coaching to enable the shaping of ideas
- Networking opportunities enabling you to heighten your profile in the region, and to share best practice

For more information on the initiative, contact a member of the Business Champions team on 0115 988 8362 or email [business\\_champions@emd.org.uk](mailto:business_champions@emd.org.uk). For further information please visit: [www.businesschampions.org.uk](http://www.businesschampions.org.uk)



## Community Lincs Awarded Funding to Support the Delivery of Parish Plan Actions

Community Lincs has secured over £200,000 from Lincolnshire Enterprise to provide a small grant scheme for parishes that have undertaken a Parish Plan or other good community consultation that can demonstrate need and support for the project idea.

The grant scheme 'Active Parishes' will run until March 2011 and provides grants of up to £10,000 to support the delivery of projects related to business, enterprise and skills. Applicants will have to find 50% match funding from other sources.

### ***So what types of projects will the fund support?***

- Provision of IT courses
- Training and Adult Learning
- Production of Business Directory
- Provision of local facilities, for example local shop
- Setting up a Farmers or other local Market
- Community Broadband Connection
- Business to Business networking



### ***Who can apply?***

Examples of the type of groups who can apply:

- Parish Plan Steering Group
- Parish Council (where no Parish Plan Steering Group exists)
- Village hall committees
- Completely new community groups
- Existing community groups
- Local small businesses

Applications to the fund will be assessed by a panel on a quarterly basis and applicants will be expected to complete their project within the financial year that the application was made.

Further advice and guidance is available from the Active Parishes Grant Officer:

Tel: 01529 302466

Email: [activeparishes@communitylincs.com](mailto:activeparishes@communitylincs.com) or download an Expression of Interest form from the Community Lincs website at [www.communitylincs.co.uk](http://www.communitylincs.co.uk)

The expression of interest form gives you an opportunity to tell us about your project idea. We will review what you tell us and let you know if we think the changes or outcomes your project will bring about are ones that we would consider supporting.





# Funding Fair!!!

Delivering support services to the voluntary and community sector and supporting volunteering

Voluntary Centre Services Lincoln  
 The Healthy Hub  
 Beaumont Fee  
 Lincoln LN1 1UW  
 Phone: 01522 551683  
 E-mail: abimbola@volunteercentrelincoln.org.uk / info@volunteercentrelincoln.org.uk  
 Website: www.volunteercentrelincoln.org.uk

## Find funding for your community projects!

Join our speed table sessions with a variety of funders. Find out more about where you get funding from, what is full cost recovery, how to make your fund-raising tax effective.

**At Billingham Village Hall  
 Ringmoor Close, Billingham  
 Lincoln LN4 4EU**

**Representatives from the following organisations will be in attendance.**

- Lincolnshire Sports Partnership
- Train to Gain
- Groundwork
- Community Foundation
- National Lottery
- Grantnet
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# Lincolnshire voluntary sector ICT surgeries

## PRACTICAL ICT ADVICE – FACE TO FACE !

**Unsure** about your group's computer needs?

**Worried** about your existing IT?



ICT Surgeries are now being held at Lincoln, Gainsborough, Sleaford, Boston, Spalding, Louth and Grantham on a monthly basis. The Countywide ICT Development Officer **Matt Hopkins** will be available at the following CVS offices on the dates below. Why not pop in to discuss your ICT issues.

•VCS Lincoln	21 Oct 09
• VCS West Lindsey ( Gainsborough)	15 Oct 09
•Sleaford (Community Lincs)	14 Oct 09
•Boston CVS	26 Oct 09
•Spalding CVS	29 Oct 09
• Grantham CVS	23 Oct 09
•Louth Holy Trinity Centre	27 Oct 09

For more information, contact the Countywide ICT Development Officer **MATT HOPKINS**, on: **Tel:** 01790 720000 **Mobile:** 07919 131979



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