

Voluntary Sector Update 10TH December 2015



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Voluntary Sector Growth Club is coming.....

A series of 4 growth clubs will be facilitated by involve to support voluntary, faith and community organisations.

Take the time to sit down and plan out 2016. An interactive and highly focused 1/2 day workshop where at the end you will walk away with an action plan not only for 2016 but also for Quarter 1.

This workshop will give you some time to;

1. Look at all the things you want to achieve, both personal and business
2. Make sure you have some great targets for the year - stretch yourself!
3. And will enable you to break your targets down into quarters, months, weeks or even days, so it looks to be more achievable.

If these are for you or your trustees then please do get in touch to book as places are limited.



Dates of main growth club meetings are 12th Jan, 5th Apr, 5th July, 4th Oct – all will be held at Easthampstead Park

Conference Centre from 9-12pm

Contact clare.rebbeck@involve.community

Borough Mayor's Carols

Friday 18 December from 4pm

@ St Pauls Church, Reading Road, Wokingham.

Carols with Berkshire Maestros Youth Brass and the Bracknell and Wokingham Community Band.

All are very welcome to attend.

Trinity Concert Band – Christmas Concert

Where: Trinity Church, Lower Earley, Reading

When: Saturday 19th December 2015 at 2:30 and at 7:30 pm

Box Office Phone: 0845 2263047

Contact Email: trinityconcertband@gmail.com

Details: <http://www.trinityband.co.uk>

The concerts will take place on Saturday 19th December at 2:30 and again at 7:30 pm at Trinity Church, Lower Earley. A favourite with both our band members and audience alike, our Christmas spectacular promises to bring you a festive feast of music sure to send you on your way with a warm glow and a smile on your face.

Tickets are £10 up to 24 hours before the concert and £12 on the door. Children under 16 years are free when accompanied by a paying member of the audience. Tickets can be purchased from the Box Office (0845 226 3047) or via our website (www.trinityband.co.uk)

Message from NHS Berkshire Health Network

Team up with healthcare professionals and work on a project that benefits your local NHS

Would you like to get involved in shaping local healthcare and research? Would you like to learn new skills that can enhance your career and personal development?

The NHS is looking for people like you to take part in an exciting new project that brings together healthcare professionals and members of the public to work together to make a difference to their local healthcare organisations and communities.

You'll be partnered with a doctor, nurse or other healthcare professional and together you'll have the opportunity to develop your leadership and communication skills to influence change. Armed with these skills and knowledge, you will put your learning into action through real projects that benefit your local healthcare organisation.

The Leading Together programme gets under way in February 2016. We're currently recruiting members of the public to get involved in projects that support [medical revalidation](#) – an important process that doctors need to go through every five years to show that they are up to date with the latest evidence so that can continue to practice – and help make it truly person-centered.

As well as developing leadership skills, you'll also gain knowledge and understanding of the benefits of working collaboratively, build networks and share your expertise and experiences to support learning for others in the group.

The programme will include 10 pairs of lay people and professionals who will need to commit to coming to three, full-day workshops in High Wycombe.

For more information visit [Oxford Academic Health Science Network's website](#); to obtain an application form email leadingtogether@oxfordahsn.org or call Ros Crowder on 07825 448 269 or Sian Rees on 07761 045424.

Wokingham Borough Council - Council Tax Reduction Scheme

Wokingham Borough Council are currently consulting with residents and organisations in regard to potentially changing our **Council Tax Reduction Scheme**.

This is a scheme that assists low income residents and families with paying their council tax.

As an organisation that could have an interest in this or changes could potentially impact on your client group, I would like to seek your feedback. It is important that we receive a response from as many customers and organisations as possible, so that any changes made have been properly considered.

The link to the consultation is below for you to use

For information the closing date for responses is the 11th December.

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/news-and-consultation/consultation-and-having-your-say/current-consultations/?entryid206=372651>

Get Berkshire Active

The launch of Get Berkshire Active's second round of
'This Girl Can Festival Funding'

is underway with the hope to provide more This Girl Can friendly activities for the ladies of Berkshire. Deadline for applications is 5pm on the 15th of Jan. Organisations can apply for a £750 grant which must be used to deliver a This Girl Can Festival followed by a minimum of 5 follow on sessions. Please read the guidance notes before completing an application. Guidance notes and a link to the application form can be found at <http://www.getberkshireactive.org/1476/get-active/this-girl-can/>.

Message from Brian Grady @ Wokingham Borough Council

We are embarking on an exciting time of change in Wokingham and we are keen to share that with you as one of our local Voluntary and Community sector colleagues some of our thinking and ask for your ideas as to how we can work more collectively with children and families.

As such I would like to invite you all to our monthly brunch to share our plans and further discuss how we can work in partnership. The next one is to be held on 28th January 2016 13:00-14:00 in the Board Room, Shute End, Wokingham.

I do hope you can make it and would ask that you confirm your attendance if you can to Brian Grady Brian.Grady@wokingham.gov.uk

Message from Stephen Orwin, Mental Health and Wellbeing Physical Activity Co-Ordinator

Sports & Leisure Team, Wokingham Borough Council

I am currently in the middle of some research into what activities we can provide for people who currently have mental health conditions. It would be greatly appreciated if you can give up five minutes of your time to fill in this survey and pass onto others to do the same.

The results will then be collated to change the programme to what suits as best as possible.

The Link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2NKDCMJ>

The Princes Trust are looking for people/contacts in Wokingham who could be interested in becoming volunteers to support disadvantaged young people completing their Exploring Enterprise programme who have told them they want to start up their own businesses – whatever that business may be and no matter whether big or small.

The Exploring Enterprise programme starts with a 4 day course focusing on each and every aspect of running your own business and having completed the course the Princes Trust offer each young person an individual mentor to support them to move forward with the business idea they want to make a reality.

As they work with disadvantaged young people the course attracts particularly the unemployed, some long term unemployed, and those for whom self employment may perhaps be their only realistic option.

If any of you are interested in sharing your skills and knowledge on a regular basis, to help a young person realise their potential which might be the business of their dreams, please contact Diane or Gill to find out more.

Gill Day – gillian.day@princes-trust.org.uk Diane Hall – Diane.hall@princes-trust.org.uk

Wokingham Borough Council held a **Child Sexual Exploitation pop-up event** on 7th Dec, for anyone who was unable to attend I have the presentations for you to request. The file is too large to attach to this update email. Clare.Rebbeck@involve.community

Grant programme launched to transform care for children with a learning disability

NHS England have launched a small [grant programme](#) aimed at transforming care for children and young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

Any not-for-profit organisation can bid for part of the £400,000 grant, so please can you promote this through any relevant regional forums/channels.

The deadline for bids is 30th December 2015.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/learningdisabilities/care/camhs/>

If you missed involve's Funding Seminar on 7th December then please request the presentations from clare.rebbeck@involve.community by Bruce Wright, Funding Advisor, involve and Hayley Rees, Procurement Business Partner, Commissioning, Wokingham Borough Council.

Do feel free to contact Hayley directly if you have any further questions or queries regarding commissioning on DD: 0118 974 6705 M: 07824838584 or Hayley.rees@wokingham.gov.uk

or Bruce for funding advice on bruce.wright@involve.community or
01626 867 604

The Learning Disability Partnership Board Big Meeting

Tuesday 15th December

from 10am – 12noon at the Bradbury Centre


As this is the last meeting of the year, we're planning a couple of festive activities! CLASP members invite everyone to wear something Christmassy to the Big Meeting (see agenda for more details) and if you donate 50p to CLASP, you'll be entered into the best-dressed competition. There will also be a Christmas Raffle during the break. Winners of the raffle and the best-dressed competition will be announced at the end of the meeting.




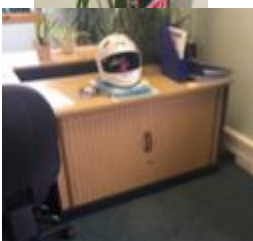


Wokingham Library have a spare reception desk available if you would like it please contact Joyce who can probably get it delivered if it's going to within the Wokingham area (happy for recipient to come and take a look)







Joyce Stoner - Tel: (0118) 974 6275 - e-mail: <mailto:joyce.stoner@wokingham.gov.uk>

Connect Reading have been contacted by a company who are relocating and are looking to recycle some of their furniture. I have attached a list of the items, this is not a confirmed list to date but will be confirmed after 3rd December. There is a very small window for collection which will be Tuesday 22 December between 9 - 11 am. All items must be collected between these times. The collection will be from Queens Road Reading where there is parking onsite. If you are interested in any of these items please contact a.s.a.p. by return email as items will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We will also need your logo if you are interested so we can include this in the news feed.

Susie Ward - susie.ward@connectreading.co.uk






#	ITEM	AREA	DESCRIPTION	QTY	REFERENCE	IMAGE
1	Café Table	2nd floor breakout	round wooden tcase table	1	dia 750mm	

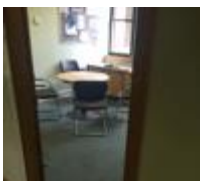
2	Café Chairs	1st & 2nd floor breakout	Wooden café chairs	6		
3	Desk type 1	Various locations	rectangular desk (some with shared frames)	6	1600x800	
4	Storage Type 1	Various locations	tambour fronted cupboards	2	1000m w x 1900 h	
8	Storage Type 2	Various locations	desk height storage units	23	1200mm w x 600mm d x 715mm h	
9	Storage Type 3	Various locations	mid height storage	4	1200mm w x 600mm d x 1600mm h	
10	Round Meeting table type 1	2nd floor office		1	dia 1500mm	


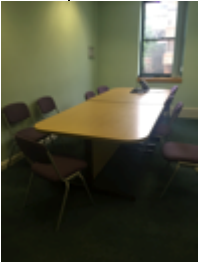
11	Meeting chairs for above	2nd floor office		6		
12	Easy chair	2nd floor office		1		
13	Storage Type 4		modular large lockers	1	2790mm w x 450mm d x 1680mm h	
14	Storage Type 5	Various	tambour fronted cupboards	3		
15	Round Meeting table type 2	Various locations		1	dia 1000mm	
16	Meeting chair	2nd floor office	upholstered meeting chair	4		









17	Rectangular meeting table Type 1	2nd floor		1	100mmx1800mm	
18	Meeting chairs for above	2nd floor	purple upholstered meeting chairs	6		
19	Storage Type 6	2nd floor	mid height tambour fronted storage	1	1200mm w x 46mm d x 1150mm h	
20	Storage Type 7	2nd floor	modular large lockers	1	1800mm w x 450mm d x 2280mm h	
21	Storage Type 8	2nd floor	modular large lockers	1	900mm w x 450mm d x 2280mm h	
22	Round Meeting table type 3	2nd floor office	Round meeting table	1	dia 800mm	



23	Meeting chairs for above	2nd floor office		2			
24	Storage Type 8	2nd floor stair lobby		1	1000mm w x 600mm d x 720mm h		
25	Café Table Type 2	1st floor breakout	rectangular café table	1	700mm x 600mm		
26	Desk type 2	1st floor	left hand wave desk	6	1400mm w x 800/1000mm d		
27	Desk type 3	1st floor	right hand wave desk	6	1400mm w x 800/1000mm d		
30	table	1st floor	rectangular training table	3	1350mm x 600mm		



31	Storage Type 10	1st floor	Wooden storage cupboard	1	920mm w x 525mm d x 1600mm h	
32	Meeting chair	1st floor office		4		
33	Storage Type 11	1st floor	mid height storage	1	1600mm w x 465mm d x 1145mm h	
34	Storage Type 12	1st floor	full height storage	4	1200mm w x 600mm d x 2000mm h	
35	Curved end Meeting Table	1st floor office	Meeting table in 2 sections	1	1200mm x 3000mm (2 no. 1500 sections)	
36	Meeting chairs for above	1st floor office		9		

37	Storage Type 13	1st floor	full height stroage	3	1000mm w x 450mm d x 2220mm h	
38	Storage Type 14	1st floor	desk height storage units	6	800mm w x 600mm d x 720mm h	
41	Storage type 15	1st floor	full height stroage	2	100mm w x 470mm d x 1970mm h	
42	Round Meeting table type 4	Meeting Room 2 & 3	Round meeting table	2	dia 1000mm	
43	Meeting chairs for above	Meeting Room 2 & 3	purple upholstered meeting chairs	8		
44	Rectangular meeting table Type 2	Meeting area lobby		1	2000mm x 1000mm	

45	Round Meeting table type 4	IT training room	Round meeting table	1	dia 1200mm	
46	Boardroom tables	Boardroom	Modular meeting table	1 in 4 pieces	1no. 1600mm x 800mm, 3 no. 1600mm x 1600mm	
47	Storage type 16	Boardroom	Boardroom credenza	1	2250mm w x 450mm d x 845mm h	
48	Storage type 17	Boardroom	Boardroom credenza (2 cupboards with 1 top)	1	1800mm w x 450mm d x 755mm h	
50	Meeting chair	Boardroom	purple upholstered meeting chairs	18		
51	Rectangular meeting table Type 3	Meeting Room 1		3	1600mm x 800mm	
52	Rectangular meeting table Type 4	Meeting Room 1		1	1400mm x 800mm	

56	Soft seating	GF breakout space	upholstered tub chair	3		
58	Meeting chair	Gf training space	purple upholstered meeting chairs	14		
59	Rectangular meeting table Type 3	Gf training space		6	1600x800	