



DAVENTRY VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR FORUM

Next Meeting 16th September 2016

**From 12.00 to 1.30pm at
The New Street Centre, (Next to Tesco),
13 New Street, Daventry NN11 4BT**

Meet with VCS and other sector colleagues for
Information Sharing/Funding ideas/Networking/County and
Regional meeting updates/Support/and To have your say

*A free Lunch is provided : RSVP to Carella on Tel: 01327
300614 or email Carella@daventryvolunteers.org.uk and/or
for more information on how to get involved.*

Please Note!
New date and
venue!!

DAVENTRY VOLUNTEER CENTRE

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Daventry Volunteer Centre Summer 2016

DAVENTRY CONNECTS

The newsletter for the voluntary sector in the Daventry District

Brexit Briefing for VCS Groups



However you cast your vote, it is indisputable that Britain's decision to leave the EU will have significant consequences for the future. The repercussions for our politics, society and economy will be felt for years.

The support and advocacy provided by VCS groups will be essential in this cli-

mate. The referendum has thrown into sharp contrast that there are divisions in the UK - racial tensions stoked during the campaign must not be allowed to linger and the VCS can play a key role in healing these divisions, helping people in the communities we work with to understand and respect each other.

Stuart Etherington, Chief Executive of NCVO says to

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VCS organisations “you should consider what more you can do to bring communities together, whether working with other voluntary organisations or with other civic institutions. Outreach and inclusivity in our practices matters now more than ever.”



The DSC have produced a briefing to help Charities and community groups with major concerns about how the decision to leave the EU will affect their ability to continue helping their beneficiaries.

Useful summaries include:

1. The Political situation

- Focus energy on strengthening relationships with local authorities and civil servants
- When the new cabinet is formed, work quickly to make representations on

behalf of your beneficiaries.

- Use the potential early general election to highlight issues affecting your beneficiaries.
- If there is a second Scottish referendum to leave the UK, use this to highlight how Scottish secession may affect your beneficiaries.
- Look out for the Autumn Statement and possible emergency budget briefings and get involved in the discussion.

2. The Economic situation:

- Those working in poverty alleviation should expect a continued rise in demand on their services.
- Trustees should review planned investments or major changes.
- Increases in demand on services should be recorded and reported to the rest of the VCS and policy-makers.
- The impact of losing funds that come from the EU should be reviewed.
- Start gathering information on prospective new funders.

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The ‘doctor knows best’ attitude that has summed up how the NHS has viewed and treated us since the fifties, has at last been challenged from within by the NHS Five Year Forward View. Often the doctor does indeed know better than the individual, but today we now expect to be a full participant in decisions about our health and wellbeing.

Neil Cleeveley says “Health and care leaders, commissioners and practitioners need to involve local people and communities in shaping local services and changing the culture. To this end NHS England have established the People and Communities Board who have published the *Six principles for engaging people and communities*, which aims to make it easier for local NHS bodies to create person centred and community focussed services”.

The Six Principles for engaging people and communities require that:

- Care and support is person-centred: personalised, coordinated, and empowering
- Services are created in partnership with citizens and communities
- Focus is on equality and narrowing inequalities
- Carers are identified, supported and involved
- Voluntary, community and social enterprise and housing sectors are involved as key partners and enablers
- Volunteering and social action are recognised as key enablers

For more information see: <http://www.nationalvoices.org.uk/our-work/five-year-forward-view/new-model-partnership-people-and-communities>

Eat Out Eat Well - Recruiting Volunteers



Daventry Volunteer Centre have been involved in recruiting volunteer auditors for a successful pilot scheme rewarding caterers in Daventry District who make it easier for their customers to make healthy choices when eating out. Volunteers undertake level 2 CIEH healthier

food and specialised diets training, and are then able to advise local businesses on offering healthier options on their menus. The scheme aims to show how cooking practices, such as grilling instead of frying, using less salt, and the use of lower-fat ingredients where possible, can make a big difference to healthier eating.

There are three levels of the award scheme - bronze, silver and gold - based on a scoring system. It is now being rolled out across Northamptonshire, following the success of the Daventry pilot. Cllr Mike Warren, Health and Housing Portfolio Holder on Daventry District Council, said: "Receiving an Eat Out Eat Well award shows you are a responsible business that puts its customers first".

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to find out more about this scheme, please call Angelina on 01327 300614 for more information.



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3. The social situation:

- . Remind staff that we all have to respect each other's right to hold a political opinion.
- . Charities which mainly help people from migrant backgrounds should be wary of increased demand on their services and the potential for online abuse.
- . Increases in demand on services should be recorded and reported
- . Asylum and refugee charities should prepare for reform of the immigration and asylum system.
- . Charities working with older and younger people should seek to develop an understanding between these groups.
- . All charities should play a role in promoting inclusivity and social unity and rejecting hatred and violence.

- . Use the EU referendum as an argument for why young people should be more vocal and should get out and vote.

4. The legal situation:

- . Reassure employees from outside the UK their status in the country has not changed.
- . Respond to the Charity Commission's consultation on its powers to remove trustees and senior managers of charities before 22 August.
- . Respond to the consultation on the Charity Commission's powers to issue statutory warnings until 23 September.
- . Consider how leaving the EU might impact on your campaigning work
- . Respond to the Fundraising Regulators consultation on registration

Conclusion: Keep calm, carry on helping people!



helping you
to help others

See the full version at:
<https://www.dsc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/DSC-Brexit-briefing-070716.pdf>

**Support to VCS groups:
Changes at Daventry Volunteer Centre**

Unfortunately due to Northamptonshire County Council's austerity measures, DVC's contract to deliver infrastructure services to VCS groups ends in July, and will not be renewed for 2016/2017.

This small contract (value just over £12,000) has been an essential source of income, enabling DVC to provide local voluntary & community sector groups with services including—funding advice, help with bid writing, start-up advice, quarterly newsletter, e-bulletin information, volunteer recruitment & brokerage service, Daventry VCS Forum, and VCS representation at key strategic meetings.

The DVC Trustees have agreed that until alternative funding can be sourced for infrastructure support, there will be an

inevitable reduction in the services we can provide to VCS groups. DVC will, however, continue to provide a quarterly newsletter, host the Daventry VCS Forum, and represent the VCS at the Daventry LSP.



The Volunteer Centre will also continue to provide a signposting service to other organisations, and will offer a reduced volunteer brokerage service, with an enhanced service available to groups for a nominal fee.

VCS groups looking for infrastructure support should contact VIN (Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire) who are funded to offer countywide support to VCS organisations.

See their website: <http://>

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www.voluntaryimpact.org.uk/



Our DVC projects (Happy @ Home, Clean & Green, Timebanking and New Street Centre), which are run with the help of volunteers in response to local need, are not part of the infrastructure support contract, and will continue as funding allows.



If you would like more information, please call Carella Davies on: 01327 300164 or email: Carella@daventryvolunteers.org.uk



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Celebrate!

When was the last time your local community came together to celebrate?
You can apply for up to £10,000 for your local area.

Celebrate—England!

The *Big Lottery Fund* has announced a new £5m grant programme for communities across the UK to celebrate what makes their local place great. They are offering grants of between £300 and £10,000 for groups to hold one off events or activities which celebrate their local community, such as celebrating something from your community's history or a local hero, or it could be a chance to bring people together to get to know their neighbours better. Applications are assessed on a first come, first served basis until all funds are awarded.