

Dear Member

WELCOME TO THE VOW NEWSLETTER

Please find enclosed:

Notes from the VOW meeting of 19th March 2009

Agenda for the June 2009 meeting.

Please note the venue for the meeting is **Berkeley's Chapel, The Foregate**

**Presentation: Jackie Howarth - Worcestershire Community Foundation
and
Paul Paice - Real Help for Communities Modernisation Fund 2009/10**

ICE (In Case of Emergency)

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

Additional VCS Representative needed for Worcester Alliance—Interested?

Worcester Alliance, the District Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), has offered the Voluntary Sector a second seat on its Management Board.

In line with the work of the WIC Voices Hub, we are looking for nominations from members for this 'seat'. If there is more than one nomination, a simple election process will be organised so that members get the opportunity to choose their representative. Nomination papers have been distributed and completed forms must be returned by 5th June 2009.

If anyone has any questions or queries about any aspect of this role, would like to discuss the work of the Alliance or be nominated, please do not hesitate to contact Sally Ellison (sally@wvc.org.uk).

The Board meets approximately, once a month from 11am – 1pm and full terms of reference are being agreed.

The Worcestershire Partnership

Worcestershire's Funding & Grant Finder Service is a funding and support website for voluntary and community organisations. This portal provides you with coverage of government, lottery, EU, non-government and charitable trust funding opportunities in Worcestershire.

www.worcestershirepartnership.org.uk

Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS)

The Home Office has announced new measures that will provide further protection for Children and Vulnerable Adults when the new Vetting & Barring Scheme (VBS) launches on 12th October this year. A number of changes will occur from 12 October 2009 including the creation of two barred lists administered by the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) These lists will replace the existing List 99.

For more information visit www.isa.gov.uk

Worcester Rotary Club Sawyer Trust

Are you a woman aged 50 or over? Are you in need by virtue of financial hardship, sickness or poor health?

Do you know a woman over 50 who is in need?

If so, the Sawyer Trust may be able to help with financial assistance - www.sawyertrust.org or write to The Sawyer Trust, PO Box 797, Worcester, WR4 4BU

VOW Meetings 2009

Tuesday 16th June 2009 - 12pm - 2pm

Wednesday 23rd September 2009
11am - 1pm

Thursday 10th December 2009
12pm - 2pm

Venue to be Berkeley's Chapel

Office Space to Rent from September 2009

City Centre location, 5 minutes from the high street. 800 sq ft of usable space.

2 large offices 12' 10" x 23'

2 smaller offices 12' x 12'

Own kitchen and toilet facilities

£5,200 per year plus car park spaces available at £40.00 each per month (maximum of 4 spaces)

For more information contact Margaret Jones on 01905 29377

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

The broad priorities of the Foundation are

- Health Care and Disability
- Community Support
- Education and the Arts

For more information visit www.trusthousefoundation.org.uk

Dates for your Diaries

Worcester Alliance City Summit

8th July 2009 9.30am - 1.30pm
Warndon Community Centre, Shap Drive

WAVOCC AGM

10th July 2009 10am - 1pm
Bradbury Centre, Sansome Street, Worcester
Speaker - Peter Arch, Joint Commissioning Unit

Worcester Volunteer Centre AGM

14th July 2009 7.30 pm
Bradbury Centre, Sansome Street, Worcester
Speaker - Cllr Lucy Hodgson - 'My Mayoral Year'

VCS Conference

24th November 2009
Worcester Rugby Club
With Kevin Curley CEO, NAVCA
Booking forms now available at www.winc.org.uk

BT Community Connections

If you are a community or charitable organisation that is looking to extend your work through use of the internet and ICT but don't have the means, apply for a BT Community Connections award.

To find out more log on to www.btcommunityconnections or call 0845 257 6792.

Grassroots Grants

Are you looking for up to £5,000? - Grassroots is a grant programme for small and emerging voluntary and community groups in Worcestershire to help deliver valuable services for the most disadvantaged communities and people. Delivered by Community First, small grass root community and voluntary groups on Worcestershire can access between £250 and £5,000 to grow in a sustainable way and continually deliver improved services. Free outreach and support is available.

[www.comfirst.org.uk/
grassroots_grant_programme](http://www.comfirst.org.uk/grassroots_grant_programme)

*Don't forget the next VOW meeting is on
Tuesday 16th June 2009 at 12pm– 2pm at Berkeley's Chapel*