

## CVA Updates No. 71

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For the Latest on what's on at **CVA**, up to date info on **Awards & Funding**, and **What's going on Elsewhere – locally and nationally** read below.....

### CVA News/Events/Training

**Celebrating Volunteers' Week** – come along to the information point in the Whitgift Centre sometime this week and look at our **Volunteer Centre's** photographic exhibition. This will show hundreds of photos of Croydon people who continue to provide support to many organisations and individuals and for lots of different reasons. Volunteer Centre Manager Karen Chillman says ***"Volunteering Week is very important to us to demonstrate to a wider audience the great value that volunteers bring to our community - our unsung heroes. Every year thousands of people in Croydon quietly help others and in all sorts of ways, giving up their time for free, and don't even consider this as volunteering."*** The **Volunteer Centre** is also grateful for the support they have received from BT and the Whitgift Centre in putting on this exhibition.

**More Volunteering Events:** on **14<sup>th</sup> June** there will be a **Volunteering Information Session** from 10am to 12pm at Croydon Volunteer Centre, 82 London Road, Croydon. Please ring **020 8253 7070** to book an appointment. These sessions will find out what you want to do and match your skills to long list of organisations. On **15<sup>th</sup> June** again at the Croydon Volunteer Centre there will be a **Girl Guiding Info Session** starting at 6.30pm. Light Refreshments will be provided. This is an opportunity to join an interactive session to learn all about Girl Guiding and how you could help volunteer. There are many roles including Guide Assistants, Leaders. Administration Support and much more. To find out more and to join the session please email [volunteer3@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:volunteer3@cvalive.org.uk) You can keep in touch with the **Volunteer Centre** on Twitter <http://twitter.com/#!/VCCroydon> and add them on Facebook [facebook.com/VCCroydon](http://facebook.com/VCCroydon)

Congratulations to **CVA's Croydon Xpress Project** which has made the final of the Croydon Community Civic Awards – Young Volunteer of the Award. The Croydon Community Civic Awards Ceremony will be on Thursday 21 June, at the Hilton Hotel, Purley Way-Croydon. The event will start at 7.00pm

Reminder that **OPeN** – Older Peoples Network – is celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at the Town Hall on **7<sup>th</sup> June**, starting at 10.30am. There will be light refreshments and a talk by Hannah Miller on the Council's priorities on Health and Well Being. For more details email [pauline.dawkins@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:pauline.dawkins@cvalive.org.uk)

**CVA's Training Department** has a variety of courses on offer, some free. Coming up on **12<sup>th</sup> June** is a one day workshop suitable for Social Enterprise(s), CIC(s), and New Business Start Ups. On **13<sup>th</sup> June** a 'Community Organising through Inclusive Collective Action' takes place. To see details of these and other courses/workshops go to <http://www.cvalive.org.uk/Groups/CVATraining.aspx>

Welcome to **Martin Pritchard** who is **CVA's new Facilities Support Worker**. Martin will be travelling around all CVA's Centres but mainly based at our Resource Centre.

## **Awards/Competitions**

**Working Well Design Challenge** is a competition urging designers and youth organisations to work together to boost digital products and services, increasing education and employment opportunities for young people in the UK. The programme will provide three teams with up to £50,000 each to cover design and development costs. To see what you could use this for and also what support you could win go to [Design Council](#). Deadline for entries is **20<sup>th</sup> June**. Businesses and non-profit-making organisations that work with young and technology designers and developers who create digital products and services, may apply to the challenge.

**The Ashden Awards 2013** are open to applications. These awards aim to bring to light ground-breaking green energy champions in the UK and developing world and inspire others to follow. From an enterprise bringing clean stoves to rural Africa to a Cornish school embracing energy-saving across its learning and practice, our winners are passionate about bringing change to their communities and the planet. Deadline is **30<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**. Go to [http://www.ashden.org/uk\\_awards](http://www.ashden.org/uk_awards)

## **Funding**

**All of the previous items in this part of the bulletin can be accessed from [Funding with Deadlines](#) if there was a deadline and from [Funding without Deadlines](#) if there wasn't from our website.**

You *still* have time to apply for **Community First Funding**. If you have an idea for a project which will meet one of the following outcomes: Improve the quality of life for local people; Promote a sense of ownership and pride in the area; Start more neighbourhood groups or revitalise existing networks; or Neighbourhoods play a more leading role in regenerating their own area. Eligible wards in Croydon are: Broad Green; West Thornton; Thornton Heath; Woodside; Selhurst; or South Norwood. Groups can apply from £250 to £2,500 and there is no restriction on how many wards you can apply to, i.e. a group can apply for £2,500 from South Norwood and also £2,500 from Thornton Heath. This can be for the same project across different wards or for different projects. This is a match funded programme so you will have to demonstrate that you can match fund the amount you are asking for whether this is from a cash donation, volunteer time, or resources such as hire of venue. Deadline is **8<sup>th</sup> June** and there is guidance and the proposal form on our [website](#).

**Croydon Council Funding:** Currently available are:  
[Small Grants Fund](#) – grants up to £5,000, deadline **2<sup>nd</sup> July**.  
[Nature Conservation](#) – grants £50 - £500, deadline **28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**, can be used at match funding and you can apply more than once.  
[Community Investment](#) – grants up to £500, deadline **31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013**

Macmillan Cancer Support **Supporting You to Help Others** – this offers grants to enable/support people affected by cancer to: Use your cancer experience to support other people affected by cancer and receive support from them; Work in partnership with other people or organisations to improve cancer services for everyone; Enable people affected by cancer to develop their skills and expertise using relevant opportunities. It can be used for start up costs and for development work, to see what it funds go to [Macmillan Cancer Support](#). Deadline for applications is **31st October, 2012**.

**BT Community Connections** offers a year's free broadband to groups. The scheme is open to community organisations, charities, social enterprises and community interest companies which help, or wants to help, people access the internet and improve their ICT skills. Previous recipients have included after family support groups, school clubs, music groups, youth clubs, 'IT for the Terrified' groups, and 'Silver surfer' groups. Deadline is 5.30pm on **7<sup>th</sup> September** go to [www.bt.com/communityconnections](http://www.bt.com/communityconnections)

**Esmee Fairbairn Merger Fund** will support organisations in the early phases of thinking about a merger. They anticipate making around 10-15 grants from

the £100,000 fund. This will fund consultancy on pre-merger issues including feasibility work; consultation; facilitating discussions, as well as governance, planning, financial, legal HR, communications. There are no deadlines. For full details go to <http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/merger-fund/>

**The Money Advice Trust** offers innovation grants of between £1,000 and £30,000 to agencies who provide debt and money advice for work which: Identifies best practice in delivery; which finds and develops replicable methods; which changes behaviour and practices across sectors. Deadline for applications is **11<sup>th</sup> July** go to [Money Advice Trust](#) for full details.

## What's going on Elsewhere – locally and nationally

**Start up Loans for Young Entrepreneurs:** if you are aged between 18 and 24 you could apply for a start up loan to launch your own business. You can apply for up to £2,500, repayable within 3-5 years at a fixed rate of interest, and you are still eligible if you have an existing Student Loan. You will also receive business support and mentoring. To find out more go to [Start Up Britain](#).

The Government is inviting parents interested in helping run **Children's Centres** to them and is also looking for an organisation to provide support and advice to parents to help a small number of parent led groups to develop and test their proposals. Deadline for this work is **19<sup>th</sup> July**, go to [Dept of Ed Discussion Paper](#)

**The South London YMCA** is looking to recruit board members. They provide a range of supported housing services for 453 homeless people in Croydon and Lambeth. Over the last five years they have transformed most of their properties through a £25m redevelopment programme, so that those living in them have a better chance to turn their lives around and live independently. Deadline to applications is 5pm on **29th June**. Go to [South London YMCA](#)

**Improving Black Mental Health and Wellbeing** – There is an event taking place on **Thursday 7th June** (1.30pm– 5.30pm with a light buffet) at Vestry Hall, 336-338 London Road, Cricket Green, Mitcham CR4 3UD. This half day event is for communities and practitioners exploring black mental health and how new ways of understanding the issues and the way that systems work can help us to improve health and well being for all. A particular focus will be on the learning being generated in the co production of the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies programme. The event is free to attend but please register in advance on [this website](#).

Reminder from **Age UK Croydon** – they have items to offer from old offices at 158-162 London Rd, West Croydon. These include desks, tables (including a 4' round one), pedestals, single chairs, swivel chairs, 2-seater benches, **monitors, keyboards etc. These are available to view up to Wednesday** June 20th by arrangement with Judy Morris on either **020 8680 5450, 020 8683 7123** or on [judy.morris@ageukcroydon.org.uk](mailto:judy.morris@ageukcroydon.org.uk) Items will need to be collected and a suitable donation made.

**Croydon Shadow Healthwatch** has a task group meeting at CVA's Resource Centre on **6<sup>th</sup> June** looking at ***Improving, Promoting, and Sustaining Mental Health***. The meeting will start at 10.30am. There will also be a meeting on **13<sup>th</sup> June**, again at the Resource Centre, looking at ***Reducing Inequalities amongst Vulnerable Groups***. For more details on these email [Jennine.bailey@cvalive.org.uk](mailto:Jennine.bailey@cvalive.org.uk)

The **Asian Resource Centre Croydon** is searching for local social entrepreneurs and local business mentors to take part in a training and support project for social enterprises. If you are an individual or group with a business idea and are from an Asian background or looking to work mostly with Asian clients please take a look at our [website](#) for more details on how to apply. We are also recruiting Social Enterprise Mentors from any community so if you want to support someone else make a difference with their business idea please get in touch, either telephone **0208 684 3784** or email [socialenterprise@arccltd.com](mailto:socialenterprise@arccltd.com)

**New Addington Carnival** takes place on **23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June**. Attractions include Fun Fair, Community Stalls, Arena Events, New Addingtons Got Talent competition, Boot Fair, Excalibur & more with a Procession on 24th and judging by the Mayor of Croydon. Go along and join in the fun.

Also on **23<sup>rd</sup> June Kenley Airfield Heritage Day** takes place. Come along to Kenley Common, attractions include Guided WW2 Heritage, BBQ, nature walks, and games.

**Croydon Commitment** is looking for local projects on behalf of its member companies so that they can carry out voluntary activities arranged through ourselves, which make a real difference in the community. Tasks that a team of volunteers, numbering anything from 4 to 15, could come along to and carry out within a working day, would be ideal and be of great interest to them, i.e. Do you have a garden or outdoor area in need of tidying up? Or perhaps a room which could use some fresh paint and some TLC? A project you have just been unable to start or complete? Email [Rebecca](#) or call her on **020 8774 3680**.

**Get Ahead of the Games.** If you are out and about in London during the Olympics or Para Olympics this [interactive map](#) should help you identify the

busiest times. There will also be Get Ahead of the Games road shows in London Boroughs most affected- not Croydon but click [here](#) if you want to have a l

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