CVSNWK are delighted and honoured to have been chosen as one of the Mayor of Dartford’s charities. Marilyn Keating, pictured above with the Mayor, Avtar Sandhu MBE said:

“We feel this will promote and market our organisation so more groups are aware of us and we can assist and support them. Also the local community can find out where they can get help or what support groups there are.

We hope to support the Mayor by making him aware of any events/functions taking place within Dartford that he may wish to attend. We can also publicise any of his Mayoral events through our Newsletter and database to encourage people to attend and take part thus raising funds. In other words we could act as a conduit for the Voluntary Sector.”

http://www.avtarsandhu.co.uk/

CVSNWK will be hosting a “Find Your Funder” day at The Riverside Community Resource Centre, Dickens Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2JY on Friday 26th September from 9.30am - 4.15pm.

The day will feature speeches and presentations from CVSNWK, John Britt of GBC, Big Lottery Fund, KCC Gravesham Members Grants, Kent Community Foundation and Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as presentations on Crowd Funding, Community and Parliamentary Outreach. Then after a complimentary buffet lunch there will be the opportunity to have a one to one session with one of the speakers or a Funding for All expert mentor. Please book your tickets for this event using the generated pre-booking system at:

https://fundingforall.digitickets.co.uk/tickets
Measuring Up and the Inspiring Impact Hub

Two recently launched free online impact-measurement tools for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector organisations are estimated to save the sector more than £15 million.

The VCSE sector is coming under increasing pressure to demonstrate the value it adds and the difference it makes to the communities it serves. The tools, Measuring Up and the Inspiring Impact Hub, have been created to help the UK’s voluntary sector measure their impact.

- Measuring Up will help charities find out how well they are assessing the impact of their work on the people they support.
- Inspiring Impact Hub is an online directory of different tools to help groups find resources. It can be filtered by category, sector, format and cost. Users can also suggest resources that should be added.

The tools have been funded by the Cabinet Office, the Big Lottery Fund and a group of independent funders, and it is managed by the New Philanthropy Capital.

http://inspiringimpact.org/

Trees for Schools Fund

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Assistance is available to cover costs of trees, labour and costs to enable establishment. Children under the age of 16 must be actively involved in the planting process and schools must be local authority run or charitable institutions.

http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants/trees-for-schools

Kent Sheds is an initiative to establish a network of “Sheds” projects across the county to support men and ex-service personnel (including women).

The experience of Sheds nationally and internationally is that they mainly engage men, and will offer men the opportunity to socialise, find friendship, share and learn skills and support each other.

This scheme is administered by Groundwork South on behalf of Kent Shed Partnership. Funding for the scheme is provided by Kent County Council Public Health.

£170,000 is available over two years to help community organisations establish a Shed:

- Development Grant - Grants up to £500
- The Potting Shed - Grants up to £5,000
- The Hub Shed - Grants up to £25,000

Grants can be used to help establish Sheds, purchase materials and equipment, promote the project and support running costs.

http://www.kentsheds.org.uk/

BAG IT & BE@T IT

Gravesend’s The Gr@nd are distributing donation bags for the British Heart Foundation’s “Bag It Beat It” campaign. You can find out more at:

http://bagit.bhf.org.uk/bag-it/

Crossroads Care West Kent Volunteer Service

Crossroads Care West Kent is a Charity offering a full range of services supporting Carers of all age groups, disabilities and health conditions who live within the West Kent area covering Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley as well as Maidstone through to Tunbridge Wells and rural areas. The Charity supports those caring for a loved one by providing a range of services including regular short breaks; support from their palliative care service; an emergency dementia service; group support for those with a mild to moderate dementia; and a thriving young carers group.

To complement the services provided by carer support workers, Crossroads are developing their Volunteer Service and have employed a Volunteer Services Coordinator (Jen Lane) to develop this area of their work. They hope by engaging volunteers and creating a volunteer team we can reach more families who may need this support.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to find out more, then telephone Jen on 01622 817114 or email jen.lane@crossroadswestkent.org.uk

Kent4Community

Free searches on-line for government, lottery and trust funding schemes

http://www.open4community.info/kent/Default.aspx
Due to the increased demand for our Gardening Services at this time of year, we are now running this service three days a week (Wednesday to Friday). We have an experienced gardener with a full set of tools who can help with:

- Grass Cutting
- Edge Trimming
- Weeding and Planting
- Garden Tidy Up

HSS also offers a Handyman Service able to undertake a variety of basic handyman jobs. (Unfortunately we cannot undertake plumbing or electrical work).

Additionally, our Home Support service includes household cleaning, shopping, and running errands for the local community in the Dartford, Swanley and Gravesham Areas.

The scheme is being co-ordinated by Sue Lorkins and Nat Sutton. You can reach them on:

01474 362475
sue.hss@cvsnwk.org
nat.hss@cvsnwk.org

Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
Charities can apply for funding to support leisure activities for the disabled. Applications which are proposing improved access for wheelchair users, or sporting and leisure activities that involved disabled wheelchair users are preferred.

Applications are assessed quarterly
http://www.brucewaketrust.co.uk/

Places People Play - Inspired Facilities
Funding is available for capital projects which will improve and develop existing sports facilities. Eligible projects include lighting and surface projects for outdoor sports, building modernisation, and sports equipment.

Community organisations and parish/town councils can apply for grants ranging from £20,000 to £75,000 while local authorities, statutory bodies and educational institutions can apply for grants of between £20,000 and £150,000.

Deadline: 3rd November 2014
http://www.sportengland.org/

Paul Goggins Memorial Prize
Community groups and charities are invited to nominate themselves for a national prize, worth £3,000 which will be awarded to the best civil society initiative that can demonstrate that it has reduced poverty in the community.

The prize has been established in memory of the anti-poverty campaigner Paul Goggins who died in January. The prize will be given jointly by the All Party Parliamentary a Group on Poverty and the Webb Memorial Trust.

Judges will be looking for innovative and engaging ideas that have worked effectively in and with local communities. Submissions can take any form, and creative ways of expression are encouraged. To enter, the organisation/project will need their local MP to nominate them before 5 October 2014.

http://tinyurl.com/qhrucqw
KEEP CALM AND QUIT SMOKING!

Are you ready to stop smoking? Not in the mood for another lecture? Our friendly and supportive advisers are here to help and support you every step of the way. No lectures, ever. Just straightforward, sensible help and support. We offer 1:1 appointments, quit clubs, online support and telephone advice and can provide you with nicotine replacement products for the cost of a prescription charge. If you don’t pay for prescriptions, it’s completely free! To book an appointment with us, just call 0800 849 4444 or text ‘QUIT’ to 87023.

The Kent Stop Smoking Service provides a 7 week quit smoking programme which will benefit your health, your family and also help you to save money!

Your local Stop Smoking Sessions can be found here:

**Dartford:**
- Knockhall Children’s Centre Mondays from 10.30-12.00
- The Meeting Place in the Orchards Shopping Centre every Monday evening from 17.30-19.00
- Dartford West Health Centre Tuesday evenings from 16.30-19.00
- Dartford Library every Wednesday from 16.00-19.00
- Dartford Adult Education Centre starting Thursday 18th Sept 2014 from 18.00-19.00
- Brent Children’s Centre Fridays 12.30-14.00

**Gravesend:**
- Wrotham Road Clinic every Tuesday evening from 17.30-19.00
- Coldharbour Library Wednesdays from 13.00-15.00
- Swancombe Health Centre every Wednesday from 16.00-19.00
- Riverside Community Centre starting Thursday 2nd Oct from 18.00-19.00
- Gravesend Gateway every Friday from 11.30-13.00
- Wrotham Road Clinic Fridays from 14.00-17.00
- Gravesend Adult Education Centre starting Saturday 20th Sept from 10.30-11.30

**Swanley:**
- The Oaks Partnership every Wednesday from 13.00-17.00

For more information please go to our websites:
- http://www.smokefreekent.co.uk/
- twitter @KentQuit
- facebook www.facebook.com/KentQuit

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**YOUTH FUNDING FAIR**

**Monday 20th October 2014 5pm-9pm**

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce
Ashford Business Park, Waterton Avenue,
Swey, Ashford, Kent TN40U

**EXHIBITORS**
- Lions Club
- Kent People’s Trust
- Whitehead Moorland
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Rotary
- Kent Community Foundation
- RCC Community Engagement Officers
- Spartac
- Arts Council England
- Funding for All
- Young Kent
- KCPFA – Kent Playing Fields Association
- PLUS AN INFORMATION TABLE

Sponsored by
- Ashford Borough Council
- Dr. Joe Deasy
- Kent Youth Community Grant

**SPEAKERS and SEMINARS INCLUDE**
- Welcome Registration and Networking
- BBC Children in Need
- Comic Relief
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- KM Charity Team
- The Big Lottery
- Better Bid Writing
- ONE to ONES with Funding for All Mentors by appointment

Restricted to 3 delegates per club
£5 pp Affiliated Clubs - £10 pp non Affiliated Clubs
Includes a finger buffet and soft drinks

To book please email sue@youngkent.org.uk or call the Young Kent office on 01622 351150

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**DGSN yourChoice QUIZ NIGHT**

**Thursday 9th October**

**Dartford Conservative Club**

48 Spital Road, Dartford, DA1 2DT

**Tickets**

- £5.00 per person
- Bring your own nibbles
- Maximum of eight to a team
- Doors open 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

**Licensed Bar**

(Alcohol must be purchased at bar)

To book your table please contact:
Funding on 01322 428996 or email mark@yourchoice.org.uk

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**Kent Community Health**

NHS Trust
# TRAINING CALENDAR

We are currently taking bookings for these training courses

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To make a booking or for more information, please contact us on 01474 354479 or email: training@cvsnwk.org

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## Training & Employment Forum

CVSNWK are spearheading a Training & Employment Forum. As well as regular meetings we are creating a calendar of all training courses available throughout the area listed in one place, thus enabling providers to assess demand and avoid duplication.

If you are interested in joining this Forum please go to: [http://www.cvsnwk.org/trainingforum/](http://www.cvsnwk.org/trainingforum/) for more details please either telephone Gemma on 01474 354479 or email: gemma@cvsnwk.org

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Dartford Gravesham & Swanley CCG is working with Kent County Council in looking at how health and care teams can work together more successfully in the future to provide Better Local Care.

We’re keen to hear from local people, to take us to the next stage in our plans, and we would appreciate it if you could kindly spend a few minutes to answer the six questions in the online survey (link given below) to provide us with feedback to ensure that what the CCG is planning works for people who use the services.

If you would like to be more involved with this work, there is an opportunity to give your details at the end of the survey. These will be kept confidential at all times.

If you would prefer to complete a hard copy of the survey to complete and return to our freepost address, please email rebecca.mcclymont@nhs.net.

Survey Link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BetterCareTogetherDGS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BetterCareTogetherDGS)

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We provide FREE courses throughout the year for people over 19 and living in Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and their surrounding areas.

We also offer competitive and discounted in-house training for charities and community groups.

Contact us to find out what support and help we offer and receive a quote for training.

**01474 354479**

training@cvsnwk.org

www.cvsnwk.org/training
Walkers of all ages are invited to join Gravesham’s Mayor, Councillor John Caller, as he carries on the ancient tradition of “Beating the Bounds” over the weekend of 11th/12th October 2014.

On Saturday 11 October walkers cover nearly 18 miles, and on Sunday 12 October just over 11 miles. There are refreshment stops, mostly in pubs along the route. Sunday is a much easier walk than the Saturday, and you can, of course, join in for just part of the walk.

Day One - Saturday 11 October
Start time: 9.00 am
Start: Halls Aggregates, Botany Road

Day Two - Saturday 12 October
Start time: 9.00 am
Start location: Golden Lion, Luddesdown

Walkers are usually sponsored, with the money collected going to the Mayor’s Charity Fund.

For further information and to book a place please contact Jackie Denton on jackie.denton@gravesham.gov.uk or (01474) 33 77 25

 Military Mindset Training

‘Training the Soldier – Fighting Fit’

Learn about the mindset and presenting issues of ex-military personnel and how they may present when using YOUR service

To be held as follows:

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For more information or to book your place at an event, contact Jenny or Janine at info@armedforcesnetwork.org or telephone 01303 856499.

This training is delivered free of charge to all attendees providing services free at the point of access to the public. For all attendees providing chargeable services to the public, a non-refundable fee of £50.00 per person is payable per event.

Please note that a cancellation policy is in place for all free places. Cancellations within 48 hours of an event or non-attendance on the day, will incur a charge of £50.00 per person.

Deaf Awareness Workshop

1 IN 6 PEOPLE IN THE UK ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING!

The Volunteer/Charity Sector
£10 per person

Public/Business Sector
£30 per person

£20 per Adult - £10 per Child (under 12)
For Northfleet Big Local Residents Free!

Thursday 23rd October 2014, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Shamrock Room, Riverside Community Centre
Gravesend, Kent DA12 2Y

Becoming Deaf Aware with us helps you to meet your obligations under the Equality and Diversity Act 2010.

The benefits to everyone who completes the Deaf Awareness Course includes:
• Gain a basic knowledge of the tactics used for clear communication.
• Have greater confidence when meeting and working with deaf people.
• Avoid potential embarrassment and litigation.

If you are interested in getting Deaf Aware, come and make a difference for yourself and for your community. Please contact us for more information about our training courses. Limited to 12 people per workshop.

For more information: Tel 01344 327 845 • www.silencewithoutfrontiers.org.uk
email: gaye.swaff@gmail.com • dianeswaff@gmail.com
**FIND YOUR FUNDER DAY**

**The Riverside Community Resource Centre**  
Dickens Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2JY  
Friday 26th September 2014  
9.30am—4.15pm

The event will begin with opening speeches by Marilyn Keating - CEO, CVSNWK & John Britt - GBC, Service Manager: (Communities), followed by presentations from Big Lottery Fund, KCC Gravesham Members Grants, Kent Community Foundation and Heritage Lottery Fund, as well as presentations on Crowd Funding, Community and Parliamentary Outreach. Then after a complimentary buffet lunch there will be the opportunity to have a one to one session with one of the speakers or a Funding for All expert mentor. These 1:2:1 sessions must be booked in advance.

The subjects areas available for 1:2:1 sessions are as follows:
- Big Lottery Fund
- KCC Gravesham Funding
- Crowd Funding
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Kent Community Foundation
- Youth and CIC Groups (FFA Mentor)
- Business Support and Events (FFA Mentor)
- Social Care Community Projects (FFA Mentor)
- Buildings & Social Health Projects (FFA Mentor)

There are only 5 slots available for each subject so book early to avoid disappointment.

Please book your tickets for this event using the generated pre-booking system at:  
https://fundingforall.digitickets.co.uk/tickets

All other information please contact:  
jaki@cvsnwk.org  
01474 354479

**DON’T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY!!**

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**LankellyChase**

The Foundation is focused on bringing about change for people who face severe and multiple disadvantage - primarily people who are experiencing a combination of severe social harms such as homelessness, substance misuse, mental illness, extreme poverty, and violence and abuse.

Not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply. Funding can be provided for any sort of work.

**Deadline:** Continuous rolling programme  
http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/

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http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants/trees-for-schools

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The CVSNWK newsletter is produced bi-monthly, and is sent to over 350 local voluntary and community organisations. All newsletters will be sent via email unless you have requested otherwise, so please ensure that we have your correct email address.

You can publicise your events, news and announcements by sending material to the editor@cvsnwk.org. If you’re not comfortable with sending material digitally, give us a ring on 01474 354479 and we’ll try to help you out.

We will always endeavour to include as much as possible, but we may have to edit due to space, layout etc.

Please note that material for inclusion in our next issue should reach us before 15th October for our November - December edition.

We hope that you have enjoyed reading this issue, and please - get involved and let us help advertise your work, events and achievements to other local organisations and members of CVSNWK.

Thanks for reading - see you next time!

**CVSNWK Staff list:**

Marilyn Keating - CEO  
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Jodie Barrett - Project Support Worker  
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Joyce Crouch – Housekeeper  
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Natalie Sutton - HSS Co-ordinator  
& 38 Home assistants.
What do we do?

We offer a whole range of information, advice, resources, training and support to assist organisations to operate more effectively.

We provide groups and organisations with forums for networking enabling them to share good practice and expertise. We encourage them to work together to help build a stronger community.

We represent local organisations, groups and agencies and work in partnership to identify and address unmet needs. We maintain a database of all the Voluntary groups in the DS&G area.

We provide information, support advice and training on topics from funding and legal issues to basic skills. We also offer a full range of financial services.

Contact us to see how CVS can help you.

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