



Welcome

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Health Inequalities Fund

Do you need up to £5,000 to support an activity that contributes to the health agenda?

Can you apply by 9th November at the latest?

Then email

robin@communityactionhertsmere.org for full details

Do it – NOW!

CAH Membership renewal 2009-2010

Thank you to all our Members who have already renewed this year's membership. We will continue providing you with a range of valuable and useful services.

If you have not yet renewed, and wish to benefit from our services, please contact Heather Perham for an application form:

heather@communityactionhertsmere.org

Does your organisation need volunteers?

We work closely with our Volunteer Centre to find the volunteers you need to effectively run your organisation. If you have opportunities which would benefit from a volunteer working for you, then please get in touch with Helen Kibbler:

helen@communityactionhertsmere.org



FREE office furniture

Herts County Council is giving away free desks, chairs etc.

Contact Brenda Frayne:

01992 555305

Comnet 25305

Mobile 07880 977006

brenda.frayne@hertsc.gov.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 an award today!

Could a laptop and a year's worth of broadband connection benefit your work? Apply online by 7th January 2010:

www.btcommunityconnections.com

or call 0845 257 6792.

Making good use of empty shops

The Meanwhile Project, led by the Development Trusts Association, has been set up to boost community uses of empty shops in town centres. There are various resources, such as a Rates matrix - a guide to the current business rates system in England, and links to a discussion network, at www.meanwhile.org.uk



Reserves policies made simple

This Sayer Vincent guidance is now available via a link from the NAVCA website.

www.navca.org.uk/localvs/governance

FREE event: Personalisation Agenda

Find out all about the new personalisation agenda by attending **Transforming Together** on 27th November 2009 at Stevenage Football Club.

The event is open to organisations who provide a minimum of 50% of their services in Herts. It is aimed at senior staff and is an opportunity to find out how personal budgets will impact on voluntary organisations. Contact:

bhlbrokerage@herts.ac.uk for further details

Proposed merger of Herts PCTs

A consultation has been launched on the proposed merger of East and North Herts PCT with West Herts PCT. Closing date for responses is 11th November 2009.

For a copy of the proposal email lyn.hibbert@herts-pcts.nhs.uk or contact the PCTs chief executive Anne.Walker@herts-pcts.nhs.uk with any queries.

Free Legal Advice

LawWorks is a small independent charity which matches volunteer lawyers with opportunities to use their skills for the public good (pro bono). The Choices Project matches unemployed lawyers (and there are increasing numbers!) with pro bono activity.

Initial Electronic Advice is an automated, Web-based system, which allows not for profit organisations and advice agencies to submit a short legal query and have this answered by a trained lawyer via email, completely free of charge:

www.lawworksiea.org.uk



PQASSO Quality Mark receives Charity Commission stamp of approval

The Charity Commission has announced its endorsement of the PQASSO Quality Mark - the new 'kite-mark' for the Third Sector. Organisations that achieve the PQASSO Quality Mark at levels 2 and 3 will be able to use the Charity Commission's Charity Quality Standards stamp confirming that they are accredited by standards that meet the Hallmarks of an Effective Charity. For more information about the PQASSO Quality Mark visit www.pqassoqualitymark.co.uk



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