

Hertsmere Community Voluntary Support



CVS Helps!



Promoting, supporting and developing local community-voluntary action

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Welcome to the March newsletter. I trust this finds you all well and feeling that Spring is just around the corner. From April 1st we will be formally known as Community Action Hertsmere – CAH. Here is our new logo which Carol Stevens has made a great job of designing, I'm sure you will agree.

In future, those involved with CAH will be posting relevant information in this newsletter, keeping you informed of all our various roles and activities. This month, we are working closely with JobCentre Plus to ensure that those out of work are aware that there are volunteering opportunities open to them while they are claiming benefits. I hope this will prove to be of benefit to both them and us.

Free Organisational Needs Analysis

Hello, my name is Terri Bates, Hertsmere's CV Learning Co-ordinator. I manage the CV Learning programme which offers training for staff and volunteers in our member organisations. As Hertsmere's CV Learning Champion, I support staff development in local community and voluntary organisations.

We are offering 9 Hertsmere based organisations a FREE Organisational Needs Analysis. This helps you to focus on where your organisation is now, where it needs to be in a year's time and identify any skills gaps which might get in the way. You'll receive a written report to show trustees and funders. One organisation has taken it further and made it part of their board meeting.

So far we have signed up 6 organisations, leaving just 3 more places – don't miss out - contact me on terri@hertsmerecv.org by 9th April.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Terri Bates

Finally, I was pleased to receive some feedback about last month's e-newsletter. Unfortunately the 'file size' was a bit too big for those of you using dial-up and limited size mailboxes and it was suggested that I send a weblink instead of the actual newsletter. This newsletter is intended to be a *one-click* publication so we won't be doing that. However I will be ensuring that I minimise the file size in future. Please continue to provide feedback so that I can ensure that the newsletter is helpful.

As ever, if there is anything I can assist you with, please let me know.

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