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Empowerment Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of the monthly Empowerment e-bulletin for the East Midlands Empowerment Network, which will aim to keep you up-to-date on relevant empowerment news and events.

You are receiving this e-bulletin as a contact for an organisation listed on the East Midlands Empowerment Partnership Directory (see articles below for more information). If you do not wish to receive further monthly issues, please email information@one-em.org.uk.

If you have any comments, please get in touch by emailing information@one-em.org.uk. You can also visit the East Midlands Empowerment Network website at www.emep.org.uk or the One East Midlands website at www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk.

If you have any events, news articles, announcements etc that you would like to contribute to the June Empowerment e-bulletin, please email them to clairechapman@one-em.org.uk by Friday 24 June 2011.

Empowerment News

East Midlands Empowerment Partnership transferred over to One East Midlands

The East Midlands Empowerment Partnership (<http://www.emep.org.uk/>) has recently been transferred to One East Midlands.

One East Midlands is the regional voluntary and community sector organisation in the East Midlands, working to ensure that the voluntary and community sector is actively engaged with key partners, from across the public, statutory, business and social enterprise sectors. We welcome the opportunity to bring together the work of the Empowerment Partnership with

our own work on communities and social inclusion.

Data cleanse of Empowerment Directory

One East Midlands is carrying out a data cleanse of the Empowerment Directory on the East Midlands Empowerment Partnership website.

As part of this, please take a moment to visit the directory at http://www.emep.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11&Itemid=11 and email information@one-em.org.uk to confirm if you want One East Midlands to continue to hold your details on the online database and whether your details are correct or need changing, including the alterations.

If we have not heard back from you by Friday 29th July, we will presume that you no longer want to be listed on the directory and we will remove you. We will send you a reminder about this nearer the time.

Funding News

Media Trust opens small grassroots grants for digital inclusion

The Media Trust has opened Community Voices, a grassroots grants scheme offering funding, training and support to communities isolated and disempowered by age, long-term illness or disability.

The grant scheme, now in its second run, offers grants of £500 to up to seven grassroots groups representing these communities. Successful applicants will also be offered advice and training from the Media Trust in an effort to empower and make a difference in the lives of the socially excluded via the use of digital media.

Applications for funding should be made to the Media Trust by 13 June. For further information and to apply visit <http://www.mediatrust.org/community-voices/apply/>

New £2.25 million Adult and Community Learning Fund

VCS organisations are being invited to apply for a share of the £2.25m Adult and Community Learning Fund, which will provide grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 to support informal adult and community learning projects.

The fund, from the government's Skills Funding Agency and administered by

the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE), aims to build the Big Society through learning, engaging and motivating disadvantaged groups. Projects will need to start by 1 September 2011 and end by 31 March 2012.

Applications for grants must be submitted by 12noon on Friday 10 June. For further information and to download an application form visit <http://www.niace.org.uk/current-work/adult-and-community-learning-fund-aclf>

100,000 Big Society Digital Champions to be recruited

The Cabinet Office has announced the recruitment of 100,000 Big Society Digital Champions. The local volunteers, who will be employees and users of a range of services, will support millions of adults online by the time the Olympics comes to Britain. They will be made up from employees and users of organisations across the public, private and charity sectors.

For further information about how to become a digital champion, including how to join the champion network, inspire people to start using the internet and signpost to starter packages visit <http://www.helppassiton.co.uk/>

Events

20 June 2011 - Engaging Communities on Climate Change

Organisations and individuals need to take energy and climate change issues into account when planning their work. Delivering climate goals will require the engagement of a wide range of stakeholders, including community organisations. This course will teach you the skills and information needed to develop long-term engagement of civil society organisations, groups and individuals in work on climate change and low-carbon living.

For more information click [here](#)

01 July 2011 - Power Up - 2 day residential in London

Power Up is a weekend of workshops and networking to empower people to make a difference. Power Up starts from 6pm on Friday 1 July, through to 4pm on Sunday 3 July.

For more information click [here](#)

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