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For the Voluntary and Community Sector

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All the information you need to work in partnership

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The Gloshub Bulletin is a weekly round-up of news and information about partnership
working for the voluntary and community
sector in Gloucestershire.

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ASSEMBLY NEWS

www.gloshub.org.uk/assembly_news.html

Equalities update

The VCS Assembly Equalities and Diversity Group and County Equalities Officers Group met last week. The meeting agreed that the two groups join to form one County Equalities Group, creating a stronger platform for discussion and co-ordination of county issues relating to the promotion of equalities and diversity.

Discussion items included Gloucestershire Homeseeker, county equality schemes and the Local Area Agreement. It was agreed that there was a need to co-ordinate activities and strategies relating to the promotion of community cohesion and equality across the Local Area Agreement and scrutinise the process and results of Equality Impact Assessments conducted across the Gloucestershire Conference.

The group welcomed the appointment of Dr Shona Arora, Director of Public Health at NHS Gloucestershire as the new Equalities Champion on the Community Strategy Executive Board. Shona will be providing strategic leadership in promoting equality and diversity issues relating to significant county policy initiatives and commissioning opportunities.

For further information about this Group contact Jess Mace Jessm@glosassembly.org.uk. 01452 522 600 or to sign up to the VCS Equalities Network e-mail list contact Hannah Gorf HannahG@glosassembly.org.uk. 01452 522 600.

VCS Assembly Board – next meeting is on 10 March

The next meeting of the VCS Assembly Board is on Wednesday 10 March 10-12 at GAVCA in Gloucester. Observers from voluntary and community organisations are welcome. If you would like to find out more about the VCS Assembly Board, ring Roisin on 01452 522600 or email RoisinH@glosassembly.org.uk

You can also view the meeting papers on the Gloshub website here:
http://www.gloshub.org.uk/assembly_board.html

BME Conference

Tuesday 16 March, 9:30 – 4pm
City Works in Gloucester
Free

This conference will explore current issues for voluntary and community organisations led by and/or working with Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities. It will focus on solutions to increase their involvement and influence over public sector work.

Lunch provided

VCOs who work with BME communities are particularly encouraged to attend.

This conference is being jointly hosted by Linking Communities, GlosRec and the VCS Assembly. To book contact Hannah Gorf HannahG@glosassembly.org.uk. 01452 522 600.

Putting People First Conference – what it means for the VCS in Gloucestershire

Wed 24 March, 9:30 – 4pm
Holiday Inn in Gloucester
£10

Is your group or organisation interested in putting users of social care in control and what it means to be a user led organisations? This conference will explore the issues for the VCS and is being jointly organised by the VCS Assembly Team and RADAR.

There will be great speakers and practical and participatory workshops. Conference fee is £10 per person which includes a buffet lunch

Numbers are limited, so put your name down early! For more information and the booking form visit http://www.gloshub.org.uk/sg_hcwppfevents.html or contact Hannah Gorf on 01452 522 600.

Next meeting of the VCS Health and Community Wellbeing Strategy Group

Wed 31 March 10-12pm
GAVCA in Gloucester

The next meeting of the VCS Health and Community Wellbeing Strategy Group will be having a demonstration of the eJSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) Tool. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) describes the health, care and wellbeing needs of people in Gloucestershire. The eJSNA tool enables you to browse an evidence base which is used to inform strategic commissioning of services.

If you would like to attend the VCS Health and Community Wellbeing Strategy Group, please let us know by emailing HannahG@glosassembly.org.uk.

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of this group and to find out if it is relevant to the work of your organisation, please contact Roisin on 01452 522600 or email RoisinH@glosassembly.org.uk .

New VCS Drug and Alcohol Strategic Group

First meeting: Monday 12 April 2 – 4pm
GAVCA in Gloucester

This group will meet quarterly to discuss VCS issues relating to county drug and alcohol strategy and policy and inform VCS representatives on the Gloucestershire Drug and Alcohol Working Group (linked to the Gloucestershire Safer and Stronger Communities partnership) and the Substance Misuse Commissioning Board (linked to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership).

If you would like to be part of the group and are interested in attending this meeting, please contact Hannah Gorf HannahG@glosassembly.org.uk.
01452 522 600.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONFERENCE NEWS (including LAA News): www.gloshub.org.uk/conference_news.html

Are you involved in Restorative Justice or Mediation?

HMP Gloucester and Gloucestershire Criminal Justice Board are currently trying to find out how much Restorative Justice and Mediation work is currently going on in the county - not just criminal. Anything!

- Who is doing it?
- What are they doing?
- How much are they doing?

Once information has been gathered, we are hoping to form a group that can act as a central point for all services in the county.

If you, or anyone you know is involved in this work, please contact Jemma Jewkes at HMP Gloucester 01452 453000,
jemma.jewkes@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

COMPACT:

www.gloshub.org.uk/compact_news.html

There is no Compact news this week.

CONSULTATIONS:

www.gloshub.org.uk/consultations.html

Consultation on VCS Assembly Strategic Position Statements- last chance to have your say! Deadline 9 March

Six VCS Assembly Strategic Position Statements have been drafted by the VCS Assembly Board. They will form the basis of the VCS

Assembly's key messages for 2010-11 and will be used amongst other things to lobby and influence candidates in the forthcoming election.

Consultation on these messages is open from 27 January – 9 March 2010 and will be finally approved at the VCS Assembly Board meeting on the 10 of March.

You can submit your views:

Online - click here for the [link to Survey Monkey](#)

By feeding your views into a VCS Strategy Group

By contacting the VCS Assembly Team

Hannahg@glosassembly.org.uk. 01452 522 600.

For more information and for the consultation questions visit [the Assembly news page](#).

Consultation on Compact Commissioning Standards

Consultation event

Monday 8 March 2-4pm

GAVCA in Gloucester

Don't forget the draft Gloucestershire Compact Commissioning Standards are out for consultation until the 25th of April. There will be a multi-sector consultation event on the 8 March open to public and VCS organisations. To confirm your attendance at this event or for more information contact Hannah Gorf HannahG@glosassembly.org.uk. 01452 522 600.

For more information on the consultation visit

http://www.gloshub.org.uk/compact_commissioning.html

Resources

Resources and Support for the VCS

The *Gloshub Resources Briefing* is a new regular newsletter which is being sent electronically to all VCOs in the county. The Briefing summarises the latest news, events, funding, training and resources that are relevant to the sector and replaces the weekly *Pulse* bulletin.

The Resources Briefing is also available to download from the Gloshub website at www.gloshub.org.uk/news.html#res

More useful information about training, funding and resources is also available on the GAVCA website at www.gavca.org.uk, and don't forget that VCOs can advertise their own events, items available, accommodation and news on the Gloucestershire VCS Noticeboard by visiting <http://gloucestershirevcs.blogspot.com/>

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