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## WACA's new look website

Launched at our recent AGM our new look website is the culmination of months of work with the Communications Team and Peter Byford web designer to create a website to meet the needs of the Voluntary and Community groups in the Winchester district..

The new website not only contains information on all the projects and services WACA provides, but also

kept up-to-date with the issues affecting them and their area of interest and the chance to comment and start dialogue with other members.

The discussions forums are:

- BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) Voluntary Sector
- Carers
- Older Persons

The screenshot shows the WACA website interface. At the top, it says 'winchester area community action' with a logo and the tagline 'at the heart of voluntary service'. Contact details for The Winchester Centre (68 St Georges Street, Winchester SO23 8AH) are provided, including phone, fax, and email. A navigation bar includes links for 'E.VOLVe' Directory, Information Board, Job Vacancies, Compact, Consultations, Strategic Partnerships, and Forums. A sidebar menu lists various services like Home, What we do, Services, Funding Advice, Learning & Training, etc. The main content area features a photo of The Winchester Centre and text describing the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) for the Winchester District. It also mentions the Winchester District Strategic Partnership and the Hampshire Development Council.

up-to-date advice and information for groups. A new addition is the E forums which allow member to be -

If you want to log on go to [www.waca.org.uk](http://www.waca.org.uk)



# *Winchester Area Community Action*

Winchester Area Community Action provides information and support for voluntary and community groups whilst supporting and promoting models of best practice. WACA represents the community and voluntary sector and services users by promoting networking and liaison and supporting and developing strategic partnerships. WACA also develops services to meet community needs.

## **Central Services: (for details contact 01962 842293)**

- Management of The Winchester Centre
- Payroll Services & Accountancy/Book-keeping Advice
- Office Space
- Training/Meeting Rooms
- Photocopying, Open Access Computers & other office services

## **Projects / Activities Managed by WACA (all prefixed 01962)**

**Advocacy Project** - Advocacy supports disadvantaged individuals and trains volunteers  
**Dave Capps Advocacy Manager.....848023**

**Transport Services** - Enables access to shops, facilities and attractions for mobility impaired  
**Jackie Lea - Community Transport and Dial-a-Ride.....852602**  
**Roger Harris - Shopmobility ....842626**

**Development Support Service** - Provides support, information and guidance to voluntary and community groups  
**Hannah Williams - Development Support Officer .....848019**

**Partnership Officer** - Facilitates forums and networking between voluntary and statutory sectors  
**Ian Milsom Partnership Officer .....848041**

**Rape & Sexual Abuse Counselling** - Provides support and volunteer training  
**Lizzie Nowosielska RASAC Manager .....848018**

**Winchester Black & Minority Ethnic Engagement Project**- Black and Minority Ethnic engagement, learning and awareness raising  
**Lois Hutchinson BME Outreach Worker (No prefix) 07715596660**

**Volunteer Centre Winchester** - Opens doors to volunteering and promotes good practice  
**Sue Heath-Caldwell and David Bradshaw Joint Managers.....848030**

**WACA Learning** - Provides training opportunities and needs analyses  
**Hilary Fellows Learning Development Worker.....848020**

**Jonathon Chapman - Out of Schools Childcare Development** - Assists development of out of school initiatives  
**Elaine Rolfe Out of Schools Childcare Development Support Worker.....848014**

**Please Note:** All opinions expressed in COMMUNITY NEWS are not necessarily those of Winchester Area Community Action's Trustee Board, staff or members. We are always pleased to include contributions from any of our readers and

# *Local Issues*

## **Having your say - the Voluntary Sector Forum**

We have been reviewing how we in WACA can most effectively support and inform our local voluntary and community groups through networking meetings and also how we can ensure your views and concerns are represented locally.

The Voluntary Sector Forum was originally set up to provide a channel for this representation to the Local Strategic Partnership. As partnership working has grown at all levels the Winchester District Strategic Partnership now involves a network of partnerships, forums, etc, and we need to make sure your voice is heard.

We appreciate that all of you are busy and under pressure and that this means attendance at the forums and Network meetings can be low. At the last meeting on November 12 we discussed how we can make this work better and what meetings would be useful to you.

**Re-launch** - we have decided to change the Voluntary Sector Forum to two half day meetings a year - with input from speakers; an opportunity for discussion of current issues/ consultations, and also a chance for networking and information sharing.

Our next meeting will be on 30 January - at the request of several people we will have speakers from the City Council, the County Council and Community Action Hampshire to update us on the new Hampshire Local Area Agreement and its implications for all of us, in particular funding.

**WACA website** - our re-launched website enables us to carry on discussions through the Voluntary Sector Forum on line - just log on to [waca.org.uk](http://waca.org.uk) and click on forums. You can post up a message to raise an issue or to reply to someone else.

We can also post up current consultations and collect your feedback and comments through the website.

Please use these features and help to raise the quality and quantity of our contribution to national and local agencies, both statutory and voluntary. This will help to strengthen our voice and influence.

**Mapping our partnership working** - to make it easier to navigate through all the different forums and networks in the Winchester district, we are putting on the website a comprehensive list of these partnerships, with website links and contact details including the voluntary sector representatives, plus a diagram to show how they fit together and link into our Winchester District Strategic partnership. We hope this helps you to see where your organisation can fit in and have your opportunity to influence.

*Diana Woodridge*

# News from Members

## EVERY CHILD MATTERS

In partnership with Winchester Locality  
Team Children's Services

Monday 10 December 2007 10 a.m. - 12.30  
p.m.

Followed by sandwich lunch  
THE WINCHESTER CENTRE  
68 ST GEORGES STREET  
WINCHESTER

Map available at [http://www.waca.org.uk/  
html/directions.html](http://www.waca.org.uk/html/directions.html)

### EVERY CHILD MATTERS

The Common Assessment Framework (CAF),  
Locality Teams and the role of the Voluntary  
& Community Sector: Your questions  
answered

If you have questions there will be an  
opportunity to ask them.

If you are interested in attending please  
contact:

Ian Milsom

WACA, The Winchester Centre,  
68 St George's Street,  
Winchester, SO23 8AH  
[imilsom@waca.org.uk](mailto:imilsom@waca.org.uk)  
01962 848041

## Keeping Safe in YOUR neighbourhood

Winchester Mencap and Coast 2 Coast  
present:

27<sup>th</sup> November 2007 - Home and Community  
Safety 1:30 - 3:30pm

4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 - Hate Crime and  
Neighbour Nuisance 1:30 - 3:30pm

At The Winchester Centre, 68 St Georges  
Street

If you are interested in attending this event,  
contact Amy-Beth.

Email: [amy-bethcarter-  
dalgleish@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amy-bethcarter-dalgleish@hotmail.co.uk)

Phone: 07873 490 945 or (01962) 848 034

## Just Us

Just Us is a self- advocacy group for adults  
with learning difficulties.

The group meets on alternate Monday  
evenings at the United Church, Jewry  
Street. Just Us has been running for eight  
years and uses music and drama to enable  
people to show how they feel, communicate,  
gain confidence and speak out. Each  
meeting is attended by a trained facilitator  
and a music or drama therapist.

Currently, Just Us is able to take on new  
members and anyone interested in joining  
the group should contact:

Dave Capps, Manager Winchester District  
Advocacy Projects, Phone: 01962 848023;  
email [dcapps@waca.org.uk](mailto:dcapps@waca.org.uk)

### Other organisations based at The Winchester Centre (all prefixed 01962)

Age Concern and Help in the Home...840667

Caring in Crisis...848033

Citizens Advice Bureau...848000

Hampshire Music Space...848036

Olive Branch Christian Counselling...848028

RELATE...861336

SNAPS...848026

Southern Focus Trust.....848016

Wells for India...848043

Workers Education Alliance...848038

Winchester Young Carers Project .....848039

Winchester and Andover Carer Centre ....842034

# *Local Issues & Events*

## **Supporting the Campaign for Warm Homes**

Residents of Winchester's rural northern parishes can learn more about staying warm and keeping fuel bills low this winter at a series of WACA information events taking place during late November and early December.

These information events are just some of the many activities taking part across the country in support of the Warm Homes Campaign.

The Warm Homes Campaign is a national campaign that aims to cut the number of excess winter deaths and reduce cold-related illnesses by raising awareness of the help available to people who cannot afford to heat their homes in winter.

The Campaign, which particularly focuses attention on the misery cold weather can bring to the elderly, families with children, people with disabilities and others on low income, is organised by energy efficiency charity NEA in association with eaga, and supported by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

WACA is using the information events in Crawley, Alresford, Itchen Abbas, Littleton, Sutton Scotney, Kings Worthy, Beauworth and Micheldever to raise awareness of the problems facing local people who struggle to affordably heat their homes and the role that energy efficiency can play in making their homes warmer, more comfortable and easier to heat.

Ian Milsom, Community Involvement Officer said: "Winchester Area Community Action is pleased to be supporting the Warm Homes Campaign. We are working with local partner organisations all year round to help local people keep their homes warm and healthy. Our events will provide a range of information to help people stay warm and healthy over the winter months".



# *Local Issues & Events*

## **Winchester Action on Climate Change**

**Progress report - 22 November 2007**

Winchester Action on Climate Change is a new initiative. It was started in the month in which the Worldwide Fund for Nature published research showing that the lifestyle of the people of Winchester would need 3.62 planets to sustain it. We only have one planet, and its climate is growing increasingly unstable.

### **General meeting**

The next general open meeting of WinACC will be on Saturday 1 December from 1030-1200 at the Friends' Meeting House, 16 Colebrook Street. Tea and coffee will be served from 1000. The meeting will include opportunities to find out about, propose, and get involved in Action Groups; and to discuss how best to move to a low carbon society and the further development of WinACC as an organisation. All are welcome, but it will be helpful to know in advance if you expect to be there.

### **An effective network?**

Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC) is aiming to become a highly effective network organisation with a small 'enabling' core.

### **Letter to the Editor, Hampshire Chronicle**

A letter has been sent today from Robert Hutchison to the Editor of the Hampshire Chronicle: to highlight the work of the group and to promote our next meeting.

### **The WinACC rule**

*At the meeting of the Steering Group of WinACC on 12 November it was agreed that To help achieve the aims of WinACC, and to encourage a collaborative approach, at the end of every meeting those present will be encouraged to commit themselves to undertaking a task or series of tasks before the next meeting, and to reporting back.*

### **WinACC - organisational development**

The appointment of Penny Ferguson as the Honorary Treasurer of WinACC has been welcomed by the Steering Group; an account will be opened at the Co-op Bank; an anonymous donation of £500 has been received; the Steering Group has agreed that WinACC should be incorporated as a company and should apply for charitable status.

### **WinACC website**

WinACC now has its own website: [www.winacc.org.uk](http://www.winacc.org.uk)

### **Every Action Counts Training programme**

WinACC has helped to bring the free and accredited two-day Every Action Counts training course it is available to anyone over 18, and is designed to help those wishing to work with community groups to help change their footprint on the planet.

The course will be held from 1000-1600 on Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 January 2008 at the University of Winchester. For more information and to register, please contact the Community Champions Team at: BTCV, Sedum House, Mallard Way, Doncaster DN4 8DB Phone: 01302 388841 /388836; e-mail [everyactioncounts@btcv.org.uk](mailto:everyactioncounts@btcv.org.uk)  
*Robert Hutchison, Convenor, Winchester Action on Climate Change*  
01962-870082, [drd.hutchison@btinternet.com](mailto:drd.hutchison@btinternet.com)

# How to.... prepare a funding bid Key points

1. **Research Funding Opportunities:**
2. **Prioritise Your Applications:**
3. **Contact the Funder - check eligibility**
4. **Decide if your project is eligible**
5. **Make Your Application**
  - Apply *exactly* as specified - do not send other information unless asked for.
  - Answer *all* the questions. If you can't, either wait until you can or explain why you can't and when you'll be able to provide the information.
  - Fill forms out carefully. Check them, check them again, get someone else to check them - especially figures!
  - Make sure enclosures and additional sheets are clearly labelled and referenced.
  - Take at least 1 hard copy of the *finalised* bid!, (many don't!!).
  - Make sure the forms are signed by the right people.
  - Post in good time - or deliver personally. Get an acknowledgement of receipt.
6. **Choose Your Referees**
  - Work out in advance who they will be and ensure they will be around when the application form needs to be signed, (and not on holiday for 3 weeks!)
7. **Follow-up**
  - Don't hassle, but do check on progress, (& get names). Make sure they've got everything they need.
8. **Success !**
  - Make sure that the offer letter is accurate - are you getting what you asked for and check that you can meet the terms and conditions.
  - Getting the money should not be the end of the relationship - keep funders informed. If you have problems tell them. Need to adjust the budget? Ask first!
9. **Failure**
  - Look at the explanation. (Have they given a real reason?)
  - Ask for feedback. (Was the project flawed in some way? Was there a problem with the bid itself? How can it be improved? Can you re-apply? Will they help improve the application? - some will help you, particularly the Lottery)
10. **Archive the bid**
  - Don't throw away all that work! There is a lot of useful info in a bid that could be used in a different context. i.e. for project management.
  - Remember: *90% of funding applications fail*. Time spent preparing your funding bid will help to ensure you are in the successful 10%!

For more information on funding contact: Hannah Williams, Development Support Officer  
Winchester Area Community Action  
The Winchester Centre  
St Georges Street, SO23 8AH  
Email: [hwilliams@waca.org.uk](mailto:hwilliams@waca.org.uk)  
Website: [www.waca.org.uk](http://www.waca.org.uk)  
Phone: 01962 848019

# Policy Headlines

## By Community Action Hampshire

### Local Government Bill and Public Involvement in Health Bill receives Royal Assent

This Bill introduces a number of measures including the following.

- It puts Local Area Agreements on a statutory footing, with a duty to co-operate placed on a number of public sector agencies.
- There will be a new unringfenced area grant, giving councils and their partners more freedom about how they spend the money. This grant will pool funding streams that were previously earmarked for specific purposes. This makes it even more important for organisations to know what the priorities are for their LAA as funding is likely to be awarded to projects that contribute to securing the LAA outcomes.
- There will be a new statutory duty on local authorities to engage with local communities, due to be introduced in April 2009.
- Community Calls for Action will require councillors to take up issues of concern in response to community petitions.
- More parish councils, but not necessarily under that name - they could be called *community, village or neighbourhood* councils, depending on where they are and to help reduce confusion about links to ecclesiastical parishes.
- The Bill also heralds the arrival of Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) replacing Patient and Public Involvement Forums from April 2008.

### Unity Trust Bank launches grant bridging funding facility

Unity Trust Bank, which specialises in working with the third sector, has launched this loan facility to help the many organisations that often face delays in receiving funding after they have secured it. Nevertheless, they still have staff to pay and bills to settle. This facility will usually be offered for a maximum of three months. Cancellation can be arranged if the grant is received within this period. In exceptional cases, the bank will look at extending the three month period

### New - trading and business support from CAH

Community Action Hampshire is now offering specialist social enterprise support to individuals, groups and organisations in the VCS. After four years of working alongside CAH, social enterprise specialist Cris Jezard has now joined our team.

Cris will be running a clinic at CAH's offices in Winchester on the first Tuesday of every month (second Tuesday in January 2008). Over the next few months he is aiming to set up regular clinics at a number of locations across Hampshire. Meanwhile, if you are unable to get to us here at Winchester but you need advice, Cris could come to you; just give him a call.

To fix up a meeting, ask a specific question or just to find out more about social enterprise and how it could benefit your community and/or organisation, contact Cris on 01962 857374 or e-mail

[cris.jezard@action.hants.org.uk](mailto:cris.jezard@action.hants.org.uk)

## **Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill published**

The Bill, which forms part of a wider unclaimed assets scheme, received its first reading in the House of Lords yesterday. Although the priority is to reunite the money lying dormant in the banking system with its owners, the Bill enables the assets that remain unclaimed to be reinvested for the benefit of communities. The main focus in England will be on funding youth services, particularly places for young people to go, financial capability, and financial inclusion.

Following consultation a dormant bank account was defined as one where there has been no customer-initiated activity for 15 years.

Legislation will allow resources to be distributed on a UK-wide basis by the BIG Lottery Fund.

Details of the Dormant Bank and Building Society Bill and explanatory notes are available at: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/pabills.htm>

## **Living with a long-term illness can be tough, but the Expert Patients**

The Expert Patients Programme aims to help people with conditions like diabetes, heart disease, asthma and arthritis, to name but a few, improve their quality of life. The Programme, available to residents living within the Winchester area, is made up of six weekly sessions which can help patients cope with their condition better. The course is completely free and led by people who have a long-term condition themselves.

In particular patients learn how to manage their symptoms by developing coping skills

which can help them to deal with such things as pain, stress and depression. They will also explore relaxation skills. The sessions, which last for two and a half hours each also show patients how to work more closely with the people caring for them and their health/social care professionals.

The course will run in the afternoons from Wednesday, January 9 2008 for six weeks. If you are interested in taking part or would like more information please contact Tina Coulter on 01329 226110 or email [tina.coulter@ports.nhs.uk](mailto:tina.coulter@ports.nhs.uk)

## **HCC signs up to *Every disabled child matters***

Every Disabled Child Matters (EDCM) is the campaign to get rights and justice for every disabled child, and was started by four charities - Contact a Family, Council for Disabled Children (CDC), Mencap and the Special Educational Consortium (SEC). At its heart is the belief that disabled children, young people and their families have been left out for too long. The EDCM campaign aims to put this right, and ensure all disabled children and their families to have the right to the services and support they need to live ordinary lives.

HCC has now signed up to the campaign's Local Authority Charter. More information at [http://www.edcm.org.uk/Page.asp?originx\\_7351ny\\_5681119920126y21v\\_20071093512c](http://www.edcm.org.uk/Page.asp?originx_7351ny_5681119920126y21v_20071093512c)

**As part of a joint working arrangement this information has been provided by Community Action Hampshire, the rural community council for Hampshire, to keep you informed of countrywide policy developments.**

# Funding

## Older People's Wellbeing Grants - Adult Services

Hampshire County Council have dedicated a pot of around £20,000 to run this scheme for the end of 2007/08.

### Aim

- To fund projects to promote older people's wellbeing
- To increase our knowledge base about what works by asking organisations to produce an evaluative report at the end of the project
- Grants up to £1,500 will be available on a one-off basis.

### Who can apply?

The funding is intended for small to medium voluntary and community groups in Hampshire. We are looking for "community solutions".

Our criteria are that:

- The project shows that it contributes to the wellbeing of older people in Hampshire.
- The project is properly costed and falls within the £1,500 region and below.
- There is a clear exit strategy for the end of the project, or the organisation states how it will continue to support the work, and
- The organisation demonstrates that it can get the project up and running within a reasonable timescale.

### What we are looking for, what we will fund

We will consider any idea that contributes to the wellbeing of older people either:

- directly by engaging them in activities which help them remain well, both physically and mentally, in their community and/or enables them to play a part in their community, or
- indirectly by supporting the role of those caring for them.

We would especially like to see applications which demonstrate originality, innovation or have been generated by older people themselves, or their carers.

### Process

Application forms are available from our website, through Hampshire County Council Information Centres and from the Adult Services' grant officer. The closing date for applications will be 31 January 2008. <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/bettertime.htm>

## More Than Schools

More Than Schools is the public name for The Winchester & Swanmore Extended Schools Partnership. This Partnership supports the work of 35 schools and their partner agencies in developing a range of services under the government's 'Extended Schools' agenda.

You can read more about Extended Schools at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/aclu/extended-schools/>

To obtain the full guidance notes on the Capacity Building grant and an application form please contact either Mike Simpson or Isobel Tutt-Leppard via e-mail [extendedschools@btconnect.com](mailto:extendedschools@btconnect.com) Or telephone 01962 866944

Or Write to Mike Simpson, Partnership Managers for the Winchester & Swanmore Extended Schools Partnership,

Jubilee House, 1 Swan Lane, Winchester SO23 7AA

## COURSE DIRECTORY—2007

Date	Course Name	Venue	Cost
February 26th 9.30am - 4.30pm	Time Management	The Winchester Centre	£40
March 4th 10am - 12pm	Stress Management	The Winchester Centre	£15
March 14 <sup>th</sup> 10am - .30pm	Chairing Meetings	The Winchester Centre	£40
Thursday April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10am - 4pm	Effective Publicity	The Winchester Centre	£40

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WACA learning aims to:

- Undertakes training needs analyses with a range of local voluntary and community organisations
- Develops training plans in responses to identified needs
- Organises a Learning and Training Programmes targeted to meet the development needs of voluntary and community groups in the Winchester area.

If you want to know more about the services WACA Learning can provide you with please

contact Melissa Fletcher our

WACA Learning Administrator on

01962 848032 or

Email: [mfletcher@waca.org.uk](mailto:mfletcher@waca.org.uk)

<http://www.waca.org.uk/Main/Learning.html>

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## *Dates for your Diary*

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>WHO TO CONTACT</b>
<b>January</b>			
<b>Domestic Violence Fom</b>	Monday 7th January 12.30 - 2.30pm	Training Rooms The Winchester Centre	Diana Wooldridge Chief Executive 01962 842293
<b>Inclusive Housing Forum</b>	Tuesday 8th January 10am - 12pm	Training Rooms The Winchester Centre	Vanessa Kitt WACA Central Services 01962 843450
<b>Voluntary Sector Forum</b>	Wednesday 30th January 1/2 day session Timings to be arranged	Training Rooms The Winchester Centre	Hannah Williams Development Support Officer 01962 848019
<b>February</b>			
<b>Involve Network</b>	Monday 11th February 1.30 - 3.00pm	Training Rooms The Winchester Centre	Hannah Williams Development Support Officer 01962 848019

**\*Please note: meetings and events listed on this page may be subject to change of date, time or venue.**