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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE NEWS

A **Brightspace** newsletter for anyone interested in Social Enterprise

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Many thanks to all of you who have sent in copy for this edition of **Social Enterprise News** from **BRIGHTSPACE**. We aim to provide a platform to share social enterprise news and information with others who have an interest in social enterprise. If you have something you would like to share with social enterprises please email socialenterprise@brightspace.org. Deadline for the next edition is 17th September 2010.

By social enterprise we mean organisations with a business structure that are driven by a social purpose, whose profits are re invested in furtherance of that social purpose, rather than shareholders benefit.

Launched on Friday 13th

Many people would hesitate at launching a new product on Friday 13th, but a social enterprise in Bury St Edmunds did just that last week. Radio West Suffolk, based at its new studios in the Friends Room at Bury St Edmunds hospital, launched its new FM service on Friday 13th August to serve as a community radio station for both hospital and the town.

Engaging over forty volunteers from the local community and with the target of delivering one hundred hours of live radio every week, Radio West Suffolk plans to be a resource to share local news, information and discuss matters of local concern; it is only the second hospital radio in the country to convert to FM.

Station Manager Julie MacLeod said

“My evening show this week has two district councillors coming to talk about what’s going on at the council and we hope that other local people will feel able to contribute their views and talk about things that concern them.”

Starting as a hospital radio station over 35 years ago has provided a strong team of experienced presenters who rather than use station play lists each play their own style of music; making it more interesting and informative for the local audience..

Plans for the future include doubling the numbers of volunteers and focussing on running an FM station well.

“Running an FM station is very different to AM; we have to be continually aware of what is said and how we say it” explained Julie who became involved with community radio five years ago when she was looking for some voluntary work to get her out of the house when her husband retired.

“Vacancies exist for committed and reliable volunteers who can spare at least two hours a week (no experience necessary) and there is also a vacancy for an advertising sales manager” said Julie (see page 3)

Social Enterprises who work in Bury are invited to contact the station with their news and views. Full contact details are at www.radiowestsuffolk.co.uk

If you are in Bury St Edmunds tune in at 103.3fm today.

Healthy Eating Tuck Shops

Suffolk Social Enterprise First Question East is looking for five primary schools in the Ipswich area that are interested in setting up a healthy tuck shop. First Question is offering three days of training to Year 5 and 6 students to enable them to run their own shop plus a credit union. If you know a primary school in Ipswich that would be interested in taking part in this programme please ask them to call First Question on 01473 345371.

First Question has recently re located to the new social enterprise park in Ipswich.

Director Andrea Copcoat said

“We chose to move to Brightspace because we wanted to work with like minded Social Enterprises; the working environment is welcoming and the location is great for our trainers who are from all over Suffolk and Norfolk. The staff at Brightspace are extremely helpful, caring and have been very welcoming and accommodating of our needs.”

Brightspace is situated just on the outskirts of the town centre, close to public transport links and only a short distance from the A14 and A12, with plenty of free parking and is becoming the hub for third sector organisations that trade to create positive change for people and the environment.

Suffolk Social Enterprise Helps Local Girl into England Squad

A social entrepreneur who is passionate about getting the whole community physically fit to improve their health and well being, is celebrating the achievements of one of his pupils who has just been selected for a national team.

Lee Wall founder of the East Anglian Fighting Arts Community Interest Company in Lowestoft said

“It’s wonderful news; a sixteen year old student who comes to the centre three times a week for fitness training with us, has just been picked for the England Boxing Squad. She will be continuing with us as she trains and it’s a real example to other local youngsters to see what can be achieved by hard work and commitment”

The CIC was formed in early 2009 trading as the Bushido Martial Arts and Community Fitness Centre and now has over 160 members from four years old and upwards. Classes in Martial Arts have been provided for disadvantaged young people through funding from the Suffolk County Council Pathfinder scheme; helping to tackle problems such as obesity.

Profits from the Bushido shop have also funded some places and it is hoped that further support can be found to enable children to continue with the sport. As the only full time Martial Arts Centre in the town, the CIC also hires out the gym to the local community for a peppercorn fee, to encourage more children to get into fitness as a way of life. Eventually Lee would like to have his own premises rather than leasing and already has the offer of some free land; if you would like to know more about East Anglian Fighting Arts visit their website at <http://www.eafao.org.uk/>

In The Forest

The not for profit Suffolk business Red Rose Chain has created an inspired and captivating production of a Midsummer Night’s Dream for this years Theatre in the Forest. Made to be accessible to a wide audience, there are stunning costumes, comedy, songs, clever choreography and of course romance; which all add up to make an enchanting experience for the whole family.

Red Rose Chain also create original productions that confront social concerns, often working with overlooked or hard-to-reach groups to create powerful and insightful stories that demand to be told. Recent work has included making a feature film in 10 days in a prison and a play highlighting the plight of young carers.

To find out more please visit <http://www.redrosechain.com/> . A Midsummer Night’s Dream runs until 29th August 2010

Photography of the River Waveney Exhibition

Between 24th and 30th August 2010 visit Wingfeild Barns to view a photographic exhibition “A Celebration of the River Waveney” illustrating the beauty of the river and its environment, between Bungay and its source at Redgrave Fen. Wingfeild Barns became a Community Interest Company in April and is a beautiful venue for conferences and meetings in rural North Suffolk. Find out more at www.wingfeildbarns.com

Suffolk County Council Funds New Training in Saxmundham

A new Digital Photography course, for young adults with learning disabilities, aged over 19 is starting in Saxmundham in October thanks to funding from Suffolk County Council's Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities fund.

The course which will be run by PASTEL, a social enterprise which actively supports the personal and social development of children and young people, aged 14-25 who are disadvantaged by circumstances or environment, will be held at the Saxmundham Community Resource Unit starting on Saturday 2nd October 2010. For more information please visit www.pastel.org.uk/news_pastel.asp

Win £750 for a Social Enterprise Photo

The 2010 National Social Enterprise Photography Competition has opened for entries

The judges are looking for images that show the passion, people and places using enterprise to drive positive change. So if you're working for a social enterprise take a photo that highlights your day to day activities and tell them the story behind the image.

The winning photographer will receive a cash prize of £750. The social enterprise featured in the photograph will also win £750 along with one year's free associate membership to the Social Enterprise Coalition, an entry ticket for two people to Voice 11, a year's subscription to Social Enterprise magazine and £1000 worth of print advertising in Social Enterprise magazine. **Deadline for entries 5 pm 1st October 2010**

For an application form please visit <http://www.triodos.co.uk/en/about-triodos/news-and-media/social-vision/>

Do You Want to Improve Your Green Credentials, Save Money and Get Help Doing it?

Suffolk ACRE have recently been introduced to Green Light Trust, a local charity who provide a range of services for businesses, communities and children that aim to bring people and nature together. The charity helps businesses to improve their efficiency and green credentials, reduce running costs and change the behaviour of the organisation in a sustainable way.

Green Light Trust has recently launched Low Carbon Champions, a project funded by European Regional Development Fund, Suffolk County Council and supported by the Chamber of Commerce and Choose Suffolk. It offers SMEs including Social Enterprises in Suffolk a free carbon audit and 30 hours of free mentoring support to help your people develop plans and skills that will improve the use of resources, save money and reduce carbon footprint of your business. Participating in the project will also give you accreditation to the ANSWER charter (an environmental accreditation for SMEs) and it also comes with the opportunity to **get a free grant from Suffolk County Council of up to £5000** to help you implement your ideas. **The funding is available now to assist 75 organisations** and Suffolk Acre has already signed up!

We'll let you know how they're getting on in our next edition but if you want to find out more about Green Light Trust, please go to www.greenlighttrust.org and for more details about the Low Carbon Champions project visit http://www.greensuffolk.org/at_work/low_carbon_champions

Vacancies

Freelance Advertising

Following the successful launch of RWSfm we are now looking to recruit someone that's just as excited as us to work on a commission basis selling advertising. If you have experience in sales and would like to work at your own pace either at home or in our offices, then email your CV and availability to Julie@radiowestsuffolk.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you

Managing Director for Suffolk Circle CIC

Competitive Salary

Full-Time Position

Application Deadline: **5pm Monday 23rd August 2010**

<http://jobs.guardian.co.uk/job/1013870/managing-director-suffolk-circle-cic/>

Find Out How to Manage Your Organisations Money in One Day - Only three places remaining

- Do you need simple practical tools to help you manage money?
- Do you need clarification on managing budgets?

If you have little or no prior experience of managing finances within your organisation then this one day course will help you and your organisation survive; available to social enterprises in Suffolk, Suffolk ACRE can provide bursaries to help support the cost. Surviving Money Management; **Wednesday 15th September 2010** at Brightspace, Ipswich. For more information, please contact Suffolk ACRE on 01473 345300 or email info@suffolkacre.org.uk Funded by The Lottery.

FREE courses will be available later this year in marketing and writing business plans.

Plans for Regional Conference in Suffolk

Suffolk has the largest number of community shops in the east of England and this autumn Suffolk ACRE is holding a regional Community Shops Conference. More information in next months Social Enterprise News

A Dragons Den Style Prize Giveaway

As part of Diss on View, Articulate HLC, Diss Express and Charting Success have teamed up to offer a £3000 value prize to a start-up enterprise or small business. Enter on line at www.dbf.org.uk/prize_2010.htm

More Funding For Ipswich

The Whitehouse and Whitton areas of Ipswich are amongst 50 areas where community groups will be able to apply for funding from its new £200m funding stream, Big Local. Each area will receive at least £1 m. The local grants, which will last for 10 years, will be targeted at neighbourhoods that have a history of difficulty in obtaining resources, including Big Lottery funding http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_biglocaltrust.htm?regioncode=-uk

Contracting Opportunity

Contracting opportunity on behalf of NHS Suffolk for the provision of a skin cancer awareness campaign for men over 50

Full details at <http://www.supply2health.nhs.uk/5PT/Lists/Advertisements/DispForm.aspx?ID=20>

Tenders are required by **5pm on 24th August 2010**

Supplier Opportunity

Suffolk ACRE's Rural Housing Enabler Louise Wilby is looking for a social enterprise that can supply bat and bee boxes for local housing associations .If you think you can help please contact Louise on 01473 345326 or email louise.wilby@suffolkacre.org.uk

Grants

Housing

The Quaker Housing Trust Grant is intended to support charitable organisations undertaking projects to provide housing for those in need. <http://www.qht.org.uk/>

Next deadlines **20th August and 5th November 2010**

Fund for disabled artists

Unlimited is a new £1.5 million UK-wide disability arts commissioning fund being run as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. The aim of the fund is to commission new work that is artistically led by disabled people. Deadlines for applications **1st October 2010 and 18th April 2011**.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/unlimited>

Grant for working with young people, the disabled or the terminally ill

The Hedley Foundation Grant is intended to support charitable organisation and aims to assist in providing development and change. In particular, the scheme wishes to support projects with the following themes:

• Young people. • Education. • Recreation. • Support. • Training. • Health. • Welfare. • Disabled people and the terminally ill:

• Provision of specialist equipment. • Support for carers.

In 2010, the Trustee's will meet to assess applications on the following dates:

29th September 2010 and 24th November 2010

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/>

Small grants for Halesworth and Lowestoft

The Lovewell Blake Fund supports community and voluntary activity in Norfolk and the areas of Suffolk surrounding Lowestoft and Halesworth. Grants of up to £2,000 are made twice per year normally in March and October.

<http://www.norfolkfoundation.com/application-pack.htm>

Grants for rural issues

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation gives grants for rural issues under the following broad areas Community Support; Arts, Education and Heritage, Disability and Health

<http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/what.html>

£5000 Grant from Suffolk County Council

See Green Credentials news page 3

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The Arthur Guinness Fund that awards grants to social entrepreneurs will increase the pot it makes available by £1 million to £6 million over the next two years as part of an agreed partnership with Ashoka, a global network of social entrepreneurs, which will provide practical and business support to the 30 candidates selected to receive the grants.

More information will be available from 28th September at www.guinnessforgood.com.

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