

Be prepared for changes to adult social care provision

If you are a provider of services to adults in Oxfordshire you should be aware of the move towards personal budgets that is on its way, and the impact this will have on the way you provide your services. Organisations will need to market their activities directly to service users rather than to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). OCVA has arranged a series of meetings with Alan Sinclair, Programme Director Transforming Adult Social Care at OCC, to discuss issues these changes may bring. These meetings are open to voluntary organisations involved in the delivery of services, or those that would like to play a role in the future. These will be monthly from the end of June. If you are interested in attending one of these meetings please contact Kate Hill at OCVA on 01865 251946.

A provider conference

and forum are also being put on by OCC, and these have been opened up to potential as well as existing providers. The conference takes place on 29 June at the Kings Centre in Oxford. For more details contact Linda Evans OCC linda.evans@oxfordshire.gov.uk). The next meeting of the provider forum is likely to be 15 July 2010. If anyone wants to discuss the forum in the meantime then feel free to contact Martin Bradshaw (martin.bradshaw@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or Julie Irving (julie.irving@oxfordshire.gov.uk). OCVA are also hosting two training sessions on business planning and marketing and personalisation, being held on 16 and 28 June, respectively. If you are interested in either course contact Vanessa Eley for more details on 01865 251946 or admin@ocva.org.uk.

OCVA drinks reception and open evening

OCVA have made a number of improvements to their resources available to Oxfordshire's groups. The OCVA meeting room now has a fixed overhead projector, drop down screen, laptop points and wireless internet for anyone wishing to hire the room. To celebrate, OCVA is hosting an open evening drinks reception for any of our member groups to attend. This is an ideal opportunity for you to meet staff and trustees and find out how we can help your organisation in these very challenges times.

This open evening takes place on 1 July from 5.30 – 7.00pm at our offices in Floyds Row, St Aldates, Oxford City Centre. OCVA are expecting this to be a very popular event, and spaces are limited so they recommend booking early to avoid being disappointed. **Please contact Vanessa Eley on 01865 251946 or at admin@ocva.org.uk for more details.**

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Information & dates

Oxford Stronger Communities Fund

The Oxfordshire Stronger Communities Alliance has secured £450,000 to support local projects finding solutions to ongoing problems such as reducing inequality and breaking the cycle of deprivation. The criteria for this funding opportunity and application form will be available from the OCVA website (www.ocva.org.uk) from 30 June with the deadlines for applications 31 August 2010. Remember that OCVA's Development Team can give advice and assistance on this or any other funding application you write. Contact Development Team Manager, Hilary Burr, for more details on 01865 251946 or hilary.burr@ocva.org.uk.

Cheney Festival

23 June 4.00 – 7.00pm

Cheney School, Cheney Lane, Headington, OX3 7HQ
The Cheney Festival returns to entertain people in Oxfordshire. The theme of this year's festival is 'Community' and the organisers are inviting local voluntary and community groups to set up information and/or activity stalls. Anyone wishing to be involved please contact Aldyth Thompson, Festival Organiser, at@cheney.oxon.sch.uk.

Expert Patients Programme

25 June 9.00am – 12.00pm or 1.00 – 4.00pm £Free

People's Church Centre, Horsefair, Banbury, OX16 0AH.
This free interactive awareness workshop is for health and social care practitioners to increase awareness of the benefits of self-management and to show how you can effectively support and promote self-management

with your patients and service users. For more information and to book a place contact Manjinder Dhaliwal on 01273 803558 or email manjinder.dhaliwal@eppcic.co.uk.

Oxford LINK Health Bus Roadshow

2 July

Abingdon Market Place, Abingdon
People in Oxfordshire now have the chance to jump on the Oxfordshire LINK Health Bus and give their views on local health and social care services. The Health Bus provides people with an easy method to have their say about the services they use in their community. People can find out more about the LINK, along with other information such as healthy diet and active life style. To find out more please contact the LINK office on 0300 111 0102 or at contact@makesachange.org.uk.

Business planning

16 June 10.00am – 4.00pm

The Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, Littlemore Village, OX4 4JX
£25 (£20 for OCVA members)
OCVA are providing this workshop to help organisations to translate strategic goals into successful, practical implementation plans. For bookings and info contact Vanessa Eley on 01865 251946 or at admin@ocva.org.uk.

Marketing and personalisation

28 June 9.30am – 4.00pm

Response, Littlemore OX4 4SU
£25 (£20 for OCVA members)
This workshop gives participants a better understanding of marketing principles, and how to market their activities to individuals and brokerage services, who will be

signposting people to services. For bookings and info contact Vanessa Eley on 01865 251946 or at admin@ocva.org.uk.

Building Better Neighbourhoods report launch

23 June 10.00am – 1.30pm

The Kassam Stadium, Oxford
£free
OSCA are launching the final report of the Building Better Neighbourhoods Faith Research, carried out by Coventry University. It explores the positive contribution that faith groups make in their communities so that this contribution is effectively optimised, acknowledged and valued. Participants at the launch will get the chance to:

- Listen to the findings
- Map the future challenges and opportunities
- Have an active say on how this work is taken forward
- Have a chance to talk to other members of faith communities over a (free) networking lunch
- Receive a free copy of the report

To book your place contact Vanessa Eley on 01865 251946 or at admin@ocva.org.uk.

Cowley Road Carnival

3 and 4 July

Cowley Road, Oxford
Oxford's legendary summer carnival returns to provide community groups and residents of Oxford a chance to party together. The theme for this year is Invention. Expect colourful processions, food, drink and entertainment throughout this special weekend. For more information about getting involved visit www.cowleyroadcarnival.co.uk or email carnival@eastoxford.co.uk.

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