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## General

[Hidden Needs Report Published](#)

The Suffolk Foundation has commissioned the Hidden Needs report researched by the University of Cambridge to understand the scale and nature of social deprivation in Suffolk:

- to highlight why local giving is needed to strengthen our communities
- to inform grant-making
- to demonstrate to national funding bodies that some areas of Suffolk do experience high levels of social disadvantage.

The report is available on the Suffolk Foundation website

[http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=75:needs-assessment&catid=6:latest-news](http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=75:needs-assessment&catid=6:latest-news)

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### **Feedback from Give and Take Conference 6<sup>th</sup> June**

SAVO and the Suffolk Congress recently held a conference for Volunteer Involving organisations in Suffolk. Between the representatives they managed around 12,000 volunteers. Debate was lively, with an excellent talk from Mark Murphy BBC Radio Suffolk. SAVO will use the feedback from the event to lead on a Volunteering Strategy for Suffolk. You can read the report at <http://www.savo.co.uk/files/Give%20&%20Take%20Conference%20report%206%20June%202011%20v2.pdf>

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### **Accommodation is Available at Red Gables**

There are currently offices to let at the Red Gables Resource Centre at Stowmarket. These are available to all not-for-profit organisations working in the voluntary sector. Offices range in size from rooms that accommodate just a couple of people to those that can take seven or eight people. Rents vary with the lowest annual rent at £7.00 per sq. ft. for rooms on the second floor rising to £9.50 per sq. ft. for rooms on the ground floor. A typical room on the first floor for 3 - 4 people would cost £2,450 per annum. There is a service charge covering all overheads so tenants know exactly how much everything will cost in advance.

If you want further details about becoming a tenant or you would like to view the accommodation please contact the Red Gables Manager on 01449 673947.

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### **More Resources at Stowmarket**

Stowmarket Community Centre has a range of facilities for use by VCS organisations in the Stowmarket area at competitive rates. They are also offering to display leaflets for local services for SAVO members.

Contact Heather Tooke (Manager) at Stowmarket Community Centre Tel: 01449 613084.

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### **Charity Trends**

The Charities Aid Foundation has re-launched its popular Charity Trends<sup>®</sup> resource, providing charity data online in a free-to-use and easy to search way.

The information is gathered by the Charity Commission through Annual Return forms and allows anyone to search data on over 160,000 charities using any of 17 filters, or by name and keyword search. Visit Charity Trends now and:

- create and keep lists of charities and charts of trends over time
- view historical data to observe trends over time
- locate a charity to view its finances in detail

- download CAF publications, including data in Excel, infographics and other insights into the nature of the charity sector
- read the Insight Full blog - and watch a video about what inspires people to give to charity

For more information click [www.charitytrends.org](http://www.charitytrends.org)

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### Big Society Awards

The Awards recognise the individuals, groups, organisations, social enterprises, businesses and entrepreneurs that demonstrate Big Society in their work or activities and further enable the transition of power from central government to local communities and individuals.

There are three specific areas:

- Promoting social action - encouraging people to be more involved in their communities through giving time, money and other resources.
- Empowering communities - helping local people take control of how things are done in their area and being helped to do this by local government and others.
- Opening up public services - public sector organisations and individuals demonstrating innovative ways of delivering public services and charities, social enterprises and private companies showing new ways of delivering public services.

Deadlines - 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 and 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

For more information go to [www.number10.gov.uk/bigsocietyawards/big-society-awardsnomination-guidance-notes](http://www.number10.gov.uk/bigsocietyawards/big-society-awardsnomination-guidance-notes)

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### What you need to know: Premises, the Compact, and Public Law

Many organisations either rent or use council-owned premises. A new leaflet setting out what you need to know if you are using council-owned premises has been designed. It sets out what to do if you experience any difficulties with council-owned premises. To read the leaflet visit [http://www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/data/files/News/councilowned\\_premises\\_and\\_the\\_compact.pdf](http://www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk/data/files/News/councilowned_premises_and_the_compact.pdf)

The Compact Advocacy Programme works in partnership with the Public Law Project to give advice and advocate on Compact issues and Public Law, see <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/compactadvocacy> and they can be contacted at [evsAdvice@ncvo-vol.org.uk](mailto:evsAdvice@ncvo-vol.org.uk) or 020 7520 3161.

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### Vodafone launch Free service

Vodafone have launched a free service to charities to collect donations via text.

Registration is free and easy, donations of £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 and £10 can be made and donors can declare Gift Aid which will add 25% to the donation.

For more information click <http://www.vodafone.co.uk/vodafone-uk/about-us/just-text-giving/index.htm>

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### Freedom of Information

Did you know there is a website that allows you to find out what Freedom of Information requests have been put to your local council? For example, Suffolk County Council's are available at [http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/body/suffolk\\_county\\_council](http://www.whatdotheyknow.com/body/suffolk_county_council)

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### Accessible Websites

Does your website conform to the new British Standards? 10m people, and 19% of the working population, in the UK are disabled, which is a significant number of potential customers and accessible websites are better rated by Search Engines.

A new report snappily entitled BS8878 sets out what you need to know before updating your website. Ensure you put in place an Accessibility Policy, which states the commitment and actions you will take to make your website accessible and put it on your website. The City of London Police's statement is seen as good practice and can be viewed at <http://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/CityPolice/Utility/Accessibility.htm>

For more support on ensuring your website is Accessible, contact Simon Waldron at SAVO [simon.waldron@savo.co.uk](mailto:simon.waldron@savo.co.uk)

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## Events - Courses, Conferences, Workshops and Fun

### Free Recruitment and Selection of Volunteers (non accredited) Course

Learners need to be either living in Suffolk or working with an organisation in Suffolk to meet the funders' requirements. The Recruitment and Selection of Volunteers course develops the skills and competencies of people who are or intending to recruit and induct volunteers.

This course covers in depth the basics of how to recruit volunteers and develop a good volunteer recruitment programme. The sessions have been designed to be practical and fun and allow you to develop templates and gain ideas on how to increase volunteers in your organisation.

The sessions are split into two key areas: Preparing to Recruit Volunteers and The Interview Process, and are run as two half day sessions. Learners can attend either sessions or both.

'Preparing to Recruit Volunteers' is on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 and 'The Interview Process' is on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011

If you are interested in attending the course please contact Sue Stephens on 01473 275191 or email: [sue.stephens@savo.co.uk](mailto:sue.stephens@savo.co.uk) . Please indicate which sessions you would like to book on.

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### Art at The Cut in Halesworth

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Mali Morris RA Paintings

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Barry Newis - Malt Room Paintings and Hayley Field - Concourse Paintings

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August - Brenda Jones Paintings

For more information contact 01986 873285 or [info@newcut.org](mailto:info@newcut.org) or [www.newcut.org](http://www.newcut.org)

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### One in Four:Foundation - Working with Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

This half day training course is ideal for front line workers who may come into contact with adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse in their day-to-day work. This training is endorsed by BACP as CPD.

What's covered?

- What is Childhood Sexual Abuse (CSA)?
- The prevalence of CSA

- The effects of CSA
- Perpetrators
- The Survivor's Rights
- Disclosures
- Policy development (optional)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - 9.30am - 12.30pm at Basepoint Business Centre, Ipswich. Cost £45. Contact [training@clarificonsulting.com](mailto:training@clarificonsulting.com) or phone Fiona on 01473 722774

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### **Training from Suffolk ACRE**

#### **Exploring Your Idea**

Are you thinking of setting up your own organisation with social aims and need to know more? Not sure if you should be a charity, social enterprise or community group? Exploring Your Idea is a 1-day introductory course designed to offer you help and advice to get your ideas off the ground. The course will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

#### **Understanding & Starting a Social Enterprise**

A one-day course designed to focus on participants social enterprise ideas and provide practical advice on how to get it set up. Whether you are thinking of setting up a new organisation or taking an existing one to the next level, the course will enable you to understand your current situation and examine ways to turn your ideas into a fully functioning social enterprise. The course will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

#### **Social Enterprise Legal Structures.**

This course is aimed at individuals or organisations who want to find out more about social enterprise legal structures. It is particularly useful for people wanting to set up their own social enterprise, but is also appropriate for existing organisations looking at becoming a social enterprise. The course will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011

All of the above courses will take place at Brightspace, Ipswich and will run from 10.00am-4.00pm. For participants outside Suffolk or not eligible for the bursary support, the course fee is £85 + VAT for each of the one day courses For further details or a booking form please contact 01473 345311 or [emilelizabeth.storer@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:emilelizabeth.storer@suffolkacre.org.uk)

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### **Money, Money, Money....**

#### **News from the Suffolk Foundation**

Does your group deliver work in West Suffolk?

As an independent grant-maker, The Suffolk Foundation supports local charities and community groups who are tackling disadvantage in whatever form it takes, targeting grants to where the needs are greatest. Applications are invited from local charities and community groups operating throughout Suffolk for various grants programmes managed by The Suffolk Foundation. On this occasion, particular funding is available from the Suffolk Fund for groups working in West Suffolk.

For more information please call Julie Rose on 01473 734123. All application forms and guidelines are available from [www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk](http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk)

The next deadline for applications for the Suffolk Fund is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

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### **The True Colours Trust**

The True Colours Trust provides grants to small, UK based organisations to carry out projects that provide help to disabled children and their families on a daily basis. The Trust has a small grants programme open to applications at any time, that provides grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off projects and delivery programmes for children, their siblings and families.

For more information visit The True Colours Trust website at [http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small\\_grants.aspx](http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small_grants.aspx)

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### **BT Community Connections Award**

Apply up to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011. This scheme offers community groups the chance to get online and help people discover the wonders of the internet.

For more information visit [www.bt.com/communityconnections](http://www.bt.com/communityconnections)

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### **Young People and Volunteering**

The Alec Dickson Trust supports individuals and groups of young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. Funding of up to £500 is available to help young people to run a project in their local area anywhere in the UK that involves local volunteers.

For more information visit <http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>

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### **Youth Action**

The programme offers young people, who have ideas of how to improve their communities, the opportunity to access up to £10,000 seed funding and volunteer time from local Starbucks partners (employees) to help realise their ambitions. UK Youth will be supporting the program by offering skills training and advice to young people.

For more information visit <http://www.guardian.co.uk/starbucks-youth-action>

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### **The Wakeham Trust**

This Trust supports groups of individuals and small VCS groups that want to improve their communities. It is particularly interested in supporting neighbourhood projects; community arts projects; projects involving community service by young people; and projects set up by those who are socially excluded.

For more information visit [www.wakehamtrust.org](http://www.wakehamtrust.org)

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### **JP Getty Jnr Charitable Trust**

This Trust gives grants between £10,000 and £250,000 over a period of one to three years. Grants of up to £5,000 are also available for smaller charities. Statutory agencies are not eligible to apply. They are interested in projects that enable disadvantaged young people to access constructive, enjoyable activities close to home to develop skills, self-confidence and aspirations e.g. through volunteering, work experience or a variety of creative activities.

For more information visit <http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk>

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### **NCVO's Funding Central**

Funding Central provides free access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities and allows you to create a personalised profile where you can tailor your interests, save searches and store information. There are also lots of tools and resources to help you develop sustainable income strategies.

For more information visit <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Page.aspx?SP=6063>

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### **Community Development Foundation**

Community Development Foundation (CDF) will partner with a number of organisations including Charity Award-winning Community Foundation Network (CFN) to deliver the government's £80m Community First programme, the Cabinet Office has announced. CDF was awarded the contract following a competitive bidding process after successfully delivering the government's four-year Grassroots Grants programme, which ended in March this year. There will be a £30m small grants programme and £50m endowment match fund to encourage communities to develop their strengths and funding potential to strengthen their resilience for the future.

Some 800-1,000 areas will benefit from the £30m small grants programme, where community groups will be able to apply for grants of up to £30,000, but will be encouraged to match the financial investment with in-kind investment, such as time dedicated to the cause or offering specific expertise.

For more information visit <http://www.cdf.org.uk/>

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### **R L Glasspool Charity Trust**

The R L Glasspool Charity Trust is a national charity making one-off grants to people on low incomes and in difficult circumstances. They have apparently had very few applications from Suffolk and would welcome them for their one-off grants scheme. They currently accept referrals on behalf of beneficiaries from Social Workers, CAB workers, Prison/Probation Officers, Housing Association workers, NHS Clinical and Social work staff as well as from workers in approved charities.

They are currently reviewing this referral process and the Chief Executive has indicated that Suffolk charities could become 'approved charities' if they are registered charities that are directly working with individuals and families, which also have some form of contract (SLA) with a statutory service.

For more information visit contact Mrs F Moore, Administrator on 020 8520 4354.

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### **Giving White Paper**

The government is to invest £30m in a new fund that will build the capacity of infrastructure organisations that support frontline civil society groups in England. This was announced in the Giving White Paper published in May 2011 which can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/giving-white-paper>

The Local Infrastructure Fund will get the lion's share of the government's financial commitment to initiatives aimed at boosting the giving of time and money to charities. This fund, to be delivered by the Big Lottery Fund, will "help both general and volunteering infrastructure organisations to modernise and improve the relevance of their services" to frontline organisations.

The government will also allocate £10m to a two-year Social Action Fund that will be used to pilot "game-changing innovations" that have the potential to radically change the ways people give. Challenge prizes of up to £100,000 will be awarded for ideas that encourage people to be more generous, such as, potentially, the best new mobile phone volunteering application.

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## Projects and Partnerships

### Mentors Required

SAVO are seeking Mentors to support other VCS organisations in putting together funding bids. Anyone can sign up to be a Mentor as long as you have had some success and experience with completing funding applications. VCS organisations will be able to choose from the Mentor list to gain support in checking their bid and the Mentor will receive £25 for doing so.

Contact Simon Waldron for more information at [simon.waldron@savo.co.uk](mailto:simon.waldron@savo.co.uk)

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If you are not already a member of SAVO, why not join us today - we offer membership for individuals and organisations from as little as £5 per annum. Email [enquiries@savo.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@savo.co.uk) for more details.

The next edition of Suffolk Sound will be sent out in mid September 2011, the deadline for content is 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011. Please send any information and articles to Laura Hack [laura.hack@savo.co.uk](mailto:laura.hack@savo.co.uk) clearly indicating that you would like it to be included within Suffolk Sound.

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