



Evesham Volunteer Centre Update - Issue 18, September 2009



Evesham Volunteer Centre

RAISE THE ROOF!

An evening of music with the

Birmingham Community gospel Choir

supported by
Prince Henry's High School

7.30 pm Friday 16th October
All Saints' Church Evesham

Tickets £7—concessions available
This is a fundraising event for All Saints'
and the Evesham Volunteer Centre

For more information & tickets ring
01386 442213 or 01386 40165

Memory Cafe

Broadway's **Signpost** is starting a Memory Café for those suffering with Dementia and their carers.

17th September, 10-12pm
Methodist Church Hall, Broadway
For more information contact
Signpost on 01386 859029

Kemerton Orchard Day

17th October 2009

A day of events to celebrate the beautiful heritage orchards and continue valuable orchard restoration work.

- **11.00, 12.30 and 14.00—Orchard Walks** for an hour, cost £1pp.

Assemble at St. Nicholas Church, Kemerton

- **Village Hall open from 12.30—16.30** where various events will be held—Apple Pressing, Kemerton Cider, local handmade produce.

For further information please visit
www.kemerton.org or
kctoffice@btinternet.com

Evesham Day Centre

Do you want to run a course or social event?
Do you need low cost facilities?

If the answer is yes then
contact Tony or Sandra on
Tel: 01386 47591



Evesham Stroke Support Group

Meet at **The Red Cross Centre**
Briar Close, Evesham

On **1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month**
10.00 am—12.00 noon

An ideal opportunity for people who are recovering from a stroke and their carers/family member to meet and become part of an energetic and positive group.

Contact **Mrs Margaret Whitefield**
01386 47640

Or **Mrs Betty Ballard on 01386 443950**
Transport can be arranged through Evesham Volunteer Centre if applicable. 01386 45035

Evesham Adventure Playground Association

Wanted! Treasurer

To maintain an overview of the organisation's affairs, keep proper records and ensure viability.

Some experience of charity finance fundraising and sustainable funding preferable.

Committee Member

To contribute actively.

Must be able to work effectively as part of a team and be available for monthly evening committee meetings

Interested? Further details available from
Tel: **01386 44215**

www.adventureplayground.org

www.eveshamvolunteers.org.uk

**Do you know any young people aged between 16-25?
Are you involved with any young people?**

Youth Volunteering Wychavon

This project aims to make volunteering more attractive to 16-25 year olds. It encourages young people to look at their local community and to then design and deliver a project which will benefit people or places within the community.

Youth Volunteering Wychavon (YvW) is part of the national Vinvolved initiative (www.vinspired.com) and as part of this the young volunteers will receive vinspired awards, which will look good on their personal CVs.

- A project can be organised by one person or a group of people.
- They can choose almost anything from a small one off project, like a sponsored event to raise money for a club, or a more ambitious project.
- Projects can be based around their interests - music, arts, sports, media or the environment.
- Youth volunteering is a brilliant way to show what young people can do, have fun and help a club or their community.
- It builds vital personal and employability skills.

A Youth Project Leader will help you to brainstorm ideas, check feasibility and support you through the set up and delivery of the project.

If your group or organisations would like a project worker to come along to a meeting to give a short presentation please give them a call.

If you'd like to find out more contact:
Droitwich Area - Carol on 07817541570 or Mon-Wed on 01905 772010
vprojects@droitwichcvs.org.uk

Evesham and Pershore Areas - Sara on 01386 40165
youthvs@googlegmail.com

Does your group need volunteers?

**Does your group or organisation need volunteers?
Find out more about how your local volunteer coordinator can help your group.
Or do you know someone who is interested in volunteering?**

If your group needs volunteers please contact the coordinators with details of the roles available.

There is also help available to draw up task descriptions for volunteers as well as any publicity you want to do to recruit volunteers.

And of course, the coordinators can also show potential volunteers the opportunities available in the area.

Evesham Volunteer Centre
Sally Earley on 01386 40165 or
volunteering@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk

Current opportunities available with:

- British Red Cross's At Home Service
- Soldier, Sailors, Airmen & Families Association

Forces Help (SSAFA)

Pershore Volunteer Centre
Alex Walls on 01386 554299 or
alexw@pershorevolunteers.org

Current opportunities available with:

- Pershore Volunteer Centre
- Centre Club for older people
- MS Society - events coordinator and secretary

Droitwich Spa & Rural Council for Voluntary Service

Carol Yates on 01905 772010 or
volunteering@droitwichcvs.org.uk

Current opportunities available with:

- British Red Cross and Age Concern (Droitwich)

Grassroots Grants

Broadway's Signpost obtained support from Wychavon Rural Reach with their application for a Grassroots Grant and were awarded over £4,000 to set up a

Memory Café for those suffering from Dementia and their carers.

The project starts on 17th September, 10-12pm, Methodist Church Hall, Broadway

If you live in the vicinity of Broadway and would like to find out more why not drop in or call Signpost on 01386 859029.

Does your group need funding?

If groups require funding and are wondering whether their project or activities could be funded by Grassroots please contact **Clair Chittenden** on **01905 799569** or **info@wcap.org.uk** for further information or to organise a meeting.

negotiating the credit crunch

The current economic climate is having an impact on many voluntary and community sector groups.

The Worcestershire Infrastructure Consortium (WIC) has now developed a Credit Crunch area on its web pages which is regularly updated with news on funding opportunities, conferences and training and other relevant topics.

www.winc.org.uk & click on **OUR WORK**

BIG Lottery Fund additional funds

The BIG Lottery Fund has announced that an additional **£43 million** will be invested across the UK to tackle the longer-term effects of the recession. Exact support has not been determined yet, but it is thought it could include targeted funding for specific services such as debt advice and support to help train increasing numbers of volunteers.

The Reaching Communities Programme has also received a £20 million increase, through which VCS organisations can access up to £500,000 for up to 5 years.

For further information go to <http://tinyurl.com/nzzmyk>

Yorkshire Bank Cash Awards

Yorkshire Bank is offering cash awards. In each category one project will receive an award of £10,000 and four commendable projects will each receive £5,000.

Yorkshire Bank is accepting applications from:

- Registered charities
- Community organisations and constituted voluntary groups

Awards will be considered for projects in one of the following four categories:

- Environment—this category incorporates projects which seek to protect or improve the environment.
- Volunteering—this category focuses on initiatives that promote and support volunteering
- Education—this category focuses on initiatives that promote accessibility to both financial education and financial services.
- Regeneration—This category focuses on community development through initiatives that build and strengthen the communities in which Yorkshire Bank operates.

To find out more go to www.ybonline.co.uk/about-yorkshire-bank/community-awards

BIG Lottery Fund New Funding Strategy

BIG has announced the launch of its new strategic framework which will underpin its priorities and grant making activities to 2015.

Key themes emerging from new strategy are:

- Using its financial resources to champion disadvantaged communities & people;
- Focusing resources to help people undergoing difficult transitions in their lives or experiencing isolation.

To find out more about BIG's new strategy and its grant priorities please visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/llzkge>

You can download copies of the strategy there.

You can also request a copy from general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk or phone 0845 4 102030

FUNDING

Positive Activities for Children and Young People Grant Funding 09-10

The second phase of the Positive Activities Grants was launched on 22nd June. Contact your local county councillor for more information and to state your case.

Applications are invited from voluntary sector organisations working with children and young people. Each councillor has an allocation of up to £3,500.

Councillors will consider applications as they are received. Early application is advisable. Spending must

be completed by 31st March 2010, there is no deadline. Groups must be providing positive activities, places to go and things to do for children and young people aged between 8 and 19 years. There are clear criteria and organisations applying for the grant are being asked to demonstrate how their proposed project will help children and young people and make a difference to their lives. Funding will support revenue activities only.

Application form and guidance notes for Phase 2 grants are available from
<http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/wcc-edu-positive-activities-grant>

Anne Roberts, Project Worker
01905 765506
aroberts1@worcestershire.gov.uk

Big Challenge '09

If you are aged 16-25 you have the chance to apply for part of the £60,000 prize fund to tackle this year's Big Challenge 2009 theme which is:

Your Chance, Everybody's Change

Here is their challenge to you...

Many cultures, many individuals, how can you create unity in your community?

The competition is now open and you have until 28th September 2009 to submit an application.

Visit www.bigchallenge.org.uk
Tel: 0207 5661129

Lottery Funding Village Halls

Unfortunately, there is no real positive news at present. There is still no definite word on what funding the Lottery intends to offer community buildings, nor when this information will be released. An announcement probably won't be made until some time in 2010.

For those of you for whom a phased approach to refurbishment is possible, there is money still available from landfill tax funding schemes, Awards for All, "Green" funders for alternative heating installation and Wychavon councils and smaller funders such as Grassroots. It may also be worth people considering applying to the Reaching Communities Lottery funding scheme. It is not a community buildings fund, but there is evidence that a few smaller village hall refurbishment projects are getting amounts in £30—40k range. It might be worth looking at the site:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.htm

and registering with Community Builders - a new funding source opening in September which involves an element of loan finance.

www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/

For more information on community buildings go to www.comfirst.org.uk/community_buildings

To discuss your community building issues contact **Rob Grunsell**,
Community Buildings Development Officer,
robg@comfirst.org.uk or 01684 312758

Is your income above £5k?

Organisations with a charitable purpose are required to register as a charity if their income is above £5K per annum and they do not fall into the exempt or excepted categories. They will then receive a Charity Registration number. For more information:

www.charity-commission.gov.uk

Organisations with a charitable purpose but with less than £5K can apply to HM Revenue & Customs for a charity number which will be sufficient to confirm their charitable status with banks, funders, etc – more info on HMRC website:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/tax/recognition.htm>

Governance

What is Governance and how does a committee govern according to good practice?

All voluntary and community organisations need to keep the show on the road: make the budgets balance; keep track of legal requirements; plan ahead and show leadership. This role—of governance— is key to running your group and services well. It is the committee or board of trustees who look after the governance of an organisation.

What does good governance mean to an organisation?

When organisations get it right good governance means a confident, forward thinking organisation, where trustees are abreast of their duties and responsibilities, and activities and services are well planned and managed.

What does poor governance mean to an organisation?

But poor governance can mean a fragile, chaotic organisation with no sense of direction, in which trustees are unprepared for eventualities and unclear as to how best they can contribute.

These principles may sound high-flying but they are relevant to whatever the size of the organisation, if it is to sustain itself and moving forward in a positive and proactive way and to keep people interested and motivated.

There are 7 main principles:

Principle 1—Board Leadership

Every organisation should be led and controlled by an effective board/committee, which collectively ensure delivery of its objects (as set out in the constitution), sets its strategic direction and upholds its values. Key principles to ensuring this are: Acceptance of Role and Strategic Direction.

Principle 2— Board in Control

The trustees as a board should be collectively responsible and accountable for ensuring and monitoring that the organisation is performing well, is solvent and is complying with all its obligations. Key Principles to this are : Compliance, Internal Control, Prudence, Managing Risk, Equality & Diversity.

Principle 3—High Performance Board

The board should have clear responsibilities and functions, and should compose and organise itself to dis-

pose of them effectively. Key principles here are: Understanding of duties and responsibilities; effective use of time, skills and knowledge, Obtaining information and advice to make informed decisions; Diverse skills and experience; Development and Support to discharge duties.

Principle 4—Board Review and Renewal

The Board should periodically review its own and the organisation's effectiveness and take any necessary steps to ensure that both continue to work well. This involves performance appraisal, recruitment and renewal strategy, and review.

Principle 5—Board Delegation

The Board should clearly set out the functions of sub-committees, staff etc. and should monitor their performance. This means that there will be Clear Roles, Delegation of authority to carry out roles effectively, clear terms of reference and monitoring to keep on track or identify issues.

Principle 6—Board & Trustee Integrity

The Board and individual Trustees should act according to high ethical standards, and ensure that conflicts of interest are properly dealt with. So trustees have no personal benefit, conflicts of interest are declared, and there are guidelines re. receipt of gifts etc..

Principle 7—Board Openness

The Board should be open, responsive and accountable to its service users, members, partners and others who have an interest in the work. This can be realised by having good communication systems, consulting with users and partners etc. and encourage engagement and involvement by stakeholders in its planning and decision making. It should be open and accountable about its work.

Resources Available from Wychavon Rural Reach:

- A-Z of Good Governance
- Governance Toolkit—a way to review your group meets the principles of good governance
- Code of Governance Toolkit
- Code of Governance—Summary
- Code of Governance—Complete Version

If you would like to discuss reviewing these items or request resources please contact Clair Chittenden on 01905 779569

Do you work with Children or Vulnerable Adults?

The law is changing and may affect your company or voluntary organisation.

From 12th October 2009 new measures are being brought in to prevent unsuitable people from doing paid or volunteer work with children or vulnerable adults. This is called the Vetting and Barring System (VBS.) A new public body called the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) has been created to implement the scheme.

From **July 2010** all new employees, those moving jobs and volunteers who want to work with children or vulnerable adults can register with the ISA. From **November 2010** all new employers and volunteers **must** register before they start work, otherwise they cannot be legally employed. Registration lasts for life.

Does the VBS replace the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)?

No. Anyone who wishes to work in regulated activity with children or vulnerable adults will need to become ISA-registered. This is a mandatory condition that they must fulfil before a new employer can consider taking them on. ISA-registration does not replace the CRB Disclosure process, which still needs to be carried out as before, where required. However, applicants will be assessed using data gathered by the CRB, including

relevant criminal convictions, cautions, police intelligence and other appropriate sources. The new Scheme helps streamline the vetting and barring process by setting up a single centrally organised system. It will strengthen the protection afforded to vulnerable groups, as millions of people who were not previously assessed, will now be vetted and, if necessary, barred.

How does this affect your group or volunteers?

From July 2010 onwards, if you employ anyone or have volunteers who work with vulnerable people you can check that they are ISA-registered. Once the individual has joined the Scheme you will be able to carry out this check online for free. If people have contact with children or vulnerable adults once or month or more intensively, and if the work takes place in a location where your employees or volunteers are likely to come into contact with children or vulnerable adults, or will the work involve access to the records of children or vulnerable adults, they may need ISA-registration.

Further information from
www.isa.gov.org.uk
Tel: 0300 123 1111

This news sheet will keep your group up-to-date on these changes.

Who is a Vulnerable Adult?

The Police Act 1997(Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) and Protection of Vulnerable Adults Regulations 2000 defines a vulnerable adult as a person aged 18 or over who fulfils any of the statements below.

If the adult who receives any of these services :

- Accommodation and nursing or personal care in a care home
- Personal care or nursing or support to live independently in his/her own home
- Any services provided by an independent hospital, clinic or medical agency or NHS body
- Social care services
- Any services provided in an establishment

catering for a person with learning difficulties.

If the adult has any of these conditions:

- A learning or physical disability
- A physical or mental illness
- A reduction in physical or mental capacity

If the adult has a disability

- A dependency on others in the performance of or a requirement for assistance in the performance of basic physical functions
- Severe impairment in the ability to communicate with others
- Impairment in a person's ability to protect him/herself from assault, abuse or neglect.

TRAINING

Adult Protection for Managers

In July 2009 Worcestershire Safeguarding Board, decided on mandatory Adult Protection Training for all managers working in settings providing services to vulnerable adults. Therefore, the following sessions have been commissioned:

8th October 2009	20th October 2009
10th November 2009	26th November 2009
3rd December 2009	12th January 2010
19th January 2010	4th February 2010
18th February 2010	4th March 2010

- Core definitions
- Types of abuse
- Duties of service providers and local authorities
- What can increase risk of abuse within your service?
- Problem solving techniques
- Managers role in Adult Protection Process
- Worcestershire's Vulnerable Adults Protocol
- New Developments in Adult Protection and Safeguarding Adults

The one day sessions will cover the following essential topics:

- Legal & historical background to safeguarding adults;

Sessions will be FREE,

but there will be a cancellation charge.

For further information on this and to book a place please contact **Joy Mortimer on 01905 822614**

Coaching Courses for Volunteers in Sport

Intro to FUNdamentals of Movement	6:30-9:30pm	Wed 7th Oct	University of Worcester
Club for All	6:30-9:30pm	Thurs 8th Oct	University of Worcester
Safeguarding & Protecting Children	6:30-9:30pm	Tues 13th Oct	University of Worcester
Equity in Your Coaching	5:45-8:45pm	Wed 21st Oct	Council House, Bromsgrove
Coaching Children + Young People	6:30-9:30pm	Mon 26th Oct	University of Worcester
Long Term Athlete Development	5:45-8:45pm	Thurs 29th Oct	Council House, Bromsgrove



SPORTS PARTNERSHIP
HEREFORDSHIRE &
WORCESTERSHIRE
www.morethansport.com

To book a place

Tel: 01905 542260

Email: sphw@worc.ac.uk

www.morethansport.com

INFORMATION SHARING

AGE Herefordshire &
Concern Worcestershire

We are moving!

From 10 August 2009, Age Concern Herefordshire & Worcestershire will have a new address and phone number.

Age Concern H&W
Malvern Gate
Bromwich Road
Worcester
WR2 4BN

T: 01905 740950

E: ageconcern@achw.org.uk

W: www.achw.org.uk

Registered Charity No. 1080545

Handyperson

Do you have minor DIY jobs which need doing in your home?

Our Handypeople are fully trained to carry out a range of tasks from changing light bulbs, through to assembling flat pack furniture.

For a FREE security and safety check or further information please contact us.

Age Concern Herefordshire & Worcestershire

7 Royal Arcade, Broad Street, Pershore WR10 1AG

Tel: 01386 555744 www.achw.org.uk

AGE Herefordshire &
Concern Worcestershire

Pershore Older People's Entertainment Therapy

**Covers the whole of Wychavon.
Would your Older People's Group like to organise entertainment for its members?
Is your village hall interested in organising performances for the over 50s?**

Why not contact Pershore Older People's Entertainment Therapy Service (POPETS) to see what kinds of performances they could organise for your group.

The POPETS Programme has drawn together a large group of volunteer entertainers. POPETS is able to offer this service to all those over 50 ie. Over 50s groups, Care & Nursing Homes, Lunch Clubs etc for FREE in Wychavon.

The Programme has drawn together a large group of volunteer entertainers and has just completed its third season of 51 performances in 10 different venues in Wychavon.

If you are interested in finding out more about the types of performances on offer or would like to discuss a booking please contact
Ted Dinsdale on 01905 345637

vale ARTS trail

Vale Arts Trail is a new festival, over the month of **October 09**, that celebrates local painters, photographers, craft makers and sculptors in the Vale of Evesham area. There are fantastic exhibitions, open studios, a trail of public art, The Big Draw and workshops for all ages to get involved.

Vale Arts Trail is organised by Vena (Vale of Evesham Network of Artists.)

**For more information see
www.wychavon.gov.uk (arts)
Or call
Jenny Davis 01386 565396**

"Volunteering into work"

Are you a volunteer coordinator or manager?

**The next Volunteer Forum
Thursday 1st of October
in Kidderminster.**

We will be exploring the link between volunteering and employability in the current climate. Currently rising numbers of people are out of work and turning towards volunteering.

There will be workshops, speakers and ample time for networking.

Further details and invitations will be sent out in September.

Please contact **Gabi Gogan** -
Partnership Officer for WIC Volunteering Hub
on 07525 335 184
or e-mail volunteeringhubworcs@yahoo.co.uk
for an invitation or if you'd like more information.

Epilepsy Action

Epilepsy can be frustrating, but it can be talked about and explained, to make it easier to cope with.

A volunteer is available to give talks to the public, including primary schools, car home staff, shop workers etc. to show a DVD, give information and try to answer questions. The volunteer is also available to meet up with individuals needing advice.

**If you need advice please ring
Alison Jackson on 01386 554499
Or Richard Brown on 01321 10800**

Special Offer for Charities in Evesham

For a limited time, Basepoint is offering **RENT FREE** space to registered charities and other not-for-profit and social enterprises at its local centre in Evesham. The centre has a fully-equipped meeting room, a welcoming and permanently manned reception area and a break-out zone for rest periods and informal meetings.

See www.basepoint.co.uk for details.

Personal Crisis Help from the British Red Cross

The Red Cross is not only there to help during large-scale emergencies and disasters.

A lot of the Red Cross work in Worcestershire involves helping local individuals who have had a personal crisis that's affected their ability to cope independently for a while.

The **Support at Home team** of staff and trained volunteers are available to lend you a wheelchair or a temporary emergency careline alarm if you need it.

They can also help for a few weeks with practical tasks like shopping and housework.

To find out more call

01905 450400 or

Email infuse@redcross.org.uk

CSV Make a Difference Day

CSV Make a Difference Day is the UK's largest day of volunteering. It takes place this year on 31st October with activities from 24th October—7th November.

This year people across the country will be taking part to create a wave of kindness across the UK, through acts of kindness for a neighbour, a stranger or even their whole community.

You can be a part of it— this is your opportunity to make a difference and have fun at the same time.

All activities receive an Action Pack which includes t-shirts, posters balloons, stickers, volunteer certificates and a Handbook with extra information on how to publicise you activity.

Potential volunteers can find your activity by searching on the campaign website. Kindness Kits are also available and include simple ideas for kind activities as well as free chocolate, wildflower seeds and wool.

**To register an activity or for more information
phone 0800 284 533
email difference@csv.org.uk
or www.csv.org.uk/difference**

Does your group need public liability cover?

We have heard that some groups have obtained very competitive rates from the Methodist Insurance

"Community Shield" policy.

0161 833 9696

www.methodistinsurance.co.uk

If you require contact details of other insurance companies so that you can compare quotes and decide what is best for you please contact

Clair Chittenden

01905 799569 or info@wcap.org.uk

Information sheet on Insurance and why you need it is also available.

Swine Flu Information

The National Pandemic Flu Service (NPFS) which can be contacted on 0800 1513 100, provides this information:

- Patients at highest risk from swine flu include infants under one, people with serious immune problems, and pregnant women. The GP should be contacted if symptoms develop in these cases.
- Other people at risk from swine flu are children aged 1 to 5, people with long-term conditions, and those aged over 65. They are advised to contact the NPFS or their GP directly if their condition is deteriorating. The Swine Flu Information line is 0800 151513.
- Otherwise healthy people who have flu symptoms should call 0800 1 513 100, or visit www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu to access antivirals.
- If you are prescribed antivirals you will be given a Unique Authorisation Number, and asked to send a flu friend to an Antiviral Collection Point (ACP) to collect your medication.
- There are ACPs open in Worcester, Kidderminster, Redditch and Pershore. More will be opened as required.
- If you do not have a flu friend to collect your antiviral medication, you will be asked to contact your Primary Care Trust to make alternative arrangements for the delivery of your medication.



Wychavon Community Action Partnership

(a partnership between Droitwich Spa & Rural CVS and Evesham & Pershore Volunteer Centres)



Lottery Funding Success

Droitwich Spa and Rural Council for Voluntary Service officially started the Worcestershire Rural Outreach project funded by The BIG Lottery fund on 1st August 2009. We successfully applied for and were offered £434,190 over five years. The project will be delivered in partnership with six other organisations from the infrastructure consortium.

The rural outreach project will cover the rural areas of the county of Worcestershire and aim to provide new, good quality, sustainable infrastructure support service to rural based VCS organisations by 2014.

The project will address many of the reasons why these organisations have not utilised infrastructure support before, such as the lack of knowledge or understanding about the kind of support available to them and the lack of capacity within the existing infrastructure organisations to go out and identify additional groups and work with them. As a result of this additional support to the isolated groups we hope to strengthen them and in turn strengthen the local communities in which they work.

The project will employ two outreach development workers and two administrative support workers to provide the capacity and the specialist experience to work with the rural based VCS.

The staff team will be split into a north and south team. They will be hosted by existing infrastructure

agencies to ensure that they compliment and add value to the current infrastructure provision within the county. The bases will include Bromsgrove in the North of the county so they can access the rural areas around Bromsgrove, Wyre Forest and Redditch. In the south the main base will be Droitwich with hot desk facilities in Malvern to cover the significant rural areas of Malvern Hills and Wychavon districts.

The project activities will include the identification of new VCS organisations. To establish good relationships and communication, the methods used will be via written contact, telephone contact and especially through local outreach meetings in the villages. Once relationships are formed the next stage will be to provide the identified support to organisations in either developing their own group, building partnerships, sharing knowledge, engaging in activities such as parish planning development and delivery and their longer term sustainability. This will be achieved through regular information dissemination, fact sheets on different topics, outreach meetings in groups or one to one support meetings, training and briefings and signposting on to specialist agencies where appropriate or other organisations working in a similar field or with experience in an area of interest to the group.

For more information on the project please contact Carol Pratt, DCVS manager.
carolp@droitwichcvcs.org.uk

Voluntary & Community Sector Annual Conference

Tuesday 24th November 2009, 10am – 3pm
Worcester Rugby Football Club
Pitch View Suite

Come and find out how the National Association of Voluntary & Community Action provides a voice for the voluntary sector at national level and how the voluntary and community sector might respond to the

economic downturn.

Attendance is FREE and lunch and refreshments are included.

For a booking form and to sign up for the day please visit www.winc.org.uk/events or for further details please contact Jim Smith at wavocc@btconnect.com or tel: 01684 575545

Contact Details:

Evesham Volunteer Centre

Manager, Helen Gray, 01386 40165

Email: manager@eveshamvolunteers.org.uk

Pershore Volunteer Centre

Manager, Kate Walton, 01386 554299

Email: katew@pershorevolunteers.org

Droitwich Spa & Rural CVS

Manager, Carol Pratt, 01905 779115

Email: admin@droitwichcvcs.org.uk

Wychavon Rural Reach (A WCAP Project)

Development Worker, Clair Chittenden,

The Old Library Centre, 65 Ombersley St East,
Droitwich, WR9 8QS.

Tel: 01905 799569

Email: info@wcap.org.uk