Welcome to our new look newsletter for the new decade.

In this edition:

- Dates for your diary; all of our courses and events for the next two months with quick links for further information and sign up.
- Member/partner events and announcements
- Breaking news; a few headlines that we think you should be aware of.
- HR update
- Funding news
Dates for your diary

Here are events and courses in February and March. Just click on More information for full details including contacts and sign up:

- Unity Intermediate IT Skills training course. Starts Sat 3rd February for 4 weeks - More information
- ARTS and CRAFTS For People Living with Dementia and their Carers. Friday 7th February. More information
- 5 choirs concert at Romsey Abbey - 7 February More information
- Unity Wellbeing Showcase event - 12 February More information
- Functional skills IT training course - Starts 14 February for 11 weeks More information
- Emergency first aid course - 29 February More information
- Functional skills English Training Course. 3rd March for 11 weeks More information
- Unity Helping your community through Trusteeship forum 4th March See below
- Health and Safety Training Course 14th March More information
- Paediatric First Aid course - 21st and 28th March More information

New events and courses are being added all the time. To check our events calendar and see events further into the future, click here: Go to events

Highlighted event

Helping your community through trusteeship

Are you a Trustee? Thinking about becoming a Trustee?

This is a FREE interactive event with speakers on a range of related topics:

- Finance and Governance
- The things I wish I had known
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Wednesday 4th March 2020 at Stockbridge Town Hall SO29 6HW
Everyone welcome.

Contact christianne.lreland@unityonline.org.uk or call us on 0330 4004 116

Future events

• **Sustainability Family Fun Day** – Calling All Groups!

  We are inviting community organisations and local businesses who are providing recycling or environmental services, to participate in a Sustainability Family Fun Day.

  Unity and the Members of UK Men’s Sheds are planning a sustainability event to promote a new way of living in the future. This event will take place in Vigo Park, Andover on Saturday 19th September 2020 and in partnership with a range of other organisations including Co-op, Andover Radio and Test Valley Borough Council. This day promises to promote more environmentally friendly ways to help to enhance our local environment, save the earth and improve everyday lives.

  If your organisation is interested in participating in this exciting day please contact the Unity team on 0330 4004 116 or email info@unityonline.org.uk to book your space.

Member and partner announcements

• Winchester based dance charity **Momentum** has launched a dance company for wheelchair users called **Liberate Dance Community**. Find out more by clicking this link: [Go to announcement](#)

• **This Girl Can** - **Places Leisure** have started a women only swim session between now and April at Andover Leisure Centre, this is in response to identified local demand. Find out more : [Go to announcement](#)

• On Tuesday February 18 **Andover Homemakers Club** will be hosting a Social Afternoon between 2pm to 4pm at St Ann's Hall in Suffolk Rd, Romsey. Pop along just for a chat or enjoy a quiz, games, and a mini Bring and Buy stall. To find out more call Jacky Hutchins on Andover 323520
VCSE Sector news

- **New Government Portal.** The Government has announced a new portal offering guidance to charities on handling safeguarding allegations. Click to access the portal [Go to portal](#).

- **Hampshire Library service needs you.** Help shape Hampshire’s library service for the future - Hampshire County Council is asking people who live, work and study in Hampshire to have their say on proposed changes to libraries. Get more information and have your say [Go to article](#).

- **Hampshire CVS network has launched its online resource directory.** It's called the Hampshire CVS Network Resources Directory for the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE) funnily enough and it contains information about online and digital sources of support to help the VCSE to:
  - Promote themselves online (fundraising platforms, online information directories, and web-hosting)
  - Source guidance about setting up, funding, and running a voluntary/community/social enterprise organisation
  - Broaden their fundraising options
  - Raise their profile to Hampshire residents
  - Recruit and support volunteers
  - Manage online payments
  - Source goods and services at reduced cost

Why not check it out now by clicking this link: [Go to resource directory](#).

Hampshire CVS network would value your feedback. To find out why and how click on this link: [Go to announcement](#).
social enterprises and voluntary groups who employ people. Sonia removes the complexities around employment issues and understands your unique needs, unlike many other HR consultancies.

Sonia provides free HR telephone advice every Wednesday 10:00-12:00. So if you have a people issue and would like to discuss it with an HR professional, then contact Sonia on the details below.

Contact details: Email: populohr@btinternet.com
Tel: 07584 731420
Web: www.populo.org.uk

**HR update January 2020**

Populo have identified upcoming developments in employment legislation which may affect your organisation and employees in the year ahead. To read about them, click this link: [Go to update]

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**Funding update**

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We issue a monthly bulletin to publicise funding opportunities. If you don't see it, you are welcome to subscribe. Just email us at info@unityonline.org.uk. Or you can access the latest edition by clicking here: [Go to funding newsletter]

Meanwhile, to whet your appetite, here's one of this month's highlights:

![30 years of action planning]

Funding consultants Action Planning are celebrating 30 years serving the not-for-profit sector by "giving away" 56 consultancy packages worth, on average, £2000
These ‘Pearls of Wisdom’ reflect our consultants’ vast range of expertise and experience in the areas of Governance and Strategy, Fundraising and Marketing, and People and Practice. They range from facilitated workshops to research and reviews; from creative services to coaching and mentoring.

Applications should be made by 15th March.

To find out more click this link to take you to the Action Planning announcement on their website: Go to action planning

That's it for now.....

We hope you've found this useful. For the future we plan to link this email to our social media platforms so you can easily share eNews with your network or follow us on social media. Watch this space.

Please do get in touch if you have feedback, or just need our help. At the very least, we'll be back with another eNews next month.

Best wishes

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