



# Voluntary Action Vale Royal



## November 2010

### **Spending Review leaves Big Society some even bigger questions says Directory of Social Change**

Policy decisions announced in the Comprehensive Spending Review have left a host of unanswered questions for charities, according to the Directory of Social Change.

Charities today are no nearer to knowing how resources might be distributed. A figure of £470m has been announced to support capacity building in the voluntary and community sector, but could be split any number of ways between a range of priorities.

Debra Allcock Tyler, DSC's Chief Executive, said 'the headline decisions have been made, but it will be some time until we know the full implications. The most important decisions for most charities will come from the reaction of Local Authorities, in the wake of significant cuts to their settlements.'

Charities will also be struggling to get to grips with radical reforms to welfare and criminal justice, and to provide support to the individuals they exist to help.

Allcock Tyler went on to issue a rallying call, arguing that the voluntary sector's campaigning role would become more important. 'Whether you agree or disagree with the Government's programme, charities are the ones who are equipped to respond. Now is not the time to hold your tongue just because you need that government grant or contract. Now is the time to speak out openly and truthfully about how these changes affect your beneficiaries.'

DSC is working on a full response to the CSR, which will be included in its newsletter published on 27th October.

It has also called on the Government to develop a [Fair Deal on Grants](#) that would reform public funding for charities, as part of its forthcoming white paper on commissioning.

**For more information please contact [Richard Lee](#), Directory of Social Change or phone (020 7391 4881, 0797 008 7207).**

## Trustees – support from NCVO

### Free trustee recruitment site

Trustee Bank is a free, easy-to-use service where you can advertise or view trustee vacancies. Get support with your organisation's recruitment and induction practices to make you more successful with your trustee recruitment. Trustee Bank also features information on how to become a trustee to encourage more people to be involved and to help you in your role on a trustee board.

For more visit [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/trusteebank](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/trusteebank).

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### Diversify your trustee board

If you are looking to diversify your trustee board then Trustees Unlimited has a bank of over 1,000 individuals interested in becoming trustees. With details of people from across the public, private and voluntary sector who have a variety of functional backgrounds, Trustees Unlimited can help you to attract a diverse pool of potential trustees.

For more visit [www.trustees-unlimited.co.uk/ncvo/](http://www.trustees-unlimited.co.uk/ncvo/).

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### Supporting your trustee recruitment

We have a range of free resources to help you with your trustee recruitment:

#### *Good Practice in Trustee Recruitment Toolkit*

This free toolkit outlines the key steps in the trustee recruitment lifecycle to help your organisation recruit and induct trustees and management committee members. It includes templates and tips to make the process as easy as possible for you. Download the toolkit.

#### *Trustee Recruitment Resources for smaller organisations*

We have a number of resources designed specifically for the needs of smaller organisations. They include six easy steps and 10 downloadable templates to help your organisation overcome the issues associated with recruiting trustees to smaller organisations. Find out more.

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## **If you think you have been discriminated against because of your race, age, gender, disability, sexuality or faith**

Tackling discrimination and giving individuals a remedy has always been an important part of what we do at Cheshire, Halton and Warrington Race and Equality Centre (CHAWREC).



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### RACE & EQUALITY CENTRE

In the last year, CHAWREC expanded the existing race discrimination service which focused on race, to one which deals with all areas of discrimination ie race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, age, disability and gender. Thus covering all areas of discrimination, whether it be in employment, services, education, public services or housing.

We have been very successful in representing a number of clients who have been discriminated against in both employment and non employment cases.

If you think you may have been discriminated against please contact us for free advice. We will look at your case and advise you of the next steps we will take on your behalf. Our service is free and there are no hidden charges.

We are also offering surgeries across the area and encourage organisations interested in offering space for same to contact us.

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**Cheshire West and Chester LINK and Mind in Chester  
invite you to attend our event at  
the Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Whitchurch Rd,  
Christleton, Chester CH3 5QL  
Wed 1st Dec 2010  
10am - 3pm**

## **Challenging Stigma in Employment**

**Every year UK businesses lose £26 billion  
and 70 million working days because of  
conditions like workplace stress**

**Reduced turnover, improved staff performances  
and efficiencies – this event might help you  
achieve a better workplace**

**Lunch and refreshments will be provided**

**For more information and to confirm your attendance please call  
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**If you are an organisation who would like to hold an information  
stall at the event please contact Jacky at the details above or  
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