
The Volunteer Centre Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire

**My names Albert, I'm alone, and thanks to
Derbyshire County Council I'll be staying that way!
Merry Christmas?**



Funding

A couple of weeks ago Derbyshire County Council voted to remove all discretionary funding. This meant funding to the Voluntary Sector and various care homes was removed. There were objections and the decision was called in, but the scrutiny committee passed it anyway.

I hope they are proud of their decision. I hope they sleep comfortably now that thousands of elderly people are deprived of vital services. I'm not going to mince my words here - but I think they should be ashamed of themselves.

The Irony!



Oh how ironic! Derbyshire County Council remove all funding to voluntary organisations and then advertise for volunteers.

Who knows one day someone will invent Volunteer Centres.....

Oh wait.....

The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025



You will be delighted to know that given the favourable feedback we received concerning our question regarding the future of the Voluntary Sector Awards we have decided to continue. Waaaaa Haaaay we here you all scream!!! And scream you should.

We are currently working on a new nominations form to make things simpler for nominating, and this will be available in a week or so.

However up to then you can use the old one if you wish.

We never stop turning down nomination forms so if you want to get one in now then please feel free, alternatively you can always give me a call regarding a potential nomination you'd like to make and we can discuss it.

You can nominate under the following categories:

- Young Volunteer of the year
- Volunteer of the year
- Long Service Volunteer
- Employee of the year
- Trustee of the year
- Team of the year
- Most Innovative Project
- Small/ Medium Organisation of the year
- Large Organisation of the year

Keep your eyes peeled on our newsletters for more information.

Please send any nomination forms to -

info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk .

Joined Up Care Derbyshire

We want to hear from you



Take part in our survey to improve women's health in Derby and Derbyshire



Joined Up Care Derbyshire is working in partnership with Community Action Derby and Links CVS to learn more about women's health. They want to know:

- What women know about women's health issues.
- Women's experiences with health services around women's health.
- How women prefer to access health services and get information.
- How women prefer to communicate about their health issues and available health services

The survey takes around 5 minutes to complete. Feedback from the survey will be collated into a report. You can learn more on our Engagement Platform.

Complete the survey here: [Improving Women's Health in Derby and Derbyshire Survey 2024](#)

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Tj-UM27l-0uzZjflDjzze7pX8Tt1ilxFqcFOvv0hZIZUMzZRTkdFSkxINjFMTkILRzZXQIVYOTIUUi4u&route=shorturl>



Royal Association for Deaf people



Advocacy in Derbyshire

RAD and Cloverleaf are working to support people with health and social care needs
Providing Independent Advocacy to deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing people in Derbyshire



An advocate will help you to:

Represent your views, decisions and wishes

Make sure you know your rights

Look at your options/choices

Help you to feel in control and empowered

Access and understand information by translating written English into BSL

Make sure reasonable adjustments are made

**Our advocates are either deaf themselves or fluent in British Sign Language (BSL).
Please email or send a BSL video to: advocacy@royaldeaf.org.uk**

Cloverleaf Advocacy | www.cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk | 01422 849 589 | referrals@cloverleaf-advocacy.co.uk

Royal Association for Deaf people | www.royaldeaf.org.uk | 0300 688 2525
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LGBT+

FAMILY GROUP

FREE, THEMED MONTHLY SESSIONS FOR LGBT+ FAMILIES OF ANY SHAPE AND SIZE TO CONNECT.

11-1PM ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
AT 51 RUTLAND ROAD, CHESTERFIELD, S40 1ND



BOOKING IS REQUIRED, EMAIL SONIA AT [SONIAT@DERBYSHIRELGBT.ORG.UK](mailto:soniat@derbyshirelgbt.org.uk)
OR CALL 01332 207 704



Storytime and craft sessions

In an LGBT+ inclusive atmosphere run by Derbyshire
LGBT+ Families Worker Sonia

11:00 – 12:00 Weds 4th, 11th and 18th December

At Riverside Library

Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS

Got Questions? Want to join?

Email Families Worker Sonia at
soniat@derbyshirelgbt.org.uk

Or call 01332 207704





PARENTS, CARERS AND RELATIVES SOCIAL

FREE SOCIAL FOR LGBT+ FAMILY MEMBERS TO CHAT, SEEK ADVICE, AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS WHO ARE, OR HAVE BEEN ON A SIMILAR JOURNEY.

6-7.30PM ON TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER
ONLINE VIA TEAMS

EMAIL SONIAT@DERBYSHIRELGBT.ORG.UK
TO BOOK ON AND RECEIVE THE LINK



WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY

JOIN OUR FREE EVENT FOR LGBT+ FAMILIES OF ANY SHAPE AND SIZE. ALL AGES ARE WELCOME - BRING YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY!



2.30-5.30PM ON SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER
2.30-5.30PM ON SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER
AT 25 CURZON STREET, DERBY, DE1 1LH

YOU CAN DROP IN FOR A BIT, STAY THE ENTIRE SESSION, OR JOIN BOTH DAYS IF YOU WISH!

TO BOOK ON, EMAIL FAMILIES WORKER SONIA AT SONIAT@DERBYSHIRELGBT.ORG.UK



HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:



a hot meal
(vegan and gluten free options)

craft activities
and facepaint

games and
puzzles

grounding
activities

storytime
and films





All Words All Actions All Weathers

Conference and Exhibition



20th March
to the
21st March
2025

A Conference and Exhibition on Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in the VCSE sector.

Register to reserve your free ticket!

Thursday 20th March 2025 10am to 4pm to Friday 21st March 2025 10am to 4pm

Place: Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Road, Rosliston, Swadlincote, DE12 8JX

Please join us for the FREE, Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector conference and exhibition focussing on Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. The event will be held in the beautiful Rosliston Forestry Centre', the 10 acre home to kestrels, owls and kingfishers as well as bats and butterflies.

This year, the event will run over two days:

Day 1 Thursday 20th March 2025 10am to 4pm

This day will be a packed schedule of performances, workshops, demonstrations, whilst also providing opportunities to see an abundance of creative work. You will be able to meet the artists and people presenting the papers. There will also be a chance to learn more about the VCSE sector, speak to an array of organisations and have a chance to refresh the mind whilst exploring the environment of Rosliston Forestry.

Day 2 Friday 21st March 2025 10am to 4pm

This non-formal conference day will start off with refreshments and lively discussion with fellow attendees, followed by a programme of exciting and cutting edge, inspirational speakers. A small buffet lunch will be provided on this day, with an opportunity to explore the great Derbyshire grounds and see the creative work from the sector.

For any queries please contact Dr Melanie Hani

Email melanie.hani@derbyshire.gov.uk

To reserve your place click here or go to <https://awaaaw25.eventbrite.co.uk>

