

# *the* ECHO

The newsletter of The Volunteer Centre  
Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire

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Happy New Year.

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# FUNDRAISING MASTERCLASS

WITH ANNA CLYNE

- 7 JAN Unlocking Opportunities
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TUESDAY MORNINGS  
9:30AM - 10:15AM

BOOK NOW



**FREE\*** for Community, Voluntary or Third Sector organisations & groups in Derbyshire and Derby City provided by Derbyshire Voluntary Action. We are particularly keen to welcome participants who work within community hubs.



## Facing the Future Together: Introducing DVA's Fundraising Masterclass

With the recent cuts to discretionary funding announced by Derbyshire County Council, charities, community groups, and voluntary organizations across Derbyshire face an unprecedented challenge. At Derbyshire Voluntary Action, we've heard the concerns of our members loud and clear. The question is: how do we keep delivering vital services with reduced financial support?

In direct response to the needs of our members, we are thrilled to launch our Fundraising Masterclass Training & Tea series, kicking off in January 2025. This series is designed to equip VCSE groups with the tools and confidence to unlock new funding opportunities, align their missions with funder priorities, and craft standout applications that make an impact. Join us online for a bitesize training session that will set you up for the year!



## **Hardwick Hall Outdoor Volunteering Recruitment Event-**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan (weather permitting) 10am-12:30pm, Hardwick park centre** for anyone interested in volunteering outdoors at Hardwick. Please ask them to apply through the website, or email [volunteering.hardwick@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteering.hardwick@nationaltrust.org.uk) to confirm attendance, and share location etc

**Some Opportunitites closing January 10th 2025**

Garden - [myvolunteering - National Trust](#)

Ranger-[myvolunteering - National Trust](#)

Discover With Us- [myvolunteering - National Trust](#)

## The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025



When you get a few minutes, it might be worth thinking about the Staff and Volunteers that have made your organisation tick.

Perhaps they deserve a nomination to The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025! Full category list below - don't be shy.

- 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](mailto:info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk) .



# 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](mailto:melanie.hani@derbyshire.gov.uk)

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



# Volunteering for Cruse Bereavement Support Chesterfield

If you are looking for a new challenge next year, are a good listener and keen to learn, consider volunteering for Cruse Bereavement Support.

As a volunteer, you can make a huge difference to bereaved people

Learn new skills and make new friends

Full training is provided and you'll be given access to professional development

To find out more, come to our information event on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm

All the facts can be found here:  
<https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/>



**Cruse** Bereavement Support

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