Supporting Voluntary & Community Groups

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What is Links?

Links is the short title of “Links: the Chesterfield & North East Derbyshire Council for Voluntary Service and Action Limited” (CVS)

Links provides support to voluntary organisations and community groups operating in the local government districts of Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire.

Links also leads projects and works in partnership across a wider area of Derbyshire.

FREE SERVICES

- Starting a group
- Organisational Development
- Constitutions
- Charity Registration
- Legal status
- Roles & Responsibilities of management committees
- Insurance
• Policies - what policies do you need to show that you are running an effective organisation

• Employing staff - understanding employment law and how to recruit and manage staff

• Funding Advice – discuss what you need funding for and we will try to find you the right funder and give you help to complete the application

You can access this help in several different ways:

• Telephone the office and arrange to speak with our Advice & Project Manager

• Email us on linkscvs@btconnect.com

• Look on our website www.linkscvs.org.uk

• Attend training & events which are advertised through our email bulletins
Who Pays?
Core funding is received from:

Chesterfield Borough Council

Derbyshire County Council

North East Derbyshire District Council

Project funding is received from:

Derbyshire County Council
Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group
Fees for training & consultancy

Partnership working with a variety of agencies across Chesterfield & Derbyshire
The objective of the project is to provide a two-way communication channel in which:

- BME community groups are actively engaged with Derbyshire County Council and providing feedback on the council’s policy and service developments.

- DCC has a better understanding of the needs of BME communities and is responding to these in service delivery across Derbyshire.

- BME Community groups are actively engaged with Clinical Commissioning Groups delivering contracts and providing feedback about services.

There are three key elements to the project:

1. The project will facilitate the establishment and development of a BME consultative and advisory ‘forum’ representing BME communities across the county. This network will comprise two local forums.

2. The provision of one-to-one capacity building and mentoring for BME groups. The aim of this is to assist BME groups in becoming more aware of the county council’s existing policies and services; raising issues and concerns; and gathering feedback from their communities.

3. Identify and empower new emerging BME communities to take part.
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Name:

Group:

Address:

Tel:
Email:

Format needed:
This service is free of charge and there are many benefits including:-

- Weekly e-bulletin featuring local events and news from the Voluntary & Community Sector.

- Weekly funding bulletin featuring the latest local and national funding opportunities.

- Updates on employment law, news from the Charity Commission and information from other legal or regulatory bodies will also be circulated regularly.

- Our quarterly newsletter Linksline

- Free training events

If you wish to join our database and receive this information please go to: http://linkscvs.org.uk/node/102 or contact us at the office on:

Tel: 01246 274844
Email: linkscvs@btconnect.com
Updates from voluntary organisations and community groups

We welcome groups wanting to share their latest news such as new services, activities, and up and coming events. If you are interested please email us the information and we will try to include it in the next issue of Linksline. However, we reserve the rights to vet any information sent to us and to refuse publishing information which may contradict Links’ central value or compromise Links’ charitable and company status.