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1. NEWS

1.1 Holiday entitlement

The Government has proposed that all businesses must offer employees 24 days holiday a year (including public holidays) from 1 October 2007 and 28 days from 1 October 2008. More details are available from:

<http://www.dti.gov.uk/consultations/page36462.html>.

1.2 CRB price freeze

For the first time the Criminal Records Bureau is announcing unchanged prices for the year ahead. Fees for 2007 - 2008 will be as follows:

Standard CRB check	£31.00
Enhanced CRB check	£36.00

1.3 *United by Sports* – case studies wanted

CCPR and the Association for Physical Education are currently assisting a European project on using sport and recreation as a tool for social integration and anti-racism initiatives. The outcome of 'United by Sports' will be a booklet profiling case studies from participating countries (including the UK) and a website providing information and good guidance.

As well as gaining European recognition for their work, featured organisations/projects will be invited to attend an all-expenses-paid event in Germany.

If you feel that your organisation has a project/programme that should be included, please send details to Judith Wood at jwood@ccpr.org.uk.

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2. FINANCE UPDATE

2.1 Management and leadership training

The Leadership and Management project is aimed at supporting eligible leaders and senior managers to enhance their business building and leadership skills.

An appointed skills broker will visit your organisation to discuss personal business skills, business aspirations and development needs. The skills broker then reviews your personal action plan and supports you by finding appropriate courses and learning opportunities.

To be eligible for this scheme, businesses must be based in London and have no more than 250 employees.

For further information about the project contact Kathryn Brockbank call 01707 3988204 or email at l+mlondon@exemplas.com.

2.2 Bursaries available through Boards Count

If your organisation's income is less than £500,000 per annum, you could be eligible for a bursary on the NCVO Governance Hub-supported study programme from Boards Count. It allows participants to compare their organisation with others and to find out how to make a board function more effectively.

For more visit: www.boardscount.com or call the freephone helpdesk on 0800 652 4886.

3. EVENTS AND COURSES

3.1 Sport management seminar for women

4-7 June - Switzerland

This four-day education programme aims to provide women in sport management with a solid understanding of the key skills that are needed to pursue a successful career within international sport. The programme includes relevant and detailed case studies, interactive workshops and lectures.

For more information or to book a place at the event contact Paola Simone on +41 21 693 8593 or email paola.simone@aists.org.

3.2 Drugs and substance misuse

15 March 2007

This free course is designed to inform participants about substance misuse and includes information on levels of use within the UK, Government policy, and legal issues for both drug users and those working with young people. Participants will gain knowledge about drugs and the law on drugs. They will have a clear idea of how their own work fits into the government strategy and what services exist to support drug users.

For more information and to book a place at this event call Ross Matthews on 020 8556 5973.

3.3 Community Sports work level 3

6, 13 & 20 March 2007

This free course is designed to increase participants' knowledge and understanding of the community, networking within the community and planning a community sports programme. The course is also designed to help attendees to communicate and build effective community relationships, and to manage conflict in a community sports context.

For more information and to book a place at this event call Ross Matthews on 020 8556 5973.

3.4 The Sprint Project

6, 13 & 20 March 2007

Sprint has been specifically designed by The London Community Sports Network for the youth and community sports workforce. This programme will focus on three vocational areas:

- Sports & Physical Activity Leadership
- Youth & Community Work
- Project Management

Sprint will offer 500 learners from across every London borough the opportunity to access accredited and non-accredited courses, providing informal learning opportunities with seminars, short workshops and masterclasses.

For more information about the Sprint Project contact Denise Lake at denise.lake@locsp.org or Ross Matthews on ross.matthews@locsp.org.

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3.5 Free business seminars

Various dates

Croner Consulting are running a series of free seminars throughout the UK. These seminars are aimed at business/organisation directors and owners, covering fundamental employment and health and safety issues.

Key topics covered are:

- Discrimination Laws
- Employee Rights
- Fire regulations
- Tribunals

For more information contact call 01455 897 149 or email seminars@croner.co.uk.

3.6 Charities Act Seminars

Bates Wells & Braithwaite are running two free seminars on the Charities Act.

For more information visit: <http://www.bateswells.co.uk/Updates/Detail.aspx?UpdateID=115&Location=2&ID=1>

3.7 Influencing, lobbying, campaigning

Various dates, March 2007

NCVO are running training events aimed to equip attendees with practical skills needed for successful lobbying, influencing and campaigning.

For more information visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/ce/events.

3.8 ICT Hub National Conference

28 March 2007

If you deliver services directly to people and need some guidance in your use of technology, this conference is for you. Suitable for small and medium sized organisations, the workshops are designed for differing levels of knowledge of ICT, and for organisations at all stages.

For more information and to book visit: www.ictHub.org.uk/Conferences/National_Conference_2007.html.

The CCPR is the voice for sport and recreation in the UK. If you have any comments or would like further details on any of the news included in the CEOs e-Forum, please contact Shyeshia Lewis on 020 7854 8577 or slewis@ccpr.org.uk

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4. NOTICE BOARD

4.1 Do you know the value of your rights?

Mike Lewis, a Senior Rights Negotiator at BBC Sport, who has worked for the Corporation for nearly 25 years, is leaving at the end of April to work as a consultant in sports rights and programming. He has extensive knowledge of the rights market and the opportunities offered by the latest technology.

If you are looking to gain maximum value from your rights or would just like to talk about the rapidly changing face of the media world, contact Mike at mike-lewis@beeb.net or on 07850 762259.

4.2 Funding and finance for voluntary and community organisations

This free pocket guide gives a snap-shot of sector funding. With basic exercises, it is the ideal primer for very small organisations who are new to the concept of sustainable funding.

To download a free copy visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp/Introductory-Pack or request a hard copy by emailing sfp@ncvo-vol.org.uk.

4.3 A Practical Guide to the Charities Acts

Stephen Lloyd and a team of specialist charity lawyers from Bates Wells & Braithwaite have written a book on the new Charities Act.

The book steers readers through the new law and highlights when the changes are expected to take effect. Structured to reflect the practical issues faced by charities, each chapter covers changes introduced by the 2006 Act and the relevant provisions of the 1992 and 1993 Charities Acts.

The book is priced at £39.

For more information, and to order a copy, see the Jordans website www.jordanpublishing.co.uk/Publications/catDetails.aspx?productID=367

4.4 Looking for help with your organisation's ICT?

The ICT Hub Suppliers Directory is now available. Search this free online directory to find suppliers of ICT products and services to the voluntary and community sector in England.

For more information visit <http://directory.ictHub.org.uk>.