



SOUTH AND VALE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR FORUM

Wednesday 14 March 2018

Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot, OX11 7NE

Training Sessions

You can choose to attend two training sessions out of the four offered. Although this is a free event we do need you to reserve your place to secure your two training sessions. Please note that this year we need you to book a place for the training sessions before the day of the forum, at the time you register.

Places are offered on a first come first served basis. To register for the event and book your two workshops and afternoon facilitation session please visit <https://southandvale-vcsforum2018.eventbrite.co.uk>

Finding volunteers, beyond the usual suspects

This session encourages you to ask how can we get more people involved in our communities? Are you finding it difficult to get new people involved in your local community? Are many of the positions of responsibility within your community held by only a few?

The session will share ideas from previous events involving over 90 local people and your input will feed into Community First's toolkit for engagement.

Trainer(s): *Fiona Mullins - Development Project Manager Hilary Lombard – Community Mobiliser
(Community First Oxfordshire)*

Miriam Chappell – Volunteer Co-ordinator – (Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action)

Fiona works with CFO to support thriving communities. Previously, Fiona was Research and Intelligence Team Leader at Oxfordshire County Council, managing demographic and socio-economic analyses and presenting research data to inform policy and service delivery. Fiona is also initiator of a neighbourhood time-bank scheme and a community housing project.

Hilary works with CFO as the Community Mobiliser to support community action. Her role includes work with local communities to develop Community-Led Plans. In previous roles, she has worked in the statutory and voluntary sectors in both rural and urban settings. She has worked as a senior manager in a local authority strategy and policy unit and has been a Trustee of a national community development charity.

Miriam works at OCVA as the Volunteer Centre Coordinator for Oxford City, South Oxfordshire, and the Vale of White Horse. Miriam supports people in these areas to find volunteer placements and helps organisations to get the most out of their volunteers. Miriam previously coordinated a volunteer-led mental health charity, working closely with trustees to develop governance and strategy, coordinating and recruiting volunteers, and supporting the development of a volunteer committee. Her previous experience includes coordinating student volunteers for UK universities and supporting lone workers.

Improving your chances of funding from a funders perspective

This session will share and show how you can improve your chances of receiving funding from a funders perspective. You will deep dive into thinking...

Eligibility – are you eligible for funding from funder? Governance, finance and policies in order?
What is the need? Why should you be funded? Is anybody else doing this work?
What is the benefit / impact? How will you meet the need? How will you measure and report the change?
Budget – is your project / organisation efficient? Could it be cheaper to run in partnership with others?

Trainer: Simon Barnard – Community Impact Analyst (Oxfordshire Community Foundation)

Simon has worked with the community foundation for four years. He researched and produced 'Oxfordshire Uncovered' which analysed the needs of the county. Simon works in the grants team at OCF, assessing applications for the grants panel, and analysing the impact of the grants made.

MOT for your organisation: What have you got and what do you need?

This is the session to uncover just how healthy your organisation is. It is fit for purpose? The session will explore *are you meeting all legal requirements? Are you managing staff and volunteers? Are your policies and procedures including risk assessments up to date? Are you reviewing priorities and training needs?* This session will help you identify what you need to do to become a 'healthy' organisation and give you templates to help.

Trainer(s): John Haynes – Groups Development Officer, Angela Cristofoli - Business Development Officer (Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action)

John started working in the voluntary sector for a rural Mental Health charity in Wales. He was then recruited by the local CVS to cover Brecknockshire as a community and organisational development worker. After working in Wales for ten years he moved to the South East of England where he currently fulfils a similar role at OCVA.

Angela has worked in the Health Service and Local Authorities before joining the voluntary sector. Angela has a wealth of experience in community development and engagement as well as management of people and projects. She is now using her experience and knowledge to help support and develop groups within the voluntary sector.

Marketing: using social media to project your organisation and get noticed

Are you using social media to get your organisation noticed? It is working? Are you using the right digital channels to reach the right audience? How are you engaging with them and are you measuring all that work?

Social Media is a key part of communication in 2018 and this session will give you action points and tips to ensure you are making more effective use of this key communication channel.

Trainer: Mary Thomas

Mary Thomas, Director of Concise Training, has been training and consulting with businesses and charities of all sizes since 2009 in the uses and implementation of social media and digital marketing. She has written and delivers accredited social media and digital marketing qualifications for City & Guilds as well as being a published author and public speaker.