



# Volunteering Bulletin

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# LATEST NEWS

**Giving White Paper—What did it say?** The recently-published Giving White Paper says that whilst Britons are already generous there is evidence that shows levels of giving time and money have flat-lined in recent years. The Paper aims to renew Britain's culture of philanthropy by working with charities and businesses to support new ways for people to contribute which fit into busy modern lives. Commitments in the Giving White Paper include all Ministers committing themselves to a one-day volunteering challenge!



**Furnistore East Surrey** Throughout August Furnistore is having an IT amnesty. You can bring in your old PCs, monitors, printers and other accessories (routers, scanners etc.) for wiping and refurbishment by one of their sister SRN members who will then find it a new home. There are some restrictions, they cannot take Apple Macs and the PC or laptop must be capable of supporting Windows XP as a minimum. All printers must contain some toner or ink and they ask that each printer is supplied with a test page. Please visit their website [www.furnistore.co.uk](http://www.furnistore.co.uk) for further information.

**CSV Make a Difference Day - 29 October 2011.** This autumn make sure you get involved in Make a Difference Day, the UK's biggest day of volunteering! Last year more than 70,000 volunteers were involved in over 2,000 activities, ranging from renovating homeless shelters to creating community gardens, teaching IT skills or helping housebound neighbours. This year's campaign will focus on activities that combat loneliness and isolation in society. Organising an event is a great way to raise the profile of what you do and encourage first-time volunteers to get involved. Free resources to help and inspire organisers and participants include a Handbook packed with tips and advice, How-to Guides, t-shirts, certificates and more! The day takes place on 29 October, with activities between 22 October and 6 November. For more information visit: [www.csv.org.uk/difference](http://www.csv.org.uk/difference), call them on Freephone: 0800 284 533 or email: [difference@csv.org.uk](mailto:difference@csv.org.uk)

**Laughter Yoga Leader Course & Free Taster Sessions** Lifebulb are offering a course for those who would like to become a Certified Laughter Yoga Leader. They are also offering free sessions for those who would like to find out more about Laughter Yoga during September. For more information on both the course and the free taster sessions, go to [www.lifebulb.org/laughter](http://www.lifebulb.org/laughter) or [www.yogaananda.co.uk/workshopDetail.php?id=237](http://www.yogaananda.co.uk/workshopDetail.php?id=237)

**The Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust** makes grants every quarter, with about 50 different registered charities benefiting each time. Priority is given to charities working in medical research, with children and the elderly, and those involved with the physically and/or mentally disabled. While these form the main focus, other charities, which Sir Cliff would also like to encourage, do receive help from time to time. Registered charities in the UK are eligible to apply for funding. The level of grants awarded is variable (there are no given maximum or minimum amounts), but are likely to be for smaller amounts. For more information contact: The Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust, c/o PO Box 46C, Esher, Surrey, KT10 0RB.

## EVENTS

**Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk in Godstone.** Come and support the local services of the Alzheimer's Society by joining in their sponsored Memory Walk on Sunday 18th September at Godstone Green. Walk commences at 11.30am. There will also be a BBQ, a beer tent from the Hogsback Brewery, face painting, tombola & games stalls and some magnificent Harley's to look at or even have you photo taken on one of them! The award winning Elvis tribute act, aka Paul Ritchie, will be performing on the green after the walkers return. For more information and to register for free please visit: [www.memorywalk.org.uk](http://www.memorywalk.org.uk)

**Queen Elizabeth's Foundation Mobility Centre** in Carshalton are holding open mornings on the following dates in 2011: 25<sup>th</sup> August, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 27<sup>th</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> November. There will usually be a presentation and a chance to have a tour of the Centre and its facilities and to ask any questions you may have. They also provide a wide variety of training courses on upcoming dates for healthcare professionals and others in the area of disability. For more information please contact us.

## EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERING

### Goldshield Pharmaceuticals Makes a Difference

Our Volunteer Centre is delighted to have linked Diana Francis House, Caterham a supported housing scheme for people with disabilities with Croydon based Goldshield Pharmaceuticals, who were looking for a community day in July.

Their team of volunteers worked hard refreshing the house and gardens which had become very tired and was in urgent need of some tender, loving care. With an open day coming up in September, Diana Frances House were very pleased with the support given.

They had a brilliant day with the Goldsheld team and the house has been transformed; their hard work has made it look so welcoming and cared for.

Maryam, Sue (support workers), Drew, Andrew, Malcolm and Kyle (tenants) and all the IHOT Trustees would like to say a huge THANK YOU, to Goldshield and all the team members, and Volunteer Centre Reigate & Banstead; we hope to keep in touch with them.

**Lots of appreciation for a job well done!**

## OLYMPICS 2012

Inspiration and Legacy from the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games



**Britain wants your face!** A new project entitled "Faces of Britain" aims to collect 212 photographs of people from each area throughout Britain to commemorate the big events of 2012. These include the Olympics, Euro 2012 and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. To find out more and upload your face, go to: [www.facesofbritain.co.uk](http://www.facesofbritain.co.uk)



## LATEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Young Enterprise** are looking for volunteers go into schools for an hour a week for six months to facilitate and help students (14-18 year olds) set up and run their own Company. Also further programmes available catering for age group 11 and 14-15 year olds. Times: during school hours. Business background in any field will be preferred, however enthusiasm and commitment of greater value.

**Reigate & Redhill YMCA Youth Services** are looking to engage a group of local young people (aged 16-19) in a summer conservation project in Merstham on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am-1.30pm. For more information please contact us.

**Surrey Association For Visual Impairment (SAVI)** provides rehabilitation services for blind and partially sighted people which includes mobility, training communication classes and counseling. They are desperately looking for volunteers for their **Home Visitor/Befriender** opportunity. The role involves visiting a local elderly person or a person who is visually impaired regularly (ideally once a week) for one or two hours, to help relieve loneliness and feelings of isolation. It is a befriending role which may include helping with reading printed documents to the person, assisting with correspondence or bills, accompanying and or guide on walks. Times are flexible to volunteer and SAVI ask that volunteers can commit their time.

## EXECUTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

**Reigate & Banstead Women's Aid** are looking for a Finance Director, which is a key role in their organisation. They offer temporary, safe accommodation for women and children needing protection from all forms of domestic abuse. The Refuge has a finance worker who handles all the day to day work, including salaries, reporting requirements and prepares budgets. The Finance Director needs to understand accounting and budgets, and should be able to advise the finance worker and the committee. The time commitment would be monthly committee meetings, a visit to the Refuge about once a month and occasional phone calls or emails. This is an exciting time, as they are considering a merger with a complementary organisation and finance is a key issue. They would want the Finance Director to be involved in the discussions following the feasibility study, and be aware of due diligence issues.

**Reigate & Banstead Voluntary Service** are looking for Trustees/Directors. If you have experience in either business, charity, or similar executive boards, or would like to be able to positively influence Reigate & Banstead Borough's Voluntary Services please get in touch.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**ProHelp** provides free professional advice and support to local community groups and voluntary organisations. They aim to ensure community groups can access free professional help and advice with issues which might otherwise hinder their work and projects. For full details of the range of services offered and how to apply, visit:

[www.bitc.org.uk/community/employee\\_volunteering/prohelp/community\\_getting\\_support/index.html](http://www.bitc.org.uk/community/employee_volunteering/prohelp/community_getting_support/index.html)

**For more information about any of the above please do get in touch. Contact Lisa Irwin, Volunteer Centre Administrator**  
**[Email:lisa@rbcvs.org.uk](mailto:lisa@rbcvs.org.uk) Tel: 01737 762115**

### **Opening Times**

*Monday - Friday from 10am - 3pm. An informal interview is available by prior arrangement.*



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