

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2010

Volunteer Week Reach out to new people



Volunteer Week runs from Tuesday 1 June to Monday 7 June, so get ready to celebrate your volunteers and all they do for you...as well as hopefully finding a few more!

The annual UK and Channel Islands event celebrates the contribution that millions of volunteers make to society and inspires others to get involved.

In Jersey there is a lot planned:

- Speed Dating (see opposite)
- Notice boards advertising members' vacancies in all major Co-op and Sandpiper stores. We will be asking for your volunteering opportunities soon.
- Volunteers out and about in town helping spread the word about what volunteering involves, what they get back, and the opportunities available. We are looking for people to cover lunchtimes 12-2pm from Tuesday 1 to Friday 4 June and would like as many different charities represented as possible. If you have any volunteers willing to get involved for an hour or two on any of the days, contact Lyn Roach at info@jerseycharities.org or 840138, giving names and contact details.

Behind the scenes at the JEP

Ever wondered where your local newspaper comes from and how it's all put together? The Jersey Evening Post is offering members a guided tour of their offices at Five Oaks and show you a print run as well as giving you some advice on how to get your stories and events printed. Email Lyn Roach on info@jerseycharities.org or call 840138, telling her how many people you'd like to go along.

Have you tried speed dating?

As a grand finale to Volunteer Week (see opposite) we have a novel way for members to recruit volunteers...speed dating!

Volunteer Speed Dating will be held on Saturday 5 June at the St Paul's Centre from 12-2pm. Charities will have one table each, and potential volunteers will have just three minutes at each table before moving to the next.

With just three minutes to 'sell' their organisation to each prospective volunteer, members will have to be quick, but it's a chance to meet plenty of people who are interested. It's also a chance for volunteers to meet several charities before pledging their time to the one(s) that are of most interest.

Want to take part? Members need two volunteers who are willing to sell their charity! Notes are allowed but we advise volunteers to be as chatty, interesting and humorous as possible; the event is designed to be a bit of fun and at the end of the session, people will be choosing the charity they most see themselves becoming a part of.

It will be first come first served to the members who want to take part and you'll need to sign up by Friday 28 May so please email Lyn Roach at info@jerseycharities.org or call her on 840138.

Would You Like Advice On Recruitment?



The Recruitment and Selection Master Class by Shelley Kendrick from Kendrick Rose has received very positive feedback from members. Many said it helped them ensure they were recruiting and selecting volunteers in the correct way. Many found the Interview Report Form particularly useful when interviewing staff and volunteers. If you didn't attend and would like an Interview Report Form, email Lyn Roach on info@jerseycharities.org or call 840138.



Annual returns: Are you missing out on donations or volunteers?



Are your contact details and organisational information on the AJC [website](#) up to date? If not, please edit them or let us know - we cannot add information without your permission, and there are new online facilities that you may not be using.

AJC's Lyn Roach said: "I strongly urge all members to send me their annual returns as soon as possible to ensure people can contact them. Even if you have your own website, the JAC website is still the first one that many people visit when looking for charities in Jersey. The contact pages have been specifically designed so you can keep them updated; if you don't know how to, please get in touch."

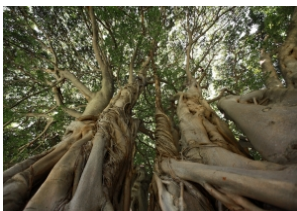
New online donation facility

On your charity's contact page there is now the facility for supporters to donate online, and this service can be promoted. This should be particularly useful for charities which aren't able to accept online donations on their own website.

New members and awarded grants

You can also pick up details of new members and the recently awarded grants from the AJC [website](#).

10,000 Trees For Life



Jersey Trees for Life have planted more than 10,000 trees this year for the first time in memory.

As part of the Jersey Hedgerow Campaign, they planted 5,265 hedging and tree whips (small hedging plants) in Grouville and St Clement to help the island's hedgehog community. In St Ouen and St Peter they planted 1,165 for the bat population and a further 3,500 were planted in other projects.

Michel Morel from Jersey Trees for Life said: "We are delighted to have planted so many trees this season, especially in light of the fact that we've not received any funding from the Countryside Renewal Scheme. We are especially grateful to all the organisations and individuals who have so kindly made donations."

Jersey Mencap Royal Square Event

Jersey Mencap, in collaboration with the Learning Disability Partnership Board, is holding an event in the Royal Square on Saturday 19 June from 10am to 4pm. There'll be information about all the services for people with learning disabilities, and representatives from service providers will be answering questions.

The Special Needs Inclusion Project



The Special Needs Inclusion Project run by the Jersey Child Care Trust provides one-to-one support to enable children with special needs to access private day nurseries and pre-schools.

Children are referred to the project by professionals, and about 60 professionals and children are involved, including 19 children currently being supported.

The project is charitably funded and costs £46,000 each year to run. For 2010 the project is funded primarily by the Buckingham Foundation and partners and staff at Ogier and, in addition, this year there has been a donation from The Scottish Society.

Fiona Vacher from the JCCT said: "The project is unique to Jersey and makes a real difference. Since 2000 it has grown progressively and now it's possible for every child who has special needs to access a mainstream private nursery. We are very fortunate to be able to provide this through the generous support from the private donations and grants we receive."

For more information contact the Jersey Child Care Trust at the Bridge Child and Family Centre, St Saviour on 629901 or info@jctt.org.je.

Wanted - your events and photos!

AJC website and emails are free ways of publicising your events, and we continually need new pictures from you to keep our grants, events and people [galleries](#) up to date. Send your diary dates, snap shots and information to info@jerseycharities.org.

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If you have any suggestions for August's AJC newsletter, please send them to: Lynsey Beahan, AOJC Newsletter Editor, PO Box 356, St Helier, Jersey, JE4 9YZ