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The newsletter of The Volunteer Centre
Chesterfield and NE Derbyshire

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The Voluntary Sector Awards 2025

It's coming soon!

There will be some changes this year as we look to make the Voluntary Sector Awards bigger and better than ever!

- We're having a revamp because
- We'd like to make it earlier in the year
- We'd like more nominations from organisations
- Make it a better experience for our Sponsors
- And leave you all wanting more

We've already received a couple of nominations, (it's good to see people getting ahead of the game) and we've also received several emails from Organisations asking for our new nomination form. If you would like the new form simply email –

Dave@chesterfieldvc.org.uk or Info@chesterfieldvc.org.uk

Keep your eyes peeled on our newsletters for more information.

Here is an example of some of the categories you can nominate for-

Young Volunteer of the year; Volunteer of the year; Long Service Volunteer;
Employee of the year; Trustee of the year; Team of the year; Most Innovative Project;
Organisation of the year.

The one thing we haven't decided on yet is a theme. Our personal favourites have been 'Woodstock' and 'Chicago' when you really let your imaginations run wild!

If anyone has an idea for a theme please let us know and if we choose your theme you'll get 4 free tickets!

The Voluntary Sector Awards celebrating excellence



The poster features a purple background with a green circle in the top left containing the SoBS logo. The main title 'SpeakOUT' is in large white font. Below it, the text 'A safe space to talk about LGBTQ+ suicide loss' is displayed. Two circular images on the right show hands clasped together and hands holding a rainbow heart. A green box at the bottom right contains contact information for more details.

SoBS
invites you to

SpeakOUT

A safe space to talk about **LGBTQ+** suicide loss

SpeakOUT is a free & confidential online peer-support group for anyone who identifies as LGBTQ+ who has lost a loved one to suicide. We also support the loved ones of an LGBTQ+ person who has died by suicide.

Meeting (virtually)
The last Monday of the month
7pm - 9pm

If you need to speak to someone urgently please call:

Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide support line
Open 9am - 7pm every day.
0300 111 5065

Switchboard - the national LGBTQIA+ support line
Open 10am -10pm every day.
0800 0119 100

For more information:
✉ speakout@uksobs.org
🌐 www.uksobs.com

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FUNDRAISING MASTERCLASS

WITH ANNA CLYNE

- 7 JAN Unlocking Opportunities
- 14 JAN Mission Possible
- 21 JAN Vision to Victory
- 28 JAN The Perfect Pitch

TUESDAY MORNINGS
9:30AM - 10:15AM

BOOK NOW



FREE* for Community, Voluntary or Third Sector organisations & groups in Derbyshire and Derby City provided by Derbyshire Voluntary Action. We are particularly keen to welcome participants who work within community hubs.



Facing the Future Together: Introducing DVA's Fundraising Masterclass

With the recent cuts to discretionary funding announced by Derbyshire County Council, charities, community groups, and voluntary organizations across Derbyshire face an unprecedented challenge. At Derbyshire Voluntary Action, we've heard the concerns of our members loud and clear. The question is: how do we keep delivering vital services with reduced financial support?

In direct response to the needs of our members, we are thrilled to launch our Fundraising Masterclass Training & Tea series, kicking off in January 2025. This series is designed to equip VCSE groups with the tools and confidence to unlock new funding opportunities, align their missions with funder priorities, and craft standout applications that make an impact. Join us online for a bitesize training session that will set you up for the year!

Chesterfield TUC MAY DAY 2025



This year's May Day event will take place on
Monday 5th May if you would like a stall please

contact us on
01246 231441

or email

info@duwc.org.uk

£20 per stall





Psychiatry
Teaching Unit



Derbyshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Expert Patient Opportunity

Do you have lived experience of mental ill health?

You can help teach future doctors

You can make a difference, by telling your story.

- Would you be happy to share your mental health journey with medical students?
- Would you like to develop your skills and build your confidence?
- Then why not join our team and be an expert patient!
- Participate in one to one sessions with a medical student, supported by a lived experience facilitator.
- Sessions run on Fridays either morning or afternoon for 2 hours in person at the Harington unit, Chesterfield Royal hospital, Chesterfield.



If you want to be an expert patient or find out more please get in contact with Zowie or Natalie

Email zowie.forwood@nhs.net

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 Making a
positive
difference



All Words All Actions All Weathers

Conference and Exhibition



20th March
to the
21st March
2025

A Conference and Exhibition on Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in the VCSE sector.

Register to reserve your free ticket!

Thursday 20th March 2025 10am to 4pm to Friday 21st March 2025 10am to 4pm

Place: Rosliston Forestry Centre, Burton Road, Rosliston, Swadlincote, DE12 8JX

Please join us for the FREE, Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector conference and exhibition focussing on Wellbeing, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention. The event will be held in the beautiful Rosliston Forestry Centre', the 10 acre home to kestrels, owls and kingfishers as well as bats and butterflies.

This year, the event will run over two days:

Day 1 Thursday 20th March 2025 10am to 4pm

This day will be a packed schedule of performances, workshops, demonstrations, whilst also providing opportunities to see an abundance of creative work. You will be able to meet the artists and people presenting the papers. There will also be a chance to learn more about the VCSE sector, speak to an array of organisations and have a chance to refresh the mind whilst exploring the environment of Rosliston Forestry.

Day 2 Friday 21st March 2025 10am to 4pm

This non-formal conference day will start off with refreshments and lively discussion with fellow attendees, followed by a programme of exciting and cutting edge, inspirational speakers. A small buffet lunch will be provided on this day, with an opportunity to explore the great Derbyshire grounds and see the creative work from the sector.

For any queries please contact Dr Melanie Hani

Email melanie.hani@derbyshire.gov.uk

To reserve your place click [here](https://awaaaw25.eventbrite.co.uk) or go to <https://awaaaw25.eventbrite.co.uk>





Children & Young People's Project Worker

12 hours per week

(£24,336 FTE)

£7,788 per annum for 12 hours (£12.48 per hour)

Sight Support Derbyshire is looking for a Children & Young People's Project Worker to be part of a dedicated team supporting the delivery of high-quality services to blind and partially sighted people in Derbyshire.

Part of the operational team based in Derby and reporting to the Project Services Manager, you will work across the City and County to deliver a calendar of activities to children and young people, their families and carers. You will need to be an enthusiastic 'self-starter' and able to work on your own initiative to ensure that the service runs smoothly and delivers the required outcomes.

This is an exciting opportunity to build on existing services and to develop new ideas with the children, young people, and families we work with.

It is essential for this post that you have experience of working with children & young people. You will also need to be able and willing to travel around the county. The hours can be worked flexibly, but do include one early evening session each week, and occasional full days during school holiday times.

At a time of big changes in both voluntary and statutory services we need people who can be flexible, adapt to change and bring a positive attitude to their work.

We can offer you a challenging and rewarding environment, a competitive salary, pension, and good holidays. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

For an informal discussion call Rachel Graham, Operational Services Manager, on 01332 292262

For an application pack, please email:
heather.davidson@sightsupportderbyshire.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 10am, Wednesday 12th February 2025

Interview date: Tuesday 18th February 2025

Find out more about our work:

Website: www.sightsupportderbyshire.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SightSupDerbys>

You Matter Too

Are you supporting an adult diagnosed with cancer and would benefit from support for you?

The “You Matter Too” group aims at creating a safe, friendly welcoming place for those over 18 to come and meet with others in a similar situation, to talk, listen, share advice and laugh together.



Guest speakers

Meetings held at the Chesterfiled Macmillan Information and Support Centre, Chesterfiled Royal Hospital S44 5BL
2pm - 3.30pm

We would love for you to join us, for more information please call
01246 516406

March 12	April 16	May 14	June 09	July 16
Aug 13	Sept 24	Oct 22	Nov 19	Dec 17