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## Welcome to e-News!

### ■ Free publicity on myukinfo.com website

This is an invitation to include your organisation on a national website that offers 'all you need to know about working and living in the UK'. Myukinfo.com is available in six languages and is an excellent information and signposting website for migrant communities. It covers topics such as immigration, working in the UK, UK life and culture, housing, money, family issues, health and emergencies.

Public, private and voluntary & community sector organisations in East Sussex can be included in the local directory section of the website for no cost. To do this all you need to do is email your organisation's name, contact details, website link and 100 – 200 words about what your organisation does to Tiga-Rose Nercessian. You can also include a logo and links to PDFs. Please email these details by the end of August. If you have any questions or would like to know more please get in touch: [tiga-rose.nercessian@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:tiga-rose.nercessian@eastsussex.gov.uk), 01273 336 844.

### ■ Volunteer Centre East Sussex

The official launch of Volunteer Centre East Sussex (VCES) is approaching. Never before has East Sussex had complete coverage of support services for volunteer involving organisations (ViOs) operating in the county. The new service will provide networking opportunities for volunteer co-ordinators, advice and support on recruiting, managing and retaining volunteers, assistance with developing policies and procedures to ensure volunteers have a positive experience, and a range of training courses determined by ViOs.

VCES will also be creating a county-wide database of volunteering opportunities from all thematic areas and across all geographic areas, and offering 1:1 support to citizens in helping them understand what volunteering can mean to themselves and the ViOs wanting to engage with volunteers. For more information about Volunteer Centre East Sussex, please contact Sarah Hodgetts by emailing [Sarah.Hodgetts@3va.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.Hodgetts@3va.org.uk) or by calling 01323 301757.

### ■ East Sussex Participation Strategy 2010-13

The new [East Sussex Participation Strategy 2010-13](#) has been launched with the aim of involving children, young people, parents and carers in decisions that affect their lives. It provides a framework to inform, support and monitor the work of the Children and Young People's Trust, voluntary and community sectors and individual partners in their work around engagement and participation.

## ■ Snapshot of integrated working

One of the main aims of the Children and Young People's Trust (CYPT) is to help different teams and organisations work more closely together in supporting children, young people and families. You can now see a 'snapshot' of how CYPT are doing, showing the progress they have made on integrated working and the areas where there is more work to be done. The snapshot also explains the tools and processes that help us work together - such as the Common Assessment Framework and information sharing and highlights some of the ways integrated working is promoted throughout CYPT. [Click here to download a copy of the snapshot](#)

## ■ Free goods for community groups

Giving World Online (GWO) is a scheme that has been set up to help community groups and charities access free surplus goods from businesses whilst at the same time helping reduce the amount of goods sent to landfill. In the next three months GWO will be engaging with businesses in the South East region to encourage them to use GWO's free service to redirect their surplus goods onto charities and groups that could make use of them. For further details visit: [www.givingworldonline.com](http://www.givingworldonline.com)

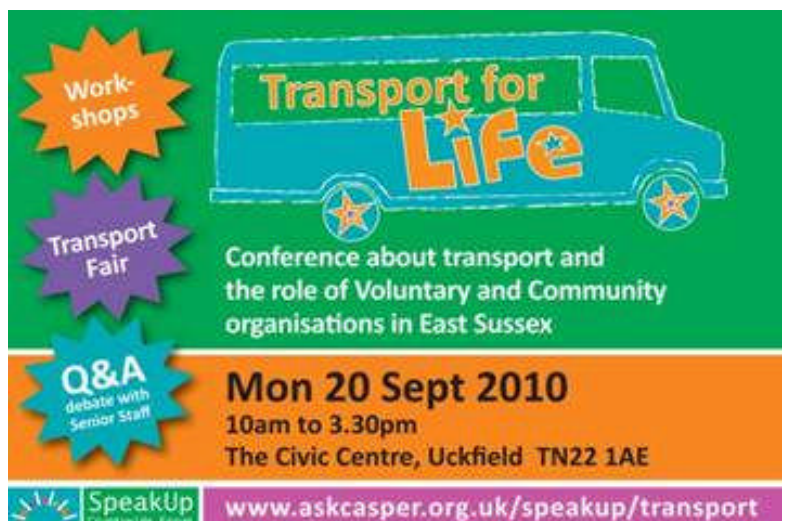
## ■ Home Works – One year on...

Home Works is a free information and support service for anyone in East Sussex aged 16-64 who needs help and support around housing. It has just celebrated its first successful year. [Click here](#) for a leaflet summarising the positive impacts the service has had to prevent homelessness and promote social inclusion - enabling local vulnerable people to live independently.

# What's On?

## ■ Transport for Life Conference

This event will cover current transport plans and projects and how we can be empowered to do things for ourselves. The conference is for all interested members of voluntary and community groups, the public and private sectors. The event includes presentations from and discussions with representatives from the Department of Transport, East Sussex County Council, South East Coast Ambulance Service, Highways Agency and Community Transport. The conference will be chaired by Jeremy Leggett, CEO of Action in rural Sussex.



The poster features a blue van with 'Transport for Life' written on its side. To the left of the van are three starburst shapes: an orange one for 'Workshops', a purple one for 'Transport Fair', and a blue one for 'Q&A debate with Senior Staff'. Below the van, the text reads 'Conference about transport and the role of Voluntary and Community organisations in East Sussex'. At the bottom, it states 'Mon 20 Sept 2010 10am to 3.30pm The Civic Centre, Uckfield TN22 1AE'. The bottom left corner has the 'SpeakUp' logo, and the bottom right corner has the website 'www.askcasper.org.uk/speakup/transport'.

Go to [www.askcasper.org.uk/speakup/transport](http://www.askcasper.org.uk/speakup/transport) for more information and to book a place

## ■ Substance Misuse Training in East Sussex

A range of courses are available, and free of charge to anyone working in East Sussex in a paid or voluntary capacity and in any sector (health, social care, housing, education, employment, criminal justice etc). There is disabled access at all venues. Refreshments are provided plus lunch on full-day courses.

[Click here](#) for information on the courses available, and [click here](#) for a booking form, which you need to complete and return to secure your place

For events in 2010 - visit the ESSP [what's on diary](#)

## Consultations

### ■ Funding voluntary and community organisations to deliver personalised services

East Sussex County Council want to promote the contribution of voluntary and community sector organisations to deliver personalised services in the county. Through talking to voluntary organisations about how to achieve this, we plan to develop a document that brings together all the objectives that we are able to fund this sector to deliver. The consultation period closes on Thursday **9 September 2010**. For more information go to:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/2010/thirdsector/default.htm>

### ■ East Sussex Wheelchair and Special Seating Service

The East Sussex Local Involvement Network (LINK) is conducting a review of the East Sussex Wheelchair and Special Seating Service. The Review Group wants to hear from anyone involved with the Service who is willing to give details of their experiences and to say what they think should be done better and what should be stopped. The responses will help the Review Group to develop recommendations on development of the Wheelchair and Special Seating Service. The closing date for evidence is **30th September 2010** and it should be addressed to Theresa Hodge, Equal Access Consultancy, Creative Media Centre, 17 & 45 Robertson Street, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1HL or emailed to [theresa@eaconsultancy.co.uk](mailto:theresa@eaconsultancy.co.uk)

### ■ The 2010 East Sussex Hate Crime Service Review

The aim of this review is to provide the Safer Communities Partnership with options and recommendations that will help inform the future of hate crime provision and service delivery in East Sussex. To ensure the review captures and provides an opportunity for interested individuals to have their say a downloadable survey is now available – [click here](#) to access it. The survey will remain online until 30th September 2010, and the deadline for completed surveys is **8th October 2010**. Details of where to send completed surveys are available at the end of the survey.

## ■ Supporting People Consultation Events

The county, borough and district councils and the local health and probation services are inviting voluntary and community organisations and professionals to find out more about the third phase of their Commissioning Project, and give their views. Phase three looks at housing support services for vulnerable people such as domestic violence refuges, supported housing for people with mental health problems, and foyers for young people. Events are being run on 1, 3 and 6 September. Closing date for bookings is 20 August. [Click here](#) for more information.

## East Sussex in Figures (ESiF)

The [East Sussex in Figures \(ESiF\)](#) website gives you access to essential data, information and analysis about your county. For further details contact 01273 482030 or email [esif@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:esif@eastsussex.gov.uk)

The **latest data and trends** are summarised in [Focus on East Sussex 2010](#)

Recently published **datasets** include:

- [Job Seekers Allowance claimant count in July 2010](#)
- [House price index in May 2010](#)
- [House price comparisons in April 2010](#)
- [Agricultural land use, 2005-2009](#)

The next ESiF **training** courses are on 20 October and 18 November 2010. Course fee: £60. If you are interested please contact Jackie Pickering, Personnel and Training, East Sussex County Council for a booking form on 01273 481427 or e-mail [jackie.pickering@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.pickering@eastsussex.gov.uk)

## About Us

The East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) was set up in 2000 to help organisations work together in a coordinated way to plan local services and tackle the issues that matter to local people. Our main task is to develop and deliver Pride of Place, the Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex, a long-term plan for improving quality of life locally.

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