



West Sussex Mediation Service External Newsletter

Video

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Now that we have our volunteer, Aliza, helping us out with some marketing activity we thought it was time that we got with the modern world and started offering some video content to our website and via various media channels. Our volunteers were emailed inviting them to step forward to be involved. A good number of people have responded and Aliza will start organising some video recording shortly. Watch this space.

Video is a powerful tool to get our message across, whether it be promoting our volunteering, explaining how mediation works or assisting in our drive to raise funds and promote platforms such as GiveasyouLive - (see Page 4).

We will notify our readers of the various links as we load them. Aliza has created our own YouTube Channel to use.



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Training Course

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Our Initial Training Course for new Community Mediators starts on **22nd September 2018** at the AgeUK premises in Bognor Regis – The Laburnham Centre in Lyon Street, Bognor Regis, PO21 1UX. We hope to have 12 candidates in place, but currently are up to 10, confirmed. We seem to be lacking men, again (any later takers?)



If any of our supporters would like to observe proceedings, during the course, do get in touch. The dates are 22/9, 23/9, 29/9, 30/9 and 7/10.

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News

> **AGM** Our Mediator, James Craddock has volunteered to give a brief talk, entitled "The language of global peace as applied to mediation", at our AGM on Thursday 27th September (6.00pm for 6.30pm at park House, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RN) which will follow the formal business.



The agenda includes the presentation of several **amendments to the Constitution that will be voted on by members and elected officials**. If you are a member we would love to see you at the AGM.

Even if you are not we would love to see non voting friends and supporters turn up. We would need to hear from you very soon if you would like to attend.

Any of our volunteers are eligible to apply to become a 'member'. There is no cost involved. You can obtain an application from Nick in the office. Trustees have to approve any such submissions. Membership continues until we part company, unless you are nominated to become a life member. Members of the public can become members for a registration fee of £15.00.


> College of Mediators Conference in Milton Keynes -

This event clashes with our AGM date of Thursday 27th September 2018.

Prior to the AGM date being set, Nick booked and paid for a place at the Conference. We have now offered the place to our mediators to see if one of them would like to substitute for Nick. We appreciate that it does involve a bit of a trek.

We know that some of our Mediators, who are members of the College of Mediators, have attended such conferences in the past. We have offered to subsidise their travel costs.

Here is the Conference Programme for the day ----->



College of Mediators

Mediation Community Conference for Community Mediation Managers, Trustees & Mediators and Workplace, SENDs, Homeless Mediation Services & Mediators

Thursday, 27 September 2018

Venue - Citizen's Advice Bureau, Milton Keynes

5 CPD hours

Conference Programme

9:30am	Registration & Refreshments
10:00am	Getting More Cases To Joint Meeting – an interactive workshop Maria Arpa, Centre for Peaceful Resolutions – https://www.centreforpeacefulresolutions.org/
11:15am	HYH and Homeless Mediation – a presentation & interactive workshop Emma Manners, Herts Young Homeless - https://www.hyh.org.uk/
12:30pm	Lunch & Networking
1:30pm	Workplace Mediation – a look at how Workplace Mediation can be integrated into organisations systems & the benefits of mediation as an alternative to traditional dispute resolution methods David Liddle, TCM Group - https://thetcmgroup.com/
2:45pm	Break
3:00pm	Conflict Coaching – a presentation & interactive workshop Julie Farrell & Laura Kirkpatrick, Solution Talk - http://www.solutiontalk.co.uk/
4:15pm	Evaluations and round-up
4:30pm	Finish

Holidays

There are a number of staff holidays that are coming up, which are worth making a note of. This will mean reduced cover in the office.

Nick is away from **5th to 22nd October** as he is off to sunny Florida for a big family wedding.



Christine is away **12th - 20th Sept** plus **16th–18th October** (whilst Nick is away).

Diane is away **23rd - 26th October** and **30th November –4th December**.

Kind Thought

You may remember seeing mention of Viktorija in a previous newsletter. Viktorija assisted us in the office for a number of months while she did some work experience between her studies at Chichester College. She has her birthday towards the end of this month. She recently got a notification via her Facebook profile inviting her to choose a charity to support for her birthday. She very kindly chose us and said Facebook set it all up automatically. It means that instead of giving her birthday presents, friends and family are invited to make a donation to WSMS via a given link.

We are very grateful to Viktorija for thinking about us in this way. Hopefully she will continue to stay in touch with us and be an ambassador for the charity. Facebook is becoming more and more supportive of charities with easy donate buttons being available on charity Facebook pages. We have one!). If you want to see how it looks follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/1874517265947246/1874517305947242/>

Viktorija's birthday fundraiser for West Sussex Mediation Service
Fundraiser for West Sussex Mediation Service by Viktorija Kirsone

Donate

Invite Share More

6 weeks left
Help Viktorija reach her birthday goal

£5 / £150 raised

Post Photo/Video

Write something...

Photo/Video Feeling/Activ... Tag friends

Story

For my birthday this year, I'm asking for donations to West Sussex Mediation Service. I've chosen this non-profit because their mission means a lot to me, and I hope that you'll consider contributing as a way of celebrating with me. Every little bit will help me reach my goal.

Viktorija Kirsone • 9 September 2018

How much would you like to donate?

£20 £50 £100 £200 Other Donate

Tempest

Brighton and Hove Independent Mediation Service (BHIMS) has made a short film. It highlights the impact of neighbourhood disputes, breakdowns in communication, loneliness and social exclusion. They will be using the film to raise awareness of the value of mediation and to help in recruitment.

'Tempest' was directed by a BHIMS mediator and film maker, Justin Spray. It was made in collaboration with Brighton and Hove Council and Sussex Police and was made possible following a grant from the Sussex Community Foundation. Professional actors played the role of clients and several BHIMS mediators were involved. Tempest has been submitted into the Brighton Short Film Festival and for a National Mediation Award.

WSMS have been extended an invitation to attend the premiere, which is being held during National Mediation Week. The event is also being used as a recruitment drive by BHMS aimed at young people interested in training as mediators. Following the film viewing there will be a Q & A session with both actors and crew. BHIMS mediators will also be available to talk about our service and explain what is involved in becoming a mediator.

Nick, our Co-ordinator will be away at the time so the offer is extended to others within the organisation or beyond. If you would like to attend, the office can RSVP on your behalf and collate interest. We must reply by 24th September.

The premiere will take place on **Thursday October 11th** at Sallis Benney Theatre, Brighton – Reception from 6.30pm with film being shown at 7pm.



New Weblink

Below is a fundraising page created by GiveasyouLive which has now been uploaded onto our website, thanks to our webmaster, Brian Warren.

The link is here: <http://wsms.org.uk/give-as-you-live/>

Not sure where they found this photo but it shows some of our mediators, past and present at a training day in Henfield Hall. Top centre is Brian (now living in Spain), going clockwise in Tom, Mary D, Antony and finally Theodora.

Give as you Live So far we've raised £9,865,204.53 for UK charities

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£585.43 Raised in total

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If you haven't joined GiveasyouLive as one of our supporters, why not visit the page now. That will mean that you can get set up before you start doing all your online Christmas shopping, which could greatly help our fundraising drive. Many of our '41' Supporters aren't active but at some stage in the past, registered to support us. £585.43 could quite easily be £5,854.30, with a bit of an effort and year round purchasing of holidays (eg Expedia, Tui & Thomas Cook), flights (eg Virgin Atlantic, Flybe & Emirates), insurances (GoCompare, Confused & Admiral), clothing (eg ASOS, Next and Very) electricals, office supplies, utilities (eg Uswitch, Sky & Vodafone), food & drink for home delivery (eg Sainbury's & Tesco), entertainment (eg Ticketmaster) and much more. **YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED.**