

Any good at "Arts & Crafts"? Are you creative? Could you share your skill with service users to allow them to access an art or craft? this could be drawing, collage, making jams & chutneys, sewing, beading, card making or any other craft, then you will be a welcome addition to our team of volunteers.

Forthcoming Events:

Bizet's Carmen performed by the Garden Opera Company

When—Thursday 11th of July

Where—Prior Park College, Bath

This is a reminder as you should already have had an e-mail inviting you to this exciting event. Now in its 20th season the Garden Opera Company have been performing at the major houses, including Glyndebourne, Opera North and ENO. Pimms and picnics will be the order of the day whilst you enjoy the beautiful private grounds of Prior Park College with views over the city of Bath. (gates open at 17:30 for picnics). Tickets cost £35 or £20 under 16's. For further details and how to purchase your tickets see our website www.julianhouse.org.uk.



Seminar—The role of the Voluntary Sector in a Recession

When—Friday 21st June 2pm to 4.30pm

Where—The Function Room above the Brasserie, Green Park Station, Bath

Julian House is sponsoring a seminar with two national speakers on 21st June. Speakers include:

Christina Patterson—The Independent columnist shortlisted for the Orwell prize.

Subject—*Innovation in the voluntary sector.*

Sir Stuart Etherington—Chief Executive NCVO. Subject—*The voluntary sector and its response to the challenges of recession.*

Service Users, Staff, Volunteers, and Board Members are all welcome, so please put it in your diary! To reserve a place phone 01225 354650 or e-mail admin@julianhouse.org.uk no later than Monday 17th of June.

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Volunteers' Bulletin May 2013

Introduction from Sandra Lockwood

It has been a very busy four months since I joined Julian House in January and a very steep learning curve for me!

Thank you to those of you who came to the introduction sessions that I held at New King Street in March. It was great to meet with you and for you to share your experiences of supporting Julian House, and to take away some suggestions for improving your volunteering experience.

It was also great to see some familiar faces and some new ones at our 'Springmas' volunteer thank you event at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution in Queen Square in April.



Volunteers and staff get together at the Volunteers' Springmas Party

This month I enjoyed myself at volunteer celebration events organised by Bath University and Bath Spa University. The picture on the right shows me receiving a cheque for £765.69, the money raised by Bath University students during their 'Sleep Out' in November.



Volunteer Coord at Bath Uni Volunteers' Event

My role involves coordination of all volunteering activities and for ensuring that Julian House meets all of its Health and Safety responsibilities across the various projects. My focus at the moment is on getting the job descriptions for all of our volunteering opportunities up to date and re-invigorating the programme of Health and Safety training available to volunteers. I will keep you updated on both of these.

New Website Launched

Our new website has lots of information about Julian House, the projects and services we run, fundraising ideas and events, latest news, client success stories and lots more. You can also follow us on Twitter or like our Facebook page to find out what's going on with Julian House right now.

Henrietta Street - Henrietta St is a supported Housing Project that supports 10 residents with Learning Difficulties / and or mental health problems. Some of the residents at Henrietta St have little independent living skills when they arrive there, a lot of the work that we do is to promote and educate residents in these area's which include managing there own self care, cooking for themselves, managing there own finances or getting more involved in volunteering / training or just wish to get more involved in the community. We also run an in house meaningful activity program which includes a cooking group, music, movie evening and much more. We always welcome ideas for new activities and especially welcome any volunteers that have a particular skill that they would like to share with others. We are also always looking for volunteers to come and help with the evening meals that we prepare in the project.



Lucy preparing the evening meal in the kitchen at Henrietta Street, with Adrian and David

Bike Workshop Goes From Strength to Strength — It may have been a soggy winter but Julian House' first social enterprise, Bath Bike Workshop, hasn't been short of customers over the period. And recently demand for bike servicing has been tremendous.

Ceri Clements has been appointed as the new manager and is delighted that things are going so well – “The team have done a terrific job building the business up. It's obvious that customers are impressed by the quality of bikes we sell and the service that we deliver. However, we still need more second hand bikes to refurbish and will always welcome more volunteers to assist with the work.”



Vinnie Campbell-Parkes, Matt Rossiter and Istvan at The Big Issue office

Donated bikes can be dropped off any time during normal opening hours and picked up if necessary. More volunteers will help to build up bike stocks in time for the busy summer period and

the arrival of the students in the autumn.

Experience of bikes or light engineering would be an advantage but not essential. We are also looking to recruit a volunteer sales assistant to help us run the shop. If you can spare a few hours or know someone who might be interest please contact Sandra on sandral@julianhouse.org.uk

Bath Soup Company— Julian House are really pleased to have taken on the Bath Soup Company at the beginning of April this year. Bath Soup Company is as an exciting social enterprise founded by local entrepreneur and Bath Uni graduate Dom Povey who is now a member of the board of Julian House Trading Ltd. There will be opportunities to get involved with the Bath Soup Company coming up over the next six months including the Bath Soup School, helping out in the kitchen, assisting our chef in preparation, marketing, promotion and catering/serving soup at events. If you wish to be considered for these jobs in the future please contact Sandra Lockwood at sandral@julianhouse.org.uk

Secret City Tours — Psst! Want to know a secret? We are working with Secret City Tours founder Luke Tregidgo to take on new social enterprise Secret City Tours in June. Who knows the streets of a city better than the people who have spent time living on them? The tour is an entertaining, informative walk around Bath to discover a hidden side to this amazing World Heritage city. Our guide also shares some of his own experiences of what life is really like on the streets and the challenges facing those who want to work their way off them. Watch this space for details of how you can get involved! Details of how to book a place can be found at <http://secretcitytours.co.uk/>

Meaningful Activities — Meaningful activities play an important part of our service user's journey towards independent living, having a positive impact on health & wellbeing, confidence & motivation and independent living skills. We currently have volunteers helping to run the cookery group, offering reflexology, acupuncture and giving advice & guidance regarding re-training or returning to education and we are always looking for new volunteers and ideas for activities.



David Williams at Cookery Club in Space 2

Do you enjoy the outdoors? As part of our meaningful occupation programme we are looking for a volunteer to help a group of service users access a discovery card and then, on a weekly basis, visit sites of interest around Bath, enabling them to benefit from a host of new experiences.

Musically minded? Anything that is music related is a really good activity to help service users build confidence and “find their voice”, If you have any music related skill such as singing or song writing that you could share with service users then we would love to hear from you.