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Exeter Science Centre needs your help!

Are you a STEM student or do you work in STEM? Are you interested in public engagement? We're hoping to run interactive stands at the South Molton Eco Fair on 22nd September and the 361 Energy Fair in Barnstaple on 29th September and we'd love some more volunteers to support our activities. Even if you're not available for these events please do get in touch as we're going to be delivering more events across North Devon soon! Contact alice@exetersciencecentre.org for more info. If you'd like to know more about what we do, follow us on social media @ExeSciCentre and check out our website, www.exetersciencecentre.org.

You can sign up for our newsletters here:

<https://exetersciencecentre.org/support/newsletter/>

Training opportunities for Volunteers.

These are free for volunteers and they are face to face in Barnstaple at the NDVS training room, Queens House. Please pass on to anyone you know who might be interested.



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BOOST YOUR TEAM'S CONFIDENCE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS!

Are you looking to upskill your volunteers and staff?
Join our upcoming courses designed to enhance your ability to engage and communicate effectively.

Empower your team with the confidence they need to make a real impact!

- FREE for Volunteers
- £20 pp for Voluntary Organisations (NDVS Partners)
- £60 pp for Non-Voluntary Organisations

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Scan the QR code to book your place on Eventbrite, email cvs@ndvs.org.uk or Tel: 01271 866300

TOPICS AND UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ **Safe Conversations Training**
Tue, 8 Oct 2024, 11.00-3.00
- ✓ **Recognising and Responding to Challenging Behaviour**
Tue, 22 Oct 2024, 11.00-3.00
- ✓ **How to Recruit, Supervise and Retain Peer Volunteers**
Tue, 12 Nov 2024, 11.00-3.00
- ✓ **Boundaries in the workplace and voluntary settings**
Wed, 11 Dec 2024, 11.00-3.00

Mental Health support info

- [Barnstaple Alliance Mental Health Support](#)
- [North Devon Coastal Mental Health Support](#)

I imagine the picture is the same/similar in Torrridge, though DPT have not yet shared slides for other PCN areas.

Devon and Somerset Fire and rescue service update

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact firekills@dsfire.gov.uk or call 0800 05 02 999.

Changes to home safety visit referral processes

All referrals on behalf of individuals you support must be submitted using the online form available at the following link: [Book home safety visit](#). This process replaces the previous method of submitting referral forms via email. However, referrals can still be made through our phone line on 0800 05 02 999 (open between 9:00am to 4:00pm).

Please ensure the direct link is shared with all staff within your organisation, as the referral form is not currently available by searching on our website. Please note that the online referral form is exclusively available to recognised partner agencies only. We kindly request that you do not share this form directly with customers or clients. Referrals to the general public will not be available until later this year.

In the coming months, we will collaborate closely with all partner agencies to ensure the effective monitoring and management of incoming referrals, prioritising the highest-risk members of our communities.

We also have the option to submit notifications of property risk directly to us via this form [Partner Information Risk Capture](#) which can be used when someone will not agree to a home safety visit. This form is also not currently available by searching on our website and the link must be used.

Both links included within this email replace previously sent forms, which should now no longer be used.

Invitation to online partnership event – Wednesday 9 October, 11:30am – 1:30pm

To address any questions you may have regarding our home safety visit service and to provide information to new colleagues, we will be hosting an online event via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Please use the following link to register for this event: [Register for our event](#). This online event is an opportunity for you to learn more about the changes we have made to our home safety service, referral process and learn more about our recent findings on fire trends.

The topics covered in our event will include:

- An introduction and welcome from our Chief Fire Officer, Gavin Ellis
- Fire trends analysis overview
- Prevention updates and our national alignment
- Updates on our new processes and resources
- Open Q&A session

To ensure broad representation from partner agencies, we kindly request that registration is limited to a **maximum of three staff members per organisation**. If you wish to register additional colleagues, please add their email addresses to the waiting list. Should capacity allow, we will accommodate additional attendees and provide confirmation closer to the event. We look forward to answering your questions and sharing key fire safety information.

NDVS - Disability Survey

As a partner, we are supporting Devon Voluntary Action (DeVA) through a project with Devon County Council Adult Social Care, with a purpose of creating improved opportunities for adults who have a disability.

North Devon Voluntary Services Ltd (NDVS) wishes to create improved opportunities for adults who have a disability and are of working age to engage with local community and voluntary services that exist in Devon's local towns and areas. [This survey](#) will help us understand what activities are already on offer locally, and to learn what support groups need to become more disability friendly.

Our survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and focuses upon the experiences of autistic people, people with a learning disability, mental health need and/or physical or sensory disability.