

IT MATTERS

January 2011 bulletin



Welcome to the first 2011 edition of "IT Matters", the bulletin from VANEL's **IT Supporter Network**. Just a short update to start the New Year off & to let you know what VANEL has planned around IT support for January 2011.

The Network exists to help those whose role in the voluntary and community sector involves looking after IT. If that's you and you'd like to be involved, check the website or get in touch. If you're already involved with the Network then please keep an eye on our activities to ensure you don't miss out.

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See you at an event soon?

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COOKING UP A WEBSITE

Free briefing/training session/workshop on **17 Jan** 2011, 2pm-4pm at VANEL offices in Grimsby.

Free for Vol Com sector organisations. Limited places so booking essential.

Essential if your organisation has no website or has a website that needs updating or maintaining. Do you have the money, skills and time to take the next steps? Do you understand what you need to know in order to be able to get that essential online presence for your organisation?

Come along and find out (in simple, non-technical terms) what you need to know about websites.

Lots more online : <http://goo.gl/omaMK>

TECHNICAL SURGERIES

Delivered by Glen Greenwood from Virtual Riders. Regular sessions for IT Supporters start on **21 Jan** 2011. 9.30am-11.30am (drinks & networking from 9am). Free for all IT supporters in the Vol Com sector.

Topic for January is backup solutions.

Next sessions will be 4, 18 and 24 Feb.

Again, no charge, but call to book on.

More specific details on the IT Network website soon: <http://goo.gl/uAF1k>

More about Virtual Riders on their website here : www.virtualriders.org

LAST MINUTE OPPORTUNITIES

Inspiring Voices have £500 awards to hand out to groups demonstrating innovative use of technology. Closing date is 14 Jan. All details on their website:

<http://www.inspiringvoices.org>

BT Community Connections closes on 13 Jan. If your group is helping your community to get online you may be able to get your broadband free for a year from BT!

See BT website for more:

<http://goo.gl/NIZDZ>

IT MATTERS NETWORKING SESSION

Our first quarterly **Networking event** of 2011 will be on **25 Jan** at Grimsby Neighbourhood Centre. Running from 9.30am through to 1pm (with lunch), this event is again Free to IT Supporters and again we need you to book first (call us on 01472 231123).

As always these sessions are a great way to learn about new IT trends, connect with others in the same IT support position as yourself and generally refresh your IT experience.

Supported by Virtual Riders, we're putting together the agenda now as a mix of presentations, discussions & workshops and networking.

Again watch the website for details or give us a call to book or find out more.

CHARITY TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE

I mentioned it last time, but it's so useful I thought I'd mention it again. CTX means near free office software.

If you're a charity then don't miss out.

We wrote an article here:

<http://goo.gl/Q4hyo>

Or www.ctxchange.org

More information...

More information about almost anything mentioned here should be on the IT Network website at:

thirdsectorhub.org.uk/itnet

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