

“Weathering the Storm – sharing community stories of survival and evolution”

**Association for Research in the Voluntary and Community Sector (ARVAC)
Annual Conference and AGM**

21 Nov 2012 (AGM 11.30am–12.30pm; Conference 1pm–4.30pm)

Venue: Studio 11, Lenton Lane, Kings Meadow, Univ of Nottingham, NG7 2NR

- 11.30 – 12.30** **ARVAC AGM**
ARVAC Members and interested observers welcome!
- 13.00 – 13.15** **Opening - Introduction and welcome**
Jurgen Grotz, ARVAC Chair
- 13.15 – 14.10** **Keynote speaker and discussion**
“Things that keep me awake at night: What we can about it!”
Richard Caulfield (CEO), Voluntary Sector North West
- 14.10 – 14.55** **Learning from practitioners –Seminar sessions (A):**
- *“Lessons from the Third sector – strategic influencing: a different approach”*
Claire Granger (CEO) and Catherine Cook (Resource Coordinator), HLG – a Nottingham-based homelessness charity
 - *“Community research as a tool to support refugee and migrant community organisations in times of stress/ crisis”.*
Sarah Menzies (Research Officer), Evelyn Oldfield Unit and Hafsa Mohammed, Earls Court Health and Wellbeing Centre
- 14.55 – 15.10** **Tea and coffee**
- 15.10 – 16.00** **Learning from practitioners – Seminar sessions (B):**
- *“Can efficiency savings ever lead to greater efficiency?”*
Ursula Hussain, (Manager) Oldham Local Involvement Network
 - *“Reconnecting with community action: in a ‘market-dominated’ landscape”*
Matthew Scott, National Coalition for Independent Action (formerly Community Sector Coalition)
- 16.15 – 16.30** **Next steps and close**
ARVAC Trustees and panel

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