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Charities benefit from facilities

SIX charities could benefit from the use of the Kings Centre in Eastbourne.

With possible savings of more than £1,500, the Kings Centre's Free to Charities Initiative is born out of a desire to support organisations that are serving the community and would benefit from using the centre facilities without charge to raise awareness or funds for their own organisation.

David Gamester, Kings Centre manager, said, "Six different charities or community organisations will benefit from this initiative in the first year. The Kings Centre provides exceptional conference, event and exhibition facilities with rooms to suit almost any type of event. The centre is used by many businesses, local authorities, schools and charities.

"We really hope that our Free to Charities Initiative will benefit hard working charities giving them an opportunity to raise their profile and funds by using our facilities and services without charge."

The application process is simple using an online downloadable form. Completed applications will be assessed with all applicants being contacted as soon as assessment is complete.

Full details along with a downloadable application form are available at www.kingscentre.eu/charities

Questions relating to the initiative should be directed to Alison Gilbert or Alan Stevens at the Kings Centre office on 521125.

Former student's role on Radio 4

FORMER Sussex Downs College student **Fiona Scrase** from Eastbourne is celebrating her new role as an assistant producer at **BBC Radio 4**.

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Fiona will be working on the You and Yours Show, the consumer affairs programme from this September where she will be producing features, undertaking interviews, outside broadcasts and overseeing creative ideas.

Fiona successfully completed her Media Production course in 2007 at Eastbourne Vocational College (EVoC), part of Sussex Downs College.

Prior to her new appointment Fiona worked as a freelance broadcast journalist at local Eastbourne station Sovereign FM working with former news editor Saffron Swansborough, who is now a lecturer in Media at EVoC.

Fiona began her education at Willingdon School where she got the passion for radio after being interviewed for the education and business community project Eastbourne Youth Radio (EYR) in 2001.

Fiona said, "I caught the 'radio bug' after taking part in EYR at Sussex Downs College in 2001, I was inter-

viewed live and from that moment on I've never looked back.

"I still get the same adrenalin rush now when reading live bulletins as I did on my first ever broadcast on EYR.

"Over the past seven years I've built up my knowledge by work experience, hospital radio and through my Media Production course at Sussex Downs College, which I loved.

"EYR is a fantastic opportunity for people to get involved with, I hope there are many other children who find their career through taking part, as it celebrates its 10th anniversary year.

"My new job at Radio 4 is something I never thought would happen and it is slowly sinking in! To work on such a recognised show is great I'm looking forward to working along side some amazing journalists and learning from the best in the industry."

For more information on courses at Sussex Downs College please visit www.sussexdowns.ac.uk or for Eastbourne Youth Radio visit www.eyr.org.uk



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