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Lancaster District CVS works to represent, promote and develop local voluntary and community organisations. We aim to strengthen the sector, build partnerships and influence local policy. We provide training, funding information and financial services.

To find out if these services could benefit your organisation, download our new service leaflet from www.lancastercvs.org.uk/services.pdf.

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Volunteer Awards 2010

Monday 14th June 2010, 4.00pm-7.00pm
Hexagon Theatre, Lancaster & Morecambe College, Morecambe Road, Lancaster LA1 2TY

Nominations are now open for the Lancaster District Volunteer Awards 2010.

You are invited to nominate individual volunteers under two categories; Volunteer of the Year and Young Volunteer of the Year, as well as nominating groups of volunteers.

Our annual ceremony celebrates the contribution made by volunteers within the Lancaster District and provides guests and winners with the opportunity to meet and share their experiences.

This year's event will be held in partnership with students from Lancaster & Morecambe College and will include a showcase from the college's own volunteer awards, as well as a buffet provided by the Hospitality and Catering students from Coulson's Restaurant.

The deadline for nominations is Friday 14th May 2010. For further details and nomination forms email hannahbland@lancastercvs.org.uk or call (01524) 555900 ext. 26 or download the nomination form from the link below.

www.lancastercvs.org.uk/volunteerawards

Volunteer Co-ordinators Network

The last Volunteer Co-ordinators Network meeting, Involving Volunteers from different Ethnic and Faith Backgrounds, will be re-scheduled due to low numbers.

We would like to email volunteer co-ordinators directly so are compiling a separate mailing list – if you know anyone who should be included on this list please email janeattfield@lancastercvs.org.uk.

Involving Volunteers with a Disability

Thursday 17th June, 1.30pm-4.30pm
One Voice, The Cornerstone, Sulyard Street, Lancaster LA1 1PX

Retaining and Recruiting Disabled Volunteers:

Find out about recruiting disabled volunteers and what that means for your organisation in relation to the Disability Discrimination Act. This session will look to offer realistic guidance about the DDA and provide information for organisations to integrate into their operational systems.

Improving Service Delivery to Disabled People:

Do you receive public money to deliver your services? Find out more about the Access to Goods and Service element of the DDA and how you can improve and develop service delivery to and by disabled people.

Please come early for this session if you'd like to have lunch in The Cornerstone Community Café.

Price: Free to CVS members

If you would like to attend this event, please email janeattfield@lancastercvs.org.uk.

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Lancaster District LSP

Performance Reward Grant

It has now been agreed by the Lancashire Partnership that Performance Reward Grant (PRG) will be distributed by the County Council at a rate of 40% to the Lancashire Partnership, with the other 60% being divided equally and paid to the 12 districts in Lancashire. It will be paid to District Councils, who will receive it on behalf of their LSPs.

It is estimated that the total amount of PRG that will be passed down to the district will be approximately £1m (50% revenue and 50% capital) with the first tranche of half the available funding expected to be transferred before the end of the financial year.

To facilitate and regulate the governance and financial management of these funds across Lancashire, a Protocol has been drawn up between the County and the 12 District Councils.

Each district council is being asked to approve compliance with the Protocol. If compliance is not approved, it is unlikely that PRG funds will be made available to the district.

The Lancashire Partnership has recently been developing an approach to their use of PRG which focuses on targeting the funding at the issues identified as of most concern across Lancashire. These issues now being referred to as 'Big Ticket' issues are:

- Affordable Housing
- Climate Change
- Health Inequalities
- Economy – Worklessness

The Lancaster District LSP has also been considering its approach to the use of PRG and have decided to adopt a similar 'big ticket' approach adopting the four above as district issues but adding a fifth – Community Cohesion. Much consideration and criteria development will be needed to be agreed between the LSP and the Council prior to distribution of PRG funding.

The Lancaster District LSP is arranging a special meeting (which will include representation from thematic groups) to consider its use of PRG funding.

Revised Constitution

At the Lancaster District LSP Board meeting held on Thursday 11th March 2010, changes were made to the partnership's Constitution.

The changes to the Constitution have been made in 2.7 'Membership and Substitutes' and 4.1 'Terms of Reference'.

You can find the revised Constitution via the Lancaster District LSP page on the Lancaster City Council website: www.lancaster.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-priorities-and-key-documents/local-strategic-partnership/local-strategic-partnership-documents.

Saturday Super Stars

Free sessions for young people with additional needs aged 5-18 years every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at Poulton Children's Centre, 12.30pm-5.30pm – places must be booked in advance.

Activities will include drama, arts and crafts, music and sport.

Saturday Super Stars begins on Saturday 10th April 2010 and there are 15 places available on each session.

For a booking form please contact Signposts on 01524 419021 or see the website www.signposts.org.uk.

'Quality Accounts' Questionnaire

The University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust is producing a document called 'Quality Accounts'. The purpose of this is to provide information about the quality of services they provide to let patients, the public and other groups of interest know:

- what the Trust is doing well
- where improvements in service quality are required
- what the priorities are for the coming year

The Quality Accounts have to include information about three areas:

- Patient Safety
- Clinical Effectiveness
- Patient Experience

Quality Accounts are being produced by every NHS organisation as part of a new Department of Health initiative.

To receive a copy of the questionnaire, please contact Helen Jarram, Head of Patient and Service Experience on (01539) 795442, or email Helen.Jarram@mbht.nhs.uk. The deadline for completing the questionnaire is Wednesday 14th April 2010.

Enterprise in Society Awards 2010

Social Enterprise Lancashire (Selnet) has launched the Enterprise in Society Awards, to raise the profile of Social Enterprises in Lancashire.

A gala dinner and award ceremony will take place on Friday 28th May 2010.

For full details of categories and how to apply, see www.selnet-awards.co.uk.

Closing date for applications: Friday 16th April 2010.

"14-19 Providers" Calling Notice

Organisers of a large event, taking place in Lancashire on Thursday 13 May 2010 are seeking presentations from successful Lancashire based not-for-profit organisations, which are meeting the 14-19 agenda.

This event will provide an excellent opportunity for aspiring voluntary sector '14-19' learning provider organisations to showcase their work. If you would be interested in putting your organisation forward to lead a presentation at this event, please contact events@younglancashire.org.uk by Monday 19 April 2010.

Good Migration

Celebrations, Evaluations and Solutions Seminars

Tuesday 27th April 2010, 9.30am-1.30pm
Lancaster Town Hall, Dalton Square, Lancaster LA1 1PJ

Organised by the Cheshire East Migrant Project, and supported by North West Together We Can, these seminars aim to:

- Showcase local projects and initiatives in Lancashire and Cumbria
- Identify key issues and explore solutions
- Allow new connections to be made
- Provide space for effective networking

Participation is encouraged from anyone with an interest in migration, who is willing to learn from others, share knowledge and experiences, identify key challenges and suggest practical solutions.

For more information or to book, email sharon.angus-crawshaw@cheshireeast.gov.uk or call (01270) 537739.

Introduction to Alcohol Awareness & Making Brief Interventions

Tuesday 27th April 2010, 9.30am-4.00pm
Small Lecture Theatre, NHS North Lancashire, Moor Lane Mills, Moor Lane, Lancaster LA1 1QD

This free course seeks to highlight and broaden knowledge around alcohol related issues in an interactive and interesting way, exploring topics such as what is alcohol, how does it produce its effects and what harm can result from misuse? It will also give consideration to what can be done to reduce the health and social costs of alcohol misuse. Making brief interventions with alcohol using clients will be an important area of coverage. Please note that this course does not cover clinical management and treatment issues. It is therefore not suitable for drug / alcohol practitioners.

The target audience for this course are those working in the community (who are not specialist drug or alcohol practitioners) who frequently come into working contact with alcohol using clients who would benefit from brief interventions, such as advice giving to reduce the potential for alcohol related harm.

For an application form, email nicola.crow@northlancs.nhs.uk.

Institute of Fundraising Networking Event

Tuesday 27th April, 6.00pm-8.00pm
Brathay Hall Trust, Brathay Hall, Ambleside LA22 0HP

The Institute of Fundraising are holding a networking event in the North West which gives you a chance to meet other fundraisers in your area, share experiences, pick each other's brains

and make new friends, as well as find out how the Institute in the North West can help you in your role as a fundraiser.

The event will be free of charge, all they ask is that you email sophie.cunningham@afteradoption.org.uk to let them know you plan on attending as there will be refreshments available and you will be given emergency contact numbers.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact Sophie on the above email address.

Community Pathway

Friday 30 April 2010, 9.30am-12.30pm
Preston North End Football Club, Lowthorpe Road, Preston PR1 6SA

The community pathway has been developed to enable people who use personal budgets to have support should they require, to develop their support plan and or manage their budget. Lancashire County Council are looking for colleagues within user lead organisations and the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector to be part of this work.

This briefing session will share details of how they envisage the community pathway to operate and your involvement in this.

To book a place at the session please email carol.doloughan@lancashire.gov.uk or call (01772) 535145.

Lancaster & Morecambe College Student Volunteer Awards

Lancaster & Morecambe College (LMC) will be holding its annual Student Volunteer Awards on Thursday 27th May 2010. As part of these awards they will be giving out 'Outstanding Contribution Awards' to students who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for their community and/or college.

If you have a volunteer who is also a student at Lancaster and Morecambe College you can nominate them for this award. Nomination forms and more information are available from Naomi Oosman, Student Services, via email n.oosman@lmc.ac.uk or telephone (01524) 521237.

Deadline for nominations is Friday 7th May.

Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND) Spring Conference 2010

Sunday 16th May 2010, 9.00am-3.15pm
Herons' Reach, East Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 8LL

These one-day conferences are primarily aimed at people with MND, their families and carers although all interested parties are welcome to attend. The conferences provide the opportunity to learn more about MND care and research, while sharing experiences of living with MND and socialising with friends.

This is a great way for people to be introduced to the Association and an opportunity to network with local branch members and staff.

For more information, see the [website](#).

Learning & Employment Network (Mental Health)

Friday 21st May 2010, 11am
Workspace Lancaster Unit 8 Eastgate, White Lund Industrial Estate, Morecambe LA3 3DY

There will be a meeting of the Learning & Employment Network for Mental Health in May. Coffee/tea and refreshments will be available from 10.30am.

Jeremy Braund, Deputy Principal North Area, Lancashire Adult Learning will be giving a short talk at the meeting outlining some of the issues around adult community learning, local priorities and current resourcing.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing Lionel.Rice@makingspace.co.uk.

See the Person

The 'See the Person' project is seeking peer mentors aged 14-18 from mainstream education to become buddies/mentors to young disabled people. The potential mentors will be given full training and ongoing support throughout the project. Both mentee and mentor will be closely monitored. The mentor will have an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check prior to commencing service.

If you are aware of anyone who would like to be involved with the project, contact Chris Benson, project coordinator, by email bensonc@beaumontcollege.org or call (01524) 541416.

Age Concern Employment Service

Age Concern Employment Service specialises in helping anyone over 50 find work, training or self-employment support.

The free service is available at the Age Concern office at 7-11 Chapel Street on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and at Signposts in Morecambe on Wednesday mornings.

The service also includes workshops on job search skills including CV writing, application form completion and interview techniques.

Please contact Anne Oliver by email aoliver@ageconcernlancs.org.uk or telephone (01524) 387844 for further information or an appointment.

JustGiving for Sports Clubs

JustGiving.com (a fundraising website) has teamed up with Sport England and the CCPR to bring their service to Community Amateur Sports Clubs, (also known as CASCs) for free.

JustGiving subscription fees (worth £180 per year) are being waived for CASCs, simply follow the guidelines of how to join.

If you are a sports club that is not a CASC and you would like to learn more about becoming a CASC, visit www.cascinfo.co.uk, which is a website that's devoted to keeping you informed as to all the benefits your club can receive by becoming a CASC, like being able to claim Gift Aid on all your donations.

To register for JustGiving for Sports Clubs go to www.justgiving.com/sportsclubs.

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Rural Carbon Challenge Fund

The Rural Carbon Challenge Fund is a £4m initiative (grants will range from £200,000 to £500,000) to support the delivery of renewable energy projects in rural areas across the North West of England.

Groups and individuals can apply for renewable energy funding. One section of the fund will also support community groups with the capital cost of producing energy in community

buildings as well as the technical support, feasibility studies, training and establishments costs.

Community groups who wish to apply to the fund can access support with writing the expression of interest and full applications from the Energy Saving Trust's Facilitation and Development Assistant Manager, Charlotte Jackson, who can be contacted by email charlotte.jackson@est.org.uk or by calling 0161 209 3915.

The deadline for expression of interest is Tuesday 1st June 2010, 5.00pm. For more information, see the website www.envirolinknorthwest.co.uk/rccf.

Think Big

13 to 25 year olds, whether part of a youth organisation or an individual, are able to apply to a fund that will enable them to tackle the issues that most affect them, their friends, neighbours or community – all that is needed is an idea and the wish to make a change for the better.

The application process is easy and it doesn't take very long, and they will know within 6 weeks of applying whether or not their application has been successful.

Initially they can apply for a £300 grant, after which they will then have the chance to apply for £2,500 to further boost their project.

For more information, see the website www.o2.co.uk/thinkbig.

Success Stories...

If your organisation has recently been the recipient of funding, please email kevingoodall@lancastercvs.org.uk and share the good news with the members of Lancaster District CVS including the name of the funder, what the funding was for and the amount received.

Halton Carbon Positive

Halton Carbon Positive, a joint project between Halton Community Association, Lancaster Co-housing and LESS, will receive £5,000 after winning the Lancaster District round of Lancashire County Council's 'Give It A Go' challenge, a competition to reward ideas that will benefit local communities. If it is decided that the Halton Carbon Positive project is the best idea in Lancashire it will receive a further £20,000.

The same project has also won up to £500,000 to deliver a series of low carbon initiatives in the village from the Low Carbon Communities Challenge

LESS

Lancaster based Community Interest Company, LESS (Local and Effective Sustainable Solutions) has been successful in its bid for over £200,000 of funding from the Big Lottery Fund's Local Food scheme for a new allotment site and food growing project, 'Off the Ground'.

The allotment site, on Ambleside Road, Lancaster, received planning permission last year and is likely to be open by June.

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Help Direct 'Outreach Plus' Office in Carnforth

Outreach Plus will offer enhanced outreach and community development targeting Carnforth, Silverdale, Warton, Bolton-le-Sands, Over Kellet and Upper Lune Valley.

Organisations interested in using the premises for rural outreach are invited to contact Simon Denerley or Evon Kent at Help Direct on (01524) 63961.

Vetting and Barring Scheme

Full guidance from the Independent Safeguarding Authority about the Vetting and Barring Scheme is now available to download.

This document contains details on:

- The scope of the Scheme
- Barring arrangements
- Responsibilities and duties for both employers and volunteer organisers, and the duties for those individuals you take on
- Timescales for the phased implementation of the Scheme
- Explanation of transitional arrangements around Scheme introduction

In response to the overwhelming interest in the subject, the guidance makes special mention of those areas where the Scheme does not apply and discusses the points raised by Sir Roger Singleton when he reported into the boundaries of the Scheme in December 2009.

This full guidance release will be followed by a suite of 'sector specific' guidance documents, which will show how the Scheme will be applied in different areas of work and volunteering activities and will be published the appropriate government departments.

Printed copies of this full guidance document are available on request by calling 0300 123 1111.

Download the document from the [website](#).

Safer Recruitment

All those organisations and individuals who work with children and young people, or are involved in providing services for them, have a duty to safeguard and promote their welfare.

CWDC have developed an e-learning tool and comprehensive safer recruitment guidance for the children and young people's workforce.

The safer recruitment materials consist of modules and information which identifies what abuse is, what recruitment processes should be followed, information on the Vetting and Barring Scheme and the role of the Criminal Records Bureau and the Independent Safeguard Authority and how to manage allegations.

More details about the training and support materials, and access to them, can be found at: www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/safeguarding/safer-recruitment or by e-mailing the team at safer.recruitment@cwdcouncil.org.uk.

Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report

Reports published by the Chief Medical Officer provide an important record of the nation's health and the major challenges faced by Government in tackling the main problems, and detailed accounts of a wide range of initiatives taken by the Government on public health and in the National Health Service.

It includes a regional section focussing on 'A better understanding of mental wellbeing' for the North West.

The report is available from the [website](#).

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Food Safety Course

Monday 12th April 2010, 9.00am-5:30pm
Stanleys Youth and Community Centre, 79-83 Stanley Road, Morecambe LA3 1UT

A Level 2 certificate in Food Safety will be awarded upon successful completion of the training.

Price: £40 (including a light lunch)

For more information or to book, email ceep@ceep.org.uk.

Health and Safety in Health and Social Care

Thursday 15th April 2010, 9.30am-4.30pm
VOISE, 67 Lytham Road, Warton, Lancashire PR4 1AD

VOISE have a few places remaining on their health and safety course next week, which are available for immediate booking at a reduced cost of £45 per candidate.

For more information about the course, see the [website](#).

Please email training@voise.info or telephone Nicola Bolton (01772) 679 888 to reserve your place.

Trustee Roles: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

Wednesday 21st April, 9.30am-1.00pm
Trinity Community Centre, Middle Street, Lancaster LA1 1JZ

This session is for anyone who is, or is thinking of, taking on a committee/trustee/director role as Chair, Secretary or Treasurer. The course is suitable for those who are members of Clubs and Associations, Unregistered or Registered Charities, and Charitable Companies. Although all trustees are responsible for everything that goes on, these three roles are key.

Even if you don't use these titles you need to ensure that the functions are well covered.

The session will give a clear idea about the different roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and, by the end of it, participants should have an understanding of:

- How to distinguish between the different roles of Trustee officers
- The responsibilities that are attached to each role
- Where to go for information, support and advice

Price: £5.00-£60.00

For all bookings and enquiries, email hannahbland@lancastercvs.org.uk or call (01524) 555900 ext. 26.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

Tuesday 4th May 2010, 9.30am-4.30pm
The Cornerstone, Sulyard Street, Lancaster LA1 1PX

This course is built around the Lancashire Safeguarding Adults multi-agency policy and procedure.

The day will include a presentation and the completion of written answers in workbooks, which will result in the awarding of a certificate.

By the end of the session you will:

- Be aware of the types of abuse which occur
- Be aware of how to intervene to safeguard all vulnerable adults who are potentially or actually at risk

Price: £7.00-£60.00

For all bookings and enquiries, email hannahbland@lancastercvs.org.uk or call (01524) 555900 ext. 26.

Management Development Training for the Youth Workforce

The government has launched a programme of Management and Leadership development for those working within the Young People's Workforce.

The 6 day programme is being offered, with full government funding by Ford Project Management and is designed for *"front line managers in organisations in the public, independent and third sectors providing services mainly for young people. The managers will be responsible for front line staff, including personal advisers, youth workers, drugs and alcohol workers, learning mentors, youth justice staff, education welfare officers, health workers, housing workers and those working with care leavers"*.

The Management Development Programme (MDP) will help to build relevant knowledge, skills and behaviours among front line managers of services for young people. The programme will ensure staff can provide a distinctive, high quality service which leads to positive outcomes for young people. This will be achieved by working with examples of real, day-to-day challenges and opportunities in services for young people. The above attachments outline the course and target audience for attendance.

Two courses within Lancashire will run on the following dates:

Course One

Module One: 24th & 25th May 2010
Module Two: 14th & 15th June 2010
Module Three: 5th & 6th July 2010

Course Two

Module One: 6 & 7th September 2010
Module Two: 27th & 28th September 2010
Module Three: 1st & 2nd November 2010

For more information or an application form contact Andrea Phillimore, Strategic Development Officer - Workforce Development at the Young People's Service, by emailing Andrea.Phillimore@lancashire.gov.uk or calling (01772) 532171.

Closing date for applications: Monday 19th April 2010.

Volunteer Management Programme

Capacitybuilders is offering volunteer managers across England the opportunity to apply for a skills development bursary up to £1950. Each bursary will fund an approved skills development package – delivered regionally by experienced training providers with three levels of access tailored to suit your experience and role.

To find out more about the programme and how to apply please visit www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/vmpskills.

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Lancaster City Council – Summer Playschemes 2010

There are several temporary vacancies throughout the District currently being advertised by Lancaster City Council to provide the annual summer playscheme service.

Playleader Support Worker

Playleader Team Leader

Summer Administrative Co-ordinator

Summer Playleader

Summer Co-ordinator

For an application form and further details please apply online or e-mail recruitment@lancaster.gov.uk. Alternatively please call in to the reception area at Lancaster / Morecambe Town Hall or telephone 01524 582176 (24 hour answering service).

Application deadline: Friday 16th April 2010, 12.00pm.

North Lancs Advocacy

Advocate (x2)

Hours: 22 per week
Salary: £19,621-£21,519 pro rata

n-compass is looking to recruit an Advocate for the North Lancs Advocacy Service to provide one-to-one issue specific advocacy support across North Lancashire.

They will work to empower adults who are dealing with / accessing health and / or social care services.

Experience of supporting vulnerable adults to be heard and some knowledge of advocacy are required for this role.

Based in Blackpool, this role covers the Wyre, Fylde and Lancaster Districts.

For further details please call (01253) 362140 or email jobs@ncompass1.org

Closing date: Friday 23rd April 2010, 12.00pm.

End of Lancaster District CVS Bulletin

A printer-friendly version of this bulletin is available to download from the Lancaster District CVS website: www.lancastercvs.org.uk/bulletin/april2010.pdf.

The May Bulletin is due to be distributed on **Thursday 13th May**. The deadline for submissions to be included is **Friday 7th May**.

All feedback is welcome. Is the newsletter of use to you? Is there anything you would like to see more of? If you have any items which you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact Kevin Goodall on (01524) 555900 ext. 24 or email Kevin Goodall.

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