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Volunteer Achievement Awards

Lancaster District CVS were delighted to host the Volunteer Achievement Awards on Tuesday 2nd June as part of Volunteers' Week 2009.

All nominated volunteers received Certificates of Achievement from the Mayor of the City of Lancaster, Councillor Roger Sherlock.

Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Mary Hinde for the dedication and commitment shown in her voluntary roles within Lonsdale District Carers.

Young Volunteer of the Year, a new category in 2009, was awarded to Shaun Ferguson for the dedication and commitment shown in his voluntary work at The Ridge Community Centre.

The panel felt that both Mary and Shaun were worthy ambassadors for volunteering and fantastic role models to local people, offering their time to support these two organisations in a variety of ways.

Special thanks go to Mr Mayor, Beaumont College, Susan Hughes and Max Winterbottom from the Queens Award for their presentations, all staff at The Platform and to Lancaster City Council for supporting the event. Lancaster District CVS would also like to thank to all of the volunteers who attended and who made the event such an enjoyable success.

Photographs from the event will be available via this [website](#) from Monday. For photographs of individual winners please contact [Hannah Bland](#).

Lancaster Children's Trust Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Forum Launch

Wednesday 1st July, 10.00am-1.00pm
Trinity Community Centre, Middle Street, Lancaster

VCFS groups working with children, young people and families are invited to the launch of the Children's Trust VCFS Forum, after which the group will meet and nominate representatives onto the Lancaster Children's Trust Partnership.

The aims of the forum are to:

- To provide diverse VCFS representation on the Lancaster District Children's Trust to ensure the sector's views and interests are heard.
- To provide a mechanism for accountability to VCS groups providing services to children, young people and families.

The event will include presentations from Jeff Marsh, Policy Development Officer for Lancashire County Council including a remit of VCS engagement in the Children's Trusts, and Rehana Koser from the Children's Workforce Development Council, on engaging the voluntary sector with integrated working. Workshops will look at engagement and involvement of smaller community groups as well as communication and accountability issues surrounding the forum and a networking lunch.

For further details and booking please email [Hannah Bland](mailto:Hannah.Bland@lancastercvs.org.uk) or telephone (01524) 555900 ext. 26.

Launch of Lancaster District Volunteering Strategy / CVS Dissolution Meeting

Thursday 23rd July, 11.30am (drinks available from 11:00am)
Trinity Community Centre, Middle Street, Lancaster

As part of the process of transferring from a registered charity to a charitable company, Lancaster District CVS will be holding a dissolution meeting for the old charity, starting with a presentation by Alan Chapman on the findings of recent work done on the Lancaster District Volunteering Strategy. This will be followed by a short business meeting and lunch.

We hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend this meeting. Please contact [Jane Dutton](mailto:Jane.Dutton@lancastercvs.org.uk) if you would like to attend.

Introduction to Employment Law

Wednesday 17th June, 9.30am-4.00pm
Trinity Community Centre, Middle Street, Lancaster

This course is now full, but if you would like to have your name put on the reserve list, please contact hannahbland@lancastercvs.org.uk or telephone (01524) 555900 ext. 26.

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Lancashire Infrastrucutre Consortium Seeks Independent Chair

As part of the review of the governance arrangements of Lancashire Infrastructure Consortium, the Consortium is now looking to appoint its first Independent Chair.

Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 8th June 2009. The application process is very straight forward, and can be completed either on line or by hard copy submission.

For more information about the role, the person and the process, please see the official [website](#).

If you would like more information about the role, email [Lesley Doyle](#) or call 01254 584000.

Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month

Friday 12th and Saturday 13th June, 7.30-8.30pm
DT3 Youth Theatre, Moor Lane, Lancaster

As part of the National Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month, the local Gypsy Roma Traveller community have been involved in organising a celebration event titled 'Celebrating our History'.

The event is aimed to identify and show the history of the local Gypsy Roma Traveller community. There will be a range of various mediums of art and performance including dance, story telling, photography portrait and film.

To reserve a complimentary ticket to either showing of 'Celebrating our History', please email [Andrea Mulliner](#) or call 07824 434299.

Tickets will also be available to purchase at £3.50 per person

Community: Economy: Environment. Strengthening Procurement Links in the Lancaster District

Monday 15th June, 11.00am-4.00pm
The Borough, Dalton Square, Lancaster

The Sustainability Partnership for the Lancaster District invite you to attend an event showcasing practical ways for local purchasers, commissioners and policy makers to enhance their organisation's commitment to sustainable procurement.

For more information and to book a place please email [Claire Drury](#) at LESS (Local and Effective Sustainable Solutions), or call 01524 66100, by Friday 5th June.

Children's Integrated Services Safeguarding Conference 2009

Thursday 25th June, 9.00am-4:15pm
Lancaster House Hotel, Lancaster

Lancashire County Council, Children's Integrated Services are hosting a Safeguarding Conference for stakeholder colleagues in Lancashire.

The conference is aimed at managers and front-line staff from partner agencies with a responsibility for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in Lancashire.

The conference will be delivered as a series of key speaker presentations and workshops. A comprehensive programme will be sent to successful applicants.

To apply, please visit the official [website](#).

Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership (LDLSP)

Tracey Jardine is leaving her post as Manager at the end of May to take up the post of District Partnership Officer for Lancashire County Council in West Lancashire. Until a new LDLSP Manager is post please direct enquiries to [John Marsh](#) or telephone (01524) 582046.

The latest LDLSP update (#13) can be downloaded via this [link \(PDF\)](#).

A report from the Lancaster District Voluntary Sector Forum can be found at <http://www.lancastercvs.org.uk/trainingandevents/volsector.htm>.

Disability Arts and Cultural Festival for Lancaster and Preston

If you or your organisation wish to do something related to the above festival, please contact Judith Stephenson with a proposition. Please move quickly as marketing material to promote the festival is required by Friday 19th June. Please email judithstephenson@fsmail.net or telephone (01772) 558863.

The event also requires volunteers, old or young in both Lancaster / Morecambe, Preston and surrounding areas to carry out various tasks: filming, photography, staffing box office and bars, ushers, assistance to disabled people etc.

New Doorstep Project

Signposts and YMCA were successful with their tender to Strategic Housing and will be working together to provide a Homelessness Prevention Service across the District. The core service will:

- Support tenants to retain their existing accommodation
- Help identify and access alternative sustainable accommodation
- Provide an outreach service
- Assist with bonds through their Deposit Guarantee Scheme

Access points:

YMCA, 39 China Street, Lancaster
10am-4.30pm Monday-Friday
Tel: 01524 32737 ext. 13

Signposts, 58 Regent Rd, Morecambe
10am-4.30pm Monday-Friday
Tel: 01524 419021

Email: doorstep1@btconnect.com

The Bay Business Centre

The Bay Business Centre is now located in the West End Community Centre on Regent Road in Morecambe. Self contained offices are available to Social Enterprises from £200 per month complete with furniture, telephone line and broadband connection.

The centre is operated by North Lancs Enterprise, a not for profit company whose aim is to provide managed office space, training and a free advisory service to people wishing to become self employed or start their own businesses.

For further information telephone 01524 400224 or email info@baybusinesscentre.co.uk.

Lancashire Community Finance (LCF)

Lancashire Community Finance (formerly Preston Moneyline) is a 'not for profit' community business, owned and managed by people who live and work in the area. It exists to help residents who cannot get help from a bank or a building society by providing a range of services including loans from as little as £100, help to open a bank account, information and advice.

Unemployment is not a barrier to receiving help and they treat benefits as income when assessing such loan applications.

Appointments at the LCF's local base at The YMCA in Lancaster can be made by phoning FREE on 0844 5611292 or by emailing info@lancashirecommunityfinance.co.uk.

Lancashire Association of Clubs for Young People (LACYP)

LACYP now has a Conference Room (on Meeting House Lane in Lancaster), a Minibus and a Catering Trailer all available for hire.

For more details and cost of hire please contact Sylvia on 01524 65106 or email lacyp@lacyp.org.uk.

Working With Young Men – Health & Wellbeing Conference

Friday 12th June 2009, 9.30am-4.00pm
Plungington Young People's Centre, Brook Street, Preston

For all Practitioners working with Young Men across Lancashire

Through a range of presentations, workshops & a market place of information stalls the conference aims to:

- Contribute to the Every Child Matters Outcome, Be Healthy
- Raise awareness of health issues relating to Young Men
- Explore the impact of stereotyping on Young Men's Health
- Increase Young Men's accessibility to health education, information, advice, guidance and services
- Resource Practitioners in their delivery of work with Young Men

Please contact janice.spaulding@lancashire.gov.uk for further details.

Have your say on the new GP services in your area

NHS North Lancashire has recently commenced work with Coastal Health Care Ltd, as part of the Equitable Access to Primary Care Programme to offer three new services at the following location:

GP Practice at Heysham, Moss Gate

- The service will operate a registered list
- Open 6 days a week 8am-8pm
- The service will provide GP Services, Mental Health and Substance Misuse Services

NHS North Lancashire has now reached an important and exciting stage of this programme and would like your help in working alongside us in making our plans to improve GP services in North Lancashire happen now. If you would like to get involved and share your views on the new services we will be organising a number of focus groups.

Please contact the Affiliate Co-ordinators on 01524 519225 / 519224 or email vicky.ormerod@northlancs.nhs.uk.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The winners of this prestigious Award, equivalent in status to the MBE, have just been announced.

Lancashire's winners this year are:

Longridge Road Tenants' & Residents' Association, Preston

Providing activities for children, teenagers and elderly residents of a deprived estate in Ribblesdale.

St. John with St. Philip Open Doors Lunch Club, Nelson

Assisting with social interaction and a weekly nourishing meal for elderly and/or lonely people in Nelson.

Park View 4 U, Lytham

Putting the heart back into living by providing fully inclusive play and leisure facilities for all ages.

The winners will receive their Award from the Lord-Lieutenant, Lord Shuttleworth, at County Hall, Preston in July. Group representatives have also received an invitation to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in the summer.

Susan Hughes, Chairman of the Lancashire Panel, said, "This is wonderful news for these organisations and for Lancashire, and we congratulate them on attaining this prestigious Award".

Nominations have now opened for the 2010 Awards. If you know of a group in your area that is carrying out exemplary work for the community, then nominate them now.

More information and Nominations Forms are available from the website:

www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk or tel. 020 7781 2397

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Community Grants

Lancashire Community Grants will support small VCFS organisations to deliver innovative and engaging projects that address the barriers faced by deprived communities and individuals in gaining access to employment, skills and learning.

The project will award grants to those organisations that are well placed and creative in their approach to solving employment issues in their areas by "opening opportunities" for the hard to reach communities in Lancashire.

Priority will be given to projects that will provide support to:

- those with disabilities and health conditions including mental health;
- people aged 50 years and over;
- females;
- people from minority ethnic groups;
- lone parents – including young parents/teenage parents.

Grants of up to £12,000 are available under Community Grants. Community Grants can only be used to support unemployed people over the age of 16. The deadline for the next bidding round is 20th June 2009.

Further information and how to apply can be found at the official [website](#).

Grants for Growth II

Lancashire Grants for Growth II awards grants to small frontline VCFS organisations who are working at a local / neighbourhood level and who can engage with individuals from the priority groups and progress them on a journey towards work. Grants for Growth II can only be used to support unemployed people over the age of 16.

Grants of up to £6,000 are available under Grants for Growth II. We are looking at supporting 100 projects across the county; so far we have had the 1st bidding round and have approved 17 applications. The deadline for the 2nd bidding round is 30th May 2009. The next deadline following this will be 30th September 2009. All applications are presented to an appraisal panel for a decision to be made.

Further information and how to apply can be found at the official [website](#).

Cracking the Code

‘Cracking the Code’ is a bursary scheme for infrastructure organisations to improve their governance based on ‘Good Governance: A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector’. NCVO will provide up to £500 to support providers with an income of less than £500,000.

The next deadline is Tuesday 30th June 2009. For more information and to apply, see the official [website](#).

Youth Bank Fund

This year’s **Youth Opportunities Fund** and **Youth Capital Fund** are now available.

Young people need to be aged 13-19 and fully involved in generating and developing the project they want funded. Young people can apply for small

pieces of equipment and for employing a member of staff on a short term contract to undertake a specific piece of work (e.g. art project).

Groups can apply for up to £5,000, individuals (disadvantaged young people only) can apply for up to £250.

The next deadline for Youth Opportunities Fund applications is Friday 4th September.

The deadline for Youth Capital Fund applications is Friday 11th September 2009.

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

To discuss any plans for applications and for further information, support and advice contact [Pam Pickard](#).

Green Partnership Awards

The Green Partnership Awards (GPA) provide grants for environmental action in Lancashire, this might include funding art workshops, work with an artist or materials.

GPA assists groups and individuals to carry out projects to improve their local environment by providing funding and professional advice.

Grants are available to all groups and organisations, as well as individuals in Lancashire and are awarded in the area of £500.

To be eligible for a grant, a project should aim to make a lasting contribution to improving the local neighbourhood and not just be a quick fix.

Applications from schools are particularly welcome.

Waste and recycling

Reducing the amount of rubbish produced in Lancashire is a big part of improving our local environment. To help achieve this, GPA has specifically set aside funding for projects that help reduce, recycle or reuse rubbish.

Art and the environment

Green Partnership Awards now has an Art and the Environment strand designed to encourage groups to include art in their projects. More information can be found in '[Putting Art at the Heart of your Environment](#)' or you can contact the County Council's Arts Development Service on 01772 531292; e-mail arts.unit@ed.lancscc.gov.uk

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

Big Lottery's Local Food Programme

Due to high levels of interest, The Local Food programme will be suspended to new First Stage Applications in August.

If you are interested in applying to Local Food you will have three months to submit your First Stage Application before the programme is suspended. This should allow you plenty of time to submit a quality application before the deadline of 21 August 2009.

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

Safer Homes Fund

The Safer Homes Fund is a 12 month revenue fund of between £10,000 and £100,000 for community organisations to start (or continue) community safety initiatives. Organisations can apply directly, and the fund can be used for anything relevant to the programme (staff costs, start-up costs, programme costs etc.).

The Home Office wants the fund to lead to more secure homes to reduce burglary and for stronger relationships/information sharing between communities and the Police.

All bids must be in before 31 July and there will be weekly grant committee meetings from 10 May. The fund is available in 90 areas of England and Wales and you can read more about it at www.grantsadmin.co.uk/saferhomes

BBC Children in Need

Applications are welcome from groups within the voluntary and community sector that work to positively change the lives of children and young people in the United Kingdom.

BBC Children in Need have two further deadlines for applications in 2009; July 15 and September 15.

To discuss your application, please e-mail [Philip Jeffery](mailto:Philip.Jeffery@bbc.co.uk) or call 0161 244 3442 who will respond to your query within 48 hours. Further information may be found on the application process at www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/

Future Jobs Fund

The Government has launched the Future Jobs Fund worth £1 billion to help generate 150,000 new jobs particularly for young people and areas of high unemployment. The fund is part of the Budget 2009 announcement to deliver an extra £3.1 billion to help people looking for work.

Local authorities and third sector organisations across the country can submit innovative bids for jobs. This could include sports coaching, crime prevention, tourism and working with children.

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

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Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board

Disabled Children & Child Protection

Monday 15th June
Lancashire College, Chorley

Sexual Exploitation

Tuesday 16th June
Red Rose Hub, Preston

Domestic Violence / Abuse

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th June
Bacup Health Centre, Bacup

Please contact [Louise Wilson](#) for further information and an application form, or see the official [website](#).

Understanding & Supporting People who Self-Harm

Monday 13th July 2009, 10.00am-4.00pm
Carnforth Station Visitor Centre, Warton Road, Carnforth

A full day workshop providing an interactive forum for learning more about this issue and how people can support those who self-harm and help them change their patterns of behaviour. The training will offer personal and professional insights to further your knowledge incorporating NICE guidelines, case studies and examples of harm minimisation approaches.

Cost: £95 + VAT – includes refreshments, lunch and a resource pack.

Please ring or email if you wish to reserve a place.

Tel: 01768 870824
Mobile: 07818 864271
Email: info@jilleastham.co.uk

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

Quality Systems Development

Thursday 8th October, 9.45am-1.00pm
Gujarat Hindu Society, South Meadow Lane, Preston, PR1 8JN

Funders and local authorities are increasingly asking organisations working with children and young people to have or be working towards quality standards.

Young Lancashire are able to offer free support to organisations and groups in Lancashire to gain an Initial Quality Health Check in order to ensure that the work being provided is safe and effective, plus provide access, to those looking for a self-assessment model, to First Steps to Quality.

In addition, we can provide trained Mentors to assist groups and organisations to achieve the nationally recognised PQASSO (Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations).

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact supportservices@lya.org.uk or call 01772 556127.

The Certificate in Interpersonal Skills for Volunteers

The Certificate in Interpersonal Skills for Volunteers is a part-time distance learning course, and is available free of charge for UK and EU residents who do not hold (and are not currently studying for) a degree or higher qualification by using the promotional code LAMP99 when applying online at www.volstudy.ac.uk (students who do already have a degree can also use this code and save £99 reducing the fees to £199).

The course has no exams and has monthly start dates.

The course is fully accredited by the University of Wales and can lead to a BA Degree in Voluntary Sector Studies.

Professional Development Support

Virtual Staff College in Manchester will be running a series of FREE professional development opportunities to managers working in the voluntary sector to support the implementation of Every Child Matters.

For further information, see the official [website](#) or contact administrator@virtualstaffcollege.co.uk

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National Family Mediation

Regional Development Manager

Hours: 35 hours per week (job share or part-time will be considered), two-year fixed-term contract

Salary: £29,714 (NJC SCP 36)

National Family Mediation is looking for a new Regional Development Manager in the North of England. Their objective is to provide the direction, support and advice for our Services to reach out to 10% of the divorcing population. This means dramatically increasing consumer awareness and reaching out to make mediation accessible to all members of the community, as well as improving Services' cost effectiveness and consistency.

This calls for consultancy and marketing skills, commissioning and tendering experience, initiative, enthusiasm and energy, a commitment to the values of family mediation and an ability to work in partnership with colleagues. A willingness to travel both regionally and nationally is essential.

For an information pack, please email general@nfm.org.uk.

Closing date for applications is 5.00pm Tuesday 9th June 2009. Interviews will take place in London on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June 2009.

The Survivors Trust

Regional Development Officer

Hours: 21 hours per week, flexible, part-time, one-year fixed-term contract

Salary: £26,016 pro rata, (NJC SO1, Point 31), 3 days per week flexible

A development officer is required for the North of England to work as part of a national team to support development and delivery of strategic interventions to provide high quality targeted support for specialist third sector rape, sexual violence and childhood sexual abuse services.

Applications are invited from suitably experienced individuals in the form of a CV and supporting statement describing what you can bring to the post and why your skills and experience fit with its requirements.

Due to the nature of the role, a current driving license and the use of a car is essential.

The successful applicants will be subject to CRB checks.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 5th June 2009. Interviews will take place in Rugby on Monday 22nd June 2009.

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

Please apply via email to info@thesurvivorstrust.org

End of CVS Bulletin

All feedback is welcome. Is the newsletter of use to you? Is there is 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](#). If you no longer wish to receive these bulletins please e-mail [Kevin Goodall](#) and ask to be removed from the bulletin list.