

Council For Voluntary Services Central Lancashire

Welcome to our weekly roundup of all things Voluntary Community Faith Sector in Central Lancashire!

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And now, the news ...

[Guild 2012](#)

Official opening of the Ribbleton Park Community Garden and mural unveiling - 27 October 2012

Both the garden and the mural are Preston Guild Legacy Projects and one of Friends of Fishwick and St Matthew's community group's contribution to improving the neighbourhood. The event will be attended by Preston's Mayor, Carl Crompton and by residents and other officials and representatives from local organisations who have helped in our projects. Free refreshments will be available. We hope you can join us for the launch event, and we are looking forward to seeing you on the 27th October at 10.30! Please RSVP to Friends of Fishwick and St Matthew's for catering purposes:

fofpreston@gmail.com

It's the Guild ... Marathon - 28 October 2012

The Preston Guild Marathon and Half Marathon is the third event in a four part race series and forms part of the celebratory programme of events for the Guild. The marathon and half marathon will be run this Sunday 28th October. All races start and finish from Preston Flag Market in the city centre. The full marathon runners are first to face the starting pistol at 9am, followed by the half marathon at 10am. The 11-17 year olds running the 4.7km mini marathon route set off at 10.15am. The first runners for the half marathon are expected to cross the finish line around 11am and around 11.20am for marathon runners. A number of road closures will occur throughout the city centre to accommodate the runs. Between the hours of 8am and 5pm a number of the roads will be temporarily closed to any motor vehicle or cycle. The prize giving ceremony will take place at Race HQ in Preston Guild Hall from 1pm and spectators are invited to come along and watch the ceremony. Top prize for marathon runners is £250, half marathon £200. The fourth and final race of the Guild series is

the Preston 10 miler on Sunday 18th November.

Spectating points:

<http://prestonguild2012.com/?OBH=53&ID=1242>

City Road Closures details:

<http://www.prestonguild2012.com/marathonclosures>

Guild Interfaith Week 2012 - 18 - 24th November

Interfaith Week is a chance for different communities to come together to build relationships and understanding. It is open to people of all different faiths or of no faith. A diverse series of events will take place throughout the week. The programme is currently being put together by a number of partner organisations, here are just a few to look out for:

'Faith and Celebration' An evening of celebrating faith, through dance, reflection and giving – organised by Preston Faith Forum. Sunday 18 th November at the Gujarat Hindu Society on South Meadow Lane.

'The Faith Trail' is a tour across the range of Preston's places of worship. This is a rare opportunity to learn about the different faith communities of Preston and see where and how they worship. Sunday 18 and Wednesday 21 November.

'Interfaith and Common Ground Exhibition' faith inspired art work contributed by 9 high schools and displayed at the Harris Library.

"Has Faith been marginalised in modern Britain" a Dialogue Event. Local religious leaders will debate at the Museum of Lancashire – 6pm Tuesday 20 th November.

"Islamophobia, Fact or Fiction? Challenges and Solutions" Chris Allen, a leading academic in the field of Islamophobia will be honestly introducing this subject. Thursday 22 nd November, 9:45am at the Salvation Army on Harrington Street.

"Faith & Art Workshop" 30 students from different schools will come together to learn artistic skills from different faith perspectives; Lead by the Harris Museum and Art Gallery.

For more information about Interfaith Week, contact Ayub Bapu at Preston City Council on 01772 903407 or email

a.bapu@preston.gov.uk

New heritage trail unlocks secrets

Preston Council has launched a new heritage trail to showcase the best of the city.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/new-heritage-trail-unlocks-secrets-1-5063706>

Funding Opportunities

Adactus Housing Groups' Neighbourhood Fund - deadline 31 October 2012

Funding is available to support small scale community projects that improve the quality of life and make a real difference to the neighbourhoods in Manchester, Trafford, Cheshire, Neston, Wigan and Leigh, Chorley, Sefton, Preston, Lancaster and Morecambe where Adactus manages homes. The funding is intended to enable residents groups, community groups, charitable organisations and social enterprises to make a difference in their community and tackle some of the problems in their area. The fund is available to support small scale community projects that will improve the quality of life and make a real difference to the neighbourhood. This can include physical improvements such as gardening projects, security lights, and play equipment. Community projects such as activities for young people, community fun days and luncheon clubs for older people.

<http://www.adactushousing.co.uk/Information/142>

RBS Inspiring Women in Enterprise Fund Opens Across UK - deadline 2 November 2012

The Inspiring Women in Enterprise programme launch follows on the heels of the Inspiring Youth Enterprise programme which launched earlier this month. Both programmes offer a funding pot of £1.5 million over the next three years. By the time the Inspiring Women in Enterprise programme ends in 2015, RBS expects to have "inspired and enabled 20,000 women to explore and unlock their enterprise potential". There will be two funding rounds per year for the next three years. Each year £500,000 will be available.

<http://www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com/>

Vodafone 2012 World of Difference UK programme - deadline 13 November 2012

Applications for the 2012 World of Difference UK programme are now open. Each year, the Vodafone World of Difference UK programme gives 500 people the chance to work for a UK charity of their choice, and get paid. They can choose to work either full-time for two months or part-time for four. If you don't already have a charity in mind you can search for one on the website.

<http://worldofdifference.vodafone.co.uk/>

Community Awards Open to NW Groups - deadline 16 November 2012

The Community Empowerment Awards 2012 aims to reward best practice in communities around the issues of empowerment, cohesion and resilience that have taken place in the North West within the last year. Any community or voluntary group in the North West supported by a Local Authority or other organisation that has delivered a project that has made a positive difference in their community may enter. Although there is no cash prize, the awards offer an opportunity to showcase the best community empowerment projects in the North West.

<http://www.nwtwc.org.uk/events/>

Rolex Awards for Enterprise open for entries from 18-30 year olds - deadline 31 May 2013

The Rolex Awards for Enterprise, which are given every two years, are now open for applications for the 2014 round. The awards are designed to recognise "extraordinary individuals who possess the courage and conviction to take on major challenges". They are given for a new or ongoing project anywhere in the world – "one that deserves support for its capacity to improve lives, or protect the world's natural and cultural heritage". The 2014 Awards will be open only to young candidates, those aged between 18 and 30.

<http://www.rolexawards.com/>

Santander Launches Community Plus Fund in UK

The new UK-wide scheme follows on the heels of Santander's pilot scheme for the South West of England which opened last month. This is good news for local UK-registered charities that can apply now for grants of up to £5,000 from a pot of £1.23 million. The funding can help with the cost of salaries, equipment or materials for projects that assist disadvantaged people within the UK. Projects must be local. Applications can be made by a simple nomination form which can be picked up at any Santander local branch or by downloading one from the Santander Foundation's website.

<http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/aboutus.aspx>

[Vacancies and Employment](#)

Regional pay bid opposition

Plans to move to a regional pay scheme have been criticised by Preston councillors who claim it will lead to a drain of skills and talent from the city and surrounding areas.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/regional-pay-bid-opposition-1-5042857>

More people in employment than ever before

There are more people in employment than ever before, according to new statistics published. Unemployment has fallen again and youth unemployment has dropped to its lowest level in a year.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/newsroom/press-releases/2012/oct-2012/dwp107-12.shtml>

Volunteering

Chorley: Volunteers wanted for health and wellbeing trial

Local people, aged between 35 and 50, are being asked to volunteer for a health and wellbeing trial that will entitle them to a year's free access to the facilities at All Seasons Leisure Centre. National charity Active Nation, who manage All Seasons Leisure Centre on behalf of Chorley Council, is asking local people who don't exercise regularly to take part in a pioneering project that will examine the impact of exercise on the participant's health and wellbeing. Up to 80 people are needed and those taking part will have their health and wellbeing monitored over 12 months through three free health checks. In return they will be given free exercise coaching, wellbeing advice and free access to all of the exercise facilities at All Seasons Leisure Centre on Water Street.

<http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3972>

Volunteer plea to help others

Lancashire County Council is asking people to make a difference to others by giving up some time as a volunteer. Make a Difference Day takes place on Saturday, October 27 and the county council wants people to think about whether they can spare some of their time to help others. County Coun Mike Calvert, cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "Volunteering can be good for you, good for the people around you, and good for the county as a whole." Visit:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/volunteer>

e-mail: lccvolunteering@lancashire.gov.uk

or call the volunteer hub on 07584 217672.

Public service work could overburden volunteers, says discussion paper

Volunteers are at risk of being overburdened as third sector organisations increase their involvement in delivering public services, an academic paper has suggested. No Longer a Voluntary Sector?, published today by the Third Sector Research Centre, is the second of five discussion papers that will be produced as part of its Third Sector Futures Dialogues.

<http://tsrc.ac.uk/>

MP says criminals who cannot pay fines should pay off debt through work for charities

We were rather stuck where to put this article but, in keeping with the spirit of the DWP, decided to put it under "volunteering".

Criminals who cannot pay fines imposed by courts should instead be made to work for charities to pay off the

fine, a bill introduced to parliament yesterday proposes. In a Ten Minute Rule bill, John Glen, the Conservative MP for Salisbury, said local authorities and voluntary organisations should be given the power to supervise "unpaid work orders" whereby people who could not pay cash for a court fine instead paid it off with their labour, at a designated hourly rate. Glen was given permission to continue with the bill, but has no plans to do so because the Ministry of Justice has specifically said it has no plans to introduce unpaid work orders.

Reminder: Child Action Northwest is looking for new Trustees to join our successful team

Child Action Northwest (CANW) is a registered children's charity which was founded in 1891 as Blackburn Orphanage. Today it is one of the leading voluntary sector providers of services for children, young people, families and communities across the Northwest of England with an annual turnover of just under £4.5 million. The charity has offices across the region serving Cumbria, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Merseyside.

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<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/10/18/CANW.pdf>

New website links would-be volunteers with charities

A new website that links charities with people who want to volunteer has been launched by Haymarket Business Media Publishing's "Third Sector". ThirdSectorVolunteering is a free service for charities, which can list their volunteering vacancies, and for would-be volunteers, who can search for opportunities by skills, cause area and location. More than 200 volunteering vacancies have already been posted on the site, which is being publicised among readers of other brands in Haymarket Business Media, including Management Today, PR Week, Marketing and People Management.

Support group launched for charity chairs

A new support group for charity chairs was launched in London on 12 October at a meeting hosted in the Charity Commission's offices at Millbank. Provisionally referred to as an independent 'Institute of Chairs', the initiative is the brainchild of governance expert Ruth Lesirge and Rosalind Oakley, chair of Charities Evaluation Services.

http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/governance/news/content/13554/support_group_launched_for_charity_chairs

Fundraising News

Special event for lost April, Leyland - 3 November 2012

A group of Leyland businesswomen are holding a fundraising evening to help the family of missing five-year-old April Jones. The event will be held at Wellington Park in Leyland on November 3 from 7.30pm. The £5 tickets are available from Ivory Bridal in Leyland and other local businesses.

St Catherine's Hospice: Annual Will Week - 12 - 18 November 2012

People are urged to make a will as a group of solicitors have waived their usual fees in exchange for a donation to a Lancashire hospice. St Catherine's Hospice in Lostock Hall, near Preston is holding its second annual Wills Week from November 12 to 18. Six solicitors across Preston, Leyland and Chorley are waiving their will-writing fees and asking people to make a donation to the hospice instead.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/make-a-will-to-back-hospice-1-5059064>

Space Centre, Preston, Under threat centre is a 'vital lifeline' for families - 18 November 2012

"The Space Centre is somewhere I can let my child be just like a regular child." Those are the words of Lorraine Jenkins, the sole carer for son Leon, who relies heavily on the under-threat facility. The facility, which has been providing vital services for severely disabled people across Lancashire for almost 20 years, is in dire straits due to an £800,000 funding black hole and has launched a desperate appeal for fundraising help. Since news broke that the centre had suffered the cash blow, fundraisers have started efforts to save the facility. Lorraine will be taking part in a fancy dress sponsored bike ride of the Guild Wheel on November 18. For those wishing to get involved or make a donation, the group will be meeting at the Marina cafe at Preston Docks at 11am.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/under-threat-centre-is-a-vital-lifeline-for-families-1-5042900>

Katy Holmes Trust: Christmas Party - 23 November 2012

A Christmas party will be held in honour of brain tumour victim Katy Holmes to raise funds for the charity launched in her name. Katy's Christmas Party will be held at the Barton Grange Hotel in Preston on Friday November 23 - exactly one year on from when the youngster celebrated an early Christmas there with her family and friends after doctors feared she would not make it until Christmas.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/katy-s-christmas-party-1-5042841>

Charity Finance Group launches free banking guide for charities

The Charity Finance Group and the British Bankers Association have published a free guide to help charities with their banking arrangements. Banking for Charities is designed for trustees and managers of charities, and provides information on opening a suitable bank account, understanding fees and charges and switching your account.

http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/10/25/BBA_CFG_Banking_for_Charities.pdf

David Cameron announces large increase in payment-by-results schemes to tackle reoffending

David Cameron, the Prime Minister, has said he wants to see a large increase in the use of payment-by-results schemes to prevent reoffending. "By the end of 2015, I want to see payment by results spread right across rehabilitation," he told an event hosted by the Centre for Social Justice think tank. "Of course, there will be some high-risk offenders for whom this is not appropriate, but this approach should be the norm rather than the exception." He said that payment by results for rehabilitation was "such a good idea I want to put rocket boosters under it". "To achieve that, we're saying to charities, companies and voluntary organisations – come and help us rehabilitate our prisoners." The government has not yet said what funding will be made available for the scheme.

Cabinet Office to help community organisers with £7.5m of start-up grants

The Cabinet Office is to invest up to £7.5m in bursaries to help recruits on its community organisers programme secure employment once their year-long training ends. The government's community organisers programme is training 5,000 people to work in communities to create local networks and encourage local people to take action in their areas. Of these, 500 will be paid senior organisers and the rest will be volunteers. When the programme was launched last year, the Cabinet Office said that the senior organisers would receive a £20,000 bursary only in their foundation year, and would then have to seek additional funding from sources such as foundations and local authorities when their training finished. But a spokeswoman for the Cabinet Office confirmed in a statement that it was now making employment start-up grants of up to

£15,000 to organisers who had completed their 51 weeks of training and who had raised the same amount in match funding.

Charities might have to read '100 pages of guidance' to use new Gift Aid scheme

Charities that want to use the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme could have to read almost 100 pages of guidance before they can do so, according to Gareth Thomas, the shadow charities minister. Thomas was speaking in Parliament during the committee stage of the Small Charitable Donations Bill, which will introduce GASDS. "There are 80 pages of guidance for a charity to claim Gift Aid," Thomas told fellow MPs on bill committee last week. "Further guidance will be published by HM Revenue & Customs about the implementation of this scheme."

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmpublic/smallcharitabledonations/121018/pm/121018s01.htm>

Training

Arthritis Care, Chorley: Challenging Pain Course - 22 and 29 October 2012

Are you living with long term pain? Would you like to learn easy skills and techniques to manage your pain more effectively? Then come along to our free (Course funded by Central Lancashire NHS) Challenging Pain Course.

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<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/10/25/ChorleyCPPoster.pdf>

British Red Cross: First aid course to help parents - 29 October 2012

The British Red Cross is calling for more parents to learn First Aid. According to a recent survey 96% of parents agree that all parents should have basic first aid knowledge should their child be injured or be taken ill. A basic first aid course will be taking place at the British Red Cross Centre, Pittman Court, Preston on October 29. For information visit

<http://www.redcross.org.uk>

Community Gateway Association: Free MiDAS Training for Volunteers! - 19, 27 November 2012

MiDAS is the Minibus Drivers Awareness Scheme and qualifies drivers to safely drive minibuses. This certification is needed by most minibus operators. Community Gateway Association is holding a FREE course on the 19th and 27th November at Deltic House West Strand Preston

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/10/25/FreeMidas1.doc>

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/10/25/FreeMidasPoster.doc>

Vine House Community Projects Training Cancer Awareness Workshop - 'Bowel Cancer Awareness'

Cancer Help (Preston) Ltd in collaboration with Cancer Network (Lancs) have been requested to offer training on Bowel Cancer Awareness. The object is to target hard to reach groups and I am inviting you to request training which may be for: Staff; Clients; Groups - supporting clients. Please phone Vine House, 01772 793344 or email

vinehouse@cancerhelppreston.co.uk

Margaret O'Donoghue, Chief Executive

Pro-Contact: Sustaining Change and Impact Family Interventions Conference, Manchester - 24

January 2013

How do family interventions sustain change and impact for disadvantaged children?

We are running a national conference in the new year for any staff / volunteers with an interest in safeguarding and family law. Community and Voluntary organisations can attend for a discounted rate of £22.50.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/10/25/confposter.pdf>

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/10/25/ConfBookingForm.doc>

<http://www.pro-contact.org.uk/>

Dame Mary Marsh appointed to review skills in voluntary sector

Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society, has appointed Dame Mary Marsh to lead a review into leadership and skills in the voluntary sector. Dame Mary will draw upon her impressive experience working with the charity and voluntary sector, which includes her being the founding director of the Clore Social leadership Programme and eight years as Chief Executive of NSPCC, to examine how effectively existing support is meeting the requirements of the sector. She will look at how businesses and professionals can share their expertise with charities and social enterprises, and recommend ways in which the sector can make a dynamic push to upgrade and maintain its skills to meet the challenges of the future.

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/dame-mary-marsh-appointed-review-skills-voluntary-sector>

Events

Brockholes Nature Reserve Half term Activities - 27 - 28 October 2012

Spooks and cooks will dominate half-term at Brockholes – with events to keep the whole family entertained. The fun begins with Brockholes' Autumn Food and Craft Festival on October 27 and 28 11am-4pm. There will be a feast of local produce and suppliers available with stalls including cakes, meats, wines, local beers, crafts, jewellery and photography. Entrance for the festival is free. There will also be a host of Halloween activities taking place throughout the week. For full details of all the reserve's half term events call 01772 87200.

English Youth Ballet: Casting call for youngsters, Preston - 19 November 2012

Young dancers from across Lancashire will have the opportunity of a lifetime next month. On Monday, November 19, the English Youth Ballet will hold auditions to find 100 young male and female dancers to take part in their next production of Swan Lake.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/casting-call-for-youngsters-1-5054344>

Police and Crime Commissioner Candidate Husting Event, Blackburn - 1 November 2012

HUSTINGS EVENT – THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER, BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL, BB15AA @ 7.30PM

Third Sector Lancashire have organised a "Hustings Event" for the candidates standing in the election for a Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire aimed at the Third Sector. As a member of the voluntary, community and faith sector in Lancashire you are invited to attend this key event providing an opportunity to meet, listen to and question the candidates who are standing in the Police and Crime Commissioner election in November. Please feel free to forward this invite onto colleagues in the voluntary, community and faith sector in your area.

To confirm your attendance please e-mail:

Danielle.bowater@lancashire.gov.uk

[Public Notices](#)

Youth Zone leads the way for young people

A multi-million pound centre for young people in Preston will be the first of its kind in the country. The Youth Zone Plus will provide a base for advisers in careers, housing and sexual health, setting it apart from other Youth Zones. It will also offer the facilities associated with Youth Zones around the North West, including a professional dance studio, a full-size sports hall, a boxing gym and arts facilities.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/youth-zone-leads-the-way-for-young-people-1-5042832>

Leyland: Skate park plans to be approved

Retrospective planning permission for a popular indoor skate park looks set to be approved. The Warehouse Leyland in Talbot road opened in July and already has 1,000 people signed up for membership. But after South Ribble Council received a noise complaint it was discovered that the site didn't have the right planning permission. Owner Peter Chandler has had to submit a retrospective planning application.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/skate-park-plans-to-be-approved-1-5050341>

Chorley: Get up and have fun - 29 October - 2 November 2012

A whole host of fun-filled and exciting activities have been lined up for youngsters in Chorley to enjoy this half term holiday. Chorley Council's Get Up and Go programme will be swinging into action with an action-packed week for children and teens to take part in, with some activities specifically tailored for younger children aged from four years. The sessions run from Monday, October 29 until Friday, November 2 and booking is essential.

<http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3970>

Preston City Council: prepares for further cuts

Further council cuts are "absolutely certain," city leaders have warned today. Preston Council is about to look at possible scenarios as to where cuts may have to be made when the council gets its next government settlement. The Local Government grant settlement ends in March next year - the government is currently consulting on new arrangements for Local Government finance beyond that. Council bosses will find out in December what their settlement will be - but at this stage they anticipate two further years of cuts.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/council-prepares-for-further-cuts-1-5050200>

Preston: Social housing wait soars

The number of people waiting for social housing in Preston has increased by almost a quarter. There are now 2,617 people waiting for homes compared to 2,149 this time last year. The figures, from Community Gateway's annual report, reflect changes in the welfare system which place limits on the amount of housing benefit available to families.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/lifestyle/property-news/social-housing-wait-soars-1-5053025>

Extra 10,000 working people a month reliant on housing benefit, says report

The number of working households forced to rely on housing benefit since the recession began in 2008 has doubled – a trend that will lead to a million earners being dependent on welfare to keep a roof over their

heads by the next election, according to a report. As private rents rise faster than wages, another 10,000 working people a month need housing benefit to afford their rent. By the next election, the study warns, 1.2 million "strivers" will only be able to stay in their homes through welfare payments. In Preston, the average annual rent takes up 38% of the average income, in Chorley 39% and in South Ribble 41%.

<http://www.housing.org.uk/>

Councils way off 120,000 troubled families target

Councils are struggling to identify anywhere near the 120,000 'troubled families' that ministers claim exist in England, an LGC investigation suggests. Responses from a third of England's upper-tier councils that are participating in the scheme run by the Department for Communities & Local Government suggest that councils have identified just 6.9% of their target number of families meeting the government's strict definition of 'troubled'.

<http://www.lgcplus.com/briefings/joint-working/community-safety/councils-way-off-120000-troubled-families-target/5050413.article>

Partnership working must focus more on needs of beneficiaries, says report

Charities and voluntary organisations are not doing enough to prioritise the views and needs of beneficiaries when considering partnership working, a new report suggests. Partnership Working, published by the Third Sector Research Centre, says service users' views are too often being excluded when objectives for partnership are being set or assessed for impact.

<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/Research/ServiceDeliverySD/ThirdSectorPartnershipsforServiceDelivery/tabid/661/Default.aspx>

Councils wasting resources by keeping advice services in-house

Local authority youth services are increasingly trying to deliver one-to-one advice and support themselves even though the evidence is clear that the voluntary sector does it more effectively. Youth Access today launches the results of its annual survey of the financial health of youth information, advice, counselling and support services. The report shows that these services are 'Stretched to the Limit', desperately trying to protect vital front-line services upon which young people depend despite increasing demand and diminishing resources. Chaotic commissioning practices and the protection of local authority jobs are exacerbating the plight of effective voluntary sector services in many areas.

http://www.charitytimes.com/ct/councils_wasting_resources_by_keeping_advice_services_in-house.php

Home Office Equality Act Guidance

The Home Office has released a series of documents about complying with the Equality Act 2010. A series of documents have been released to ensure compliance, including a series of documents specifically for the voluntary sector.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/equalities/equality-act-publications/equality-act-guidance/>

Hodgson Review debate continues

The proposal to allow large charities (defined as those with annual incomes in excess of £1m) to pay their trustees without the Charity Commission's consent lacks support and would be damaging to public confidence and the charity sector, sector leaders have warned Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society. A joint response from the chief executives of the umbrella bodies Navca, Community Matters and the Small Charities Coalition

and a separate response from the policy body the Directory of Social Change, both warn against introducing the measure, proposed by the Conservative peer Lord Hodgson in his review of the Charities Act 2006.

Navca, Community Matters and SCC also caution against introducing charges for registration and filing accounts with the Charity Commission because it would disproportionately affect smaller charities. The response from the three organisations also says the proposal to raise the annual income threshold for compulsory registration with the commission from £5,000 to £25,000 requires more thought. "Registration with the Charity Commission is vital for fundraising because a significant number of trusts and foundations do not support unregistered charities," the joint response says. The joint response says that the suggestion that charities with incomes of less than £25,000 a year should be listed as "small" on the commission's register could create a two-tier system. Appearing before MPs on the Public Administration Select Committee, Hodgson however said larger charities were "big businesses" and that it was right to allow such organisations to pay trustees in order to get the right people and that trustees should be encouraged to use their judgement.

Free Guide Can Help Charities Adopt Social Enterprise Approach

The new free guide has been published in response to a call from the charitable sector for information and advice on how to become a social enterprise as they look for ways to deal with an environment of diminishing funding. Social enterprises are organisations that trade for a social and/or environmental purpose. It is estimated that there are more than 68,000 social enterprises in the UK, and they contribute at least £24 billion to the economy. These numbers are expected to increase as social investment takes off and the Public Services (Social Value) Act comes into force in January 2013. It is hoped the Act will create more trading opportunities for charities and social enterprises providing public services.

Download the guide here:

<http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/uploads/editor/files/why-social-enterprise.pdf>

NW Ambulance service chiefs are urging people to ensure Hallowe'en is a treat for their children by following a few safety tips.

Traditionally, emergency 999 calls to the service soar on Hallowe'en but the trust believes this can be avoided if the public follows simple safety advice. Parents are urged to make sure they always accompany children when they are trick or treating, to make sure children carry a torch or glow stick and wear reflective clothing to make themselves visible to drivers. Well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes should be worn to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls. Children should learn how to cross the road properly as more accidents happen in the dark and face paints should be tested on a small area of skin first to check for irritation. Call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.

Appeals

No appeals this week. If you are appealing please email info@prestoncvs.org

Consultations

Community Infrastructure Levy - to 19 November 2012

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL for short) is a new way that developers can be required to fund infrastructure - such as transport, education, health and open space facilities. The levy will partly replace and partly be in addition to developer contributions to providing infrastructure made under Section 106 of the Town

and Country Planning Act 1990. Following a previous consultation in March 2012 copies of consultation documents for the Community Infrastructure Levy are again available for comment between 16 October - 19 November 2012. Copies of the documents can be obtained at Council for Voluntary Service Central Lancashire or on line on:

http://www.centrallancashire.com/new/content/community_infrastructure_levy.asp

Preston Domestic Violence Services Drop in – The HOPE centre

is undergoing an evaluation of our service. We would be grateful if partner agencies would take some time to complete an online survey about the Hope centre. If you could click on the link below it should take you to the online survey the survey has been designed to take no more than 5 minutes to complete. We would really like as many responses as possible as comments received will directly lead to improvements and enhancements in our service and offering.

<http://www.research-toolkit.co.uk/pdvs/pq/pq.htm>

Thank you for your time.

Health

Fears over Preston's toll of booze-related disease

Preston has one of the highest rates of liver disease in the North West, a new report has revealed. And the city has the fourth highest level of deaths from alcohol-related liver disease, according to research from the North West Public Health Observatory. Alcohol Concern chief executive Eric Appleby said: "It is the common perception that young people are responsible for the increasing cost of alcohol misuse, but our findings show that in reality this is not the case. "It is the middle-aged, and often middle class drinker, regularly drinking above recommended limits, who are actually requiring complex and expensive NHS care."

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/health/local/fears-over-preston-s-toll-of-booze-related-disease-1-5056349>

Dept. of Health Newsletter

The Department of Health Voluntary Sector Partnership Team have begun releasing a monthly newsletter for the voluntary sector. Sign up here:

http://www.info.doh.gov.uk/questionnaire/third_sector.nsf/questionnaire

Healthwatch England

Healthwatch England, the new national, statutory consumer champion for health and social care in England, was launched on 1 October.

<http://www.healthwatch.co.uk/>

Dementia campaign launches

The Department of Health has launched a campaign, supported by the Alzheimer's Society, to encourage people to talk to loved ones showing signs of dementia.

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/09/dementia-campaign>

Call for items

Do you have any items of interest for the sector? Please feel free to email details to info@prestoncvs.org to

have them circulated through **YOUR** CVS network. Comments?, Suggestions? Please email them to the same address.

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