

# 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 ...

## [Funding Opportunities](#)

### **Bidding opens for first tranche of £40m Community Sport Activation Fund - first deadline 4 February 2013**

Charities, community groups and councils have been invited to bid for a share of £5m in the first round of Sport England's Community Sport Activation Fund. A total of £40m will be available over the next three years to support grass-roots sport as part of the funder's strategy to provide a lasting sporting legacy from last year's Olympic and Paralympic Games. This year, a total of £12.5m will be available from the fund, in the shape of grants of between £50,000 and £250,000. Bidding is open for the first pot of £5m until 4 February. Sport England said that for this first round it would invest in only a small number of strong, well-developed projects that would be able to begin delivery by 1 June this year. Organisations will be able to bid for a share of the remaining £7.5m from 7 May until 1 July. Sport England said it would seek projects that demonstrated a focus on a defined geographical area and community and an understanding of what local people want from sport, planned to get more people involved and had strong local partnerships, including other funding sources. Jennie Price, chief executive of Sport England, said: "We want to hear from sports groups across the country that have innovative ideas to get more people involved in sport." The rest of the fund will be available in 2014 and 2015. Sports minister Hugh Robertson said: "I encourage clubs, councils and sports groups to put bids in and help increase sporting opportunities for people in their local areas. We have already seen more people participating in sport since the games, and we want grass-roots sport to continue to grow."

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/csaf.aspx>

### **Healthy Heart Grants - deadline 28 February 2013**

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants of up to £10,000 are available for new, original and innovative projects that actively promote Heart Health and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease in specific groups or communities.

<http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/healthyheartgrant>

### **Carnegie UK Trust Neighbourhood News - deadline 4 March 2013**

Neighbourhood News is a £50,000 competition to improve local news reporting. The competition is open to local commercial media and civil society organisations across the UK and Ireland who can apply to

become a 'Carnegie Partner' and develop innovative ways of producing local news. The Trust has a long-standing interest in the relationship between the media, civil society and democracy. Through our recent work on Better Journalism, the Trust has identified the need to explore how to support more accessible, pluralistic and diverse local news for citizens and communities. As part of Neighbourhood News, the Trust is making £10,000 available to five Carnegie Partner organisations during 2013-14. This funding will enable each Partner to deliver a local news project in a clearly defined geographic area. Projects could cover a new area of content, work with new news gathering partners, or develop new platforms to deliver news. An introduction to the project and a competition overview can be found in the Neighbourhood News Leaflet.

<http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/changing-lives/neighbourhood-news>

#### **Church & Community Fund - deadline 4 March 2013**

Applications are now being accepted by the CCF to its three new funding themes announced late last year. The themes are to: significantly expand the Church's engagement with neighbourhood renewal; seek innovative ways of developing established community projects so that they either a) grow existing or b) evolve into new communities of Christian Faith, and; replicate models of successful community engagement across the wider church. Grants are normally between £10,000 & £20,000, except for in the third theme, where grants are above £20,000. The Church and Community Fund aims to grow the Church of England and develop its capacity to engage with the whole community. Donations range from £500-£1,000 and applications are judged twice a year in April and October.

<http://www.ccfund.org.uk/apply/information>

#### **Co-Operative Customer Donation Fund - deadline 31 March 2013**

Since 2003, over £480,000 has been donated to 570 organisations - you too could receive extra funding. All Community Directplus account holders can apply for up to £1,000 from the Customer Donation Fund to support special projects and fundraising activities. The fund grows in relation to the deposits made, for every £100 increase in collective deposits across Community Directplus accounts we add 20p to the fund and promise to distribute a minimum of £5000 twice a year. Donations range from £500-£1,000 and applications are judged twice a year in April and October.

<http://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/servlet/Satellite/1196151412586.CFSweb/Page/Business-CommunityBanking>

#### **Tesco Charity Trust - deadline 31 March 2013**

The Trust was set up on 1 June 1987 to support both national and local community charities, and to add a 20% top up to staff fundraising. It is run by a board of trustees recommended by the main board of Tesco PLC. In the year ending February 2012, the Tesco Charity Trust made cash grants of over £2 million to local, national and international charities. The Tesco Charity Trust runs two funding schemes - the Community Awards (£400-£5,000) and the larger Grants (up to £25,000).

[http://www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121#ref\\_tescocharitytrust](http://www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121#ref_tescocharitytrust)

#### **Elephant Trust - deadline 15 April 2013**

The Elephant Trust was created in 1975 by Roland Penrose and Lee Miller with a view to develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts in the United Kingdom. Grants are offered to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK.

<http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theapplication.html>

## Vacancies and Employment

### **Child Action Northwest: Vacancies - deadline 31 January 2013**

Principal Supervising Social Worker (Care & Accommodation) - Greater Manchester  
Supervising Social Workers x 2 (Care & Accommodation) - Lancashire  
Support & Engagement Officers x 2 (Care & Accommodation) - Greater Manchester/Lancashire  
Bail Support Officers - EBISS (Youth Justice Services) x 2 - Lancashire

More:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/01/25/CANWVacancies.pdf>

## Volunteering

Nothing this week.

## Fundraising News

### **Space Centre: Appeal off to flying start**

A group of business people who have thrown their weight behind a campaign to save the city's Space Centre have spoken of their delight after raising £55,000 in just three months. The cash has been raised since the committee was formed in November to help save the centre. The businesses that form the committee are car dealer Bowker BMW, Preston Marina, solicitors Tandem Law, manufacturer Paper Innovation and events company, Today Can Be Better.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/space-appeal-off-to-flying-start-1-5339711>

### **City of Preston Gymnastics Club (COPGC): Bid for help to keep from cold**

A Preston gymnastics club is the latest group to bid for a building makeover worth £5,000. HomeServe, which provides cover packages for a range of home emergencies, has teamed up with the Lancashire Evening Post to offer a cash pot for repairing problems such as leaky roofing or problem pipes. The closing date for entries is Tuesday, February 6. To enter, send your name and contact details, along with the name of the organisation you wish to nominate and the reason why they should win help from HomeServe to

[competitions@lep.co.uk](mailto:competitions@lep.co.uk)

or post your nomination to Charity Begins at HomeServe, Promotions Department, Lancashire Evening Post, Oliver's Place, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9ZA.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/club-bid-for-help-to-keep-from-cold-1-5352533>

### **Firm raises cash for charity**

A Preston-based firm has raised £12,245 for good causes. Debt purchasing specialist Lowell Group raised the funds throughout 2012. Staff in Preston and Leeds took part in a host of events to raise cash for Cancer Research UK, Brain Tumour Research and Support across Yorkshire, Help for Heroes and the Alzheimer's Society.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/firm-raises-cash-for-charity-1-5352391>

### **Space Centre: Girl sings to raise money for centre**

A schoolgirl has shown that every penny counts after she went carol singing to raise cash for the Space Centre. Amelia Fitzgerald, 10, from Ribbleton in Preston, wanted to help the centre - and thought the festive period would be the best time to do it. With the help of her grandma, Claire Fitzgerald, the

youngster visited neighbours' houses and sang when they came to the door and managed to raise £10 for the cause.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/girl-sings-to-raise-money-for-centre-1-5347220>

### **Company brings warmth to cause**

Chilly volunteers working for a Preston charity have received a boost after a heater was donated to them.

Dovedale Pride has recently moved to Oyston Mill in Ashton - but were unable to use it effectively because it wasn't heated. However, Dimensions Curriculum a Preston-based company that offers support to primary schools, has handed over a gas heater and have promised to cover fuel costs, ensuring that the volunteers can work in a warm environment.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/company-brings-warmth-to-cause-1-5347161>

### **Cash to boost county sport**

Funding of almost £50,000 has been agreed to boost sport in Lancashire. A decision has been taken for Lancashire County Council to allocate £49,000 of funding to the Lancashire Sport Partnership. The cash will mean they can develop Active Lancashire. It has been set up to encourage inactive people to take up sport, and boost clubs and volunteers in the county, as part of a long-term strategy to improve health.

### **Up to £150m of Olympic money could be returned to lottery funds by mid-2014**

Between £100m and £150m of Olympic money could be returned to lottery funds by July 2014, according to Hugh Robertson, minister for sport and tourism. In reply to a letter from Debra Allcock Tyler, chief executive of the Directory of Social Change, calling for an early return of money taken from the Big Lottery Fund to pay for the Olympics, Robertson said the Olympic Lottery Distribution Fund was likely to receive £71m from the sale of the Olympic Village, and that there were also likely to be unused funds in the OLF. The government spent £377m less than it had budgeted for on the Olympics and the DSC has been spearheading a campaign calling on the government to pass this money immediately back to the BLF. Jay Kennedy, head of policy at the DSC, said he was pleased to see things were moving in the right direction, but the result the sector had been seeking had not happened yet.

### **National lottery ticket price to double**

The cost of playing the national lottery is to double from £1 to £2 – the first price rise since the lottery was introduced in 1994. The dramatic increase, which is likely to cause consternation in hard-up households, will be offset by a rise in prize money. Camelot, the company behind the draw, said the payout for the average Saturday jackpot would increase from about £4.1m to £5m. It defended Wednesday's move, saying that charities, retailers selling tickets and government coffers would all benefit from the price rise.

It also announced rises in the amount paid to those matching three numbers, from £10 to £25, and matching four numbers, from £60 to £100. In the past 18 years, the National Lottery has created over 3,000 millionaires and generated more than £29bn for its good causes. Over £30m is passed on to charities each week – a figure that looks set to increase.

### **Training**

#### **Youth Action: Brighter Futures**

Want to get ahead of the game and learn new skills? Improve your CV & perform better at interviews! Then look no further!

If you are 19 - 25 years of age and live in Burnley, Hyndburn, Preston or Fylde then contact us as this is a once in a lifetime training opportunity just for you!

Poster. Please download, print and display:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/01/25/BrighterFutures.pdf>

### **St Catherine's Hospice runs meditation skills course**

St Catherine's Hospice in Lostock Hall is running a course to teach people meditation skills to care for both body and mind in six steps. The hospice is launching a six-week programme covering an introduction to the ancient art, how to practice it, and how to incorporate it into a daily routine. The next programme begins on ?February 6 and continues each Wednesday over seven weeks, with one week off for half term. Each class runs from 5.30pm until 7pm at the hospice in Lostock Lane, Lostock Hall, Preston. Registration is £99 with money raised going to the hospice. Call 01772 629171 for more details about the sessions.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/hospice-runs-meditation-skills-course-1-5352431>

### **Conference: Preston: Welfare Reform: Picking Up the Pieces - 1 February 2013**

9.30am – 11.30am

Salvation Army HQ, Harrington Street, Preston, PR1 7BN

I am writing to invite you to a conference on the changes coming into effect this year from the Welfare Reform Bill. As you are probably aware many welfare benefits will be disappearing to be replaced by Universal Credit. In addition, many people will find that they are now going to have to find extra money to pay their rent as the "bedroom tax" will be introduced. I am aware that you will be approached by concerned members of the public once these changes occur and as such I feel that it is important that you are kept abreast of this information and how it is going to impact in Preston. There will be speeches by Preston City Council, Lancashire County Council, Community Gateway Association, Disability Equality North West, Salvation Army and DWP followed by question and answer sessions. RSVP your attendance to Estelle Warhurst on 01772 883575 or

[warhurste@parliament.uk](mailto:warhurste@parliament.uk)

Please note that the invitation is limited to the invitee plus two guests.

Mark Hendrick

Member of Parliament for Preston

### **Minute Taking Skills Training - 13 February 2013**

This popular one-day course covers the basics of minute-taking and is suitable for beginners as well as those with experience who want to sharpen their skills. It covers note-taking skills, how to record the main points, as well as providing practical tips for ensuring minutes are accurate, concise and easy to use. The course will improve participants' confidence, enabling them to minute formal and informal meetings effectively. The course is facilitated by Lee Comer, who is a published author on the subject of minute taking. The cost is £30.00 per person.

Please ring CVS Central Lancashire on 01772 251108 or email:

[info@cvscentrallancashire.org.uk](mailto:info@cvscentrallancashire.org.uk)

if you wish to book a place.

### **Lancashire Adult Learning - Volunteer Training Course Programme**

Lancashire Adults Learning is providing training for all volunteers. The training courses are personally designed to support you in your role as a volunteer and for personal development. Below is a list of training courses which are available and free to you. If you would like to book a place please call the Lancashire Adult Learning helpline on 01524 586601 or 01524 586434 - places must be booked by the

closing date indicated. Certificates will be provided for each course which you have successfully attended.

Courses on: Safeguarding Awareness; Drug Use and Misuse Introduction; Mental Health Awareness; British Sign Language Taster; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness and Dementia Awareness.

More:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/01/25/Programme.docx>

## **Events**

### **Art talent in museum show - till 9 February 2013**

Local artists will be showing their talent. Preston-based artists have been invited to show paintings, photography, sculpture and textiles as part of the Harris Museum and Art Gallery's Open Exhibition. It will also feature work by youngsters. It will run from 10am to 5pm, until February 9.

### **Galloway's Society For The Blind: Tickets for fund-raiser on sale now - 8 March 2013**

A charity evening to raise funds for Galloway's Society For The Blind is being held on Friday, March 8. The fund-raiser will be staged at the Lostock Hall Conservative Club on Browndedge Road, Lostock Hall. It will feature entertainment from On The Level, Irish dancing, bingo and a raffle. Tickets are just £5. They can be bought directly from the Conservative club, Galloway's Society For The Blind at Howick House, Howick Park Avenue, Penwortham, or by phone on (01772) 744148. Alternatively email: [enquiries@galloways.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@galloways.org.uk)

### **Soroptimist International of Preston: Seminar: Child Sexual Exploitation - 15 March 2013**

Tickets cost £20, including refreshments and lunch.

All proceeds to NSPCC

Child sexual exploitation is when someone grooms and controls a child for a sexual purpose. The terms 'child sexual exploitation' or the 'commercial sexual exploitation of children' are used to refer to a range of illegal and abusive activities. A recent report from children's charity Barnardo's, says there has been an alarming rise in youngsters being sexually exploited. The number of victims known to the charity increased by 22% last year and there has been a sharp rise in vulnerable children being trafficked within the UK. This seminar will focus issues around this subject and highlight indicators of abuse.

Poster:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/01/25/Soroptimist.docx>

## **Public Notices**

### **Survey: What should the future hold for Preston Guild Hall?**

The future of Preston's premier entertainment venue - the Guild Hall - is very much in doubt. Council bosses have said they are assessing the building's future - along with other properties the authority owns - in a bid to save money. The LEP is currently conducting a survey on:

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/survey-what-should-the-future-hold-for-preston-guild-hall-1-5333107>

### **'Last hope' plan for Preston bus station**

Preston Council's finance chief has said the 'last hope' for the city's bus station is the creation of a charitable trust. The Labour-led cabinet agreed in December to press ahead with plans to demolish the

building. It said it could no longer afford the £300,000-a-year running costs or find enough cash to carry out repairs.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/last-hope-plan-for-preston-bus-station-1-5339644>

#### **Community Gateway Association: Preston Food Co-op and Credit Union**

Please see below information on Preston Food Co-op and Credit Union. We would be grateful if you could display and circulate this, both the Food Co-op and Credit Union are open to anyone living in the Preston area.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/01/25/CGCoopCredit.pdf>

#### **North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust: Community Calendar**

The NWAS Community Calendar remains a standard and popular feature for the Trust, highlighting the key, and most popular, community affiliated days and activities for a range of religions. From Christian to Rastafari faiths, Bahai to Sikh, the calendar helps reference different cultural faiths and assists to mark, respect and celebrate their most significant days throughout the year. The Trust recognises that 'Religion and Belief' is a major protected characteristic of Diversity and the production of a regional community calendar is a positive initiative at the Trust in terms of recognising diversity, not only in the staff that work for us, but also in terms of the diversity of communities that we serve. The North West is an ethnically diverse, multi-religious and multi-faith society. NWAS recognises that, to provide the highest standards of patient experience within this diverse society, and for patients to receive healthcare which is appropriate, it is important that the providers of this care take this into account when delivering services. In addition to the Community Calendar supporting these initiatives, the Trust also makes available to staff the 'Working with Diverse Communities' pocket handbook, Multi Lingual Phrasebooks and Pictorial Communication Booklets.

You can download your own hard copy of the 'Community Calendar 2013', via the website, at:

<http://www.nwas.nhs.uk/communitycalendar2013>

For further information, please contact Yunus Mogra, Equality and Diversity Manager, on Tel: 01204 498381 or email:

[yunus.mogra@nwas.nhs.uk](mailto:yunus.mogra@nwas.nhs.uk)

#### **Freckleton is selected for Bloom finals**

Freckleton has been selected from more than 1,000 entrants to take part in the Royal Horticultural Society Britain in Bloom UK Finals 2013. The competition is the country's biggest voluntary campaign and involves more than 300,000 people.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/town-is-selected-for-bloom-finals-1-5352488>

#### **Fifty extra police officers to 'plug gap' left by cuts**

Residents will not see a huge influx of police officers on the streets of Lancashire – despite plans to recruit an extra 50 to “plug the gaps” left by crippling budget cuts. Police and Crime Commissioner Clive Grunshaw has tabled plans to increase the police budget precept for 2013/14 by two per cent – equivalent to £3 a year for an average band D property – so the force can take on an extra 50 officers.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/fifty-extra-police-officers-to-plug-gap-left-by-cuts-1-5339626>

#### **Appeals**

#### **Blood donors are needed**

Two blood donation sessions will be held at Our Lady and St Edward's Church in Preston next month. Donors are needed in Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, between either 2pm and 4pm or 5pm and 7.30pm on Thursday, February 7. Call NHS Blood and Transplant on 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment.

#### **The Challenge Network: Blanket Drive**

A group of enterprising young people from The Challenge Network want your unwanted blankets and warm clothes for their Preston Blanket Drive. Working with The Foxton Centre, Luv Preston and the Fox Street Centre, the Preston Blanket Drive will be collecting blankets and warm clothing for distribution to the city's homeless. As temperatures look to remain low for some time, this is an excellent opportunity to help some of our less fortunate citizens stay warm and dry through the bad weather. You can find out more on the official Preston Blanket Drive Facebook page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Preston-Blanket-Drive-2013-Event/307511152699194/>

Anyone with blankets or warm clothing to donate can do so by dropping the items off at the CVS office in the Guild Hall Arcade, Preston, but please check the Facebook page for details of other potential drop-off spots.

<http://www.thechallengesociety.org/>

You can also email:

[preston.blanket.2013@live.com](mailto:preston.blanket.2013@live.com)

#### **The Challenge Network: Host Organisations**

The Challenge Network is a youth and community charity that will be running a summer programme with 720 young people in Lancashire this summer. A core part of the programme is enabling them to meet new people in their community. We teach them a skill – such as drama - and they use that skill to interact with, and serve, service users of community organisations in and around Preston. Would you be interested in hosting a team? Some of our top visits last year include Wigan and Leigh People First where our young people learning media produced a short promotional video for them to use, and Crown Bowls, hosted our enterprise team who were able to create a marketing strategy to help them attract younger visitors.

Each team that you work with would visit you on two consecutive afternoons, for approximately 1.5 hours. The teams consist of twelve young people and two CRB-checked members of staff. There is the opportunity to work with multiple teams throughout the summer if you choose. The team of young people will meet and get to know your service users during the two structured session.

Many of the young people that completed the programme last year have shown an interest in continuing their involvement in the community through volunteering. if you have a need / space for a volunteer(s) on a regular basis please let me know and we will try and help!

Please email

[esther.wilks@the-challenge.org](mailto:esther.wilks@the-challenge.org)

for more information or to get involved.

#### [Consultations](#)

Nothing this week.

#### [Health](#)

**South Ribble: Chance to quiz local chiefs on healthcare**



Residents in South Ribble can quiz local health chiefs at a public meeting. A panel of representatives from GPs and doctors' surgeries, public health organisations, Lancashire County Council and South Ribble Council will answer questions, which will give residents a chance to find out how national changes to health care will affect them. They can also share their views, question panel members and outline their own priorities. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29, from 6pm, in the Shield Room at the Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland. The panel will include Maggi Morris, director of public health for Central Lancashire, and Jan Ledward, chief officer for Chorley and South Ribble Clinical Commissioning Group.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/chance-to-quiz-local-chiefs-on-healthcare-1-5339518>

#### **Lancashire LINK Newsletter**

The December / January 2013 issue has now been published. Please download and consider subscribing directly.

Latest edition:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/01/25/LINKNewsletter.pdf>

#### **Female smoking death risk 'has soared'**

Women nowadays are far more likely to die as a result of their habit than they were in the 1960s, according to a new study. Changing habits such as starting earlier and smoking more cigarettes have been blamed on dramatically increased risks of lung cancer.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-21168516>

#### **Merge NHS and social care, says Labour**

The NHS and social care budgets in England should be combined to create a super pot to meet the needs of the ageing population, Labour says. The money - worth £119bn this year - could be used to provide more joined-up care across the hospital, mental health and care sectors, the party believes. In a speech on Thursday, shadow health secretary Andy Burnham will say the current arrangements are outdated.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-21168020>

#### **Call for items**

Do you have any items of interest for the sector? Please feel free to email details to [info@cvscentrallancashire.org.uk](mailto:info@cvscentrallancashire.org.uk)

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