

# Council For Voluntary Services Central Lancashire

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## **CVS News:**

We've received some reports that some subscribers didn't receive last week's newsletter.

Rather than re-issue to everyone if you didn't get a newsletter last week you can access it on the following link:

<http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=0d9f8e4cc1&e=00f3ad5ad7>

Apologies for any inconvenience.

## **CVS Central Lancashire Office Premises Hire Directory**

As you may be aware CVS Central Lancashire frequently hires out desk space to other Organisations, many of whom use the opportunity to successfully grow and move on to other larger premises. This is a suitable arrangement for many Organisations wanting a city centre presence in Preston but less so for Organisations in suburban Preston or Chorley and South Ribble. We are also acutely aware that many Organisations have, unfortunately, had to reduce the size of their workforce in recent years to match their reduced income. If you have

current capacity to host start up Organisations in your premises, ideally in suburban Preston, Chorley and South Ribble, please complete the form below and email it to us as soon as possible as we have enquiries pending. Similarly, if you are an Organisation looking to hire shared premises in Preston, Chorley or South Ribble please get in touch, let us know your requirements, and we will do our best to join the dots. Simple!

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

Capacity Pro Forma;

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/08/08/PremisesHire.doc>

And now, the news ...

### Funding Opportunities

#### **Lancs Foundation Trust - various funds, deadlines**

The Community Foundation for Lancashire is for donors, for communities and for Lancashire.

As an independent registered charity they are part of a national movement of community foundations that undertakes strategic grant making, facilitates philanthropy and contributes to achieving positive social change in our local communities. Their website holds useful information on a number of funding opportunities namely:

**Comic Relief Local Communities Grant** – which aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in the communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organization in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

**WO Street Transformation Fund** – aims are; to transform activities, enhance capacities and develop the communities' inline with the wishes of Mr. Street, the found of the Foundation. It aims to encourage the community to take a proactive approach to empower themselves and others to help communities make a social impact, achieve social growth and development as well as make a difference.

**Garfield Weston Foundation** – is a family-founded, grant making trust which has been supporting charities across the UK for over 50 years. From small community groups to large national institutions, their aim is to support organizations that have effective solutions to helping those most in need. The Foundation's current grant making priorities within

Lancashire are: Communities; Youth; Welfare. The Foundation is especially keen to see applications for core and projects costs for charities delivering services directly to beneficiaries.

#### **Lancashire Older People's Fund**

The fund has been set up to support voluntary and community groups who run projects for older people. The focus of the fund is to reduce the risk of older people becoming socially isolated and lonely.

For more information about all of these opportunities and learn more about the Lancs Foundation itself visit:

<http://www.lancsfoundation.org.uk/Funds-and--Programme-Information>

#### **Arts and Older People Funding Programme - deadline 14 August 2013**

The Baring Foundation has teamed up with the Arts Council England to launch a new £1 million Arts and Older People funding programme. The programme aims to support partnerships between arts organisations and artists with those helping the elderly in care homes to deliver interesting enjoyable and interactive arts experiences for their residents. The learning from this will be made available to the wider arts and residential care communities to understand how best to engage with older people. The Arts Council are seeking proposals from partnerships or consortia led by either residential care providers or arts organisations to deliver a three year-programme providing access to high quality arts experiences for older people in residential care.

Applications must be submitted no later than 11am on the 14 August 2013.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/arts-and-older-people-care-commissioned-grant/>

#### **The Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust - deadline 15 August 2013**

The next deadline for applications to the Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust is the 15th August 2013. Through the Trust grants are available to projects of significance to horticulture (or botany with a strong horticultural content) and education for horticulture. The type of activities that can be funded include: Training schemes for gardeners run by appropriate organizations. The provision of educational programmes in gardens open to the public. Preparation of exhibits or exhibitions of horticultural interest. The restoration of historically interesting gardens which are or will be open to the public. The development of new gardens which will be open to the public; etc. (please note the list is not exhaustive). The Trust also provides support for several traineeships in horticulture each year (August to July); these are awarded to applying gardens (who each find a suitable trainee).

<http://www.grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/Smith.html>

**The Leche Trust - deadline 20 August 2013**

The Leche Trust has announced that the next deadline for applications to its grant making programme is the 20th August 2013. The Trust makes grants for charitable purposes, in particular for the furtherance of education or academic research and the support of the National Trust and the preservation of rural England, and financing the visits of teachers and students abroad. The main focuses of the Trusts grant making activities are: The promotion of good relations between Britain and third world countries. Assistance to academic, educational or other organisations concerned with music, drama, dance and the arts. The preservation of buildings and their contents and the repair and conservation of church furniture. The preservation of the nation's countryside, towns, villages and historic landscapes.

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

**Macmillan "Supporting You to Help Others" Grants Programme - deadline 30 August 2013**

The Cancer Charity, Macmillan has announced that its "Supporting You to Help Others" grants programme is open for applications. The "Supporting You to Help Others" grants programme aims to support groups and individuals who support people affected by cancer or campaign to improve cancer care. The grant can be used towards: Start up costs for a Self-help and Support group; And / or for groups to expand and extend their reach for both Self Help and Support and User Involvement. Applications will be accepted from people affected by cancer in groups or individually; other groups, such as voluntary organisations, community interest companies, community groups, social enterprises; and health and social care staff, information and support staff in partnership with people affected by cancer. The next closing date for applications is the 30th August 2013.

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/CancerSupportGroups/HowWeSupportYourGroup.aspx>

**Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation Grants Programme - deadline 31 August 2013**

Organisations and schools in the UK that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are able to apply for funding through the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation. The Foundation makes small grants to support activities that support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges. In the past the Foundation has made grants towards visits between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools. Organisations that have successfully applied to the Foundation include Ashlyns School, Berkhamsted which received a grant of £1,500 to run courses in Japanese language and culture for sixth form students and County Upper School, Bury St Edmunds, which received a grant of £5,000 to help fund a study tour to Japan by eight Year 11 students and

two teachers. The next closing date for applications is the 31st August 2013.

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

### **Healthy Hearts Grants**

Heart Research UK has announced the next funding round under its Healthy Heart Grants Scheme has re-opened. Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message. Projects supported in the past have included: The Ross-shire Bravehearts project in Inverness which educates adults with learning difficulties about heart health so they can take part in physical activities. The closing date for this funding round will be the 31st August 2013.

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

### **Government Announces £4.3 Million Fund for Local Communities to Deliver Services**

The Government has announced that it is making £4.3 million available to help 100 local communities within England to design and deliver local services that focus on local priorities and reduce costs. The expansion of the 'Our Place' programme builds on the success of the Neighbourhood Community Budget Pilots that for the past year have been pioneering new ways to improve local services in 12 areas. The 12 pilots range from inner cities and suburbs, to housing estates and small towns. They have all taken very different approaches, but all of them have seen partners working together to tackle the issues which matter most locally. For example, In Balsall Heath, Birmingham, police officers and the community are developing fortnightly street patrols with residents, and priority policing actions to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Their analysis has shown that at a cost of £35,000 per year, over 5 years, potential benefits of over £500,000 could be produced. In Ilfracombe, Devon, "One Ilfracombe" is working with its district council to transfer a £1 million budget, alongside an aligned budget from health, Jobcentre Plus, police, fire, housing and councils to work with the private sector and community to improve the health, economy, and living environment for local people. To express an interest in becoming an Our Place! neighbourhood, email:

[ourplace@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ourplace@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

More:

<http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/ourplace/>

### **Arts Council announces their 2015 to 2018 investment plans - opens January 2014**

A new application process for organisations wishing to apply for Arts Council National Portfolio and Major Partner Museums funding from 2015 to 2018 will open in January 2014.

Organisations will be invited to submit applications during a three month window from early January, with further information about the process, timeline and the criteria for making

funding applications being made in late autumn. For further information go to:  
<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/arts-council-news/we-announce-our-2015-2018-investment-plans/>

## **Vacancies and Employment**

### **Volunteer Coordinator for: Citizen Advocacy Service (Lancashire) - Closing date 14 August 2013 - UPDATE**

24 month contract, 30 hours per week

(With the possibility of extension to a longer fixed term contract)

Salary: £19,500 per annum (£24,050 pro rata)

Interview dates: Monday 19 August 2013 and Tuesday 20 August 2013

The role of the Volunteer Coordinator will be to recruit and support longer-term one to one Volunteer Citizen Advocacy Service advocates for people with long term conditions who are at risk of social exclusion. Long term conditions include dementia, learning disability, acquired brain injury, physical, medical or mental health need, and substance misuse. The Citizen Advocacy Service will support any longer term advocacy relationships to develop into independent Citizen Advocacy partnerships wherever possible.

#### **UPDATE**

We recently put out an advert for a Volunteer Coordinator for Citizens Advocacy in Lancashire. We have managed to increase the hours of work from 30 to 37 per week so I would appreciate it if you could update your records or distribution lists for this role. I have attached an updated advert for your use.

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More:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/08/08/CAS1Revised.doc>

### **Community Gateway Association: Communication Apprentice - closing date 31 August 2013**

CGA is looking to support local people into employment. Please find attached an advert for a communication apprentice role currently being advertised at Community Gateway the closing is the 31th Aug. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone to start out on a career in Communications and Marketing through achieving a Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship specifically in Marketing rather than Business Administration – this is only offered by a very limited number of providers in the North West!! Details on:

<http://www.communitygateway.co.uk/current-vacancies>

### **Volunteering**

#### **Volunteer calls for help to fix roofs at bird sanctuary**

Volunteers at a bird sanctuary are in desperate need of manpower to help them repair the roofs of the aviaries. Barn Owl Bill in Leyland, which is home to around 65 birds of prey and owls and needs to fix the roofs before winter. They have got the materials for the 15 aviaries which need replacing but are calling for people to give up some time to help them. Laura Smith, a volunteer at the sanctuary in Southbrook Road, Leyland, said: "The roofs are around two to three years old. They are in a state of disrepair. We have got the materials to do it. But we haven't got the man power. We have had some quotes but we can't afford it. If there's any local builders or roofers out there who could donate their time and come and help us for half a day we would love to hear from them. We just need the man power". To offer your time to help the centre in repairing the roofs call Laura on 07794224222 or alternatively email [tonyowl1988@gmail.com](mailto:tonyowl1988@gmail.com)

#### **University of Central Lancashire - Volunteering Fair - 19 September 2013**

This event it takes place right in the heart of the campus in the Students' Union Building and attracts students looking for part time, temporary or voluntary employment whilst studying at the University of Central Lancashire. Here at UCLan we have a diverse population of students from all academic years and all courses attending the fair which will allow you to make direct contact with students on a one to one basis. The event is held during Freshers Week, which is our busiest time of the year. At last year's fair over 1200 students attended, I've attached a copy of the booking form which also includes dates for other fairs in the next academic if you would like more information for any of the events please indicate this on your completed form.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/08/08/UCLANFair.doc>

## **Fundraising News**

### **Cash boost for Preston park**

A park will soon be blooming with plants thanks to a funding boost from The Veolia Environmental Trust. The Lancashire Wildlife Trust a grant of £49,082 towards recovering and conserving threatened plants in Haslam Park, Ashton-on-Ribble. The area will be landscaped to create a wetland habitat. Seeds will be collected, with emphasis on species with restricted distribution, and then stored and/or propagated. Three Interpretation Boards, describing the work's aims and objectives, will also be installed. The Veolia Environmental Trust awards grants through the Landfill Communities Fund and in the last five years has awarded £1,026,658 to projects in Lancashire.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/cash-boost-for-preston-park-1-5919737>

### **Search for Preston's next star**

Have you got what it takes to become Preston's next big star? Well, a charity is looking for fresh talent, launching a brand new venture which aims to create a star and help raise awareness and research brain tumours in children. Preston's Got Talent is being co-ordinated by the Katy Holmes Trust, with the organisers hoping it's the first of many such annual events for the area. And the winner will get the chance to perform at Preston's Christmas lights switch on. Talented people from across the PR postcode area aged eight and over are invited to enter the contest, with all the proceeds going to the trust in Katy Holmes' memory. Auditions for Preston's Got Talent are on September 14 and 15 at the Pines Hotel in Clayton-le-Woods and Leyland's Wellington Park, by appointment only at £3 per act, payable on the door. Heats follow between September 23 and October 13, with venues and prices yet to be confirmed, and the final at the 200-capacity Playhouse 12 days later. Judges are already being lined up, including further trust patron, Clarke Carlisle, the Preston-born former Blackpool, Burnley and QPR footballer. For more information visit

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

or email

[prestonsgottalent@gmail.com](mailto:prestonsgottalent@gmail.com)

### **Eric Pickles backs renting of driveways with guidelines**

People who rent out their driveways to other motorists are being backed by new government guidelines aimed at tackling parking congestion in busy areas. The guidance for local authorities in England follows reports that some have threatened to levy fines if planning permission is not obtained. Communities Secretary Eric Pickles suggested some councils may be worried about losing income from parking fees. Motoring organisation the AA said the move would be "helpful" to motorists. The guidelines come after Mr Pickles said lifting parking restrictions could boost local shops.



<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23558130>

### **PM's £1m fracking claim was slip of tongue**

David Cameron's claim that areas which allow fracking to take place locally could "immediately" get £1m was a slip of the tongue, Downing Street has said. The prime minister told factory workers in Lancashire that it would be a "big mistake" to miss out on the benefits offered by shale gas drilling. But he said communities had to be sure it was safe and could get £1m upfront - and more if wells were successful. The amount energy firms have agreed to pay when they start work is £100,000. "So what we are looking at is trying to have a very simple system where every time a well is dug, immediately £1m goes to the local community and not just to the local council but actually to local people so people can see a cash benefit in their local village, in their local town and even, potentially in their local pocket as well. And then if that well is successful even more money should be ploughed back into the local community." Towns or villages could eventually stand to benefit from seven-figure payments because energy firms have pledged to give them 1% of the revenue from successful wells, in addition to the £100,000 initial payment. But Downing Street sources have confirmed that it is not correct to say local communities receive £1m "immediately".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-23617553>

### **Funding boost in search for adopters**

Adoption charities in England are to be given an extra £16m to help tackle a backlog of children in care waiting for an adoptive family. The funds will be made available by the Department for Education from later this year until 2016. Ministers say the extra money for charities is part of a wider drive to speed up adoptions and encourage would-be adopters to come forward.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-23608040>

### **Web-based Gift Aid tool developed for smaller charities**

Gift Aid specialists Kvisio have launched GiftAid Online, a web-based tool for small charities (those with under 1,000 supporters), who want to make Gift Aid claims online through the HMRC Gateway. The tool has been developed following the changes in HMRC's rules for online tax claims. GiftAid Online's annual subscription rate costs from £99 for the standard package. - See more at:

<http://kvisio.com/gio>

[Training](#)

**Social Enterprise: Diversify Your Sources of Income - Postponed to 6 September 2013**

Friday 6th September 2013 1.00pm—4.00pm

The Wellbeing Centre, Moorgate, Ormskirk, L39 4RY

This event is free to attend and are aimed to help support and develop your Social Enterprise. For more information please see the posters below.

Poster:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/08/08/FinancialDiversification.pdf>

To book please follow this link -

<https://selnet-mba.eventbrite.co.uk>

### **Breathe Therapies: Raising Self-Esteem Group - 6 weeks from 11 September 2013**

£295 for six sessions

For further details email:

[hello@breathetherapies.co.uk](mailto:hello@breathetherapies.co.uk)

Ring 0844 391 5539 or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/breathetherapies>

## **Events**

### **Reach: Disability awareness in Chorley and South Ribble - 9 August and 20 September 2013**

**Apologies for the short notice on this one but hopefully you can diary date the 20 September 2013 event**

Friday 9th August 2013

11am - 3pm

Chorley - Fazakerley Street & Outside Booths

Come along and have a browse and find out about local support and services available in the Chorley and South Ribble area.

Friday 20th September 2013

9:30am - 1pm

Leyland - SRBC Civic Centre

Make your business disability aware

If you would like more information about these events please contact Suzie Jones on 01772 558863 - to leave a message only 07736 042881 - SMS text only or Email

[suzie@disability-equality.org.uk](mailto:suzie@disability-equality.org.uk)

More. Poster. Please download, print and display:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/08/08/Reach.pdf>

### **Unity Trust Workshop - 19 August 2013**

Putting SOCIAL change and SOCIAL benefit and COMMUNITY involvement at the HEART of everything we do

Workshops will be held at CVS Central Lancashire Offices at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Workshop content: Banking with Socially Responsible Bank; The Bank of choice for organisations in the civil society; Why Unity are different from the High St Banks; Products and services offered; Demonstration of the Social Impact of our Lending.

Outcome: To encourage organisations in the third sector to talk to us and see how we can meet their objectives.

Unity Trust Bank has almost 30 years of experience of providing banking services to the third sector, Unity understands the sector and your organisations requirements and provides support to the growth and scale of charities and voluntary organisations. As a full service bank, Unity continues to welcome new lending opportunities whilst many other lenders have pulled back from the sector. For more information visit:

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

For more information or to book a place email us on:

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

### **Disability Equality NW: Annual Information Day - 23 August 2013**

Friday 23 August 2013 (10:30 – 3)

St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 3AR

Open to all our members

Guest Speaker – Clive Grunshaw (Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire)

Disability Benefits update

FREE benefit fact sheets

Orienteering Session (try your hand!)

Presentation by Lancashire Archives & sound archives - how to research your family history and a disability history project.

If you would like to come, please let Steven Dickson know (and state any dietary requirements) at 103 Church Street, Preston (Tel: 01772 558863) or e-mail:

[steven@disability-equality.org.uk](mailto:steven@disability-equality.org.uk)

Poster. Please download, print and display.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/08/08/DENWInfoDay.pdf>

### **Cruse Bereavement: Footprints - Walk and Remember - 1 September 2013**

Avenham & Miller Park - Preston

Sunday 1st September 2013 - 1pm

The footprints memory walk is a 5 kilometre walk to give people the opportunity to remember

loved ones or just to spend the day out with family and friends. The entry fee: adults £5, £2 children U16. Small children and babies enter for free. Walkers under 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Please support our cause, all funds raised will go directly to Cruse Lancashire, and will help us support our clients.

To register or find out more, contact Amy Holden on 01772 431631, or email

[lancashire@cruse.org.uk](mailto:lancashire@cruse.org.uk)

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<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/08/08/cruse.doc>

### Public Notices

#### **Release into Victory: Childhood Sexual Abuse Adult Support Service - Update and events**

We urgently need supporters to distribute flyer's and posters across Preston, in services and venues around their local areas, we also need services to display flyers and posters in their public venues.

We have received positive feedback and support from Lancashire County Council Councillors, many of whom recognize the need for our service and are keen to promote RELEASE into Victory within their districts.

We are looking to recruit, and provide specialized Childhood Sexual Abuse Awareness Training to four volunteers.

RiV directors are in the process of developing a Childhood Sexual Abuse basic information package, which they will deliver to local support services who may have a professional interest in learning more about the topic of CSA and the impact it has on individual survivors lives.

We will be holding several drop-in information events, for survivors and or potential volunteers/supporters at CVS Guildhall Preston dates;

**Monday 12, Tuesday 20, Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August between 10am-2pm.**

#### **Preston residents worried over £6m Youth Zone site**

A petition has begun to stop Preston's Youth Zone being built in a residential area. Plans for the £6.1million project on the corner of Bow Lane and Ringway have just been submitted, with local residents able to make representations. If passed, work is expected to start early next year on the facility for children, which will include a climbing wall, multi-purpose rooms, kitchen and cafe, IT facilities, a chill-out zone and outdoor sports facilities. But neighbours claim consultations have not taken place and their worries are ignored.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/preston-residents-worried-over-6m-youth-zone-site-1-5921717>

### **Tory chairman is 'moved' by Derian House children's hospice visit**

A Tory chief praised Chorley's "phenomenal" Derian House Children's Hospice during a brief tour of the building on 1 August 2013. Grant Shapps, who is chairman of the Conservative Party, said he was moved by the visit. The Astley Village hospice needs to raise £2.9m this year to continue to meet the needs of the children and families throughout Lancashire and Cumbria. And though it receives hardly any statutory funding, Mr Shapps, MP for Welwyn Hatfield, felt it was that lack of Government cash that energised the community to strive on with its own support.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/tory-chairman-is-moved-by-derian-house-children-s-hospice-visit-1-5915332>

### **Lancashire County Council chief executive Phil Halsall suspended**

The most senior civil servant in Lancashire has been suspended from work following allegations over contract tendering. A disciplinary investigation has been launched into the conduct of Phil Halsall, Lancashire County Council's chief executive. Mr Halsall, who picked up £238,774 last year including pension payments on top of his £195,000 salary, was unavailable for comment. A Lancashire County Council spokesman said: "The council's Urgency Committee made the decision in a meeting held at County Hall. It follows an independent review of the tender process for a contract to run the council's fleet services. The Urgency Committee has also appointed Jo Turton, the council's executive director for environment, as interim chief executive with immediate effect. The council will be making no further comment pending the outcome of the disciplinary process.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/lancashire-county-council-chief-executive-phil-halsall-suspended-1-5924590>

### **Why Lancashire County Council chief Phil Halsall was suspended**

Allegations that BT was shown favouritism when bidding for a £5m contract to run Lancashire County Council's fleet services are behind the suspension of the authority's chief executive. Phil Halsall was suspended from work on Monday following allegations over tendering, which were heard by the council's Urgency Committee in a County Hall meeting. The decision followed an independent review of the process, which was carried out on the instruction of the current Labour and Lib Dem administration by lawyers from DAC Beachcroft. The international legal firm's report, which has not been made public, is understood to suggest that Mr Halsall could be investigated for misconduct in public office. Councillors in the meeting were told that this offence carries the maximum punishment of life imprisonment. However, it has been stressed that Mr Halsall has not been accused of this crime.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/why-lancashire-county-council-chief-phil-halsall-was-suspended-1-5928201>

### **Phil Halsall vows to fight to save his job**

Lancashire County Council's chief executive Phil Halsall has vowed to fight to save his job. Mr Halsall was suspended from work on Monday and a disciplinary investigation launched following allegations that BT was shown favouritism when bidding for a £5m contract to run County Hall's fleet maintenance services. But he has told friends the "unsubstantiated allegations" made against him are "complete nonsense" and said he expected to be "back soon".

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/phil-halsall-vows-to-fight-to-save-his-job-1-5931944>

### **Charity Commission chairman issues charity pay warning**

Large salaries paid to charity staff could "bring the charitable world into disrepute", a regulator has warned. Charity Commission chairman William Shawcross said organisations must ask if pay levels are "really appropriate". The Daily Telegraph reported 30 staff at 14 leading UK foreign aid charities were paid £100,000 or more last year. Charity leaders' organisation Acevo said the salaries for these "very demanding jobs" were not excessive compared to other sectors. Mr Shawcross, who was appointed last year on a £50,000 annual salary to work two days a week, said the commission could not tell charities how much they should pay their executives, but urged them to be cautious. "In these difficult times, when many charities are experiencing shortfalls, trustees should consider whether very high salaries are really appropriate, and fair to both the donors and the taxpayers who fund charities," he said. "Disproportionate salaries risk bringing organisations and the wider charitable world into disrepute." According to the Telegraph, British Red Cross chief executive Sir Nick Young was paid £184,000 last year, two Save the Children executives received more than £160,000 each and Christian Aid chief executive Loretta Minghella was paid £126,072.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23584191>

### **Wikipedia founder brands PM's porn filters plan 'ridiculous'**

David Cameron's plan to protect children from obscene material online has been dismissed as "absolutely ridiculous" by one of his advisers. The prime minister announced last month major web providers had agreed to block internet pornography to new customers unless households opt to access it. But Wikipedia co-founder Jimmy Wales told Channel 4 News the idea "won't work". He said police should be given more resources to enforce existing laws. Mr Wales said: "It's an absolutely ridiculous idea. It won't work. The software you would use to implement this doesn't work. Additionally when we use cases of a paedophile who's been addicted to child porn videos online, you realise all that Cameron's rules would require him to do is opt in and say, 'Yes, I would like porn please'."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23558865>

### **Mark Ravenhill: Austerity 'could be good for arts'**

One of Britain's leading playwrights has said funding cuts could be "a good thing" for the arts

because artists would be less "safe and well behaved". Mark Ravenhill said he was against cuts but that the performing arts had been compromised by a "cosy" relationship with funders over the past 15 years. He said artists "weren't telling the truth" about the world often enough when public funding was more plentiful.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-23557033>

### **Government rejects central police commissioner register**

The government has rejected MPs' calls for a central register of pay, perks and financial interests of police and crime commissioners (PCCs). PCCs, who set local policing priorities and hold forces to account, were elected in England and Wales in 2012. But a Commons committee said they were not all meeting the same "standards of openness" and voters should be able to compare their PCC with others. The government said it was not its role to run a central register of interests. In May the Home Affairs Committee published its own register of PCCs - saying no-one in government was keeping track of them.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-23600919>

### **Stephen Fry calls for Olympics ban over Russia's anti-gay laws**

Broadcaster Stephen Fry has urged David Cameron to support moves to strip Russia of the 2014 Winter Olympics because of its new anti-gay laws. In an open letter to the PM, the International Olympic Committee and London 2012's Lord Coe, he said Russia was "making scapegoats of gay people". The government said it was working closely with organisers to ensure the Games were free from discrimination. In Russia, it is illegal to give under-18s information about homosexuality.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23603870>

## **Appeals**

### **Votes for Preston FM**

Preston FM has been shortlisted for the Grassroots Giving Appeal sponsored by the Skipton Building Society. The bid was written for us to buy better kit for outside broadcasts (OBs).

The way we "win" is if enough people log on to the sponsor's website and "click" on our name... so you know what to do. Get all your family and friends to vote for us. The voting buttons will appear in mid- August, and I will let you know when this happens... get your voting fingers ready !! Here is the link...

<http://www.skiptonbig160.co.uk/apply-for-funding/whos-applying/north-west>

## [Consultations](#)

### **British Red Cross: International Tracing and Message Services (ITMS) in Lancashire - closing date 13 August 2013**

The British Red Cross is currently conducting a needs assessment of the International Tracing and Message Services (ITMS) in Lancashire. Our services assist those separated by armed conflict, disaster, political persecution or migration in tracing family members and re-establishing contact. The main objectives of this needs assessment are to better understand the needs of local communities for ITMS, gauge awareness of the service amongst potential beneficiaries and the organisations which support them, and look at how we can improve access to the service. As part of the needs assessment we will be conducting interviews and questionnaires with people who work with refugees and asylum seekers in Preston and Blackburn, as well as community representatives and potential service users. We are hoping to have all interviews completed by the 13th August 2013 and will reimburse travel costs. If you or anyone through your community work who would be interested in taking part, please contact me at

[ZMohammed@redcross.org.uk](mailto:ZMohammed@redcross.org.uk)

or on 07738635391. I have also attached a questionnaire to this email to give you a better idea as to what information we are searching for.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/08/08/BRCForm.doc>

### **Lancashire Evening Post: Guild Hall reader survey**

The future of Preston Guild Hall is in doubt as city council bosses look for ways to reduce the £1m it costs them each year. The 40-year-old venue could be sold or a private firm could be asked to sponsor the building, which is a city landmark, after the council launched its bid to find backing. Take part in our reader survey here, and let us know your memories and what you think the future should hold for the Guild Hall.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mv9tWaACM1ktjtvn1GTS3T-5eL-QuAuQ4-MnWfwnCwl/viewform>

### **Preston residents urged to have say over historic square**

Preston residents are being invited to have their say on the future of one of the city's most celebrated areas. Winckley Square Community Interest Company (CIC) is aiming to restore the Georgian park and surrounding historic buildings to their former glory, with the help of environment charity Groundw. It is hoped that responses from a new on-line consultation will help form the basis for the CIC's vision for the future, and a major revamp. The questionnaire includes sections on frequency and reasons of use, tree populations in the area, the heritage of the square and access, drainage, and ideas for activities on the park. It was announced in April that Winckley Square is set to receive initial Heritage Lottery Fund funding of £41,664 via



Preston City Council and the CIC, with a promise of nearly £1m more. The funds, from the Townscape Heritage Fund, will go help repair and refurbish key buildings in the square, enhance its historic streetscape and bring vacant buildings back into use for various commercial, leisure or office uses. To take part in the online consultation, head to:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/84664IIRWY>

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/preston-residents-urged-to-have-say-over-historic-square-1-5928256>

## Health

### **Health and Well-Being in Ethnic Communities - 26 September 2013**

Thursday, 26 September 1.30 to 3.30 at the Gujarat Hindu Centre, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 8JN

Organised jointly by Third Sector Lancashire and the Lancashire BME Pact

A 'hearing' for third sector organisations and associates with Lancashire County Council's Azhar Ali, Cabinet Member for Health and Well-Being and Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Population Health Care to share information and ideas. Places are open to voluntary, community and faith sector organisations across Lancashire. To apply for a place please send your name, position, organisation name, geographical area covered, phone number, email address and details of any specific requirements to Alice Carline on:

[alice@selnet-uk.com](mailto:alice@selnet-uk.com)

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