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

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[Funding Opportunities](#)

The British Gas Energy Trust

It's not often that a funder approaches us directly and asks us to promote the availability of funding. Normally we trawl through websites on a weekly basis checking what's new and upcoming deadlines. We have however been approached this week by The British Gas Energy Trust with a request to directly promote their Organisational Grant Programme.

The Trust's objective is to help British Gas customers ("Whilst the primary focus is to complete and submit applications for British Gas customers, we will still be able to help non-British Gas customers i.e. EDF, Npower by referring them to their own utility trusts and schemes for help

with fuel debt, energy efficiency, and tariffs.") meet arrears of gas or electricity charges and other household bills and costs (example: beds, cookers, washing machines, fridges, boiler repair or replacement) by providing direct grants to individuals and families on a discretionary basis. Please see the attachment for details:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/BGET.doc>

Funding Reminder - Time to Change Grants Fund - deadline 18 September 2013

Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations in England for projects that address mental health stigma and discrimination by bringing people with and without mental health problems together. The Time to Change Grants Fund is provided by funding from the Department of Health and Comic Relief. The programme is administered by Time to Change. A total of £2.7 million is expected to be awarded to around 75 community projects across England from May 2012 to March 2015.

<http://www.time-to-change.org.uk/grants>

Funding Reminder - MOD Community Covenant Grant Scheme - deadline 20 September 2013

Grants ranging from £100 to £250,000 are available for projects and activities that bring together the Armed Forces and the wider community where the Forces have a presence.

<https://www.gov.uk/community-covenant-grant-scheme>

People's Postcode Trust - Dream Fund - deadline 20 September 2013

Funding is available to give organisations in Scotland, England and Wales the chance to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life. Projects should fall under one of the following categories: Encouraging Healthy Living; Social Enterprise; and Environmental Sustainability. The People's Postcode Trust Dream Fund is intended to support partnership applications from organisations in Scotland, England and Wales that are working in collaboration to deliver services and promote volunteering. Projects must address one of the following key programme objectives: Encouraging Healthy Living; Social Enterprise; Environmental Sustainability. Grants of between £100,000 and £250,000 are available for projects that will last up to 24 months in length.

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/dream-fund.aspx>

AB Charitable Trust - deadline 20 September 2013

The A B Charitable Trust (ABCT) is an independent, UK based grant-making organisation founded in 1990 that is concerned with promoting and defending human dignity. The Trust aims to support charities that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals whatever their circumstances. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range of £7,500 to £10,000. Funding is available for charities that defend human

rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals in the UK.

<http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.htm>

Prince's Countryside Fund Re-Opens for Applications - 23 September - deadline 24 October 2013

The Prince's Countryside Fund has announced that it will re-open for applications on the 23rd of September until the 24th October 2013. The aim of the fund is to help improve the long-term sustainability of the British countryside. In this funding round up to £500,000 is available to: Support projects that improve service provision in rural areas; Support rural enterprise; Support farming businesses; Provide training opportunities for young people. Funding is available for both capital and revenue costs. Applicants can be, but do not need to be, charities. All applicants must however be able to clearly demonstrate a significant level of public benefit arising from their activities (which fulfill the Fund's charitable objects).

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/news-events/news/princes-countryside-fund-opens-grant-applications>

Funding to Improve Not-for-Profits Websites - deadline 23 September 2013

Raising IT, a charity website company, together with the Nominet Trust are inviting not for profit organisations with a turnover of £500,000 or more to apply for funding to improve their website. The deadline for applications is 5.30pm on the 23rd September 2013. The funding aims to help charities, social enterprises and housing associations, etc that want to raise more money online or through social media but find that their efforts are frustrated by their existing website. Grants of between £14,400 and £72,000 are available to cover the technology costs and some support services.

<http://www.raisingit.com/grants>

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust - deadline 24 September 2013

The Trust provides funding for British citizens to travel anywhere in the world for between four and eight weeks, with the aim of gaining knowledge and experience that will enhance effectiveness at work and contribution to the community. Travel Fellowships enable men and women from all walks of life to acquire knowledge and experience abroad. In the process, they gain a better understanding of the lives and different cultures of people overseas and, on their return, their effectiveness at work and their contribution to the community is enhanced greatly. The value of a Travelling Fellowship varies from case to case based on the project, destination(s) to be visited and the duration of the Fellowship. Grants usually cover a stay overseas of between four to eight weeks. All applicants must be British citizens (British Nationality Act 1981) and resident in the UK (exceptions for British Dependencies and Armed Forces/Diplomats if serving abroad). Applicants must be aged 18 or older on 31 December 2013 and can be in any occupation. No qualifications are required, applications are judged on

the individual and the merit of the project.

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

Big Local - Quick Wins Grants - Fishwick and St Matthew's - deadline 27 September 2013

Grants of up to £500 are available to Community Groups and Organisations currently working in Fishwick and St Matthew's. Smaller Grants are also available for individuals who have support from a recognised partner organisation (call for more info). The purpose of this funding is to enable positive community activities that are of obvious benefit to the area.

Please note that this fund is only open to organisations based or working in Fishwick and St Matthew's (Inner East Preston), the deadline for applications is 27 September and all money must be spent by the end of December 2013.

http://friendsoffishwickandstmatthews.org.uk/?page_id=551

Health & Social Care Volunteering Fund - National Grants - deadline 27 September 2013

The Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund has been designed to increase investment in volunteering in health, public health and social care. Projects can apply for up to £200,000 per annum for a maximum of three years.

<http://www.volunteeringfund.com/national-grant-scheme/national-grant-scheme-introduction>

Funding Available to Tackle Female Genital Mutilation - deadline 30 September 2013

Rosa, the UK Fund for Women and Girls has announced that its small grants programme is open for applications. This is the first of 5 funding rounds and the closing date for applications is the 30th September 2013. Funded by Comic Relief grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to tackle Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in the UK. The fund is available to voluntary and community groups and will help funded organisations to: Become more confident, more knowledgeable and more skilled in tackling FGM within their communities; Improve their skills in engaging with, and lobbying, statutory bodies to encourage appropriate responses to FGM; Contribute to a unified movement across the UK bringing together a range of organisations engaged in tackling FGM. Grants will be available for training, mentoring, research, networking, and delivering advice and support services.

<http://www.rosauk.org/fgm-small-grants-programme-rosa-s-new-funding-programme>

Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation - re-opens October 2013

The Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation has announced that its grants making programme will re-open for applications in October 2013. The Foundation supports projects in children's hospitals and hospices throughout the UK to enrich and enhance the lives of patients. Projects that could be considered by the Foundation include amongst others: Arts,

music, play and leisure programmes; Facilities to support families of children treated in hospitals or hospices; Care and facilities in hospices; Supporting children with physical and emotional difficulties; Medical equipment. In the past, the average grant awarded was just over £9,000.

<http://www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org/about/apply-for-grant/>

Funding Reminder - Causeway Youth Exchanges & Advance Planning Grants - deadline 1 October 2013

Grants of up to £450 are available for British groups of young people aged 13-25 years and their youth workers/leaders to participate in exchanges with their Irish counterparts.

<http://www.causewayyouth.org/exchanges.html>

Alcohol Research UK Flagship Grant - Call for Proposals - deadline 2 October 2013

Alcohol Research UK has announced that its Flagship Grants Programme is now open for applications. The Flagship Programme, is a collaboration with the MRC and ESRC to fund research that explores the link between harms caused by alcohol and drinking behaviours.

Grants of between £200,000 and £500,000 are available to investigate links between specific harms and distinct patterns, levels and duration of alcohol consumption at key stages in the life-course. Applications are encouraged from multi-disciplinary consortia to enable work-packages to be delivered taking a cross-disciplinary approach. Proposals should include leading experts both in alcohol research and in other fields (and are therefore new to research on alcohol). The inclusion of researchers at an early career stage, post-PhD, is especially encouraged although please note that project-linked studentships cannot be requested in applications.

<http://alcoholresearchuk.org/grants/flagship-grants/>

Educational Endowment Fund - deadline 3 October 2013

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has announced that it is seeking applications from schools and other not for profit organisations for projects that address educational disadvantage. The Foundation is seeking to support projects that focus on the use of digital technology to improve outcomes and on scaling up projects which have a measurable impact on attainment. As part of the EEF's grant funding agreement with the Department for Education they are required to target their funds for the first two years at children entitled to free school meals attending those schools which are not meeting the Government's floor targets for attainment and progression. The Foundations would typically expect their smallest grant to be in the order of £50,000 a year and to reach at least 100 students.

<http://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

Funding Reminder - Hilton in the Community Foundation Grants - deadline 15 October

2013

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants through the Hilton Foundation.

<https://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/apply.html>

Funding Reminder - Innovation Vouchers Round 5 - deadline 23 October 2013

The scheme provides grants of up to £5,000 to start-up, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

https://www.innovateuk.org/competition-display-page/-/asset_publisher/RqEt2AKmEBhi/content/innovation-vouchers-round-5?p_p_auth=ASodn26I

Funding Reminder - Funding for Organisations Tackling Violence Against Women & Children - deadline 30 October 2013

The overall aim of Daphne III is to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence including sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings.

<http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants/programmes/daphne/>

Funding Reminder - Austin Hope Pilkington Trust - deadline 1 November 2013

The Trust is seeking to fund projects that work with Children and young people. Grants are usually between £1,000 and £3,000.

<http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

Funding Reminder - Paul Bush Foundation Trust- deadline 1 November 2013

Individuals and charitable organisations within the UK can apply for grants of up to £10,000 (£5,000 for individuals) to support the needs of adults and children with physical disabilities in England.

<http://www.bushco.co.uk/about/paulbushfoundationtrust.aspx>

Funding Reminder - Music in Transition Award Scheme - deadline 4 November 2013

This national awards scheme aims to find the most inspiring music collaborations that are effectively supporting pupils' transition from primary to secondary school.

<http://www.musicalbridges.org.uk/music-in-transition-awards-scheme/>

The Leche Trust - deadline 20 December 2013

The Leche 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.

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

Funding Reminder - Funding to Enable Disadvantaged Young People Reach their Potential - deadline 31 December 2013

Registered charities that work with disadvantaged children under the age of 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000 through the Ironmongers Company's grants programme. Although the grants are available within the UK preference is given to projects in inner London.

http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm

Funding Reminder - Green Deal Communities - deadline 31 December 2013

Local Authorities, together with their local partners can bid for between £1 million and £3 million of capital funding to come forward with street/area based proposals for funding to deliver Green Deal plans to as many households as possible. The Green Deal makes available energy-saving improvements to homes and businesses. Applications may be submitted at any time up to the 31st December 2013 (or when the £20m of funding is exhausted, whichever is the sooner).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/green-deal-communities>

The Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust - deadline 15 February 2014

Grants are now 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>

Funding Reminder - £27.3 Million Grant Fund to Help Low Income Families with Disabled Children - no deadline

Parents of children and young adults who are disabled or seriously ill will be able to apply for a share of the £27.3 million Family Fund.

<http://www.familyfund.org.uk/grants/how-to-apply>

Funding Reminder - New Programme to Help UK Charities Support People into Employment - no deadline

Microsoft has announced the launch of Britain Works Initiative, and NGO programme which provides resources and connects UK registered charities working in the employability arena.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.microsoft.com/uk/britainworks/ngo/default.aspx>

Inspiring Youth Enterprise Programme

The Royal Bank of Scotland has launched the next funding round of its Inspiring Youth Enterprise programme. The Royal Bank of Scotland are looking to support organisations that help young people (aged 13 to 30 years) start their own business. This could include: Helping them to set up in business; Delivering enterprise education; Innovative networking events; Developing entrepreneurial knowledge and skills; Something completely new and different. The funding is available to constituted groups in the UK including voluntary and community groups, charities and social enterprises. The maximum grant that can be applied for is £50,000. Inspiring Youth Enterprise will be open to applications twice a year for the annual funding pot of £500,000.

<http://www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com/inspiring-youth>

Microsoft's cloud solution now available to UK charities

Charity Technology Trust (CTT) has announced that Microsoft's cloud solution, Office 365 for NonProfits, is now available free to UK charities of any size. Created especially for the not-for-profit sector, the software simplifies charities' IT offerings. The solution helps to boost productivity by ensuring charities have access to the most recent software. Staff will be able to access their Office applications, documents, email and calendars from any location, helping to support a mobile and remote workforce. The software also supports online video-conferencing, saving on travel costs and phone bills. Richard Craig, CEO of CTT, said: "The cloud has long held promise for the charity sector, as it supports the remote and flexible working practices that are so vital for charities and not for profit organisations to operate. We are excited to see Office 365 made available to charities, making it easier than ever for them to take advantage of all the cloud has to offer."

<http://www.microsoft.com/about/corporatecitizenship/en-us/office365-for-nonprofits/>

Conduct your own funding searches at Funding Central

<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx>

Vacancies and Employment

Region's jobless total rises despite total drop

Mixed signals emerged from the jobs market today as unemployment fell by 24,000 but those forced to take part-time work hit a record high. In the North West, unemployment rose by

13,000. The North East also saw a 5,000 rise. Overall, the number of unemployed dropped to 2.49 million in the three months to July, helping nudge the jobless rate to 7.7 per cent from 7.8 per cent, figures from the Office for National Statistics showed. The number claiming jobseeker's allowance fell by 32,600 in August to 1.4 million.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/business/region-s-jobless-total-rises-despite-total-drop-1-6040554>

UK's lowest-paid employees to be classed as 'not working enough'

One million people could be pushed to earn more – or have their benefits cut, says Department for Work and Pensions

One million of Britain's lowest paid employees will be classed as "not working enough" and could find themselves pushed with the threat of sanctions to find more income under radical changes to benefits, the Department for Work and Pensions has said. DWP internal documents seen by the Guardian reveal that people earning between £330 and around £950 a month – just under the rate of the national minimum wage for a 35-hour week – could be mandated to attend jobcentre meetings where their working habits will be examined as part of the universal credit programme. Some of those deemed to be "not working enough" could also be instructed to take on extra training – and if they fail to complete tasks they could be stripped of their UC benefits in a move which departmental insiders conceded is controversial. The DWP said that their overall plans for those in low-paid work were not yet definite and recognised that supporting working families to increase their income was a complex area into which the state hadn't previously intervened. But the department estimates there are one million people in this lower-paid bracket.

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2013/sep/06/uk-lowest-paid-classed-not-working-enough>

TUC says jobless total could be double official figure

Unemployment could be almost double the official figure of 2.5 million when groups such as the economically inactive are added to the total, union organisation the TUC has said. The figures are far higher than official data once wider measures of joblessness are included, it said. The TUC said that on top of the 2.5 million, 2.26 million people wanted a job but were not classified as jobless. Employment Minister Mark Hoban said it showed the unions were "out of touch".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24005723>

Ed Miliband to pledge crackdown on zero-hour contracts

Labour leader Ed Miliband is expected to put forward plans to outlaw the exploitative use of zero-hour contracts in his TUC speech. Hundreds of thousands of workers are on the contracts which allow employers to hire staff with no guarantee of work. Mr Miliband will tell the union organisation the contracts have been "terribly misused" in some cases.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24012368>

Volunteering

Release into Victory: Directors and Volunteers

Since the conception of Release into Victory in November 2012, the Not For Profit Social Enterprise, has gone from strength to strength. Since 15th February 2013 we are a registered Community Interest Company 8405265. We are now in need of help and support to continue this service for the future. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Have you got a few hours a week spare? Do you want to be challenged and rewarded? Do you want to support vulnerable adults aged 18 +? If Yes then see below,

We need Directors for our Management Board!

We need skills, knowledge and experiences in the following

IT, administration, publicity, fundraising and research.

If you have any of the above and would like an informal chat please contacts us on

ginahelp-info@rivlanacs.org.uk

shelleysurvivorscontact@rivlanacs.org.uk

annvolunteer-training@rivlanacs.org.uk

HAVE YOUR SAY & AT YOUR SERVICE

Questionnaires can be collected and returned to Council for Voluntary Service Central Lancashire, Guildhall Arcade, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 1HR

Website address

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

Heartbeat

Volunteers urgently needed for Upcoming Store collections:

Friday 13th September - Preston

Thursday 19th September - Asda - Leyland

Thursday 19th September - Asda - Blackpool

Saturday 21st September - Lytham

October 4th October - Chorley

Saturday 13th December - Preston

Are you able to spare an hour or two to help? Collections raise a big part of our annual income. Please help, to ensure that we continue to deliver the great work done by Heartbeat.

Call Julia on 01772 717147 or email at

julia.gardham@heartbeat-nwcc.org.uk

Thank you.

More. Please download, print and display.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/StoreCollectors.docx>

Fundraising News

Heritage expert in £1m Winckley Square boost

Preston City Council have appointed a new Project Planning Officer to manage the Winckley Square Town Heritage Initiative project, in an attempt to secure almost a £1million in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), after a successful stage one bid was announced back in April.

<http://www.preston.gov.uk/news/2013/aug/heritage-expert-163-1m-winckley-square-boost/>

'Forgotten' Arkwright to be immortalised in bronze

A campaign to build a statue to the forgotten father of the Industrial Revolution has begun in his home city of Preston. Sir Richard Arkwright, who invented the first mechanised spinning machine and pioneered the factory system in Britain, is to be immortalised in bronze if an appeal fund can raise £100,000. Organisers of the appeal are to make bids to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Arts Council. But they need to raise significant sums from local companies and individuals. For full details contact Tony Slater, co-founder and appeals organiser, at

t.slater2@btinternet.com

or on 01772 200181 or 07703475258.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/forgotten-arkwright-to-be-immortalised-in-bronze-1-6032462>

Training

Help Direct Well-being & Lifestyle Opportunities: Free Help Direct Confidence Building courses

The course is open to service users of organisations who support adults (18 +) within relevant fields such as health, mental health and well-being, social services, counselling, advocacy, police and judicial services, and to members of the public and the wider community. Places are now available on the following courses:

Confidence Building x 2

Course number: 008: This is a six session course to be held weekly on Fridays between the following dates and times: 4th Oct - 8th November 2013

Course number: 009: This is a six session course to be held weekly on Tuesdays between the following dates and times: 8th Oct - 12th November 2013

Location: Minerva Centre Ribbleton, Preston, PR1 6SB.

If your organisation has services users who may benefit from attending the course or equally know of other people that may benefit, then please reserve places now as with all courses places are limited. To can book on this course online please go to:

<http://community-stream.co.uk/helpdirect/>

More:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/HDTraining.doc>

UCLan School of Health Courses:

Building community capacity - CPD Workshop: 18 October 9.00am to 12 noon.

Compassionate care: Pride, aspirations and delivering morally good care - CPD Workshop: 21 October 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Dementia for the healthcare practitioner - CPD Workshop: 16 October 6.00pm to 9.00pm.

Care of the child with cancer - CPD Workshop: 17 September 5.00pm to 8.15pm

Fees and funding

Full day workshop £70*

Half day workshop £40*

*Fee does not include car parking or catering

Full CPD Workshop Brochure with lots more:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/CPD.pdf>

UCLan: BA (hons) Community & Social Care: Policy & Practice

Within days, you could be in your first lecture on the BA (hons) Community & Social Care: Policy & Practice programme! It's a UCLan degree (based in Preston), with the opportunity to study the first year in small groups at Runshaw College (based in Chorley). The course aims to develop a wider understanding of why society behaves in the way that it does towards participants of social care, and what can be done to address this by the individual, communities and the state. It's suited to those who are wanting to start or develop a career working in community settings, social care, or are considering social work as a postgraduate career. If you hold a Level 3 qualification, do get in touch with the Course Leader, Jackie M'Cartney on mcartney.j@runshaw.ac.uk to find out more.

Events

The Harris Frights host a night of shocks and scares - 13 September 2013

This Friday, in case you don't already have a red ring around it on the calendar, is Friday the 13th. And if you haven't yet lined up a DVD of the film of the same name ... hold on. Because this cult story is being retold on a giant outdoor screen, as part of the Cinema Around the Corner initiative at The Harris Flights on Preston Flag Market. It will not, however, be screened in isolation but will bookend, along with the Marilyn Monroe classic *Some Like it Hot*, a performance by the scary line-up that is Evil Blizzard. This six-strong band of Prestonians in pink boilersuits and rubber masks will be providing an unsettling live performance in front of a sinister, short silent film. Friday's night kicks off at 7.15pm with *Some Like it Hot*, with Evil Blizzard taking a 30-minute slot from about 9.50pm, before Friday the 13th hits the screens at 10.25pm. On Saturday there will be a showing of *Ghostbusters* at 7.15pm, and the evening will end with a secret screening, to be announced on the night. The fact that the Northfiah Reggae Sound System will be providing a DJ set beforehand can be taken as a clue as to what the secret film might be about. All the events are free of charge. You can keep up to date with the The Cinema Around the Corner project, a They Eat Culture event, on Twitter via @CinemaATC.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/what-s-on/reviews/films/the-harris-frights-host-a-night-of-shocks-and-scares-1-6022221>

Tringe line-up

Preston Tringe Festival starts this weekend, leading the way as one of four festivals running concurrently across the city throughout September and October. The annual Tringe, celebrating fringe theatre, music, comedy and more gets underway on Saturday, and this year runs for a fortnight. Joining in the fun on September 20 will be Preston Arts Festival, which brings art workshops and arts and crafts events to the city until September 28. The Open Mind festival then brings a week of music to the city centre from September 30 until October 6, before the One In Four Film Festival wraps things up with a series of events from October 7 to 13. All of them are independent organisations looking to entertain the city, and get people involved in new and exciting arts projects. The events will also include the Preston Light Night, and collaborations between the Tringe, Harris Museum and the Preston Arts Association.

Full Tringe Programme

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B0YWE9F3hoNeV3diTDJwTzltNUU/edit>

Preston Town Hall open day - 14 September 2013

As part of Heritage Open Weekend, Preston Town Hall will be opening its doors and vaults for the first time to show off the city's precious regalia, Mayor's chains and historic rooms. The event will be held on Saturday September 14 between 10am and 3pm.

Hay making - 15 September 2013

People can go along to Fishwick local nature reserve in Preston to help the park rangers in

the traditional task of hay making on Sunday September 15 from 1pm to 3pm. Call 01772 906471.

Preston Musical Comedy Society: Do the Lambeth Walk to the Charter for a musical evening - 17 - 21 September 2013

Following the huge success of the Guild production of Mack and Mabel, Preston Musical Comedy Society are delighted to be back at the Charter Theatre with Noel Gay's ever-popular musical, Me and My Girl, from Tuesday, September 17 to Saturday, September 21 at 7.30pm, with a matinee on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are just £15 (£10 Tues eve and Sat matinee) £12 for concessions and children. A family ticket costs £45. Groups of 10 get the 11th ticket free (except Tues evening and Saturday matinee).

<http://www.lep.co.uk/what-s-on/theatre-comedy/do-the-lambeth-walk-to-the-charter-for-a-musical-evening-1-6022938>

St Mary's Players, Penwortham: On Approval - 17 - 19 September 2013

St Mary's Players, Penwortham begin their season with On Approval, an elegant period comedy by Frederick Lonsdale, directed by Kathlyn Selby. Performances will be on Tuesday, September 17, then Thursday, September 19 to Saturday, September 21, at St Mary's Church Hall, Cop Lane, Penwortham. Tickets costs £5.50 (£5 for senior citizens and children under 12). Call the box office on 0370 770 5945 or online at

<http://www.st.marys.co.uk>

<http://www.lep.co.uk/what-s-on/theatre-comedy/do-the-lambeth-walk-to-the-charter-for-a-musical-evening-1-6022938>

Heartbeat are delighted to invite you to 'Get Lancashire Lively' - Heartbeats Annual Walk & Heart Disease Awareness Event - 21 September 2013

Venue – Moor Park, Preston

Time – 11am – 3pm

Please see link for more information or contact Heartbeat on 01772 717147

Poster and registration form. Please download, print and display.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/GetLively.docx>

Autumn Festivals in Preston

Preston Pride returns to the Flag Market for the second year on 28th September 2013. Last years event was hugely popular and the event organisers welcome everybody to come along and enjoy the celebration this year. In addition to the free Flag Market event there are some exciting evening attractions at Rumes nightclub and Hang Out Harry venues. For more information please email

promo729@rocketmail.com

The Open Mind Music and Arts Festival runs from September 30th - 5th October. The event is an anti stigma and discrimination in mental health festival and runs across various venues across the city.

Dont miss Cul de Sac Theatre company presentation of 'Telling Lives' at the Minster on 2nd October. Tickets can be purchased at the Visitors Information Centre and are £5 (£3 concessions)

For more information about the other free events please go to

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

or email

info@musicandthemind.co.uk

October is also Black History Month - are you or your community doing anything to celebrate this? We have some ideas and would love to hear yours.

Please contact Lesley Pritchard, Inclusion Officer on 01772 906670 or

l.pritchard@preston.gov.uk

for more information about any of the above

<http://www.preston.gov.uk/blogs/communities-blog/2013/9/autumn-festivals/>

Ladyfest Preston - 11 - 13 October 2013

Ladyfest Preston will be held on October 11-13 across the city and all funds raised will be donated to Preston Domestic Violence Services, an organisation to provide a helpline, shelter and support for people suffering abuse. Valerie Wise, Chief Executive of PDVS said; "We are delighted that LadyFest have chosen us for the proceeds of this event. Across the weekend, the festival will focus on providing positive female art, music, sport and workshops including employability, creative writing and positive body image sessions.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/festival-help-for-charity-1-6024402>

Britain's Personal Best - 12 October 2013

Preston Flag Market 11:00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

CSV are looking for local organisations to get involved in their event and encourage others to take part in one of the first ever Personal Best Weekends in October 2013. Britain's Personal Best is a national celebration of achievement, encouraging everyone to set themselves a personal challenge over the summer. It captures that extraordinary social energy unleashed by the Olympic and Paralympic Games 2012. The idea is simple, we want to encourage organisations like community groups, schools, charities, hospitals and businesses as well as members of the public, to feel good about achieving their very own personal best. It is one of the first projects to keep the spirit of 2012 alive, funded by the Big Lottery Fund to continue to inspire a generation and build on the legacy of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. To celebrate Britain's Personal Best we will be running a one day event on Preston Flag Market, Saturday 12th October 2013. The family event will have children's entertainment,

live music, dance and will be represented by many local businesses, schools and charities.

<http://www.twitter.com/BPBPreston>

<http://www.facebook.com/BritainsPersonalBestPreston>

More information:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/BPBIntroduction.pdf>

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<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/BPBPoster.pdf>

Public Notices

Young people take over the Green Benches in the House of Commons! - deadline 3 October 2013

This is an opportunity for Members of Youth Parliament to come together to debate issues important to young people and they would like your help to get other young people to vote on the topics by voting in this year's Make Your Mark 2013. Make Your Mark is a national ballot which asks young people to vote on what Members of Youth Parliament should debate in their House of Commons takeover on November 15th. The topics have been narrowed down to 15 options and young people vote by simply ticking their choice. Any young person between 11-18 is eligible to vote. Attached is the Ballot paper; please use them in youth clubs, use them in your sessions with young people, info shops, targeted work and in any 1-1 meetings you have over the coming weeks. Once you have asked young people to vote all you have to do is tally up the numbers for each vote and add these to the count sheet also attached. This is then emailed back to me - and that's it! The deadline for count sheets to be email back to me is Thursday October 3rd – Good Luck! Please support young people by taking part in this national ballot; the biggest ballot of young people ever in the UK. The ballot can also be completed online here:

<http://mym.mi-vote.com/>

and lots of online resources can be found here including colour versions of the ballot.

If the ballot is completed online you need to add your district Members of Youth Parliament, this is essential and their names are:

Preston – Wesley Roberts

Fylde – Adam Porter

Good Luck everyone

Andrea Walker

Youth Inclusion and Participation

Preston and Fylde Youth Council

Ballot paper:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/BallotPaper.pdf>

Ballot count sheet:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/MYMBallotcountsheets2013.docx>

Facilities for hire and conferencing at Southlands High School, Chorley

Southlands High School has benefitted from significant investment in our facilities and we are keen to share these with the local community and businesses. We can offer a variety of facilities ranging from a conference room with adjoining stainless steel kitchen to a theatre with HD screen. Please find attached a couple of photographs. Our facilities can be hired at a very reasonable rate and we can cater for your events or classes with our in house team providing anything from teas and coffees to hot dinners. It would be great if next time you are organising an event or providing classes if you would consider using our facilities. To arrange a visit please do hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Photos:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/Photos.pdf>

Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal

"The 'City Deal' puts control of hundreds of millions of pounds into the hands of local people. It will kick-start the largest road building programme for a generation and create thousands of new jobs and homes. Today, I want to congratulate the people of Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire. Your hard work has made this ground-breaking deal possible. You are making your area a place that businesses want to invest in. You are leading the country to build a stronger economy and by taking responsibility for local issues you are building a fairer society". (Nick Clegg). Building on the success of the first wave of city deals agreed last year with the eight core cities, the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal is the first of the second wave of City Deals which will drive forward local growth by empowering city areas like Preston and South Ribble to make the most of their economic assets and opportunities.

The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal agreed with government builds on the strong economic performance of the area over the last ten years and will help to ensure that the City Deal area continues to grow by addressing strategic transport infrastructure and development challenges to deliver new jobs and housing across the City Deal area.

LEP Article here:

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/business/control-of-cash-is-in-the-hands-of-the-people-says-clegg-1-6040251>

Download the full report here:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/CityDeal.pdf>

Anger as council scours emails

County Hall chiefs have defended the decision to scour a former council leader's emails without his consent as part of a disciplinary investigation into the authority's suspended chief executive. Conservative group leader Geoff Driver said he was "horrified" to learn his emails had been "secretly accessed" on the command of interim chief executive Jo Turton. He said it was a breach of the confidentiality of constituents who send him "highly sensitive" private emails, and that other councillors' emails had also been scrutinised. Coun Driver said: "The secret accessing of members' emails is a scandalous and outrageous infringement of our privacy and goes to the very heart of our democracy." However, Lancashire County Council said the action was taken to "enable a full and fair investigation into serious concerns" relating to the conduct of Phil Halsall, who was suspended last month.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/anger-as-council-scours-emails-1-6032124>

Child sex calls are up 30%

Calls about youngsters suspected to have been exploited by sex offenders rose by a third in Lancashire in the wake of the Jimmy Savile inquiry, detectives revealed today. Around 1,200 referrals are made each year by people concerned about the sexual exploitation of a child, but Lancashire Constabulary saw a 30 per cent rise in calls between April and August - some involving children under 10 years old. The figures emerged at the start of a week of action by police - including raids on suspected paedophiles - to thwart child sex exploitation and raise awareness of the warning signs among parents, health bosses, teachers and youngsters.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/child-sex-calls-are-up-30-1-6028729>

Conservatives protest to UN over 'bedroom tax' report

Conservative chairman Grant Shapps has condemned as an "absolute disgrace" a UN official's critical comments on the government's housing benefit changes. Mr Shapps said he would be writing to the UN secretary general to protest. He claimed the UN official Raquel Rolnik failed to meet any ministers or officials, was biased and had wrongly called the "spare room subsidy" policy "the bedroom tax". Ms Rolnik says her recommendation is for the policy to be suspended. She rejected most of the criticisms made by Mr Shapps, although she did apologise for referring to the policy as the bedroom tax, telling the BBC she had done so because that was "what everyone has been calling it since I got here". She cited examples of disabled people, or grandmothers who were carers, and said the measure seemed to have been designed "without the human component in mind". She said her recommendation was "that it should be suspended" to allow time to better assess the human rights implications, and so it could be redesigned.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-24046094>

Should foreign aid be spent at home?

Earlier this summer the G8 accountability report showed the UK already spends more money on foreign aid, as a percentage of Gross National Income (GNI), than any other G8 country.

In June the UK pledged to give an extra £375m to help feed the world's poorest children. And on Friday Mr Cameron pledged a further £52m in UK aid for victims of the civil war in Syria, taking the UK's total spending on aid for Syria and neighbouring states to £400m. But at a time of economic austerity domestically, should taxpayer-funded foreign aid be spent at home? Below are a range of viewpoints on the issue.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23987237>

Appeals

Heartbeat: Donate a Dress

Do you have any unwanted, unused, under or oversized dresses in good condition that you could donate to Heartbeat to help raise vital funds. Drop in or post your dresses to: Heartbeat, Pond House, 253 Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9XB. If you have a lot we may be able to collect. Call 01772 717147 All dresses need to be with us by the end of September for a Dress sale on Saturday 12th October 2013

More. Poster. Please download, print and display.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2013/09/12/donateadress.pdf>

Salvation Army: Food bank is struggling for resources

Preston's Salvation Army is issuing an urgent appeal for food donations as stocks have been depleted after families struggled to feed children over the summer holidays. The church and charity, which is on Harrington Street, Preston, says stocks are now very low and they desperately need replenishment to continue distributing food to vulnerable families as children return to school. People are asked to make food donations to Salvation Army on Harrington Street.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/food-bank-is-struggling-for-resources-1-6021892>

Consultations

Bank of England consults on introducing plastic bank notes - deadline 15 November 2013

The Bank of England is conducting a national roadshow to consult the public and interested organisations on whether it should introduce plastic or 'polymer' banknotes. If the plan goes ahead, they would introduce the plastic notes from 2016, starting with the Churchill £5 note and then the Jane Austen £10. The Bank says that plastic notes stay cleaner for longer, incorporate security features making them hard to counterfeit, and are durable, lasting up to 2.5 times longer than the current cotton paper notes. As such, over time, they are cheaper for the Bank to produce. The Bank has conducted a three year research project into the issue. This included looking into the use of plastic banknotes in 20 other countries, including Canada, Australia, Mexico, Singapore, and Fiji. If introduced, fundraisers will have to get used to the new format when accepting cash donations. The Bank reports that the new notes will be "thin and flexible" and will be a little smaller than current notes. They will however retain the existing tiered sizing format, in which higher denominations are produced on larger notes. The Bank has already consulted the Royal National Institute of Blind People on the size changes and the charity has indicated its support. The current banknote design would be retained, featuring Her Majesty the Queen and, on the reverse, people "people who have made a universally-recognised and lasting contribution in their particular field of work".
<http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/banknotes/polymer/Pages/comments.aspx>

Biodiversity Offsetting

A consultation has been launched on biodiversity offsetting, which ensures developers provide wildlife sites better than any they were allowed to build on, in an attempt to boost economic growth through simplifying the planning process and simultaneously improve the environment.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/consultation-on-scheme-to-provide-benefits-for-economy-and-nature>

Health

Quit the habit with Stoptober launch - Roadshow 15 September 2013

Smokers in Lancashire are being urged to stub it out as 'Stoptober' commences next month. The national campaign, which is being run by Public Health England, encourages people to contact their local stop smoking service to get the support they need to give up during October. And Lancashire County Council is supporting the campaign locally and encouraging residents to support each other to quit their habit. For those looking for help to quit the habit, a road show will be held at St George's Shopping Centre, Preston on Sunday September 15. Stoptober 2013 starts on Tuesday 1 October and runs for 28 days. For more information and to sign up visit

<http://www.smokefree.nhs.uk/Stoptober>

or call 0800 022 4332 to be put through to your local stop smoking service.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/health/local/quit-the-habit-with-stoptober-launch-1-6035667>

Agencies meet to help reduce suicide cases

Actions that could help deter people in Lancashire taking their own life will be discussed at a Lancashire Suicide Prevention Network meeting which will be held on 9 October 2013.

Organisers say the aim of the day is to establish a "mechanism for building awareness" around suicide prevention across the county. From April this year, local responsibility for co-ordinating and implementing work on the prevention of suicide became an integral part of local authorities' new public health responsibilities.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/health/local/agencies-meet-to-help-reduce-suicide-cases-1-6040119>

Lancashire health trust in national care project

A Lancashire health organisation providing mental health services has teamed up with a national charity to launch a project to improve services for people with schizophrenia and psychosis. Rethink Mental Illness has joined forces with Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust for the project, which aims to change the lives of people with mental health issues. The Rethink Mental Illness Innovation Network, launched in the Houses of Commons, will see the trust join with the charity to test new services for people affected by severe mental illness.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/lancashire-health-trust-in-national-care-project-1-6028801>

Police: A&E 'better' than cells for mentally unwell

Police stations "should stop being used" as places to detain mentally ill people, according to one of Britain's most senior police officers. Ch Supt Irene Curtis says A&E would be a "better place" when mental health units are unable to take them. Care minister Norman Lamb has described the standard of some crisis care as a "national scandal." The Association of Chief Police Officers says dealing with mentally ill people takes up a fifth of police time.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-23965479>

Nurses and midwives set to face three-yearly checks

Nurses and midwives in the UK look set to face three-yearly checks from the end of 2015 under proposals being put forward. The Nursing and Midwifery Council wants to see patients, colleagues and employers give feedback on performance. Those deemed not up to scratch face being barred from working, under the plans drawn up by the NMC. A similar system - albeit carried out every five years - was introduced last year for doctors. Currently it is up to nurses to declare themselves fit to practise. This is known as renewal. The proposals - known as revalidation - for the 670,000 nurses and midwives on the UK register have been under discussion for years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-23971498>

Lung diseases cause one in 10 deaths across Europe

Lung conditions are the cause of one in 10 of all deaths in Europe and smoking is a major factor, says a report from the European Respiratory Society. It says deaths from lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) will rise over the next 20 years because of past smoking rates. But a British lung charity says lung disease kills one in four in the UK.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-23971689>

Vaccine 'clears HIV-like virus' in monkeys

A vaccine for the monkey equivalent of HIV appears to eradicate the virus, a study suggests. Research published in the journal Nature has shown that vaccinated monkeys can clear Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV) infection from their bodies. It was effective in nine of the 16 monkeys that were inoculated. The US scientists say they now want to use a similar approach to test a vaccine for HIV in humans.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-24051860>

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