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

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It's now been six months since we launched the weekly email newsletter and, during that time, circulation has grown to over 900 readers.  The feedback we've had has been very positive and we'd like to ask if you've got any stories you'd like to share as a result of receiving the newsletter.  Have you secured funding? Been assisted through an appeal you placed in the newsletter or had people who have attended your events or called on your services through reading about them in the newsletter? Please email us on info@prestoncvs.org  and let us know.  We'd love to hear from you!

And now, the news …

**Guild 2012**

                **Guild Calendar Events for August**

                                **First Proclamation  - Sat 18th, Flag Market**

This is the first of the three Saturdays leading up to the main Guild celebrations when crowds will pack into the Flag Market to witness a tradition dating back to medieval Preston. each proclamation will see the Guild Mayor join the civic party on the steps of the Harris Museum & Art Gallery to hear the Guild Clerk read the ancient proclamation that the Guild will take place.  Street performers will add to the atmosphere. The civic party, carrying this superb civic regalia of the ancient borough of Preston, will be led by the Guild Mayor, dressed in full ceremonial robes, onto the steps of the Harris Museum & Art Gallery. Listen out for Preston’s new Guild Anthem commissioned from Lancashire poet Lemn Sissay.

                                **Guild Wheel Cycleway Opening Event, Sat 18th – Sun 19th, Avenham Park**

Built by Lancashire County Council, the Preston Guild Wheel is a 21 mile greenway that encircles Preston linking the city to the countryside and bringing the benefits of a beautiful outdoor space to the city perimeter. It has been created as a lasting legacy that will not only mark and celebrate the 2012 Preston Guild, but will also provide a valuable and on-going commemoration of the Guild, benefiting Preston residents and visitors alike for years to come. The Guild Wheel route makes the most of the different landscapes that surround the city, creating a rich and varied environment for everyone to enjoy. Sponsored by James Hall & Co. Ltd.

                                **Bicycle Ballet, Sun 19th, Avenham Park**

Over 100 local people will dance and cycle between set formation pieces of this spectacular performance which explores the highs and lows of city cycling. Reminiscent of Busby Berkeley’s film choreography, this visual spectacle incorporates humour, poignancy and character based stories inspired by people’s cycling experiences of learning to ride, falling off and tricks.

                                **Second Proclamation Sat 25th, City Centre**

This proclamation of the Guild will feature a Tri service parade to celebrate the work of the armed forces and their support of Preston Guild.

                                **Preston Military Show Sat 25th, Fulwood Barracks**

A free, fun, action-packed afternoon of military activities for the whole family, followed by the early evening grand finale featuring massed Army and cadet bands.

<http://www.en-gb.facebook.com/>

<http://prestonmilitaryshow/info>

                                **Preston Guild Canal Festival Sat 25th – Mon 27th, Haslam Park**

This event will see many boaters gathering on the banks of the Lancaster Canal at Haslam Park to celebrate Preston Guild and the 10th anniversary of the Ribble Link. A great day out for all the family with lots of attractions and activities across the three days including a funfair, birds of prey, donkey rides, steam engines, boating related attractions and various trade stands, together with canoeing, rugby and football workshops. There will also be food stalls catering for all tastes.

                                **All Star Charity Concert - Fri 31st, Charter Theatre**

Preston’s Twinning Committee present a glittering concert, featuring the music of the world renowned Ronnie Scott’s 17 piece All star Orchestra, together with a host of well known, local and twin town artists. The event promises to be one of the highlights of the Guild celebrations.

                                **Preston Tringe Festival - Fri 31st Aug – 9th Sept**

Preston Tringe Festival is an annual fringe festival entering its fourth year in 2012. In three years the festival has expanded from 24 acts to 57 and has seen audiences increase from 725 to 1535. The festival mixes theatre, comedy, music, spoken word and much more in a range of unique venues across Preston City Centre.

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

                                **Light Night - Fri 31st, City Centre**

Working together – Preston Tringe Festival, Preston Arts Association and MAPs will bring the city to life with Preston’s first Light Night, shedding light in dark corners and hosting events of all descriptions in venues normally closed in the evenings.

                                **BIBAs – Be Inspired in Business Awards - Fri 31st, Big Top, Avenham Park**

Hailed as ‘The one they all want to win’ the North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce present the BIBAs – Lancashire’s leading and biggest awards competition recognising the most successful and innovative companies in Lancashire. Officially incorporating the Preston Guild Business Ball, the BIBAs will officially ring in Guild week at midnight on August 31st. A real spectacle for all businesses, the BIBAs 2012 will be the most ambitious yet.

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

                                Details of all these events and much much more on the Guild 2012 website

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

                **Party packs for Guild street bashes**

Party packs to help people throw their own Preston Guild street parties will be on sale from next week.  Preston Council has commissioned the kits to help parties go with a swing.  The boxes include bunting, Guild logo printed balloons, bowties, flags, cups, plates and tableware.  Packs will be available to buy from the Visitor Information Centre on Lancaster Road from August 9.  For more details on holding street parties, including on road closures, log on to

                                <http://www.prestonguild2012.com/?OBH=926>

                                or call 01772 253731.

                **Guild Cup action for youngsters**

Budding young players ignored the downpours to produce a football feast in Preston.  Fulwood Amateurs played host to the Sir Tom Finney and Preston Guild Mini Football tournament.  The event drew entries from 56 teams, and was organised by the Sir Tom Finney Preston Soccer Development Centre.

                                <http://www.lep.co.uk/sport/football/guild-cup-action-for-youngsters-1-4791345>

                **Enjoy Olympics on city big screen**

Now we can follow support our Olympic heroes on the big screen!  The screen, which has been organised as part of the Guild team as part of the ‘Cultural Olympiad’ programme, will be broadcasting in Preston Flag Market from 9am to 8pm every day until Sunday August 12.  The screen cost £20,000 and bosses said other big screens will be used throughout the Guild celebrations to enable people to get the best view of all the celebrations.

                                <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/enjoy-olympics-on-city-big-screen-1-4779201>

                **Facing up to photographic project for Guild festivities**

Portraits of Preston people will help celebrate the Guild through a new photography project.  Snapper Luke Richards is hoping to capture a flavour of the city’s personalities and diversity by photographing residents young and old for the new 100 Guild Faces exhibition.  He wants anyone involved with Guild celebrations, past and present, to put themselves forward for a sitting.  Shooting will start on August 1 for a week at the St George’s Shopping Centre in Friargate.  Nominations can be made by contacting LR Photography on 07766385515 or email Luke on lrphotography@mac.com   Alternatively, log on to <http://www.facebook.com/100GuildFaces>  to learn more about the project.

                                <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/facing-up-to-photographic-project-for-guild-festivities-1-4778965>

                **Flag set to become ‘symbol of city’**

A flag which was stolen by yobs while lowered in memory of a council leader is set to be replaced by a flag enthusiast.  Preston’s new Citizen Flag was lowered to half mast at St John’s Minster in Church Street, following the funeral of former council leader Joe Hood.  But thugs provoked outrage across Preston when the flag was ripped down and stolen which also damaged the flagpole.  But Charles Ashburner, who is chief executive of the Flag Institute and runs mrflag.com, has come forward to offer a replacement.  Meanwhile the Jamaican Flag is set to fly over the Town Hall to mark the 50th anniversary of Jamaican independence on August 6.

                                <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/flag-set-to-become-symbol-of-city-1-4788727>

                **Vote Vintage Photographs Wanted**

As Preston gets ready to welcome the spectacular Vintage Guild Weekend, September 1st - 2nd, we want to celebrate your very own Vintage photographs.  Trawl your family photo albums, get dressed up in your Granddad’s gear and upload your very best Vintage Pictures to win a truly money can't buy weekend.  We are looking for photos of you or your family from the 20's to the 90's and pictures of you making an effort to vintage up your current style.  Remember anything goes and make sure you share with your friends as it's the Peoples Champion that will be crowned the winner of this amazing competition.  Keep an eye out for specially selected photos that will appear throughout the city.

                **Get ready for Guild walking - 4 August**

The first leg of the Guild Walking Weekend starts this weekend.  The walk will start at the Pavilion on Avenham Park at 9.30am on Saturday.  The 12 mile walk will go through Brockholes and finish at the King George V car park at Broughton.

                **Guild roads alert to motorists - 1st, 3rd, 7th and 8th September**

Major roads across Preston will be shut down to ensure thousands of revellers can attend the city’s spectacular Guild processions.  More than a dozen major city centre roads will be closed off completely to ?traffic to allow the events to take place.  And hundreds of extra car parking spaces will be opened up on the city’s outskirts, with the possibility of extra buses laid on to get people to the shows.

                                More details:

                                <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/guild-roads-alert-to-motorists-1-4783585>

                **Vintage Guild Weekend Saturday 1st September**

                                **Twenties Tea Brunch**

The first event on our Vintage Guild Weekend programme will be our Twenties Tea Brunch. We’re welcoming folk of all ages to join us in learning the Charleston, enjoy live music from a 20s dance band whilst admiring 20s fashions. Guests will also receive a special 1922 themed brunch. All this housed in an evocative Spiegeltent, pop in and enjoy!

                                Spiegeltent, Miller Park

                                Time- 11am- 2pm

                                Tickets £10

                                <http://prestonguild2012.com/?OBH=413&ID=1028>

                                **The Soul of '72**

Soul lovers should head to the beautiful Spiegel Tent where guests will be able to groove to sounds of the 60s and 70s from 3pm-midnight. This eight hour event - Curated by Richard Searling - will turn back the hands of time to feature great music from soul through to the earliest days of disco soul music popular around the time of the '72 Preston Guild. Richard's session will bring back those heady days, with brilliant soul from the late 1960s through to the mid-70s to be featured in this one of a kind 8 hour banquet of great tunes - everything from those in-demand, hard to find 'All Nighter' floorshakers to the cream of the emerging and readily available "70's soul sound" - through to the very earliest days of 'disco'

                                Guest DJ's include: Colin Dimond; Kev Roberts; Neil Rushton; Ian Dewhurst; Richard Searling.

                                Spiegeltent, Miller Park

                                Time: 3pm - midnight

                                Tickets: £10 advance (£12 door price)

                                <http://prestonguild2012.com/?OBH=413&ID=1037>

                **Vintage Guild Weekend Sunday 2nd September**

                                **A Rockin' 1952 Guild**

An afternoon of rock and roll entertainment - presented by Snowboy, music curator from the Vintage Festival - will include live bands, DJ's and Jive lessons featuring: The Crown Top Kings; The Black Cat Trio DJ; Poor Boy Paul Dance Teachers; G.I. Jive.

                                Speigeltent, Miller Park

                                Time: 1.00-5.00pm

                                Tickets: £10

                                <http://prestonguild2012.com/?OBH=413&ID=1014>

                                **Disco Guild 92**

Spanning from 1972 to the last Preston Guild in 1992, DJs Greg Wilson, Wayne and Jack Hemingway will open their record boxes and take revellers back in time to a host of fun, disco, boogie, house and rave at this celebratory closing party.

                                Spiegeltent, Miller Park

                                Time: 7pm - Midnight

                                Tickets: £15 advance (£12 door price)

                                <http://prestonguild2012.com/?OBH=413&ID=1016>

                **Pop-Up Victorian Pie Shop - 2 September**

Following a previous cancellation due to bad weather Preston City Council in partnership with They Eat Culture bring you the ‘Pop-Up Victorian Pie Shop’, a great day of eye opening culture at Winckley Square, local history and pies, of course!

                                <http://www.prestonguild2012.com/?OBH=413&ID=1057>

**Chart stars to perform at all-day music festival Chart stars to perform at all-day music festival - 8 September**

Some of the country’s biggest pop stars have been confirmed to perform at the Guild music extravaganza, G-Fest.   A host of chart-topping stars will appear at the all day music festival in Avenham Park, Preston, on September 8.  Soul star Maverick Sabre will headline the festival, along with urban performer Labrinth, former N-Dubz front-man Dappy and R&B girl group Stooshe.  The full line-up also features the group Clement Marfo & The Frontline, Northern Soul band The Milk and ?alternative hip-hop act ?Abandoman.  Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from the Guild Hall box office, over the phone - 0844 345 2012, or online.  Tickets are priced at £18 if booked before August 23 and £23 after this date.  Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

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

                **Win an iPad3 Photography Competition - Deadline 14 September**

Creative photographers will need to put their thinking caps on for the official Guild photo competition. To be in with a chance of winning an iPad3 you need to come up with an interesting way to take a photo of a ‘G’. The ‘G’ could take on one of the five Guild themes including international, green, people, business or creativity – though the subject matter is entirely your choice. Please see the letter ‘G’ from gathered stationary - how imaginative can you be? A ‘G’ of beach pebbles or a footprint ‘G’ – we want you to impress us with your ‘G’enius stroke of innovation!

Entry Details:

To enter you need to take your photo and then upload it to the Guild Scrolls website (address below). Click on post your scroll, enter your location, type your details, add your message and then upload your ‘G’. Anyone can enter and there is no restriction on age or location.

Deadline for all entries is Friday 14 September at 3.00pm.

The winner will be presented with an iPad by the Guild Mayor.

Enter now and play your part in Guild history – after all, it’s only once every 20 years!

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

**Funding and Fundraising**

                **Workforce Development Dementia Fund - deadline 13 August**

The Department of Health has commissioned Skills for Care to support the delivery of a national learning and development programme for the adult social care workforce supporting people with dementia. They will make £2.4 million available to employers through the Workforce Development Dementia Fund to support the completion of relevant accredited qualifications by those members of the workforce who support people with dementia.  This new funding is open to all adult social care employers, including local voluntary and community organisations who support people with dementia, whether this is in the early stages of the illness following diagnosis, or at a later stage.

                                <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/workforce-dementia-fund/>

                **People's Postcode Trust - Small Grants Programme - deadline 24 August**

The People's Postcode Trust aims to make Scotland, England and Wales a better place for both people and nature and acts within the following six fields of operation: poverty prevention; advancement of health; community development; public sports; human rights; and environmental protection.  Eligible applicants are small organisations, registered charities and community groups based in Scotland, England or Wales. Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available.

                                <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/small-grants-program.aspx>

                **Ribbleton Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund 2012 -2013 - deadline 31 August**

This programme is administered by the Community Development Foundation for the government Office for Civil Society. Ribbleton has been included in the Community First programme because there exists within it certain areas of disadvantage, in terms of deprivation and increases in benefits claimants. Funding priorities take these factors into account.  Signposts and Preston City Council's Community Engagement Team have registered a community panel to make recommendations to the foundation on funding. There is £8,234  available for this financial year and we hope further funds for the next two years. Funding Priorities: Improve the Environment; Young People; Community Safety;  Community Cohesion & Integration.  Application deadline: 12 noon on 31st August 2012

                                <http://ribbletoncommunityfirst.posterous.com/>

**The Lancashire Community Learning Development Fund (LCLDF™) is now open for applications - deadline 7 September**

LCLDF™ is able to fund revenue expenditure to third sector organisations to deliver learning, skills or employment support activity within or across the Lancashire County Council area.  The purpose of LCLDF is to support voluntary, community, charity and social enterprise sector organisations to develop their capacity to deliver learning engagement and learning opportunities for residents across Lancashire.  The Fund is particularly focussed on targeting disadvantaged adult learners that are least likely to participate in learning such as those in rural areas, people on low incomes and those with low skills levels.  Learning, skills and employment support providers from the community and voluntary sector, including constituted community groups, registered charities, voluntary organisations, and social enterprises (such as CICs with an Asset Lock), are able to apply. We particularly welcome applications from eligible organisations who have not previously accessed revenue funding from Lancashire Adult Learning, as seeking new providers and building their delivery capacity is a key priority.  Applications from individuals, public authorities and private sector companies will not be accepted.  Funding of between £15,000 and £35,000 is available for period September 2012 to July 2013 - applicants will need to provide a full breakdown of how they will spend the funding during this period.  Organisations that are successful in obtaining funding will have to provide evidence of all expenditure. Organisations already in receipt of funding from Lancashire Adult Learning (for example via sub-contract or SLA) are ineligible for LCLDF. Other eligible voluntary sector organisations can make only one application for funding.  All applications are online via the official website [www.vcslearning.co.uk](http://www.vcslearning.co.uk) and must be submitted before the deadline of 4pm Friday 7th September 2012. Please note that you will not be able to access the system after this time.

                                <http://www.vcslearning.co.uk/Services/LocalAuthorityAdultLearningPartnerships/LCLDF.aspx>

**Strategic Legal Fund for Refugee Children and Young People  - deadline 10 September**

The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, Trust for London and Migration Work CIC have announced the launch of a new 12 months pilot fund to support strategic legal work.  The Strategic Legal Fund for Refugee Children and Young People (SLF) will fund interventions and pre-litigation legal research for cases involving asylum-seeking and refugee children and young people. The primary aim of the SLF is to assist lawyers and the courts to develop the law in a way that promotes the best interests of children in their need for international protection and support. It will do this by funding preparatory work and expert submissions to court on key issues that can achieve improvements for asylum seeking children as a whole through changes in law, policy and practice.  The SLF accepts applications from not-for-profit organisations that provide specialist level legal advice (CABs, Law Centres, etc) to refugee and asylum-seeking children and young people, and firms of solicitors that have legal aid contracts covering asylum, immigration, human rights, community care, housing, education, discrimination or health. The total fund available is £300,000 and organisations can apply for funding of up to £30,000.

                                <http://www.migrationwork.org/strategic-legal-fund>

                **Community Support Fund - deadline 14 September**

The Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) has launched a new Community Support Fund.  The Community Support Fund is a community-based package of financial and non-financial support for disabled people in the areas affected by the Remploy factory closures. £1.5 million is being made available through the Community Support Fund for local Disabled People’s User-Led Organisations (DPULO) and Voluntary & Community Sector organisations (VCS) in areas affected by the Remploy factory closures (including Preston).  The Community Support Fund complements individual support that is also being made available through the People Support Package. The objectives of the Community Support Fund are to support individuals affected by the factory closure to participate in their local communities, and / or to make the transition from sheltered employment to mainstream employment.  The Community Support Fund is open to local organisations, such as Disabled People’s User-Led Organisations (DPULOs) and VCS organisations, in the geographical areas surrounding the Remploy factory closures.

                                <http://odi.dwp.gov.uk/odi-projects/community-support-fund.php>

                **New grants to support children's hospices - deadline 16 September**

The Government has announced it is making £721,000 available to support new children hospices in England, in addition to the existing annual revenue grant of £10m. Eligible hospices for the new grant should be voluntary sector organisations that are providing children's hospice and hospice at home services to children and young people between 0-19 years old. The closing date for applications for the new grant is 16 September, 2012

                                <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/childrens-hospice-new-grants/>

                **Funding Available to Improve Sports Facilities - deadline 17 September**

Sport England has announced that the Inspired Facilities Fund is now open for applications.  The Inspired Facilities Fund is part of the Places People Play programme which aims to deliver a mass participation sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Through Inspired Facilities, Sport England will award capital grants to refurbish and improve up to 1,000 community sports clubs.

                                <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/about/what-is-inspired-facilities>

                **Grant programme opens to help community groups take over land and buildings**

Community groups can apply for grants from a new £16.7m fund to help them take over the management of land and buildings of importance to the community.  The Community Ownership and Management of Assets Grant Programme (Including Right to Bid) opened on 30 July and will provide organisations with funding to help them develop bids to take over the running of facilities such as shops, pubs, libraries and community centres.  The Social Investment Business will manage the fund on behalf of the Communities and Local Government department and the community groups network Locality.  The fund will provide pre-feasibility grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 to help organisations develop the capacity to take on the ownership of assets. They can then apply for grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 to help them undertake feasibility studies into owning and managing the building or land.

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

                                <http://locality.org.uk/>

                **Lack of funds finishes off popular Leyland festivals**

Funding cuts mean Leyland has seen the last of its popular Chinese New Year celebrations and Parkicipate summer holiday clubs, it has been revealed.  The group of dedicated volunteers at the South Ribble Arts Forum, which has organised events at Worden Park for the past eight years at Worden Arts and Crafts Centre, is the latest organisation to fall victim of funding cuts and will no longer meet up and arrange activities for the children of Leyland.  Around 300 people who took part in the group’s weekly craft sessions also have nowhere to go, and the hundreds of families who enjoyed the forum’s annual festivities are left looking for other things to do this summer.

                                <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/lack-of-funds-finishes-off-popular-festivals-1-4791340>

                **Best feet forward for Logan appeal**

Villagers are planning to put their best feet forward to help send a sick youngster to the United States for potentially life-saving treatment.  Five-year-old Logan North. of Bamber Bridge, near Preston, has stage four cancer and despite undergoing treatment he has been taken off a UK trial because he still has cancerous cells in his body.  His parents Amanda and Ian are trying to raise £250,000 so he can go to America for new treatment which could boost his chances of survival.  A sponsored walk from Bamber Bridge to Blackpool has been organised for 18 August and a  charity ball at the Leyland Hotel in Leyland on August 31.

                                <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/best-feet-forward-for-logan-appeal-1-4794672>

                **Public Fundraising Regulatory Association to fine street fundraisers that break rules**

Charities and agencies will be fined for flouting street fundraising rules from 20 August, the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association has said.  Under the new regime, charities or agencies will receive penalty points of 20, 50 or 100 for breaching the Institute of Fundraising’s Code of Fundraising Practice and the PFRA’s rule book. Once a charity or agency hits a 1,000-point threshold, it will face a fine of £1 per point. For example, if it has accumulated 1,450 penalty points it would be fined £1,450.  Last year, the PFRA announced plans to fine charities and agencies that breached rules for street and doorstep fundraising. It published new rule books for both fundraising techniques and set out the penalty points system.  But no date has been set for the introduction of a penalty points system for doorstep fundraising.

                **Grant-makers are less likely to fund new applicants, survey finds**

Nearly a third of grant-making trusts and foundations give less than 10 per cent of their awards to new applicants, a survey has found.  The research was carried out by the Directory of Social Change for this year’s edition of the Directory of Grant Making Trusts.  It surveyed 2,500 trusts and foundations, ranging from those giving less than £50,000 to those giving more than £1m a year. They were asked to say, in bands of 10 per cent, what proportion of their grants went to first-time applicants.  Of the 567 that responded to this question, 28 per cent were in the band of less than 10 per cent. A total of 60 per cent fell into the three bands below 30 per cent.    Tom Traynor, research project manager at the DSC, said: "It is not very encouraging for people applying to an organisation that they’ve never had a grant from before. Many trusts have said that because of a decline in income they are not in a position to consider new organisations."  The survey is based on trusts’ activities during 2010/11, but Traynor said he doubted the situation had changed.

**Vacancies and Employment**

**Age Concern Central Lancashire - Day Support Assistant, Help Direct Community Adviser**

Day Support Assistant 25 hours per week

Qualified with NVQ 2 - £7.39 per hour

Unqualified - £7.03 per hour

Help Direct Community Adviser 20 hours per week

£8.38 per hour

For an application pack and job description please go to

<http://www.55plus.org.uk>

                **Renaissance (Drugline Lancashire Ltd )**

Quality & Effectiveness Project Worker

Blackpool. Travelling is required in order to carry out some duties

37.5, or part thereof on a pro rata basis as defined in the employment contract. Some flexibility of hours is required, and some evening work

22 days per year plus statutory holidays; plus 5 additional days after 5 years full and unbroken service

£25, 472pa (Band 6 point 21)

Candidates please Contact Julia Hutchings for an application pack and further details.

Julia can be contacted on 01253 311431 or email on jhutchings@druglinelancs.co.uk

Closing date: 10am, Monday 20th August 2012

Proposed interview Dates: Tuesday 11th / Thursday 13th September 2012

**Community Gateway: 1 x SCHEME MANAGER  - (10-month Fixed Term - Maternity Cover)**

(Part Time 18.5  hours per week: Monday to Friday)

Up to £10,177 p.a.

We are looking to recruit a non-residential Sheltered Scheme Manager who will oversee the day-to-day management of a sheltered housing scheme in Preston.  This role commands essential previous experience of working as a Scheme Manager or Supported Housing Officer.  You will have a good understanding of the needs and issues facing older people and will be able to demonstrate experience in communicating with a wide and diverse customer base.  The primary objective of the role is to provide housing related support, ensuring the welfare of our tenants is maintained, and to encourage social activities and independent living in our schemes.   It is desirable but not essential that candidates have access to their own transport and the post is subject to suitable references and an enhanced CRB disclosure.  For further information or an informal chat regarding this vacancy, please contact Tracey Highland, Supported Housing Manager on 01772 566084 or email tracey.highland@communitgyaeway.co.uk   The closing date for applications for this post is 13th August 2012.  Interviews will be held on 21st August 2012. There will be a two tier interview process; shortlisted applicants will be required to complete a short test which includes IT skills followed by a competency-based interview.  If you are interested in applying for any of the above posts and would like an application pack please leave your name and address on our recruitment line 01772 268069 or email at recruitment@communitygateway.co.uk

**Training**

                **Barclays Get Ready for Business Seminar, Preston - 23 August**

Giving you the tools YOU need to take your idea from the drawing board to the real world.

You'll get expert advice, help and encourage in areas such as: Writing a good business plan; Sourcing finance; Managing cash flow; Meeting your legal obligations; Taxation and VAT; Marketing; Finding the right banking solutions

More details:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/2/GetReadyforBusinessFlyerPreston.docx>

**Third Sector Lancashire - Is well-being just good health?, UCLAN, Preston - 27 September**

Well-being is in the news (the creation of Health and Well-Being Boards, the government’s Well-being index…….) and is what all third sector organisations aim at.  But what exactly is it? Good health ? financial security?  a nice house ? or something more psychological….even spiritual ?  Come and share the debate with two experts in the field:  Heather Tierney- Moore, Chief Executive, Lancashire Care NHS Trust, Visiting Professor at Edinburgh Napier University and a former nurse, and John Rodwell, formerly Professor of Ecology at Lancaster University, now an independent consultant, contributing to a research network on ‘Happiness, political economy, religion and well-being’

Places are open to voluntary, community and faith sector organisations across Lancashire. To apply for a place please email Michael Wedgeworth at michael\_wedgeworth@hotmail.com  with your name, position, organisation, geographical area covered, phone number, email address and details of any special requirements.

**PG Certificate in Voluntary Sector Management - commencing 29 August through 28 September**

Big Lottery funding to support this course will end September 2012.

There's still time to receive funding up to £1,345.00 to gain your voluntary sector management qualification.  If you work in the North West Third Sector and want to gain an accredited, recognised management qualification, then you need to enrol now for your place.  There are now only 28 funded places remaining on the following start dates:

Manchester: 29th August 2012 - only 5 places available

Manchester: 4th September 2012 - only 5 places available

Manchester - 20th September 2012 - only 6 places available

Manchester - 28th September 2012 - 12 places available

From September 2012, the price of this course will be £1,440.  With funding through the Big Lottery, the cost of the full qualification ranges from £95 to £495.  Further details:

                                <http://www.vcslearning.co.uk/PGCertVolSectorManagement.aspx?LevelID=94>

                **Save Money, Save Energy - 13 - 14 September**

Trainer - Brian Whitington (Whitington Solutions)

Trafford Hall, based in Chester, has this upcoming training course on our successful Community Futures programme, with spaces still available.

On this course, you will learn how to undertake an energy audit of your own home or community premises and you will identify ways of saving costs on energy bills.  You will also be encouraged to think about how you can promote the ideas to your local community.  Find out about practical help you can get and possible sources of funding to take your ideas forward.  The course will be practical, fun and effective.

Leave the course with skills to deliver the following:

Help householders become more environmentally friendly and cut their energy bills by helping them complete an energy check in their home;

Give householders help with using government support for energy reductions through the use of government websites;

Help householders gain a report into what they can do to reduce their carbon footprint;

Help community buildings do the same - and also look at renewable energy systems for them too;

Help neighbours, family and friends do all of the above.

Thanks to generous funding from the Tudor Trust we can offer these courses for only £50 for the first volunteer booking on and £20 for each additional volunteer booking on from the same group. This price not only includes the training but also all meals and refreshments during your stay and one night's accommodation in one of our en-suite bedrooms at Trafford Hall.

There is a small grant fund attached to this programme so after completing the course you will have the opportunity of applying for a grant of up to £500 to help your community project progress.

If you would like more information on this course or would like to book a space then you can contact Gary Dutton on 01244 300246 or by emailing :

g.dutton@traffordhall.com

**Developing and Managing your own Social Enterprise - 10 weeks starting 17 September**

Are you thinking of setting up your own Social Enterprise?

If the answer is "Yes" why don't you sign up for our ten week course "Developing and Managing your own Social Enterprise" starting in September.

The course will cover all aspects of setting up, developing and managing your own Social Enterprise including:-

What is a Social Enterprise? What are the Legal Structures for a social enterprise? What are your ideas for your Social Enterprise? What you need to set up your Social Enterprise? Setting your Social Enterprise as a Company; The responsibilities of company  director; What a  company  director  can  and  can't do; The  different roles of a company director; The internal structures of a Social Enterprise; Preparing and running a board meeting; Writing minutes and keeping other board records; What is a business plan? The structure of a business plan; Planning your business plan; Writing your Business Plan; Developing your financial plan; Developing a funding strategy; Looking at funding applications; Keeping financial records; Developing different roles within your Social Enterprise; Writing job descriptions; Putting together an application pack; The recruitment process.

This course will run on Monday afternoon from 1.30pm to 4.30pm starting on Monday 17th September 2012 at Oak House, 317 Golden Hill Lane Leyland PR25 2YJ. The cost of the course is £300 per person including all written material. For booking information please email:

                                Martin.yates@northernindependentliving.org.uk

**The Why? The How? Social Media for the Community & Voluntary Sector, Preston - 26 September**

Social media provides the opportunity to tell stories, share ideas, communicate with stakeholders and engage with communities. It offers new and exciting ways to connect people, build networks and publish news. It creates opportunities for you to develop new services and launch campaigns.  Please note there is no charge for attending this event. However VCS Learning reserve the right to charge a £50 non-attendance fee.  Replacement delegates can be advised up to 24 hours before the event.

<http://vcs3social.eventbrite.com/>

**A wider look at Commissioning... 'Commissioning for Equality', Manchester - 18 October**

A series of workshops hosted by FaithAction and the National Children's Bureau

Three workshops in each session, including: Meet the Local Commissioner; Are you ready for Commissioning? Tools and tips to get up to speed;  A look into Health inequalities.  These compact sessions, for the voluntary sector and commissioners of services, will look to provide valuable local networking, information and tools and topics for better commissioning locally.  Funded by the Department of Health, this session is completely free!  To book on the North West Regional event:

<http://commissioningforequalitymanchester.eventbrite.com/>

**Lancashire Adult Learning**

Lancashire Adult Learning work with a wide range of community groups and voluntary sector organisations to offer learning opportunities which support the development of stronger communities. We are able to develop courses that help community members to meet the many needs of their communities.   If you belong to a community group or organisation, or would like to set one up, and would like more information about the courses available, please telephone 0845 6001331 or email debra.bradshaw@lancashire.gov.uk

If you need anything else, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Debs.

Many thanks

Sarah Calderbank

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**FREE cycling & maintenance courses from Lancashire County Council**

There’s a course for YOU: Start cycling; Improvers; Advanced; Basic Bike Maintenance

Feel confident riding in traffic

Get up to 8 hours FREE

one to one/group cycling lesson\*

\*Eligible applicants: Ages 15 years, must live, work or study in Lancashire County Council Districts (max training per person 8 hours)

visit

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

or call 01282 787464

**S.E.E.D. (Support and Education for Eating Disorders)**

Can offer 3 available packages which can be delivered at local schools!:

1 Hour session: This consists of an interactive educational workshop, focused around the effects of airbrushing in the media on self esteem and realistic expectations of body image.

2 Hour session: This is a more in depth session, also looking at celebrities and individual attributes of each student.

Full day session: This is the above two hour interactive workshop, also with a two hour dance and drama session in the afternoon, focusing on each individuals talents and gifts, whilst looking at peer support and enhancement of each other’s self esteem.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:

0844 391 5539

help@breathe-therapy.co.uk

Twitter: @SEED\_breathe

<http://www.lancashireseed.btck.co.uk>

**Volunteering**

**National Trust "Kids Council" vacancies - closes 7 September 2012**

Children are being recruited for the National Trust’s ‘Kids’ Council’.  The trust is hoping the young people can provide advice on how to get more children outdoors.   It is looking to sign up ten children aged between seven and 12 to the council.  Debbie Peers, spokesman for the trust in the North West said: “The perfect candidate to sit on the Kids’ Council will be brimming with enthusiasm and fun, with a natural love for the outdoors and fresh air.  “Potential applicants should also have an adventurous spirit and a wild imagination - a fondness for rolling down hills or jumping in muddy puddles would be considered a bonus.”  Tony Berry, visitor experience director of the National Trust, added: “We are really committed to helping kids enjoy the great outdoors and we want to make our places the most fun and family-friendly day out destinations in the UK.  “I’m really excited that our new Kids’ Council will help us do just that.”  The application process closes on September 7 visit:

<http://nationaltrust.org.uk/kidscouncil>

**Events**

**Avenham Park Get ready for Guild walking - 4 August**

The first leg of the Guild Walking Weekend starts this weekend.  The walk will start at the Pavilion on Avenham Park at 9.30am on Saturday.  The 12 mile walk will go through Brockholes and finish at the King George V car park at Broughton.

**Garstang Show - 4 August**

The 197th annual Garstang Show is on Saturday.

It runs from 8am - 6pm and will include agricultural and horticultural displays, craft tents and a fair.

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

**Astley Park set to dance to the rhythm of the drums, Chorley - 5 August**

Drums will beat a rhythm across Chorley's Astley Park this Sunday as the very popular Big Drum Day returns to town.  People of all ages are being encouraged into Astley Park's Walled Garden to enjoy an afternoon at Chorley's annual festival of Afro-Brazilian drumming, dance and song. The free event, which is organised by Chorley Council and the Chorley-based community drumming group, Grupo SambAfriq is back for the fourth year running following the increasing popularity of the event that has attracted up to 2,000 visitors each year.  Councillor Bev Murray, who is responsible for parks and leisure at Chorley Council, said: "The Big Drum Day is one of many highlights in Astley Park's event calendar. Each year it has grown in popularity and it is a fantastic day out for the whole family".  Astley Hall, Cafe Ambio and Pets Corner will be open as usual.  Drivers attending the event are being urged to be considerate to residents who live close to Astley Park and either walk or use the town centre car parks, which are free on Sundays. There will be a limited number of spaces available on Hallgate car park.

                                <http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3899>

                **Worden Park Mayoral Garden Party, South Ribble - 5 August**

The Mayor of South Ribble, Coun Colin Clark, will host a fundraising garden party on Sunday.  The party will take place at Worden Park, Leyland, to raise money for his chosen charities, St Catherine’s Hospice, the North West Air Ambulance and The Prostate Cancer Charity.

                **Shaw Trust Art-Works Exhibition, Ormskirk - 8 August - 11 September**

Shaw Trust’s Art-Works Project, based at Westfields, West Paddock, Leyland presents an Exhibition of Craftwork at Mere Sands Woods Visitor Centre, Holmeswood Road, Rufford, Ormskirk from August 8 to September 11.

The centre is open every day 9.30am - 4.30p.m. except for Fridays.

**Helping find new children’s homes, Preston - 9 August**

Adoption chiefs in Lancashire are searching for families who can open their homes to children in need.  A special information evening is being held in Preston next Thursday.  People who have adopted will be there to share their experiences and social workers will also be available to answer any questions you might have, talk you through the process and offer confidential advice.  Organisers say they need people from all backgrounds, but they must be over 21 and living in Lancashire or nearby.  The event will be held in Cabinet Room C, County Hall, Pitt Street, Preston, on Thursday August 9 from 6–8pm with a slide show presentation at 6.15pm.  Free parking is available on the Arthur Street car park after 5pm.

                **Writers launch new book fest, Astley Hall - 22 September**

Local writers are to launch a new writing festival called The Word to celebrate Lancashire’s writing talent The one day writing festival goes ahead on Saturday September 22 at Astley Hall, near Chorley, and is the brainchild of travel writer Alan Whelan, famed for his travels on his motorbike.

                **Casino Royale Charity Dinner in Aid of Heartbeat - 12 October**

7.00pm for 7.30pm

at Farington Lodge Hotel, Stanifield Lane, Farington, PR25 4QR

Welcome Drink

Three Course Dinner and Coffee

Auction and Prize Draw

Fun Casino

£50 per head (includes a £5 casino voucher)

Tables of 10 will receive 5 extra casino vouchers!

To book (tickets on sale now!) or for more information contact: Bev Taylor on 01772 717147

beverley.taylor@heartbeat-nwcc.org.uk

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**Public Notices**

**Domestic and sexual violence is an LGBT issue too!**

Preston Domestic Violence Services offers specialist Domestic and Sexual violence services to men and women in the LGBT community.

Drop in Saturday Mornings, 9AM - 12 NOON, HOPE Centre at ST JOHN'S SHOPPING CENTRE

24/7 Domestic Violence Helpline 01772 201601

Facebook: LGBT Drop in at Preston Domestic Violence Services

Twitter: @LGBTPDVS

HOPE Centre: 01772906667

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                **Homelessness 'rose 25% in England over past three years'**

The number of households declared in need of emergency accommodation in England rose by about 25% over the past three years, new figures suggest.  SSentif said some 50,290 families and individuals were classed as homeless in 2011/12, up from 40,020 in 2009/10.  But the data company said spending on tackling homelessness had fallen from £213.7m to £199.8m over that period.  Ministers said the figures were "narrow and misleading" with homelessness now lower than for 28 of the last 30 years.

                                <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19057918>

**Victims’ anger at ‘let off’ for teenage vandal**

A teenage tearaway who trashed charities and targeted churches and primary schools in a crime spree costing thousands of pounds has been ordered to pay just £200 compensation.  The 16-year-old yob admitted to a 17-crime rampage, including wrecking a pensioners’ community centre, burgling numerous schools and stripping lead from churches, health centres and businesses.  Among the worst of his crimes was the burglary of the Welcome Hall in Carr Street, Bamber Bridge, where he smashed windows, doors, walls and stole electronic equipment worth more than £1,300.  Volunteers at the charity-run Welcome Hall had spent 12 months preparing for the Queen’s Jubilee celebrations on the weekend at the beginning of June.  Between April 11 and 12 the thug also struck St Leonard’s Church in Walton-le-Dale, stealing lead from the roof which cost £1,300 to replace, of which the church had to find half from its own funds.  He also admitted burglaries at Walton-le-Dale Young People’s Centre, Walton-le-Dale Arts College and High School, St Leonard’s CE Primary School in Walton Green, St Mary’s and St Benedict’s RC Primary School in Bamber Bridge and RTO Fabrications Ltd in the town.  A further eight car crimes, including thefts from cars, were also taken into account.

                                <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/victims-anger-at-let-off-for-teenage-vandal-1-4791467>

**Safety fears 'hinder outdoor play', says survey**

Fears over safety and traffic are preventing children playing outdoors, research for Play England suggests.  Almost half of parents (49%) said their children did not play outside because of fears about "stranger danger".  The survey of 1,000 parents found nearly a third (31%) said their child did not play outside the house because of fears of an accident or injury.  The poll was released to mark Playday 2012, an annual campaign day aimed at encouraging play.

                                <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19065224>

**Localism legislation could mean voluntary groups being used as 'bid candy', Navca warns**

The government’s localism legislation could lead to voluntary groups being used as "bid candy" by national organisations, according to a recently published report.  In the report Localism: Threat or Opportunity?, which has been produced by the Trades Union Congress and includes essays from a range of voluntary sector organisations, the umbrella body Navca warns that national organisations might encourage local groups to use the Community Right to Challenge to force a council to put a service out to tender.  Elsewhere in the paper, Adrian Barritt, chief officer of Adur Voluntary Action, argues that localism is likely to "connive in the destruction of local public sector jobs by helping to engage volunteers in provision of erstwhile public services, or to stand by and see services vanish whilst needs remain".

                                Full report:

                                <https://www.tuc.org.uk/tucfiles/354/Localism_Guide_2012.pdf>

**New Economics Foundation launches guide on measuring wellbeing of beneficiaries**

A new guide aims to help charities measure how their services improve their beneficiaries’ lives.  Measuring Well-being: a guide for practitioners, from the think tank the New Economics Foundation, is intended to help them gauge their impact on wellbeing.  NEF hopes that charities and voluntary groups will use it to gain a better understanding of their beneficiaries’ needs and assist in improving the design and delivery of projects, improve fundraising efforts and help direct services towards those most in need.

Download it here:

<http://www.neweconomics.org/publications/measuring-well-being>

                **Shaw Trust: Charity’s new centre**

A charity is to open a new craft centre in a wildlife haven.

The Shaw Trust is opening the exhibition at the Mere Sands Woods visitor centre in Rufford, near Chorley, next Wednesday.

The centre will be manned by local artists who will put on demonstrations of craftwork.

**Policy**

**Forced marriage advice to help victims with learning disabilities**

Fifty English councils are bringing in policies to tackle the rise in the number of people with learning disabilities entering forced marriages.  They will issue guidance for social workers and other staff to raise awareness and spot potential victims.  The procedures have been drawn up with the Social Care Institute for Excellence, an independent charity involved in social care and social work.  The Forced Marriage Unit says it is dealing with a "growing number of referrals" involving such people.  The government recently announced plans to criminalise forced marriage, with a new law expected by autumn 2013.

                                <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-19074557>

**Health**

                **Cancer team heading to city, Preston - 8 August**

A MacMillan Cancer team is due to visit Preston next week to provide residents with free advice about the dangers of the sun.  Macmillan Cancer Support’s mobile information team is coming to the city’s Flag Market on Wednesday, August 8.  Visitors to the mobile information bus can talk to Macmillan cancer information specialists in confidence, or pick up some leaflets or booklets. The team, on board a bright green bus, welcome anyone with a question or concern about cancer to step on board for a confidential chat with experts.  In 2011, more than 26,000 people visited the team’s two buses. Go to

                                <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/mobile>

                **Chair of Healthwatch England appointed**

The first Chair of Healthwatch England has been appointed. Anna Bradley brings with her a wealth of regulatory and consumer advocacy experience. Anna will step down from her other current roles as the Chair of the General Optical Council, as a trustee at Addaction and a non-executive director of Colchester Hospital University Foundation Trust to take up the Healthwatch post. As Chair of Healthwatch she will also become a member of the board of the Care Quality Commission (CQC)

                                <http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/chair-of-healthwatch-england-appointed/>

                **Wiggins inspires asthma sufferers**

People affected by exercise-induced asthma have been encouraged not to give up on sport after asthma sufferer Bradley Wiggins became Britain's most decorated Olympian.  Charity Asthma UK said that people who have the respiratory condition would be inspired by the cyclist.  Neil Churchill, chief executive at Asthma UK, said: "It is an amazing achievement and we're delighted that people with asthma might be inspired to follow in his footsteps.  Wiggins is one of a number of Team GB members who suffer from asthma. Swimmer Rebecca Adlington and 25% of the athletics team suffer from the condition, according to the charity. Asthma UK said three quarters of people with asthma say physical activity is a trigger for their condition.  But the majority of people with exercise-induced asthma can take part in any sport they choose with proper training and medicine, the charity said.  Exercise improves lung function and can help with the management of symptoms, a spokeswoman said.  Endurance sports are most likely to cause problems for people with exercise-induced asthma, including long-distance running, cross-country skiing and cycling. Symptoms include coughing, wheezing, chest-tightness and difficulty in breathing.

                **Women get active this summer, Chorley**

Young women are being urged to get active this summer with a series of specially tailored activities organised by Chorley Council.  Whether it's to get your body in shape for the beach or to have fun and get fit then there a wide range of sports to take part in for young women aged between 15 and 19-years-old.  From zumba to horse riding and trampolining to cycling then there's something different for everyone to try.  Councillor Bev Murray, who oversees the leisure activities at Chorley Council, said: "What we've found is that we don't see as many young women in their late teens taking part in regular exercise so we've put together a programme over the summer that is particularly targeted at this age group.  "The activities are all provided at low cost and it will be a great way to try getting fit and have some fun at the same time.  "The sessions will be for all abilities and for the more adventurous we've put on a three-day extreme bootcamp."  The activities can all be booked online at:

                                <http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=1797>

For further details about each activity contact Chorley Council on 01257 515151 or email contact@chorley.gov.uk

                **Supporting an Active Generation**

An exciting package of activities tailored specifically for people aged 50+ has been launched by Chorley Council. Whether it's learning to play bowls, tennis, cricket, football or just some gentle exercise then there's something for everyone.  The Active Generation project, organised by Chorley Council, is designed to encourage people to stay active and to keep them fit and healthy by giving them the chance to learn new skills or rediscover an old hobby.  Councillor Bev Murray, who oversees the health and well being of older people for Chorley Council said: "Our project, aimed at those aged 50 and over, continues to prove very popular and this summer we've got some of people's favourite activities, plus we've introduced some new ones for them to try.  Whether you are a complete beginner or want to refine your skills with professional coaching you can check out the activities available in the latest edition of What's On in Chorley which is distributed free throughout the borough and available in public buildings, or visit the website

                                <http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3187>

                                or telephone the Council on 01257 515151.

**Benefit cheats 'colour attitudes to disabled people'**

Many disabled people in Britain feel media coverage about benefit cheats has negatively affected attitudes towards them, a survey suggests.  Almost half of the 500 disabled people and carers polled for charity Scope said attitudes to them had worsened.  It comes after ministers released data suggesting 55% of sickness benefit claimants were no longer eligible for it.  The government said it was restoring integrity to the benefits system.

                                <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19048294>

**Diabetic foot care 'appalling'**

Patients with diabetes are at increased risk of having a foot amputated because of an "appalling" lack of specialist services, according to Diabetes UK.  Diabetes can reduce the amount of blood reaching the feet, leading to a loss of sensation, gangrene and amputation.  The charity said 84 hospitals in England and Wales, out of the 206 surveyed, had no specialist diabetes foot-care teams.

                                <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-19050684>

                **Whooping cough jab plea**

Parents are being urged to get their children vaccinated against whooping cough following a number of outbreaks in the region.  Around 159 cases in the North West have been confirmed by laboratory tests in the last six months. This compares to just 44 cases in the same period in 2008.  To get full immunity, children should be vaccinated when they are two, three and four months old and given a pre-school booster at age three years.

                **David Cameron promises Olympic Games health 'legacy'**

David Cameron is to announce the setting-up of a £10m science research centre on the site of the Olympic drug-testing laboratories.  The "phenome" facility will allow better understanding of physical characteristics such as hair and eye colour, as well as diseases including dementia and diabetes.  The centre, in Harlow, Essex, is on the site of the London Olympics' anti-doping laboratory.

                                <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19070510>

**Sporty groups can get involved with big year**

Sporty residents are being urged to get involved with Preston’s European City of Sport year.  Preston has been made European City of Sport for 2012 and is now urging anyone running a sporting club or activity to register their event to receive some goodies.  People interested in the scheme can go online and fill in an easy form.  Alternatively, contact the council on 01772 906954 and speak to Louise for more information. The form can be found on

                                <http://www.preston.gov.uk/ECOS>

After being handed the prestigious sporting title, Preston has already hosted the UK Corporate Games, which saw businesses, organisations and institutions from across the country enter teams to compete in a variety of sports last month.  The title also aims to put lesser known sports in the spotlight.  The city council’s aim is to hold 100 European City of Sport events this year and the authority is looking for schools, clubs and communities to register events.

**Consultations**

**Local Healthwatch consultations - deadline 14 September**

The Department of Health is asking for views on two regulations concerning how Local Healthwatch will work. If you would like to share your thoughts on these important issues please respond by 14 September:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/2/1343901668120731%20Letter%20to%20servicesproviders%20about%20local%20Healthwatch%20regulations.pdf>

**Department of Health - Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs) - deadline 28 September**

The Department of Health is consulting on draft guidance for Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs). This is an important consultation because JSNA and JHWS will be important tools in ensuring that local voluntary organisations have the opportunity to contribute insight, ideas, assets and innovation into the improvement of local people's health, so please take this opportunity to have your say on how these important resources are developed:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/07/consultation-jsna/>

**Disclosure and Barring Survey**

The Home Office has asked for comments on the coming changes to criminal records disclosure and barring

<https://www.homeofficesurveys.homeoffice.gov.uk/v.asp?i=53743dvrif>

**Unemployment amongst BME women, Manchester 30 August - why is it so high? Parliament wants YOUR opinions!**

Unemployment amongst BME women - why is it so high? Parliament wants YOUR opinions!

12.30 - 4.30 (lunch provided), Thursday 30th August 2012

St Thomas Centre,  Ardwick Green North, Manchester M12 6FZ

Unemployment is very high amongst BME women and MPs are concerned about this. Groups like yours - working with BME women at the grassroots - are best placed to talk the reasons for this.  Lack of ESOL provision....high-cost of childcare....racism and discrimination....low self-esteem and lack of confidence - whatever you think the causes of high unemployment are, Parliament wants to know!  The All Party Parliamentary Group on Race and Community is holding an Inquiry which will look at why 20.5% of Pakistani/Bangladeshi women and 17.7% of Black women are unemployed compared to only 6.8% of White women, and how to tackle this. This is your chance to share your valuable knowledge and experience, to ask for the changes that you think will help BME women fulfil their potential, and to influence government policy and practice.   Oxfam Routes to Solidarity, along with the Runnymede Trust, are holding a meeting for BME women's groups to come together and contribute to the Inquiry. The meeting will be opened by Kate Green MP, Shadow spokesperson for Women and Equality.  If you are interested in coming along, please send me an email or call me to let me know. If you have any dietary requirements, please also let me know. If your group has little or no funding we may be able to reimburse your travel and other costs, but this must be agreed in advance.

Maya Sharma, Project Officer, Routes to Solidarity Project UK Poverty Programme, Oxfam

Tel: 0161 861 7940 (Please note: I work Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays (9.30am - 5pm))

Fax: 0161 860 5600

MASHARMA@oxfam.org.uk

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

Please follow this link for more information about the Inquiry, and about other ways to contribute:

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/projects-and-publications/parliament/appg-2/appg-inquiry.html>

**Appeals**

                **Chef's Outfit for use in Guild Procession**

Large Size (18 - 20).  If you can help please email your contact details to info@prestoncvs.org

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