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

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**CVS News**

**Big Lottery Fund Workshops**

We still have some places left on our Big Lottery Fund workshop series starting next week but you need to be quick.  Completed booking forms welcome by close of play tomorrow.

For details of the grants available in Preston click here:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/23/PrestonInformationSheet.doc>

And for details of the events you can attend and a booking slip click here:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/August/23/Flier.docx>

**"From Pakistan to Preston"**

North West England meets North East Pakistan when Tommy O'Reilly and Sunehri Saleem fall in love at a factory that makes artificial silk.  It's 1972 and Tommy O'Reilly is learning how artificial silk is made from cellulose in wood. He creates a shade for Preston's Guild Mayor that reflects his growing attachment to Sunehri Saleem. Forty years later Tommy goes back to the manufacturing site for the first time since it closed. He finds many long-forgotten memories waiting for all who will listen.  A limited stock of autographed copies of the book are available now to purchase at the CVS office at £11.99 each.  Call in or drop us an email for details.

More details:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/09/06/New_title_info_sheet-from_Pakistan_to_Preston_4.doc>

or visit:

[http://www.artificialsilk.com](http://www.artificialsilk.com/)

which includes a film about the book.

**Titanic Exhibition - 19 to 28 September 2012**

CVS will play proud host to an exhibition of Titanic Memorabilia assembled by Tony "Mac" McGuire of Catterall.  Tony served in the Merchant Navy for over 20 years and so is a man of much seafaring experience.  Over 10 years Tony has gathered up to 5,000 pieces of memorabilia linked to the tragedy-stricken vessel which includes postcards, posters, paintings, records and books gathered from markets and charity shops.  And given the many links the luxury ship had to Lancashire many will be of local interest.  Tony said ""The Titanic has a strong Lancashire connection, with passengers and crew from the county, and we even made the uniforms in Preston."  The exhibtion will run in the Guild Hall Arcade from 19 - 28 September 2012.

And now, the news …

**Guild 2012**

**Guild to bring in £20m**

Preston’s Guild celebrations are to bring nearly £20m flooding into the city over the next week. Organisers are expecting 862,000 people to head to the city for processions, music concerts, a Vintage festival and religious celebrations, bringing more than £18m into the city.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/business/guild-to-bring-in-20m-1-4883541>

**The best dressed street in the city**

Where can you see the Beatles crossing Abbey Road, Neil Armstrong’s moon landing, Bobby Moore lifting the World Cup and a giant submarine all in one place?  Only in Marston Moor in Fulwood, Preston - now officially the ‘best dressed street’ of the Preston Guild.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/the-best-dressed-street-in-the-city-1-4883423>

**Historical change for Guild Clerk role**

For the first time in history the role of the 2012 Guild Clerk is held by a woman.  The ceremonial role for the Guild 2012 celebrations is being carried out by Lorraine Norris, the Chief Executive of Preston Council.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/historical-change-for-guild-clerk-role-1-4883408>

**City MP defends Guild ‘late-show’**

A city leader has defended his decision to wait until nearly half way through the Guild to attend his first event.  Preston MP Mark Hendrick arrived in Preston on Tuesday for the International Reception and was due to attend celebrations for the rest of the week.  But he has been criticised for failing to make himself available for the full programme, meaning he has missed key events including the Third Proclamation and the Trades Procession.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/city-mp-defends-guild-late-show-1-4900649>

**Funding Opportunities**

**Funding for projects that reduce isolation of older people - deadline 14 September**

Community groups and organisations with ideas for projects that reduce the isolation and increase the mobility of older people can apply for a share of £100,000 of funding.  The Ageing Well challenge is being run by the innovation organisation Nesta and funded by the Cabinet Office.  It wants organisations and groups, which can be as small as two individuals, to come up with new opportunities for people to volunteer their time, skills and resources to improve the lives of the elderly.  Twenty-five entries will be shortlisted and given support from Nesta to develop a detailed plan for their idea.

<http://www.nesta.org.uk/givingchallenges>

**Sky Arts - Futures Fund - opens 24 September 2012**

The Futures Fund is offering five young artists £30,000 each to fund their work for a full year. The fund is designed to help bridge the gap between formal education and becoming a working artist. The Futures Fund is open to individual artists working in the fields of the performing arts, dance, music and the visual arts.  To apply, applicants must be an IdeasTap member aged 18-30 and be based in either the UK or Ireland. It’s free to become an IdeasTap member and just takes a few minutes to sign up.

<http://www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/9fb819f2-65d7-405d-8bc0-a0b700eaa974#Overview>

**McDonald's KickStart Grants - deadline 30 September 2012**

McDonalds has announced the launch of a new grant scheme to support community football throughout the UK.  A total of £75,000 is available in 2012 through the McDonalds Kick Start scheme and local community football teams can apply for grants of between £500 and £2,500 for activities such as improving club facilities; grounds-keeping tools; training courses; pitch hire; van hire; and washing machines for kit; etc. Individuals can apply for a grant on behalf of their club, as long as they are recognised by their national FA, and have at least one team at or below junior (U18) level. Applicants must be over 18 and involved with the club at some level, such as a coach, volunteer or parent.

<http://www.mcdonalds.co.uk/ukhome/Sport/Football/Investment/small-grant.html>

**The Thomas Wall Trust - deadline 30 September 2012**

The Thomas Wall Trust will consider grants of up to £1,000 for smaller charities active in serving the social and/or educational needs of their communities, especially where a grant can make a real impact in improving the lives of local people. It can only accept applications from charities with an annual income of less than £200,000. Trustees meet twice a year in July and November - applications for the November meeting must be received by the end of September.

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

**Wallace & Gromit's Childrens Foundation - opens 1 October 2012**

The Wallace & Gromit’s Children’s Foundation has announced that its grants making programme will open for applications on the 1st October 2012.  The Foundation supports projects in children’s hospitals and hospices throughout the UK to enrich and enhance the lives of patients. The type of 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; and medical equipment (when it can be shown that funding is not available from statutory sources). During previous years, the average grant awarded was just over £9,000.

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

**Winston Churchill Memorial Trust - deadline 2 October 2012**

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. The categories under which Fellowships are offered change annually.

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

**Institute of Physics - Public Engagement Grant - deadline 22 October 2012**

The Institute of Physics has announced that its Public Engagement Grant scheme has opened for applications.  The Institute’s Public Engagement Grant scheme is designed to give financial support of up to £1500 to individuals and organisations running physics-based events and activities during 2013. This includes, but is not limited to, members of the Institute of Physics, researchers in academia or industry, museums, schools, community groups, not-for-profit organisations, arts groups and libraries.

<http://www.iop.org/about/grants/outreach/page_38843.html>

**MacMillian Cancer Support Grants Scheme - deadline 31 October 2012**

MacMillian Cancer Support earlier this year launched a new grants programme to replace their Helping You Help Others and Inclusion User Involvement grants for groups and individuals who support people affected by cancer or campaign to improve cancer care.

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

**Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation Grants Programme - deadline 15 December 2012**

Organisations and schools in the UK that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are able to apply for funding through the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation.  The Foundation makes small grants to support activities that support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges. In the past the Foundation has made grants towards visits the between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools.

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

**Will Charitable Trust - deadline 31 January 2013**

The Will Charitable Trust is accepting applications for projects providing services for blind people, and projects working on the prevention and/or cure for blindness. The Trust is also currently funding the long-term care of people with learning disabilities.  Applications should be sent from November and by 31st January 2013 at the latest.

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

**Cash 4 Clubs - open for applications, no deadline**

Cash 4 Clubs which was set up to facilitate fundraising for community sports clubs throughout the country has announced that its grants programme has re-opened for applications.  Cash 4 Clubs offers all sports clubs in the UK the chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000. It is aimed at giving community clubs a helping hand and provide the opportunity to raise the money they need to invest in their club. Funding is available for a wide range of activities and can include  funding to help with the coaching of young children or perhaps a grant to help buy a new boat or help renovate current facilities.

<http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/how-to-apply.php>

**MSE Financial Literacy Grant - advance notice, applications expected to be invited for January 2013**

The Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity is inviting applications for projects that promote financial literacy through education or other activities.  Not-for-profit constituted groups and organisations within the UK that have an annual income of less than £1 million may apply for grants of up to £5,000.  The Money Saving Expert Charity was established as a registered charity in October 2007 to try and break the cycle of debt. The charity aims to fight financial and consumer illiteracy and is dedicated to educating and informing adults and children about consumer and debt issues.  Groups will need to be quick, however, if they want their application considered for this round of funding as the MSE Charity will only consider the first 40 complete applications that meet its criteria. Electronic applications only will be accepted.

<https://www.msecharity.com/home.aspx>

**Fundraising News**

**NCVO secures help of MPs to change small donations bill**

A group of MPs will table amendments at committee stage to simplify the Small Charitable Donations Bill for charities, according to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.  The bill, due to have its second reading in the House of Commons on 4 September 2012, will introduce the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme, which will allow charities to claim Gift Aid-like payments on small cash donations of under £20, up to a total of £5,000 a year, without individual Gift Aid declarations.  The scheme has been criticised by the NCVO, the Charity Finance Group and the Institute of Fundraising for being too complex.

**NCVO calls for government review of the Health Lottery's impact on cause money**

In what is turning out to be a busy time for NCVO they have also called on the government to review the impact of the Health Lottery in order to prevent a reduction in overall funding going to good causes.  In a letter to Jeremy Hunt, the predecessor of the new culture secretary Maria Miller, Sir Stuart Etherington, chief executive of the NCVO, said the Health Lottery could set a "dangerously low" precedent of reducing the acceptable level of lottery funds that must go to charity.  Etherington said that the Health Lottery, which gives 20p in the pound to good causes, should give the same amount to charitable causes as the National Lottery, which donates 28p in the pound.  Etherington’s letter comes after the High Court rejected the National Lottery operator Camelot’s application for a judicial review of the Gambling Commission's licensing of the Health Lottery.

**South Ribble: Mayor hopes lots of people going to dogs**

A mayor is inviting gamblers to join him for a day at the races to raise cash for charity.  South Ribble Mayor Coun Colin Clark and his wife Margaret, will be taking a trip to the Belle Vue Stadium in Manchester for a fundraising evening of greyhound racing.  The event will take place on Friday September 28 to raise cash for St Catherine’s Hospice, the North West Air Ambulance and the Prostate Cancer Charity.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/mayor-hopes-lots-of-people-going-to-dogs-1-4900480>

**Give your application a sporting chance**

DSC have produced a free guide on applying for funding from sports funders. They say that sports funders receive better applications and award fewer grants - and the average success rate is only 20% compared to 36% for non-sports funders.

[http://www.dsc.org.uk/Publications/Fundraisingtechniques/@149240](http://www.dsc.org.uk/Publications/Fundraisingtechniques/%40149240)

**Vacancies and Employment**

**RISK and Renaisance  - closing date 21 September 2012**

Public Sex Environments & Venue Outreach Work Vacancies - RISK @ Renaissance.  The RISK @ Renaissance outreach (funded through NHS Blackpool) supports in situ sexual health advice, education and referrals in the public sex environments and LGBT venues of Blackpool, targeting gay, bisexual men and  men who have sex with men.  Vacancies for the following: 1  RISK PSE sessional outreach worker September 2012 to March 2013 - 8 hours per week at £10 per hour. The project will require weekend working and late evening working; 1  RISK Venue sessional outreach worker September 2012 to March 2013 - 8.5 hours per week at £10 per hour.  The project will require weekend working and late evening working.

Details:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/09/06/Renaissance.docx>

**Chief Executive, Blackpool Advocacy/Lancaster and District Women's Aid - closing date 24 September 2012**

Salary: £45,000 - £50,000

Enhanced CRB required. Car owner/driver essential

Blackpool Advocacy and Lancaster and District Women's Aid will shortly merge into one forward thinking and innovative charity delivering health and wellbeing, domestic abuse and women's services. We are looking to appoint a highly effective Chief Executive with excellent leadership qualities to lead the newly merged organisation.

More details:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/09/06/Job_Advert.doc>

**Training**

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

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. (for further details see "Setting up a Registered Charity" course below)

**Setting up a Registered Charity - 18-19 October**

This course is designed for community groups interested in gaining charitable status. It is also designed to help organisations decide on whether they really want or need to be a charity. By the end of the course you will have a clear understanding of the process, from initial ideas to recruiting trustees and training needs. it is not designed for groups which already have charitable status.

The cost for both of these courses (Save Money Save Energy and Setting up a Registered Charity) is only £50 for the first community volunteer booking and £20 for every additional community volunteer booking from the same organisation. 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 any more information on these courses or would like to book a place on  them, you can contact Gary Dutton on 01244 300246 or email: g.dutton@traffordhall.com

**Social media made simple! - last couple of places left!**

Last couple of places left for our free social media masterclasses - book now to avoid missing out.  Our lottery funded free social media bootcamps will leave you with an understanding of the different types of social media and we'll help you understand which platforms best suit your organisation.  We won't leave your head spinning with jargon, instead we'll simply show you who is using social media well and how you can learn from their success.  We draw on experience from across different sectors and our sessions are practical so you go away having learned enough to have the confidence to manage your own social media sites.

<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/4149063962/eventful/r/eventful>

**Volunteering**

**Carers Central - Volunteers for Sitting In Service**

Can you spare a few hours a month to support unpaid Carers who live in your area?   Our Volunteer Sitting In Service aims to match Volunteers to somebody usually cared for by an unpaid Carer. This allows the unpaid Carer to have a much needed break and the Cared for Person to gain independence and companionship.  Leyland office details are on the flyer but it would be appreciated if potential volunteers can initially contact the Preston office on 01772 200173.

More details / Poster:

[http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/09/06/Volunteers-sitting-flyer-A5-2(1).pdf](http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/09/06/Volunteers-sitting-flyer-A5-2%281%29.pdf)

**International Aid Trust: Volunteer plea for new shop**

A charity is seeking volunteers to run a new shop in Lancashire.  The International Aid Trust, which is based at Much Hoole, is planning to open on Station Road in Bamber Bridge within the next two weeks.  Eileen Hardaker, of the trust, said: “We usually have around a dozen volunteers to run our shops, so we are looking for that many.”  Anyone interested should contact 01772 611000.

**CSV Make a Difference Day 2012 - 27 October 2012**

Registrations are now open for CSV Make a Difference Day 2012! See below to find out how to register your activity and claim your free Action Pack.  CSV Make a Difference Day is the UK's biggest day of volunteering, and provides opportunities for thousands of people to volunteer every year in activities across the country.  In 2011 70,000 people took part in over 2,400 events across the UK.

<http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/csv-make-difference-day>

**More than half of England's volunteer centres report cuts this year**

More than half of volunteer centres in England that receive funding from local government have had it cut for the current year, according to a survey by Volunteering England, Navca and the Institute for Volunteering Research.  The survey, carried out last month, found that 86 per cent of the 178 respondents received funding from local government for volunteering services.   Of those, 52 per cent reported that their funding had been cut compared from the levels of the previous year. The average amount lost was about 25 per cent, researchers found, and the median amount was 20 per cent. The largest cut in funding was 80 per cent.  Of the remainder, 42 per cent received the same amount, and 5 per cent reported an increase.  Justin Davis Smith, chief executive of Volunteering England, said: "This is further evidence that the funding does not match the rhetoric at a time when volunteering is higher than ever on the political agenda.  "Even though the majority of volunteer centres are introducing new revenue-raising activities to ensure they are sustainable, they face an increasingly difficult challenge to meet the public and political demand for their services."

**Events**

**Lostock Hall: Age Concern: Get creative at painting class - from 10 September 2012**

Age Concern’s Friendship Club on Lourdes Avenue, Lostock Hall, near Preston, will be running a beginners drawing and painting class from Monday September 10. The classes on the eight-week course will run from 10am to noon. The Friendship Club runs many other classes including computer, Internet and e-mail courses. To find out more or to enrol, call 01772 321868.

**Headway Preston & Chorley's (the brain injury association) Second Anniversary Event, Preston - 2 October 2012**

Tickets are now available!

From: 1.00 - 4.40pm at The Salvation Army Building, Harrington Street, Preston PR1 7BN

Come and celebrate with us! Lunch and Entertainment (Ticket entrance only)  FREE Tickets available (although a small donation will be gratefully accepted on the day!) by contacting Liz on 07583 637 197 or 01772 789323.  Or email your request to:

headwayprestonandchorley@gmail.com

or request a ticket via our web site contact page:

<http://www.headwayprestonandchorley.com/#!contact>

\*Please provide your name and address.

Poster:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/09/06/Headway-2nd-Anniversary-A4-poster%202.pdf>

**Public Notices**

**Changes to disclosure and barring – updated information**

The Home Office has published a leaflet explaining the recent changes to disclosure and barring and how the legislative and organisational changes will impact on stakeholders and employers.

Leaflet:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/disclosure-and-barring-leaflet>

In response NAVA have updated briefing sheets available.

Changes in the ID verification process:

<http://tiny.cc/idchecks>

Changes to disclosure and barring arrangements as a result of the Protection of Freedoms Act:

<http://www.navca.org.uk/downloads/generate/3145>

**Chorley: Credit Union moves into council offices**

People in Chorley will be able to get a helping hand with their finances with a new credit union setting up base in the town centre on 5 September.  Unify Credit Union, Wigan's largest financial co-operative, has announced that it will be opening a branch in Chorley Council's Union Street offices following a surge in demand for their services.

<http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3931>

**Chorley: Make the most of Select Move**

Residents in Chorley in need of low cost social rented housing are being urged to make sure they make the most of the local housing allocations service.  In a bid to make sure local people get the best out of the service Chorley Council is urging people looking for a housing association home to use Select Move.

<http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3932>

**Chorley: Junior bobbies on the beat**

Youngsters from Chorley have been pounding the beat with their local 'bobbies' and enjoying a summer of fun activities, thanks to a new scheme run by Chorley Council.  They've done conservation work and water safety at Yarrow Valley Country Park; crime scene investigation workshops; visited Astley Hall, the police station and magistrates court; met the Mayor of Chorley, leader of the Council and the head of Chorley police; learned about responsible dog ownership; spent a day with Lancashire Fire and Rescue as mini-firefighters and even been able to hold the Olympic torch!

<http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3935>

**Congratulations to Marilyn Gregson of Preston Panthers**

Dedicated volunteer Marilyn Gregson, 63, from Fulwood, gives much of her time to helping others, but she is still glowing from the excitement of carrying the Paralympic Flame on its final journey to the Olympic Stadium.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/my-paralympic-torch-journey-1-4893566>

**Homeless figure down**

The number of people living in temporary accommodation in Preston has dropped to its lowest level in a decade. Official housing figures reveal just 18 households are now classed as living in temporary accommodation in the city. That compares to a high of 87 homeless families in 1998/99. The figures, released by Lancashire County Council’s statistical unit, also show there are 55 households accepted as homeless and in priority need in the city. That means Preston is ranked 236 out of 326 areas across the country.

**Save the Children urges action for poorest UK children**

The charity Save the Children, best known for helping some of the world's poorest families, has launched its first appeal to help UK children.  The charity says the UK's poorest children are bearing the brunt of the recession, with some missing out on regular hot meals or new shoes.  The campaign urges the government to focus on benefits for low-paid families and ask employers to pay a living wage.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-19478083>

**Scottish food parcel requests double in a year**

Benefit delays and welfare reforms are driving a rising need for food parcels, according to Citizens Advice Scotland.  CAS, which refers people to food banks if they struggle to feed themselves, reported that double the number of Scots were asking for help in a year.  It said about half of those asking for help had experienced problems with their benefits. Other factors include redundancy, debt levels and food costs.  The charity Oxfam has reported that food costs have risen by 30.5% over the past five years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-19468924>

**Better IT and lower costs are priorities for sector, says report on red tape**

The government will create new programmes to support volunteering and IT development, according to a report published this week by the Office for Civil Society.   Making it easier to set up and run a charity, social enterprise or voluntary organisation: progress update addresses the government’s success in cutting red tape for charities.  It is one of several updates the Cabinet Office has provided on progress on its main objectives since the coalition government came into power.  The red tape report says that the development of better IT in the voluntary sector is a "stand-out priority" and that the government will "help the sector embrace the potential of technology to reduce costs, increase income and mobilise people".

Report:

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/sites/default/files/resources/9164-TSO-HMG-Make-it-easier-Charity-Progress_ACCESSIBLE.PDF>

**Freddie is honoured to become trust’s patron**

Andrew ‘Freddie’ Flintoff has become the first patron of the Tom Maynard Trust.  The former England cricket star said he was honoured to represent the body, which was set up after the death of the young Surrey cricketer and will help aspiring disadvantaged cricketers.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/freddie-is-honoured-to-become-trust-s-patron-1-4883371>

**Health**

**Patients help teach the medics of the future**

Patients are educating the doctors of the future be allowing medical students at Preston and Chorley hospitals to try out their skills on them.  Lancashire Teaching Hospitals, which runs the Royal Preston and Chorley and South Ribble hospitals, is celebrating the success of its Patients as Educators Programme.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/patients-help-teach-the-medics-of-the-future-1-4900491>

**Comensus: Meeting to discuss weight loss and activity - 17 September 2012**

Have you been told to try or are trying to lose weight and increase your activity levels?  Can we make a real difference to weight management services? Come along to our meeting. Hear about our planned research and give your opinions on issues that matter.

Details:

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/09/06/Comensus.docx>

**Meet with chairs of local Clinical Commissioning Groups to debate the future of commissioning, Manchester - 23 October 2012**

ACEVO and the NHS Alliance are hosting a joint event in Manchester inviting the regional Community and Voluntary sector to meet with chairs of Clinical Commissioning Groups from across the North West.  As the sector continues to adapt to the new commissioning environment this event will offer a unique opportunity to meet with commissioners to understand the changes ahead and consider what both CCGs and the sector can do to ensure that this key relationship flourishes.  Thanks to a generous grant from the Department of Health this event will be FREE for ACEVO members to attend. To register your interest in attending please email:

events@acevo.org.uk

**Appeals**

**Caritas Care: Adopters - next meeting 11 September 2012**

A charity is appealing for more Lancashire adopters to come forward after it was revealed that there are more than 800 children are living in care across the region. Caritas Care, based in Preston, is organising a series of free information events to help dispel some of the myths around adoption and provide details of the adoption assessment and preparation process.  The next free Adoption Information Day will be held on the September 11 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Caritas Care offices on Tulketh Road in Ashton, Preston.

<http://www.lep.co.uk/community/appeal-for-more-adopters-1-4900598>

**Comensus: Someone who has experience of living with chronic kidney disease**

If possible we would like to meet with someone who has experience of living with chronic kidney disease.  Within the University of Central Lancashire we have a number of students who would like to hear from real people and find out what it is like to live with the disease.  If you are available to talk to students on the 5th November from 1pm we would love to hear from you.  We will support you to prepare for the talk,  pay your expenses, provide lunch and will provide support after the session.  If you are interested please contact me on 01772 893818 or email:

lmalihi-shoja@uclan.ac.uk

Lisa Malihi-Shoja, Comensus Co-ordinator, Harrington Building - Room 207, University of Central Lancashire

**North West Disability Partnership research - deadline 8 October 2012**

Merseyside Disability Federation (MDF), on behalf of the North West Disability Partnership, sent out a survey in November 2011 to explore people's experience of personalisation and personal budgets.  They are now looking to carry out a follow-up piece of research to see if the picture has changed, especially given the work local authorities have undertaken on personal budgets.

Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/personalisationsurvey2012>

**Call for items**

Do you have any items of interest for the sector? Please feel free to email details to info@prestoncvs.org  to have them circulated through**YOUR**CVS network. Comments?, suggestions? Please email them to the same address.

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