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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | All the (sector) news that's fit to print (with apologies to the NY Times). | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Council For Voluntary Services Central Lancashire](http://www.cvscentrallancashire.org.uk/) | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Welcome to our weekly roundup of all things Voluntary Community Faith Sector in Central Lancashire!  This email is issued to subscribers and contributors.  Details of how to subscribe, unsubscribe or change your preferences can be found at the bottom of the email.  Sections: (click to go, press "Home" to come back) [Guild 2012](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#Guild 2012); [Funding Opportunities](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#FundingOpportunities); [Vacancies and Employment](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#VacanciesandEmployment); [Volunteering](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#Volunteering); [Fundraising News](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#FundraisingNews); [Training](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#Training); [Events](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#Events);[Public Notices](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#PublicNotices); [Appeals](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#Appeals); [Consultations](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#Consultations); [Health](http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=e383646e8c&e=%5bUNIQID%5d#Health);   Please see an appeal made by Preston City Council colleagues for expressions of support for a new skatepark in Preston.  If, having read the article below, you would like to support this exciting new project please email us your support **by 12 November 2012** to [info@prestoncvs.org](mailto:info@prestoncvs.org)  And now, the news …  **Guild 2012**  **Guild’s £5m ‘is money well spent’**  Preston’s Guild spectacular celebrations cost more than £5m to stage, new figures have shown today. The first figures from the historic event show the cash splashed to bring headline acts such as opera stars Jose Carreras and Katherine Jenkins, the televised Preston Passion Easter celebrations, and huge processions which lit up the city centre throughout the 12 months of events.  <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/guild-s-5m-is-money-well-spent-1-4982549>    **Preston celebrates biggest ever Guild Processions**  Walk the Plank (Guild 2012 Procession Producers) crowned a summer of spectacular events by producing its largest ever processions as part of the Preston Guild 2012 celebrations.  A total of more than 20,000 people took part in four Guild processions over one week, marking a tradition that started in 1179. Preston’s Guild celebrations only happen once every twenty years, and Walk the Plank played a part in the last Guild in 1992 when the theatre ship visited.  Highlights included:  Local furniture manufacturer Plumbs created a giant armchair for the Trades Procession, marking their 6th consecutive Guild procession; 5000 people from more than 100 churches and faith schools from across Preston joined in the Churches Procession; The Communities Procession was the largest procession with 8500 participants, bringing together the breadth of Preston society and, for the first time ever, Preston’s Muslim community had their own section; Walk the Plank’s fire-breathing Viking Ship led the Torchlight Procession - a stunning end to the week’s festivities with a real party atmosphere: the streets of Preston were lit up with torches, floats with beautiful glowing pictures and participants wearing illuminated costumes.  Ellie Turner, Project Director for Walk the Plank: “The collaboration between an enormous number of different organisations and groups has been incredible. This is the largest parade project we have ever worked on and it has been a resounding success, connecting the people of Preston with their city and each other in a unique way.”  Walk The Plank worked in partnership with the Preston Guild team at Preston City Council and a fantastic pool of team leaders drawn from city council staff across all the processions during the week. Guild volunteers, council staff and participating groups also provided marshals to ensure the event ran smoothly. The company was chosen by tender to work on these unique traditional processions as a direct result of a successful partnership with Manchester City Council to create the Manchester Day Parade over the past 3 years. This year’s Manchester Day Parade was the most successful ever and visitors to the city were up by 51% on an equivalent weekend the previous year when there was no parade. The parade has increased in scale every year and is a highlight of the North West’s outdoor events calendar.  Images in document below: (Photographs:  Churches, Communities, Torchlight Processions by Bernie Blackburn, Plumb's Giant Armchair, Trades Procession by Preston Photographic Society).  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/GuildImages.pdf>  Funding Opportunities  **Preston Children and Young Peoples Trust Board: Prevention and Early Support VCFS Small Grants Fund - deadline 23 October 2012**  Please find below links to the application form and guidance document for the second round of Preston VCFS Small Grants Fund.  In order to accommodate those wanting to organise activities for the autumn half term the deadline for applications is the 5pm on 23rd October 2012.  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/PPVCFSSmallGrantsFunding%20GuidanceDocument.doc>  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/PPVCFSSmallGrantsFundingGuidanceDocumentSecondRound.doc>    **Volant Charitable Trust - deadline 25 January 2013**  Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children and women’s issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust.  The Trust which was set up by the author J K Rowling also supports research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. However this funding stream is currently fully committed and is currently not considering further applications for funding in this area. Applications for funding can be for up to £10,000.  <http://www.volanttrust.com/index.html>    **Sportsmatch - deadline end of Autumn 2012 for projects staring before 30 April 2013**  Sportsmatch uses money from Sport England to make awards to not-for-profit organisations that have secured sponsorship to deliver new community projects for young people (aged 14+) and adults to take up and keep a sporting habit for life. Awards of between £1,000 and £100,000 can be made to match funding from no more than five sponsors, with each sponsor contributing a minimum of £1,000.  <http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>    **Youth Music singing fund - deadline 11 October 2012**  Youth Music is inviting applications for grants of up to £50k to develop the singing and personal skills of children and young people from all backgrounds through high quality group singing opportunities.  <http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/resources/blogs/carol-reid/youth-music-launches-two-new-funding-modules>    **Scottish Power Energy People Trust Fund, Tackling Fuel Poverty - deadline 16 October 2012**  The Scottish Power Energy People Trust Fund is accepting applications from registered charities across the UK for its fourth and final funding round of 2012.The Scottish Power Energy People Trust, an independent charity, was established in 2005 to help end fuel poverty in the UK.  Since then it has awarded more than £10 million to 220 community projects.  <http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp>    **Abel Charitable Trust - deadline 31 October 2012**  The Abel Charitable Trust was established in 1976 as a vehicle for distributing some of the profits that a private construction company received through its activities in house building. They are offering grants of between £3,000 and £5,000 for projects supporting offenders, young people, those with addiction problems and sex industry workers, including victims of trafficking. Funding is available for charities that are based within a 60-mile radius of London with a preference for smaller registered charities.  <http://www.abelcharitabletrust.org.uk/>  **Vacancies and Employment**  **Navca demands improvements in Work Programme after MPs voice fraud fears**  The local infrastructure body Navca says the government must learn lessons from its "flawed" tendering process, following a critical report into its welfare-to-work programmes by MPs.  The Public Accounts Committee criticised the Department for Work and Pensions for not exercising "sufficient oversight of its contractors" in trying to spot potential instances of fraud in its Work Programme.  The report, Preventing Fraud in Contracted Employment Programmes, published last Friday (see link below) , added that potential risks of fraud within the Work Programme remained, even though the scheme has stronger safeguards than previous welfare-to-work schemes.  About 400 charities and voluntary sector organisations are involved in the programme as subcontractors.  But the Employment Related Services Association, the trade body for welfare-to-work providers, has defended the track record of Work Programme providers, arguing that fraud was "virtually non-existent".  Report:  <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201213/cmselect/cmpubacc/103/10302.htm>    **Most charity subcontractors say Work Programme contracts are 'at risk of failure'**  Seven out of 10 charity subcontractors say their Work Programme contracts are at risk of failure, according to a report by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.  A survey published by the umbrella body today reveals that, of 98 organisations polled, 46 say their contracts are "at risk of failure within the next six months" and 25 say they are "at risk of failure before the end of the contract period". Only 27 respondents says contract is "viable for the whole contract period".  The report says that 48 charities ­– just under half of those polled – are subsidising the delivery of the Work Programme from their own reserves.  Full report:  <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sites/default/files/sig_survey_june_2012_report_17.9.12.pdf>  **Volunteering**  **Preston FM: New Training opportunities November 2012 - rsvp 17 October 2012**  We are pleased to announce Preston FM’s latest round of training courses for new volunteers.   There are three new training courses coming up in November. They are free, friendly, practical and available to everyone living or working in Preston, South Ribble and the surrounding areas. No previous experience is necessary as full friendly support will be available from Preston FM team of trainers and volunteers.  **Course 1, 12 - 26 November 2012**  Mondays and Wednesdays , 6.30pm – 9pm, commencing November 12th and finishing November 26th 2012.  **Course 2, 17 - 24 November 2012**  Saturdays and Sundays 10am – 5pm, commencing  November 17th ,18th and 24th  2012.  For further details, or to apply for a place on either of the training courses  then please contact us by 5pm on Wednesday 17 October.  Contact Details  [training@preston.fm](mailto:training@preston.fm)  Telephone: 01772 880791  The training courses will cover all the skills required to produce your own radio show on Preston FM.    **Disability Equality NW: Volunteering training opportunities**  DENW has recently secured funding from the Community Learning Innovation Fund to run a 10 month rolling programme of short courses specifically designed for both disabled people who are interested in volunteering and organisations that involve volunteers in their day to day service provision.  More:  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/DENW.docx>    **Positive for Youth Offer**  Are you 13 -19?  Would you like to take part in a volunteer programme with a difference?  Make some new friends design your own project and earn yourself some prizes.  Limited spaces available.  Please contact Michelle on 01257 277703 or email [michelle@theartspartnership.co.uk](mailto:michelle@theartspartnership.co.uk) for details and start date.  Poster:  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/PfYposter.docx>    **Welfare changes could restrict volunteering, warns Volunteering England**  Volunteering England has voiced concern that changes to the welfare system could have a negative impact on volunteering.  In a briefing document on universal credit, the organisation warns that the new single payment for jobseekers and low-income earners – which comes into force next year – will restrict the amount of time people on benefits can volunteer.  Under universal credit, claimants will be expected to spend up to 35 hours a week looking for or preparing for work. But the new rules state that volunteering by people in receipt of the payment will be restricted to "up to 50 per cent of their expected hours of work search". Currently, there are no specified restrictions.  A spokeswoman for the Department for Work and Pensions said: "We recognise the value of volunteering and the contribution it can make towards helping a claimant into work.  "Under universal credit, people looking for work will be able to spend half their jobseeking time volunteering – but it’s only right that claimants do all they can to move into work or take up more or better-paid work."    **Volunteers need more government support to run village halls, rural campaigners say**  Rural campaigners are calling for better support from local and central government for the 80,000 volunteers who run community and village halls, warning rural areas could otherwise lose vital hubs.  The Rural Community Action Network and the umbrella body Action with Communities in Rural England say people who help run 10,000 halls across England are struggling with red tape, a loss of funding and the increasing needs of people who use them.  RCAN has launched a national campaign to highlight the valuable role halls play in communities and calls for further financial assistance for organisations that support them.  The organisation is calling for the government, local authorities and other policy makers to work together to decide how best to help maintain the support service RCAN provides. It is also distributing a new publication, Community Assets: Keep Their Future Vibrant, as part of the campaign.  **Fundraising News**  **£50,000 appeal launched**  A crisis appeal has been launched to raise £50,000 to keep parts of Lancashire’s countryside alive.  The Lancashire, Manchester and Merseyside Wildlife Trust has asked its members for cash to help it carry out projects on new swathes of habitats across the region, including on Winmarleigh Moss, between Lancaster and Fleetwood.  The trust’s annual accountants showed its overall revenues slumped by half to £4.61m in the past year, compared with £9.25m, due largely to funding cuts and the drain of setting up its Brockholes reserve near Preston.  <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/50-000-appeal-launched-1-4972196>    **People's Postcode Lottery announces it has raised £20m since launch**  The People’s Postcode Lottery has raised more than £20m for good causes since its launch in 2008.  It manages society lotteries for four grant-making trusts that provide funds to charities and community projects, mainly in Scotland and the north of England.  The Scottish children’s charity Children 1st is among the biggest beneficiaries to date, receiving £2m from the Postcode Care Trust.  The same trust has also awarded long-term funding to the cancer support charity Maggie’s Cancer Caring Centres, which has 14 centres across the UK, and the national charity Missing People.    **Cabinet Office plans £20m 'outcomes fund' to help charities win payment-by-results contracts**  The Cabinet Office is hoping to launch a £20m "outcomes fund" to make it easier for public bodies to issue payment-by-results contracts and social impact bonds for charities, according to the Minister for Civil Society, Nick Hurd.  Hurd did not say when the fund could be launched.    **St Catherine's Hospice: South Ribble Council staff raise thousands for charity**  An intrepid group of walkers from South Ribble Borough Council have raised thousands of pounds for a local charity by completing another marathon trek.  The five-strong team of council staff took part in a 64-mile walk in the Lake District over a weekend, raising a fantastic sum of more than £7,700 for St Catherine's Hospice, one of the Mayor of South Ribble's chosen charities.  <http://www.southribble.gov.uk/Section.asp?sectiontype=listseparate&catid=301272&docid=3263>    **Health Lottery raised half its target for good causes in first year**  The Health Lottery, which sold its first ticket on 28 September last year, has raised about half its target for good causes in its first year of operation.  As the scheme prepares to celebrate the anniversary of its first draw on 8 October, figures show it has raised £24.2m for charities over the first 51 weeks. As of 22 September, it had sold about 119 million tickets and distributed £47.5m in prize money.  The Health Lottery, which was launched by the media owner Richard Desmond and gives 20p of every £1 to local health-related good causes, sold its first ticket in Barry, Wales, at 2.59pm on 28 September last year.  It will launch its first ‘Win Wednesday’ midweek draw on 17 October.  A spokeswoman for the National Lottery operator Camelot reiterated its claim that the Health Lottery had cost it £1m a week in sales. But she said National Lottery sales were £6.5bn in 2011/12, up from £5.8bn the year before. It raised £1.825bn for good causes in that period.    **Katy Holmes Trust: Top athlete Helen Clitheroe becomes ambassador**  The Preston runner, who competed in the Beijing and Sydney Olympics, has pledged to do all she can to raise the profile of the trust which aims to raise funds for paediatric brain tumour research in memory of 10-year-old Katy Holmes.  <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/helen-becomes-ambassador-1-4986108>    **Charity shop find a retro gamer’s delight**  A RARE find of retro Nintendo computer games at a Lancashire charity shop has raised more than £1,500 for Age Concern - thanks to the efforts of an eagle-eyed member of staff.  The much sought after ‘Game and Watch’ titles had been placed on the shelves of the Age Concern Central Lancashire shop in Lostock Hall for just 99p each.  <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/charity-shop-find-a-retro-gamer-s-delight-1-4990400>    **Fundraising Standards Board upholds complaint against WRVS over prize draw**  The Fundraising Standards Board has upheld a complaint against the older people’s charity WRVS for failing to reveal to a supporter how much it spent on a prize draw appeal.  The adjudication relates to a prize draw campaign called The Alphabet Pack, which was sent out by WRVS in September 2011.  A supporter complained to the FRSB that the charity would not reveal how much it spent on the draw appeal.  Over the past two years only two other complaints have been upheld. These were against Painted Children and Sports 4 All, which also became the first member in the FRSB’s history to be expelled for failing to hand over proceeds after an event.    **Patrick Crawford to lead Charity Bank**  Chief executive of UK Export Finance will take over from the social lender's Malcolm Hayday on 19 November.  The social lender Charity Bank has appointed Patrick Crawford as its new chief executive.  He is chief executive of UK Export Finance, the government department that acts as the UK’s export credit agency, and will replace the outgoing Malcolm Hayday on 19 November.  Hayday announced in February that he planned to stand down this year after 10 years at Charity Bank.  Training  **ACEVO and NHS Alliance Regional Health and Social Care Reform, Manchester - 23 October 2012**  Meet with chairs of local Clinical Commissioning Groups to debate the future of commissioning.  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.  <http://www.acevo.org.uk/page.aspx?pid=2850>    **Running Money Skills Sessions in Your Community, Trafford Hall - 29-30 October 2012**  Trainer: Pennysmart  How you manage your money can affect your whole life. This course is designed to teach you how to set up and run money management workshops in your community.  The course is relevant to all who are new to money management and prompts those with more experience.  The course is funded by the Monument Trust and John Laing Charitable Trust and costs are £50 for the first participant and £20 for each additional participant from same group on same course thereafter.   These costs are available to all Community Volunteers in the UK.   Paid workers are welcome onto the course, at a cost of £290.00.  Or for any further information, do not hesitate to contact me on  01244 300246.  [mc.lawton@traffordhall.com](mailto:mc.lawton@traffordhall.com)  on 01244 300246    **Equality, Rights and Inclusion - 19 - 29 November 2012**  UCLan Winter Seminar Series  The School of Education and Social Science is running a series of half-day workshops, for those individuals who manage and value diversity and inclusion within their workplace. Managing diversity and equality is not about making people ‘fit in’, it is about rooting out any aspect of an existing culture within an organisation that prevents people from being naturally inclusive. It is about creating an environment where people from different backgrounds, with different needs, with different perspectives and experiences feel valued and can make a positive contribution to your organisation.  More:  <http://www.uclan.ac.uk/schools/education_social_sciences/winter_seminar_series.php>    **Volunteer Solutions - Training Made Easy**  Volunteer Solutions produce training resources and materials that are tried and tested, practical and easy to use. Perfect for when you need to train volunteers and support staff.  Our training resource packs (£5.99 to £22) will take the stress and hard preparation work out of training - whether you are training project workers, volunteers or support staff.  Each pack is a timed 2/3 hour training session, set out so that even the inexperienced can deliver a professional session and self-study packs are also available with unlimited printing rights.  Packs available:  <http://www.volunteersolutions.org.uk/index.php?act=viewCat&catId=1>  Brochure:  <http://www.volunteersolutions.org.uk/flipbook/>    **Together Adults Can: Accredited English and Maths Classes, Preston - commencing 16 October 2012**  Intact (Ingol and Tanterton Community Action)  ALL ABILITIES WELCOME  16th Oct 1pm till 3pm Assessments  The English classes will start on 6th Nov and will be every Tues afternoon from 1pm till 3:30pm and Friday mornings 9:30am till 12pm  At The Intact centre [Maths dates TBC]  You must attend both sessions for an academic year  Poster:  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Intact.pdf>  **Events**  **Beautiful Planet, Preston - Games nights every Wednesday**  Every Wednesday from 7.15pm Beautiful Planet Cafe at 69 Friargate (a 100% volunteer run community cafe): Chess, Go Scrabble, 5-in-a-row... Pound in gets free tea and coffee all evening Have a few games already but please bring a game just in case we have run out!  Facebook: "Beautiful Planet"    **Embroiderers asked to join in, Preston - 6 October 2012**  Embroiderers will demonstrate their work at Tarleton Library, Mark Square, Tarleton, near Preston, on Saturday October 6. Talk to members, have a go and take a look at the programme for the following year between 9.30am and 1pm. For more info go to [http://www.pegstitchers.blogspot.com](http://www.pegstitchers.blogspot.com/) or contact 01704 229097.    **Laughter Ball for St Caths, Preston - 6 October 2012**  Preston North End’s Great Room is the setting for the Make Em Laugh Ball next Saturday in aid of St Catherines Hospice. Mike Maguire and Ambling Andew top the bill at the night of comedy, drinking and dancing from 7.30pm to 1am. Tickets are £35 and proceeds go to the hospice and Bladder Cancer Research.    **Art demo set to take place, Leyland - 6 October 2012**  An art demonstration with Pam Potter will be held at the South Ribble Museum and Exhibition Centre, Church Road, Leyland, at the weekend. The ‘Autumn Themes in Mixed Media’ demo will take place on Saturday between 10.30am and 12.30pm. For further information about the demonstration call 01772 422041.    **Rosemere Fund: Musical Extravaganza - 6 October 2012**  Preston Grasshoppers hosts a Musical Extravaganza with a host of local talent in aid of the Rosemere Fund on Saturday October 6. Tickets are £10, available by email from [ruth.grimley@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.grimley@lancashire.gov.uk) or on 07500976704.    **Vintage Fair in return to Conti, Preston - 7 October 2012**  The popular Vintage Fair returns for another date at the city’s New Continental pub this Sunday. Organisers Horsley and Henderson, who staged the Vintage Marketplace at the Vintage Guild Weekend, return to the South Meadow Lane pub’s Arts Space. with stalls selling vintage and handmade goodies from 12 noon to 5pm. Entry is £1.    **Preston Black History Group, Our Memories, Preston  - 9 October 2012**  'Our Memories- Preston's African and Caribbean's Communities Memories Memorabilia of Preston Guilds 1972 and 1992.'  Join us nest Tuesday 9th October at 7pm for 7.30pm start at the Arts and Media Centre, Fox Street, Preston  More:  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/OurMemories.pdf>    **Chorley: Enjoy a Paralympic Experience - 11 October 2012**  People in Chorley who were inspired by the amazing achievements of the Paralympic athletes at London 2012, can now have a go themselves at some of the sports they may only have ever seen on television.  Chorley Council is holding a Paralympic Experience, for people aged 50 and over, and the town's own silver medal winning Paralympian, Graeme Ballard, will be there to give a helping hand, show off his medal and take part in a question and answer session.  <http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3957>    **Katy Holmes Trust: Comedy Night, Preston - 9 November 2012**  A popular Preston DJ will be revealing all at a comedy night in aid of the Katy Holmes Trust.  Des Grant, of Walton-le-Dale, near Preston, will be teaming up with some of his friends to perform a Fully Monty show at a comedy night being held to boost funds into brain tumour research.  The event being billed as Katy’s Comedy Night has been organised by Katy’s mum Paula and Sandra Connolly, of Broadgate, Preston, who has organised a number of fundraising variety nights over the years.  <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/comedy-night-will-reveal-all-1-4982767>  Public Notices  **Free premises available in central Preston**  We would like to provide space to other organisations who would benifit from it for meetings/training etc. (We would prefer that organisations use it as a venue for meetings etc and not a office to move in due to the uncertainty of the duration of how long we have this space.)  The space is at Preston Technology Centre on Marsh Lane.   The size of the room is approx 1100sq ft.  At present there are no tables or chairs to use. The space is available to use at office hours, evenings and weekends with free parking space.  As this space is  temporary prior notice will be given if an event has been organised and  the space can no longer be used.  Charity providing space is "Healthy Planet".  See web link below.  Please contact me on the following details:  Meena Patel  (tel:  0774837 2888) email:  [minimeena16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:minimeena16@hotmail.co.uk)  <http://www.healthyplanet.org/>  <http://www.bizspace.co.uk/>    **Chorley: 'Floating support' for those in need**  People in Chorley can get help to live independently thanks to Chorley Council working with a charity which specialises in supporting vulnerable people.  The Council supports DISC (Developing Initiatives Supporting Communities), a large North of England charity, which has helped 244 vulnerable people, aged 16 and over, from Chorley in the last year.  <http://www.chorley.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3956>    **Night flights planned for air ambulance**  The charity behind the region’s air ambulances has announced plans to operate 24 hours a day, it has been revealed.  To mark National Air Ambulance Week, the North West Air Ambulance Charity has launched a charter – showing its commitment to the future of the service.  It states that by 2016 the charity will operate a 24/7 service with helicopters to support the population during the hours of darkness.  <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/night-flights-planned-for-air-ambulance-1-4986218>    **Social value legislation could be a missed opportunity, Labour conference hears**  The Public Services (Social Value) Act could end up as a missed opportunity and more work needs to be done to encourage its use by commissioners and procurement professionals, delegates at the Labour Party conference have heard.  The act became law in March and places a duty on public bodies in England and Wales "to have regard to economic, social and environmental wellbeing in connection with public services contracts".  But at a fringe event hosted by the local infrastructure body Navca and the think tank ResPublica in Manchester, Hazel Blears, vice-chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Social Enterprise, said she was concerned that many local authorities would not give it the attention it deserved.  Joe Irvin, chief executive of Navca, said: "Just because it is an act of parliament doesn’t mean it will magically happen. We’ve all got to work at getting a culture change among commissioners and councillors. We as voluntary organisations have got to get better at proving we have impact."    **Help to fight food poverty**  Staff at Sainsbury’s Preston are urging to people to help tackle food poverty as part of a nationwide food-drive run by them and FareShare. Customers can choose to donate an item from the Million Meal Appeal shopping list. The items are purchased as normal and then put in a collection box after checkout.    **Honours nominations**  The Cabinet Office has produced a leaflet to encourage nominations, seeking in particular to increase the proportion of honours awarded to women and to nominees from regions that are currently under-represented in the honours list.  <http://www.direct.gov.uk/prod_consum_dg/groups/dg_digitalassets/@dg/@en/documents/digitalasset/dg_202071.pdf>    **Shared Lives Plus - support for small community based social care services**  If you run or plan to run a small independent social care enterprise we are here to help.  Rumbletums, run a community café offering work placements for people with learning disabilities. Break Barriers, provide support in people's homes and help to access leisure and recreational activities. Both are Shared Lives Plus members, benefiting from our free legal advice; insurance at preferential rates; free policy templates; business support; members-only website and online forum; bulletins on regulations, funding and training etc. Our membership is affordable and open to all micro-enterprises working within care, support and inclusion. You're not alone; as a member of our charity you are part of a respected network of support and information. Talk to us about your idea or find out more.  <http://www.sharedlivesplus.org.uk/en/services/microenterprise/>  or contact Simon Taylor  [simon@sharedlivesplus.org.uk](mailto:simon@sharedlivesplus.org.uk)  or by calling 07921 057 300    **Department for Education: Children in Care Figures**  The Department for Education has released the latest figures for the number of children in care in the year ending 31 March 2012. The figures show that the number of looked after children has increased steadily each year since 2008 and is now higher than at any point since 1997.  <http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s001084/sfr20-2012.pdf>    **Award for those with the greenest fingers**  If you have an allotment that can demonstrate variety and quality of your crop, control of weeds and rubbish, the use of compost and a good general appearance and creativity ,then you could be the one who scoops the title in the Lancashire Evening Post’s Green Awards of “Best Kept Allotment” in Lancashire.  <http://www.lep.co.uk/community/award-for-those-with-the-greenest-fingers-1-4972249>    **Live music red tape lifted for small venues**  Venues with a capacity of under 200 people will no longer need a licence for live amplified music.  The change in law is part of a government move to free businesses from red tape, which ministers say will give them more freedom to grow.  UK Music, which represents the music industry, estimates that the Live Music Act could enable 13,000 more venues to start holding live music events.  Live unamplified music can also now be played in any location under the act.  <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-19783855>    **From Pakistan to Preston**  A reminder that you can still buy autographed copies from our offices and details of forthcoming events including the Manchester Literature Festival and readings in Oldham and at the Harris Museum.  More:  <http://www.artificialsilk.org/>    **Should claimants be paid vouchers to stop spending on 'vices'?**  A poll commissioned by think tank Demos suggests most people would support such a move. But the findings have been met with horror by anti-poverty campaigners, who have questioned whether the British public really feel that way, or whether they have been denied the full facts on poverty by the government and certain newspapers.  Alison Garnham, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said the poll, in which 59% agreed the government should control what people spend their benefits on, should be taken with a large pinch of salt.  <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-19792066>    **International Nestlé-Free Week - 29 October - 4 November**  Nestlé is the target of a boycott because of the way it pushes baby milk in violation of international marketing standards.  The Nestlé boycott is a boycott launched on July 7, 1977, in the United States against the Swiss-based Nestlé corporation. It spread in the United States, and expanded into Europe in the early 1980s. It was prompted by concern about Nestle's "aggressive marketing" of breast milk substitutes (infant formula), particularly in less economically developed countries (LEDCs), which campaigners claim contributes to the unnecessary suffering and deaths of babies, largely among the poor.  <http://info.babymilkaction.org/>  History of the boycott  <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nestl%C3%A9_boycott>  **Appeals**  **Preston City Council: Support for Skatepark in Preston - responses by 12 November 2012**  Preston are currently submitting a bid to create a regional skatepark, which will be a fantastic facility for all to use, based in Preston.  The project will create a flagship regional Skatepark in Moor Park Preston. Designed by members of the skateboarding community it provides the following skating features, a flow bowl area, hubba and handrail, variety of flat bank, transitional hips/wedges, skateable 3D Preston Guild logo, replica China banks and recreation of a disused swimming pool from 1970s California. A design sympathetic to the historic character of Moor Park including soft landscaping, footpaths linking to the wider park network, an introductory skating area that doubles as overflow car park and car park improvements essential to encourage visits to the facility from outside Preston.  At this stage we are looking for some support from regional clubs for the bid. Support in the way of that they would come and use the skatepark, believe there is a need for it, would reduce their travelling to other venues to take part in and generally would like to see the development of a new skatepark facility in Preston.  There is a facebook page, "Preston Skatepark Project” if you would like to take a look and “like” it!!  The contact details for enquiries/responses for the City Council are Sash on 01772 906298 or Louise on 01772 906954 and we suggest a date of 12th November for response time.  Artists impressions:  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/SkateBoard.pdf>  How you can help: If you would like to support the bid please email us expressing your support for the project and we will make sure any emails are forwarded to colleagues at the City Council.  Thanks in anticipation for any support you can give to this exciting new initiative.  Emails to:  [info@prestoncvs.org](http://info@prestoncvs.org/)    **Storms and flooding affect blood supplies**  Blood stocks have been affected by bad weather and flooding preventing people from reaching their sessions.  People who can reach sessions are being urged to do so and new donors are encouraged to come forward to help meet the demands of hospitals.  To find out more, call 0300 123 2323 or visit our website to register your details and find the venues and times for your nearest blood donation session.  [http://www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk/)  Consultations  **Last chance to have your say on the draft Care and Support Bill - deadline 19 October 2012**  Your chance to have your say on the largest overhaul of the law around adult care and support in 60 years. The Bill proposes a single, modern law for adult care and support that replaces existing outdated and complex legislation.  <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/09/one-month-left-to-have-your-say-on-the-draft-care-and-support-bill/>    **Third Sector Lancashire: Getting There: The Future of Community Transport Consultation Event, Preston - 23 October 2012**  Everyone who works in the field of health and well-being  says that “access to services” is absolutely vital.  The County Council spends significant money, and is reviewing its CT strategy. The County Council spends significant money, and is reviewing its CT strategy.  Third Sector organisations are key players, both as direct providers of CT and as the voice of their clients. You are invited to join in the consultation on LCC’s plans with their officers, and to contribute your insights about what needs to be done across the County.  More details and booking form:  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/CTFlyer.pdf>    **New website for young women to access relationship abuse support**  Jo Sharpen, the Children and Young People's Project Co-ordinator for AVA (Against Violence and Abuse) has been commissioned by Shepherds Bush Housing Group to develop a website for young women to access support online about relationship abuse. She wants views from young people about whether they would access this type of service and how to make it accessible and safe, and is asking you to send this survey to any young people you work with.  <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NV3WMV7>  **Health**  **Quit smoking health plea**  Health chiefs in central Lancashire are urging all smokers to take part in a mass quit attempt called “Stoptober”. The new campaign, which runs throughout October, offers smokers a free preparation pack, 28-day Quit Calendar and health and wealth wheel. Smokers will also receive support and encouragement through a daily messaging service and inspiration from celebrity mentors. Visit  <http://www.smokefree.nhs.uk/Stoptober>  or call 0800 0224 332    **Heroin use in young people drops**  The number of young heroin addicts in England needing treatment has dropped to its lowest recorded level, official figures suggest.  Almost 4,270 adults aged 18 to 24 started treatment in 2011-12, down from 11,309 in 2005-6.  The National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse (NTA) said "the sharp drop... is particularly encouraging."  <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-19825706>    **Youngsters rewarded for dumping dummies**  Forget about throwing your dummy out of the pram, youngsters are being urged to dump their soothers for good. While dummies can be useful in calming down young babies, once children get older, sucking a dummy can become a habit that is hard to break.   Health professionals say prolonged use of dummies can lead to problems with speech and teeth development and are encouraging parents to wean their children off dummies once they reach 12 months old.  Speech and language therapists from Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust have teamed up with children’s centres across central Lancashire to launch a Dummy Dump.  Boxes will be located at children’s centres across Preston and surrounding areas where children can post their dummies in exchange for a reward. For advice about your child’s speech and language, call 01772 644510 to talk to a therapist.  To find out more, visit[http://www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk](http://www.lancashirecare.nhs.uk/)  <http://www.lep.co.uk/news/health/local/youngsters-rewarded-for-dumping-dummies-1-4982758>    **Dementia campaign launches**  The Department of Health has launched a campaign, supported by the Alzheimer's Society, to encourage people to talk to loved ones showing signs of dementia. The three-month campaign in England, launched on World Alzheimer's Day, will raise awareness of the condition, early signs and symptoms and how to seek help. It will encourage people to have that first 'difficult conversation' with a friend or family member when they spot the signs and symptoms of dementia, and encourage them to visit their GP. The Alzheimer's Society has provided advice on how to bring up the topic with a loved one who may be showing signs of dementia.  <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/09/dementia-campaign/>    **New programme to ensure greater local choice of care services**  The Department of Health has launched the, snappily titled, Developing Care Markets for Quality and Choice (DCMQC) programme to provide more choice and higher quality of care and support services across the country. The Paper sets out the Government’s plans for reforming social care and support. It offers the prospect of the local VCS becoming more involved in identifying the needs of local communities and to provide a greater range of services.  <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/09/dcmqc-launch/>    **Whooping cough outbreak: Pregnant women to be vaccinated**  Hundreds of thousands of pregnant women across the UK are to be offered a whooping cough vaccine to protect babies from an escalating outbreak of the disease.  Very young babies are at the greatest risk of serious complications. Ten have died in the UK this year.  <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-19729989>    **Preston FM: Healthy Heart commencing October 2012**  Preston FM has teamed up with local digital media specialists DigiEnable to deliver an innovative project telling the stories of those most affected by heart conditions. The project has been made possible due to funding from The British Heart Foundation.  Starting at the end of October 2012 we will be delivering a series of workshops which will cover radio, video and online media, leading to a special “Healthy Heart” week on Preston FM in early February 2013.  We are looking for individuals to help us make this project happen.  Do you have a story to tell? Have you or a family member suffered from heart conditions and would like to share your experience? Have you turned your life around and would like to tell others how you did it? Do you live in Preston or the surrounding areas? Then email healthyheart@DigiEnable.co.uk and yours could be one of the stories we tell.  Perhaps you haven’t had personal experience of heart conditions but would like to learn more; maybe you would like to be the person who helps someone else to tell their story.  Then join our storytelling team. We will be running a five week training course starting on Wednesday 31st October 12pm-2pm in The Arts and Media Centre, Preston, then every Wednesday after until early December.  Or maybe both, would you like to learn to tell your own story?  To find out more, or to book your place email [healthyheart@DigiEnable.co.uk](mailto:healthyheart@DigiEnable.co.uk.)    **Arthritis Care: Challenging Pain Course, Central and West Lancashire  - 23 October - 4 December 2012**  Arthritis Care has been commissioned by Central Lancashire NHS to provide a series on Challenging Pain courses in Central Lancashire following three successful courses commissioned earlier this year. The courses will be held across Central Lancashire, with the first three being held in Preston, Chorley and Skelmersdale. They are free of charge and help people who experience ongoing pain to learn new ways to manage it.    Challenging Pain is a two-session course for adults who are living with ongoing pain due to arthritis or any other condition. It provides participants with easy skills and techniques to manage long term pain and regain control of their life.  The workshops are discussion-based with practical demonstrations from trainers who also experience long term pain, and ensure there is a supportive environment.    Courses are being held in Preston (23 and 30 October), Chorley (22 and 29 October)and Skelmersdale (27 November and 4 December). Please phone Arthritis Care on 07834 418 464 for more information or to book a place. If we can’t get straight to the phone, leave a message and we will phone you back. Please book early to avoid disappointment.  You can also email [GillP@arthritiscare.org.uk](mailto:GillP@arthritiscare.org.uk) or register your interest on our website –  <http://www.arthritiscare.org.uk/InyourArea/NorthEngland/Workshopscourses/Registeryourinterest>  Preston Poster:  <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/PrestonCP.pdf>    **Call for items**    Do you have any items of interest for the sector? Please feel free to email details to [info@prestoncvs.org](mailto:info@prestoncvs.org)  to have them circulated through **YOUR**CVS network. Comments?, Suggestions? Please email them to the same address.    To subscribe please visit our web site <http://www.cvscentrallancashire.org.uk/> and follow the newsletters link.   Previous issues can be found on the same page in both portable document format (pdf) and microsoft word formats.    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