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| 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.Back issues of our newsletter can be browsed on line by clicking the "Is this email not displaying correctly? View it in your browser" link on the top right of this email and clicking on the "Past Issues" tab on the top bar.To stay up to date please visit and like our Facebook page on:<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Council-for-Voluntary-Service-Central-Lancashire/551523201534445>Please also feel free to suggest "like" links for that page.Sections: (click to go, press "Home" to come back)[Funding Opportunities](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#FundingOpportunities); [Vacancies and Employment](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#VacanciesandEmployment); [Volunteering](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#Volunteering); [Fundraising News](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#FundraisingNews); [Training](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#Training);[Events](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#Events); [Public Notices](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#PublicNotices); [Appeals](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#Appeals); [Consultations](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#Consultations); [Health](http://us5.campaign-archive2.com/?u=9d67aeb837c3c62e66b4c6ed2&id=abde69c33b&e=69f428878e#Health); **CVS News:**Today has been "trying". If you think you spotted a euphemism you're quite correct.  For most of today, at least two hours of which was spent on the phone to BT, we've been trying to find out why our website, and indeed all BT hosted community webkit websites across the land, mysteriously disappeared from the internet.  We eventually, (after at least 18 phone calls), managed to speak to a tech support worker in Dundee who could see them all "... hundreds, maybe thousands!", deleted on the system.  Finally, after speaking to the Press Officer of a national Organisation who shall remain nameless but gave BT a quick enquiring buzz (it's good to talk),  BT corporate PR tweeted that it was dealing with "technical issues" and by teatime all of the missing websites had been "undeleted"!  If you were affected you have our deepest sympathies.  This week's issue is brought to you by the letter "E", as in exasperation.  We sincerely hope that the links in this issue, many of which are to BT hosted documents, work.  If you do find a problem please retry the link at a later time and, if it remains a problem, email us and, as a last resort, we'll send you the document by good "old fashioned" email.  Our sincere thanks go out to the Press Officer and a bulletproof Liverpudlian BT customer support telephonist in Skelmersdale, who we'd got to know quite well by the end of the day, who stuck with us through thick and thin all the way from Dundee to corporate HQ in London.  You both know who you are.  Funny how quickly technology can change the world.  Have a great Bank Holiday!**Short Notice Items:Lancashire TAAG: Information event - 2 May 2014**Would you like to Volunteer between 2 - 8 hours per month? Are you interested in volunteering for children and young people 18yrs and younger? Want to know more about Autism, ADHD or other communication requirements? Free Training, Time Credits, Support Groups, Fundraising, DBS... Then come along on Friday 2nd May Venue: Oliver house School, Astley village Time: 10am - 12noon All free of charge...**Tanterton Village Centre: to reopen a year after it was shut down. Open Day - 3 May 2014**A community centre is set to reopen this weekend after being boarded up for the last year. Tanterton Village Centre will open its doors this Saturday from 10am to 4pm, and volunteers are encouraging people to join the special drop-in day. An action group took over the centre last year, and members now want to hear neighbours views on its future.<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/local/village-centre-to-reopen-a-year-after-it-was-shut-down-1-6587045>**Reminder: Health checks at annual mela - 3 May 2014**The 13th Annual Health Mela is being held at the Guild Hall in Preston on Saturday from 11am to 4pm. The Mela aims to unite local communities to talk about their health and wellbeing and encourage members of the community to take responsibility for their health. Amongst the checks on offer throughout the day are blood sugar and cholesterol testing, height and weight assessment and hearing and eye sight checks. Several of Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust’s services, including the Fit Squad, Diabetes Services, Older Adult Mental Health services and the Quit Squad, will be on hand at the venue all day hoping to talk to as many people as possible about their health and wellbeing.<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/health-checks-at-annual-mela-1-6586247>And now, the news … Funding Opportunities**Urban Community-Owned Shops Pilot - Opened April 2014**The Plunkett Foundation has announced the launch of new initiative, the ‘Urban community-owned shops pilot. Working in partnership with Locality and funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the pilot aims to support urban communities to create and benefit from new and sustainable community-owned shops. The shops will offer better access to good food, enhance community cohesion and provide robust retail solutions. The pilot will include a programme of events, enterprise support including specialist advice and resources, and financial help including grants, fundraising guidance and loan-provision.  The programme starts in April 2014 and will run for two years. Communities will be able to secure support for their idea at events to be held later this year. For more information please contact Hannah Barrett on 01993 810730 or at hannah.barrett@plunkett.co.uk.<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/newsandmedia/news-item.cfm/newsid/747>**"Europe for Citizens" Funding Programme 2014 – 2020 - opens May 2014**The European Commission has announced that the 'Europe for Citizens' programme for the period 2014-2020 has been formally adopted. This EU programme offers funding support in two thematic areas, these are:  "European Remembrance” which will support initiatives that reflect on the causes of the totalitarian regimes that blighted Europe's modern history; "Democratic engagement and civic participation" which aims at strengthening the general public's understanding of how EU policies are shaped and foster the close involvement of civil society in European policy-making.  Citizens' organisations will be able to draw on funding to encourage and develop the responsible, democratic civic engagement of the general public in the processes of European integration. It is anticipated that applications for funding through this programme will open in early May 2014.<http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/about-the-europe-for-citizens-programme/future-programme-2014-2020/index_en.htm>**Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants - deadline 27 May 2014**The Trust for London and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, in partnership with Migration Work CIC, are providing £400,000 as part of the Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) for Vulnerable Young Migrants. Grants of up to £30,000 are available to NGOs and private law firms to undertake strategic legal work to benefit children and young people who are significantly disadvantaged by migration status. The fund will accept applications in any area of law that affects vulnerable young migrants including: Asylum;  Immigration; Human rights; Family law; Community care; Housing;  Education; Mental health; etc. The SLF only funds two kinds of strategic legal action.  These are pre-litigation research and "third party intervention" in an existing case. <http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/>**Government Launches Reduce Pressure in Hospitals Fund - deadline 13 June 2014**The Cabinet Office has announced the launch of a new £2 million fund to support volunteer-led projects that help older people stay healthy or recover quicker from illness.  The aim is to help reduce unnecessary pressure on A&E services or delayed discharges from hospital this coming winter (2014/15). Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSEs) and local NHS/social care organisations can apply for grants of up to £200,000 (in exceptional cases up to£400,000). To be eligible for funding, projects should have: The potential to positively impact on (one or more of the following) A&E attendance; Emergency admissions; Delayed discharges from hospital; Emergency readmissions; Patient satisfaction. The Cabinet Office in particular welcomes joint voluntary / statutory sector bids to ensure that the service is effective and can be sustained beyond 2015. Bids also need to be backed by the relevant local Urgent Care Working Group(s). The fund is being administered by the Social Investment Business Group and the closing date for applications is noon on the 13th June 2014.<http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/hospitalfund/>**Funding for Schools to Develop International Partnerships - deadline 30 June 2014**The British Council has announced that it has re-opened its School Partnerships Grants Programme. Through the programme funding is available for UK schools to develop partnerships with schools in specific other countries. An annual grant of £1,500 for each school in the partnership is available. The funding offers young people the chance to collaborate directly with their international peers, bringing challenging global issues to life and creating cross-cultural relationships. The grant must be spent on visits from at least one teacher from each of the schools in the partnership. It should be used to: Cover the cost of flights;  Accommodation; Travel insurance;  Local transport; visas; Vaccinations; Food; etc. The funding is available to all educational institutions with students aged from 3 to 18. The British Council accepts applications for schools from across the Middle East, Sub-Saharan and North Africa, South and East Asia, Central and South America, and the UK. Schools need to be able to show how the Connecting Classrooms partnership will increase: Global citizenship; Enrich education; Develop equitable and sustainable partnerships between schools.<http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/programmes-and-funding/linking-programmes-worldwide/connecting-classrooms/partnerships>**War Memorials Grant Scheme - deadline 30 June 2014**English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation, in association with Friends of War Memorials, are providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England. These grants are intended to help those who are responsible for the upkeep of war memorials. The grants are designed to support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard, and to prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage. Grants will normally be for up to a maximum of 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum grant of £30,000.<http://www.warmemorials.org/grantsforwarmemorials/>**Funding for Environmental Projects - deadline 31 August 2014**Patagonia, the clothing and outdoor gear company, has announced that it is seeking applications for funding through its Environmental Grants Programme.  The company is most interested in making grants to organisations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. The company is seeking to support small, grassroots activist organisations with provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect the environment. Grants are in the range of $3,000 to $12,000. <http://www.patagonia.com/eu/enIT/patagonia.go?assetid=9173>**Community Gateway Association - deadline 1 September 2014**Please find attached the forms and info for the next round of Streetwise funding. The deadline is 1st September 2014, this is to bring in line with Sport Forum funding. Grant applications for up to £300 for delivering diversionary activities can be used towards: Coaching/Instructing for the delivery of activities; Purchase of equipment - essential for development of new sessions/activities; Training and education opportunities for members of community organisations; Hire of facilities/venue; Sporting events - that promote engagement with the community group/club. Criteria<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/Criteria.doc>Application Form<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/ApplicationForm.doc>Feedback Report<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/FeedbackReport.doc>**Heritage Enterprise Programme - deadline 16 October 2014**The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that its £125 million Heritage Enterprise grants programme is open for applications. The scheme aims to support not-for-profit organisations to help them work in partnership with the private sector in the restoration of unused historic building and sites and unlock their economic potential. The programme is designed to address market failure, where historic buildings have failed to attract enough investment because the cost of their repair has not been commercially viable for private developers. Under the programme two levels of grants are available. Grants of between £100,000 and under £2 million; and grants of between £2million and £5million. For grant requests of over £100,000 and under £2million decisions are made every three months.   For grant requests of between £2 million and up to £5 million the next closing date for applications is the 16th October 2014.<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Heritage_Enterprise.aspx>**Creative England Launches New Business Loan Scheme - no deadline**Through the new scheme, Creative England are supporting digital creative companies to finance business growth through the provision of interest-free loans. The aim of the Creative England Business Loans is to help fuel the growth of the fastest growing sector in the UK economy by financing business expansion and new products, which will lead to the creation of new, high-quality jobs. Businesses based in the North, the Midlands and the South West of England will be able to apply for three year loans of between £60,000 and £150,000. The loan must be matched 50:50 with other finance, sourced by the company. The Creative England Business Loans are funded through the new £4.2m Creative England Growth Programme. Two previous loan funds have been so successful and heavily over-subscribed that the decision has been taken to increase the loan funding available from £1,000,000 to £1,500,000. Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis.<http://www.creativeengland.co.uk/index.php/portfolio/funding/>**Wishgenie**What is wishgenie?  Wishgenie is a platform that maximises fundraising and volunteering for charities, schools, community organisations and individuals. Powered by its integrated viral toolset, Wishgenie’s unique technology enables you to do all your giving in one place online. Wishgenie can also help charities source support and donations from local businesses. Businesses who sign up to Wishgenie gain greater visibility and increase their CSR in turn encouraging them to donate more.  Utilising the power and reach of online social networks, Wishgenie will change the way we give and receive forever.More. **Be aware this is a 4.9 Megabyte PDF download.**<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/Bitgenie.pdf>**In Kind Direct**Stretch your charity’s budget further with products from In Kind Direct.  In Kind Direct is a registered charity that redistributes surplus goods from manufacturers and retailers to UK charities working at home and abroad. Since being founded by HRH The Prince of Wales in 1996, we have redistributed £140 million in value of goods from over 880 companies. Almost 6,000 voluntary and community organisations have received products from In Kind Direct, helping millions of people in need.<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/IKD.pdf>**Conduct your own funding searches at Funding Central**<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx>**Vacancies and Employment****The Prince’s Trust and BAE Systems Inspired Work - Taster Day 19 May 2014**Are you 16 - 25, currently not in employment, education or training and live in the Preston area?  The Prince's Trust and BAE Systems are running a four-week programme for young people who are interested in working in Administration and gaining work experience.   Interested?  A Taster Day will be held on Monday 19th May 2014 - venue to be confirmed. The  programme then runs from Monday 2nd June to Friday 27th June. Please note that security checks  are required and will take place prior to you starting the programme.  To find out more, register your interest and arrange an informal chat with somebody from The Prince’s Trust please contact: Vicky Greatbanks on 07985 428 595 or Vicky.Greatbanks@princes-trust.org.ukPoster. Please download, print and display. <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/PTBAE.pdf>**Volunteering****Spire: Family led supported living: Volunteering opportunities and drop in events - multiple dates**Vacancies for Befrienders, Admin Assistants, Group Assistants and FundraisersDrop in events oganised for 9, 19, 22 MayVolunteer recruitment events 20 June, 10 SeptemberMore. Poster. Please download, print and display. :<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/SpireVolunteerevents.pdf>**Youth group leaders needed for project - Workshop 10 May 2014**As part of the Preston Remembers project a free workshop will take place on Saturday 10 May from 12.30pm - 4pm at the Museum of Lancashire for youth group leaders who are interested in how they can be involved in the project. One part of the Preston Remembers project is the ‘Cenotaph Challenge’. As part of this, organisers are looking to work with local communities to audit, record and research the memorials across the area, working with current and ex-service personnel, youth groups and volunteers. To book a place, or for more information, contact Claire Selby on  c.selby@preston.gov.ukor 01772 906880**Preston FM (Reprinted article with extended closure date)**Preston FM is the People's Community Radio station for Preston and South Ribble. We have recently been awarded a 5 year licence extension by Ofcom for hitting all our targets and providing a valuable service to the community. We provide a 24/7 on air and internet service to over 27,000 in the area (recent survey figures) and are run entirely by volunteers. We are not a commercial or Government funded station. Would you like to come and join us?  We are always looking for new presenters,producers, admin support staff, music librarians, local journalists, and a host of other people who wish to get involved in your radio station. Free, yes free training courses are being organised now and if you wish to get involved then either call us on 01772 881001 (after 10am) or email stationmanager@preston.fm or studiomanager@ preston.fmCourses will be run through to the end of June 2014.**See also "Campaign Support: Keep Volunteering Voluntary" in Appeals (below)** **Fundraising News****Jason Manford gig to support Stephen Sutton sells out in minutes**A last-minute gig organised by Jason Manford to support the fundraising campaign of a terminally ill teenager has sold out "within four minutes". Cancer sufferer Stephen Sutton, 19, from Burntwood in Staffordshire, has already raised £2.5m for the Teenage Cancer Trust - more than doubling his initial target.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-stoke-staffordshire-27162289>**Lycamobile launches new UK charity initiative**Lycamobile, the largest global provider of low-cost international mobile calls, has launched a new UK initiative which will see it donate £1 to a chosen charity each time a customer tops up £10 or more. Once customers have topped up, they can use their online My Lycamobile account to nominate one of the 10 charities involved to receive Lycamobile’s donation.  The causes customers can choose from include: Action Aid, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research UK, Macmillan, NSPCC, Oxfam, RSPCA, Save the Children, UNICEF and Water Aid.<http://www.lycamobile.co.uk/en/Charity-Donation> Training**Preston: Intact - English is fun! - 6 weeks from 6 May 2014** English Study and Learning Club. Free 6 week session from Tuesday 6th May. 5.30pm to 6.30pm With Wendy Ferney-Hough at Intact. Take part in some fun activities to improve the way you use English Language.Poster. Please download, print and display. <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/IntactEnglish.pdf>**Preston: Intact - Knitting and Crochet - 7, 14 and 21 May 2014**12.30 - 2.30 p.m.With teacher Caroline Finnigan Poster. Please download, print and display. <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/Knitting.pdf>**Selnet: Tender & Investment Readiness - 28 May 2014** 10am-1.00pmDisability Equality North West Ltd, 103-104 Church Street, Preston, PR1 3BSTo book:<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tender-investment-readiness-tickets-11153076151>Poster:<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/TIR.pdf>**Selnet: The Localism Act: What does this mean for Community Organisation - 2 June 2014**9.30am-12.30pmThe Whitaker Museum, Whitaker Park, Haslingden Road, Rossendale, BB4 6RETo book: <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-localism-act-what-does-this-mean-for-community-organisations-tickets-11153373039>Poster:<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/TLA.pdf> **Events****Deafway: Ride and Stride - 4 May 2014**Why not join us for the Ride and Stride 2014 organised by the Rotary Club of South Ribble on Sunday May 4th 2014? There will be three events starting in Millar Park in Preston that you and your friends could take part in: a 3.5 mile Family Walk from Millar Park; a 9 mile Walk around Penwortham Boundary; a 21 mile Cycle Ride round the Guild Wheel. Meet our Volunteer Jenny Bryce on the day by the gates to the Oriental Gardens, nearest to the Pavilion in Avenham Park at 9.40am. It costs just £2 to enter (under 11s free) and you can enter on the day. Email Christina.eley@deafway.org.ukto register your interest and find out about sponsorship forms. For more information see the Ride or Stride website: <http://www.rideorstride.org.uk/>**Foxton Centre: An Evening with the Foxton Centre - 16 May 2014**19:00 - 22:00St John’s, The Minster, Church Street, Preston.  Please join us to learn more about the work that The Foxton Centre does in & for Preston; to discover more about the projects, the service users and the people behind the scenes and let us spoil you with good food, good company and top quality entertainment Tickets: £25 (available on our website or through our office) What’s Included: 2 course dinner, reception drink, live music and entertainment.  There will also be a bar on-site for further drinks. For purchase tickets, or for more information, please visit our website[http://www.thefoxtoncentre.co.uk](http://www.thefoxtoncentre.co.uk/) Poster. Please download, print and display. <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/Foxton.pdf>**Prestfest: 22 - 24 May 2014** Quirky street performers, musicians and actors will light up Preston city centre as a major festival returns next month. Organisers of Prestfest have confirmed the entertainment will see dinosaurs, trolls, a giant Lego man, a light show and even a camel, perform on the streets of the city centre on the May bank holiday. It has also got more city centre venues than ever before signed up to offer revellers exclusive deals in a bid to attract more people to the city.<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/festival-aims-to-attract-more-people-to-city-centre-1-6584228>**Small Charity Week: 16 - 21 June 2014**Small Charity Week 2014 (16 - 21 June) is providing free initiatives, competitions and support over six days for charities with a turnover under £1.5 million. The website is now live so please tell your members about the opportunities available on each day: Day one - I Love Small Charities Day; Day two - Big Advice Day; Day three - Policy Day; Day four - Volunteering Day; Day five - Fundraising Day; Day six - Celebration Day. [http://smallcharityweek.com](http://smallcharityweek.com/)**Deafway: Sounds of Stage and Screen - 20 June 2014**What: A night of live music with a 'stage and screen' theme organised by the Rotary Club of Preston Guild and presented by Preston Concert Band raising funds for Deafway's School in Nepal. When: 20th June 2014 at 7.30pm. Where: The Minster Parish Church of St. John's, Church St. Preston. Tickets: Cost £8, contact Wendy on 01772863233**Windrush 66 - 22 June 2014**Preston Cricket Club - 3 p.m. onwardsCelebrating 66 Years of Black Presence in the UKTwenty20 Cricket Match. Everybody welcome.We are looking for sponsors or support for our event. If you know any organisations that would like to share or provide information on the work they do, that haven't reached the Black British, African /Caribbean Community in Preston and would like to put on a stall, they can contact me, Adrian Murrell, on 0754 518 1920Poster. Please download, print and display. <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/Windrush.pdf>**Bowling for Disability Equality (nw) and RNIB - 8 August 2014**Join Peter Barnes for an afternoon of fun at Lakeside Super Bowl, 50 Greenbank Street, Preston PR1 7PH on Friday 8 August 2014 (1 p.m.)  Two games will cost just £8.00 (includes a donation of £3.00 to be split equally between Disability Equality North West & R.N.I.B.)  If you want to come, please let Peter know via his mobile on 07887853956. Also GREAT RAFFLE!! (tickets £1 a strip from Peter)  Poster. Please download, print and display. <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/DENWRNIB.pdf> Public Notices**Deafway: on line film**Friends of Deafway have made a short film focusing on our work in Uganda with St. Anthony's School for Deaf Children. You can watch this film online at <http://www.deafway.org.uk/uganda>**Dance Syndrome - Recruitment Days Preston and Chorley 23 May 2014**I'm contacting to let you know of an amazing opportunity in the Preston and Chorley areas for young people with learning disabilities aged 18 to 25 yrs old who love dance (and have/could have some skill) to be trained to co-lead dance workshops with a professional dance co-leader. People could come from other areas but would obviously need to be able to get to the training which is planned to take place at the Space centre in Peddars Lane (on the Preston Orbital but route and not far from Blackpool/St Anne's etc buses) Although some of the funding sponsoring this specifies the age range, if someone is an exceptional talent/enthusiast it would be worth asking. The recruitment day is scheduled for May 23rd but people need to book in and apply. The idea is that people will train on their own for 20 weeks and then do 24 weeks delivery of workshops in Chorley (venue near bus station and train station) sharing some practical parts of the workshops. It will take place over a year and then people would be going on to run some workshops for Dance syndrome in Lancashire areas which they would get some payment. This will also be dance workshops running later in the year in Preston- and some will start earlier with the current trained dance co-leaders in Chorley with their Health Zone project from June.DON'T DELAY - if you've anyone interested get them to apply quickly and if you know someone interested pass it on. PRINT OFF the flyers and put them up on notice boards in public areas... It's such an exciting opportunity for the right people.....I've also attached the recruitment flyer for the co-leader professional dancers too - so maybe you have a family member or know someone - please pass it on.Roserosemarytrustam@btinternet.comPoster for young people aged 18 - 15 with a learning disability:<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/DSPoster.pdf>Poster for dance trainers aged 18 - 25 <http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/DSTrainers.pdf>**Integrate: Penwortham charity shop letter causes social media outrage**An unidentified individual has caused an outrage on social media by attacking a local charity shop. The sender was concerned about the potential damage caused to the author’s home value by the Integrate Charity Shop on Liverpool Road in Penwortham. Integrate Charity Shops posted the letter on their Facebook page, with the following statement: “Thanks to the anonymous sender of this letter. We would have liked a name and address to enable us to respond personally, but unfortunately the sender omitted these details.<http://home.bt.com/news/oddnews/nimby-outrage-at-charity-shops-150-sign-11363896038192>**Disability Equality (NW) Managed Accounts Service**Please could you circulate the attached flyer? I’m keen to let people know about our Managed Accounts service for people who want support to manage their social care budget, which, like all of our services, is run and controlled by disabled people. Contact details are on the flyer for further information.Flyer:<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/DENWMAS.pdf>**Firebugs target free-running site**A £100,000 purpose-built play area has been targeted again by vandals. Firebugs caused significant damage to a wooden climbing frame at the facility, off Great Greens Lane, Clayton Brook. The facilities were built in 2009 for the urban sport of free-running. It was a joint venture between Chorley Council and social housing company Places for People, funded by the Big Lottery Fund’s Changing Spaces Programme. The project was the first of its kind in the country.<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/firebugs-target-free-running-site-1-6589203>**Britain is a 'post-Christian' country says former Archbishop**Britain is now a "post-Christian" country, former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has said. Speaking to the Sunday Telegraph, Lord Williams said Britain was not a nation of believers and that the era of widespread worship was over. It comes after Prime Minister David Cameron said people in Britain should be confident of its status as "a Christian country". Deputy PM Nick Clegg said the Church and state should be separated.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-27177265>**Poppy seeds for schools in World War One centenary**Poppy seeds have been sent to every school in the UK as part of the commemorations for the centenary of the outbreak of World War One. The Royal British Legion project was launched in London by the Prime Minister David Cameron. Mr Cameron said it would help pupils to "make a connection with the events that changed the world a century ago". Charles Byrne, of the Royal British Legion, said it "passes the torch of remembrance on to a new generation". The intention is that schools will plant poppies in their gardens and grounds, as a symbol of WW1.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-27188268>**Renew early to beat claims rush, says HMRC**The 124,900 people who receive tax credits in Lancashire are being reminded by HM Revenue and Customs o renew early before the 31 July deadline to avoid a last minute rush. HMRC says Chorley has 7,500 claimants, Preston 12,400 and South Ribble 7,100.<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/business/renew-early-to-beat-claims-rush-says-hmrc-1-6587261>**Government's Help to Work scheme launches**A new government scheme to help the long-term unemployed get jobs comes into effect on Monday. Those who have not found work after two years on the existing Work Programme, will have to enrol on the Help to Work scheme or face reduced benefits. Participants will have to go to the job centre every day, some will be offered community work placements and others will receive intensive coaching. Those who fail to take part could lose jobless benefits for four weeks. Labour says that the government has mis-diagnosed the problem. BBC social affairs correspondent Michael Buchanan said the government had signed up more than 70 organisations to provide work experience under the scheme. However, our correspondent added that the Salvation Army is not taking part, because it believes if someone has not found a job after two years of intensive support, their lack of work experience is not their only barrier to employment. Also on Monday, those wanting to claim Jobseeker's Allowance will have to prove they are ready for work, before they can apply.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-27177767>**Long-term jobless to have to scrub war memorials and historic monuments**Long-term unemployed will have to report daily to local job centres to discuss how to get back to work and may be told to clean war memorials and restore historic monumentsLong-term unemployed people will have to clean war memorials, restore historic monuments and look after animals at city farms to keep their benefits from today. The Government is unveiling its Help to Work scheme aimed specifically at 200,000 people who have been unemployed, or unable to hold down a job, for three years. Under the scheme, these long-term unemployed will have to report daily to local job centres to discuss how to get back to work. If they are judged not to have enough work experience they will be allocated volunteering roles with charities and other providers. Typical examples include scrubbing war memorials, helping to clean up historic monuments and working in local cafés run by volunteers. Other work includes helping out at community and city farms, cleaning and restoring river and canal banks and even sorting through second hand clothes in charity warehouses. Failure to cooperate could see them losing work-related benefits, such as the £72-a-week job seekers’ allowance. Government sources said the placements – which will last for up to six months each – were focused on the voluntary sector to avoid taking jobs from other people**(!!!)**<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/10791475/Long-term-jobless-to-have-to-scrub-war-memorials-and-historic-monuments.html>**Liverpool council boycotts the government's 'Help to Work' scheme**Nick Small cabinet member for Employment, Enterprise & Skills, described the scheme as “immoral and unworkable”Liverpool City Council has become the first council in the country to boycott the government’s new ‘Help to Work’ scheme which launched this morning. Under new rules jobseekers who have been unemployed for more than two years will have to either sign on everyday, undergo intensive training or take unpaid work. The work placements include six months of 30 hour weeks and may include activities such as gardening, running community cafes or restoring historical sites and war memorials. The Department for Work and Pensions announced that more than 70 organisations have signed up to participate in the scheme. But a number of charities, including **Oxfam, the YMCA and the Salvation Army**, made it clear that they would not be taking part. "Imposing slave labour schemes on the charity sector, while slashing budgets, will only encourage a reduction in the skilled voluntary and community work force." The move also ignored the good practice established in the sector, replacing experienced paid workers and genuine volunteers, Mr Prentis added.<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/liverpool-council-boycotts-governments-help-7043867>**Union condemns slave labour community scheme**UNISON has joined a number of charities to condemn the government community work placements in its new Help to Work scheme, which began this week. The new rules makes it compulsory for a long-term claimant to either do "intensive" coaching, meet an adviser every day, or carry out a community work placement for up to six months. The community programme requires people to take on unpaid, community-based work experience of up to 30 hours each week. "It is wrong for the government to use the voluntary and community sector to implement its punitive benefits regime," commented UNISON general secretary Dave Prentis.<http://www.unison.org.uk/content/conNewsArticle/5001>**Let's call Help to Work what it really is: punishment of the undeserving poor**The government's scheme undermines the very idea of unemployment benefit and demonises the vulnerable people it should be assistingHas Iain Duncan Smith ever met uber-troll Katie Hopkins? It's a serious worry, because they could meld. Her latest "idea" – "It's time we issued an unemployed person's uniform" – would doubtless appeal to him and George Osborne with their penchant for tramping on the faces of the poor. Hopkins may or may not mean what she says; she is simply an entrepreneur whose commodity is venom that she markets as "telling it like it is" – an increasingly common tactic for the right. Suggesting this is a prelude to rounding people up and putting them in camps will not bother her. Way more horrific is that a fundamentally cruel attitude to unemployed people is actually government policy. Worklessness no longer means not having a job; it means that you can be treated as if you were a prisoner. You can be made to work for no money or forced to "volunteer".<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/apr/30/help-to-work-is-really-punishment-unemployed-people>**Keep Volunteering Voluntary**NAVCA has signed up to the 'Keep Volunteering Voluntary' campaign. We are committed to the principle that people who volunteer give their time freely and without coercion.  Joe Irvin, Chief Executive of NAVCA, said: "People volunteer for a whole host of reasons and NAVCA members are there to support them in whatever activity they choose. But it ceases to be volunteering when people have no choice. Our sector has a proud record of supporting unemployed people into work through volunteering and this latest DWP scheme undermines that. That is why NAVCA is opposed to any form of compulsory unpaid 'voluntary' work in return for benefits. And it is why we have offered our support to the 'Keep Volunteering Voluntary' campaign." We encourage others to sign up to support the 'Keep Volunteering Voluntary' campaign on the campaign website<http://www.kvv.org.uk/>**How charity chief executives can use social media to help their organisation**As nominations open for the Top 30 Charity chief executives on Social Media awards, Zoe Amar asks why being online is crucialLast year Matt Collins, a digital marketer, and I launched the Top 30 Charity chief executives on Social Media Awards, which reached 1.5 million people on Twitter and generated lots of media coverage. We were inspired by the growing number of charity chief executives using social media to reach out to stakeholders, campaign on behalf of their organisations and build valuable relationships.<http://www.theguardian.com/voluntary-sector-network/2014/apr/25/charity-ceo-social-media>**Recipe for successful nonprofit social media marketing (Infographic)**Check out this infographic which highlights some of the best ways to make the most of your nonprofit’s social media channels to ensure you are achieving maximum reach.<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site7587/Uploads/2014/05/01/Infographic.pdf>**Time is running out for charities to register interest in digital media giveaway - deadline 13 May 2014**Every year Tellonline offers charities the opportunity to work in partnership to deliver high quality web and digital solutions, for a heavily reduced cost. By making a saving of up to 50%, charities are able to invest more into their digital assets and therefore can expect greater success in building their online presence. Many organisations have already registered their interest this year, so charities which want to register or learn more about the scheme need to act fast before the closing date.  The window for submitting applications to be considered for the annual Tellonline Non-Profit Charity Campaign will be closing on the 13th May. If you are interested in being considered for this annual offer go to<http://www.tellonline.com/charity>You can also contact Tellonline via email  info@tellonline.comand a member of the team will be able to discuss your application.**Just Act**The Community Development Foundation has launched the Just Act website. A new website providing and signposting practical information for people wanting to make a difference and improve their community.[http://www.justact.org.uk](http://www.justact.org.uk/) **Appeals****Deafway: Raise money  for Deafway when you make business purchases**If you buy online for work you can raise £100's for Deafway by usinghttp:// easyfundraising.org.ukEasyfundraising works with lots of business retailer who will donate a small percentage of what you spend to Deafway to say thank you for shopping with them. So if you're buying office supplies or booking travel, you can easily raise money for Deafway. It's a really simple process, all you have to do is: Register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk; When you're asked to choose your cause, select Deafway; Visit the business deals category and get shopping - it couldn't be easier! Easyfundraising has already raised over £5 million for over 50,000 good causes across the UK. So what are you waiting for? Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to fundraise for Deafway now. Already registered? Spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is!**Campaign Support: Keep Volunteering Voluntary****No apologies whatsoever for printing this article in full!**Many of you will know that the government’s latest mandatory work-for-benefits scheme – ‘Community Work Placements’ - comes into force today, 28th April. This will force long term unemployed people to work without pay for 30 hours a week for up to 26 weeks in “placements that are of benefit to the community”. The **DWP and their contractors will be relying heavily on charities, voluntary organisations and community groups to provide the settings for these placements**. Claimants who fail to start or participate in this programme will have their benefits stopped. Whatever your views about getting people into work, let's be clear: **this scheme is forced labour which leads to destitution if people do not participate**. It makes a mockery of the principles and practice of volunteering and the charitable purposes of alleviating poverty. It is shameful. You and your group can stop it.NCIA is working with Boycott Workfare[http://www.boycottworkfare.org](http://www.boycottworkfare.org/)to campaign against participation in this scheme. We have today launched a campaign to ask voluntary groups to sign up to the following statement:**Keep Volunteering Voluntary"As charities and voluntary organisations we know the value of volunteering. Volunteering means people independently choosing to give their time freely to help others and make the world a better place. Workfare schemes force unemployed people to carry out unpaid work or face benefit sanctions that can cause hardship and destitution.  We believe in keeping volunteering voluntary and will not participate in government workfare schemes.”**If you agree with the statement, sign up at:[http://www.kvv.org.uk](http://www.kvv.org.uk/)and get other groups to do the same. 29 groups have already signed, from the largest to the smallest: Oxfam, Children England, NAVCA, Derman, 42nd Street, Hackney Refugee Forum and Adur Voluntary Action.  And if you're not convinced,**check out the site for reasons why you should be!** ConsultationsNothing this week. **Health****Lancashire: Mental health bed shortage**Hundreds of mental health patients in Lancashire are being referred to private hospitals because of a lack of NHS beds in the county. Figures revealed through a Freedom of Information request show that Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust spent more than £5m with private hospitals in the past two years. In 2013/14 251 patients were sent to private hospitals at a cost of £3.6m. This is an increase from 2012/13 when there were 136 referrals at a cost of £2.1m.<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/mental-health-bed-shortage-1-6588977>**Shale gas safety put to the test**A health probe into the effects of shale gas exploration in Lancashire has been dismissed as a “tick box exercise” by anti-frackers. The county council is to spend £30,000 on examining the likely impact on residents should the controversial drilling process get the go-ahead. But Eve McNamara, from the pressure group Ribble Estuary Against Fracking, accused the authority of “just paying lip service” to safety concerns.<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/shale-gas-safety-put-to-the-test-1-6591176>**E-cigarette users in UK have 'tripled' since 2010**The number of people who use electronic cigarettes in the UK has tripled over the past two years to 2.1 million, a health charity estimates. It says just over half of current or ex-smokers have now tried electronic cigarettes, compared with 8% in 2010. Use of e-cigarettes among people who have never smoked remains small at 1%, Ash said.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-27161965>**Half of cancer sufferers 'live a decade or more'**Half of people in England and Wales now being diagnosed with cancer will survive at least a decade - double the rate in the early 1970s, figures show. But Cancer Research UK, which carried out the research, said the progress showed there needed to be new, more ambitious aims. It said it wanted to see 10-year survival hit 75% in the next 20 years.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-27194823>**Dementia Facebook app to raise awareness of the illness**Facebook users are being invited to experience what it is like to live with dementia in a bid to raise greater awareness about the disease. The FaceDementia app, by Alzheimer's Research UK, "takes over" personal Facebook pages, and temporarily erases important memories, mimicking how dementia affects the brain. Users can watch their personal photos, important details and status updates disappear before their eyes. Their real page remains intact.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-27185814>**Special needs changes being made 'too fast' - charities**Changes to special needs education (SEN) in England are being implemented too quickly, say charities. From September special needs statements will be replaced by "education, health and care statements" which aim to give more holistic support. Mark Lever of the National Autistic Society said details of "the biggest reform of the SEN system in 30 years" had not yet been finalised. The government said the system would allow change to "take place gradually".<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-27072335>**Diary of a mother of children with special educational needs**A mother who has three children with special educational needs has recorded an audio diary of her typical morning. Debs Aspland's nine-year-old son has hydrocephalus and autism, her eight-year-old son is visually impaired, and her daughter has language, speech and communication needs. Ms Aspland said her typical day was around 21 hours long and "on a good day" she could expect just under five hours sleep. First broadcast on Monday 28 April as part of a special BBC Radio 5 live's Breakfast programme on Special Educational Needs provision.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-27204151>**Parkinson’s video receives massive support on social media**Parkinson’s Awareness Week 2014 ran from 7th-13th April and it was Parkinson’s mission to raise awareness of the condition. The charity made a short film explaining very simply: there’s much more to Parkinson’s than you might think. The film appeals to people’s emotions to encourage them to share it online to spread the message further. By the end of Parkinson’s Awareness Week there were more than 62,000 views of the film on YouTube and the Facebook posts sharing the film reached more than 243,500.  You can watch it here.<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=43SC7wzSLXw&feature=youtu.be>**High-fibre diet 'benefits heart attack patients'**If you have had a heart attack, eat plenty of fibre because it may improve your long-term chances of recovery, say US researchers. Heart-attack survivors were more likely to be alive nine years later if they followed a high-fibre diet, a study in the British Medical Journal found. Every 10g-per-day increase in fibre intake was linked with a 15% drop in death risk during the study. Dietary fibre may improve blood pressure and cholesterol, experts say.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-27192045>**Affordable healthy diet 'too expensive for many'**Many people do not have enough income for a "decent diet", public health experts have claimed in an open letter to the prime minister. The UK Faculty of Public Health said the situation had become so serious that an independent group should be set up by the government to investigate.  The letter pointed to rising food prices, falling wages and a boom in food banks as proof. But the government said there was evidence problems were getting better.<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-27225323>**WHO report: Antibiotic resistance happening right now all over the world**Antibiotic resistance, which can lead to minor injuries and common post-operative infections becoming fatal, is no longer a prediction for the future but is happening “right now”, the World Health Organisation has said. In a stark report, global health officials said that antibiotic resistance, the process whereby bacteria evolve to resist the drugs we use to combat them, “threatens the achievements of modern medicine” and will have “devastating” consequences unless “every country and individual” in the world takes action to prevent its further spread. The report, the WHO’s first looking at the threat on a global scale, analysed data from 114 countries and found that antibiotic resistance was happening in “every region of the world and has the potential to affect anyone, of any age, in any country”.<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/who-report-antibiotic-resistance-happening-right-now-all-over-the-world-9306122.html> **Call for items** Do you have any items of interest for the sector? Please feel free to email details to info@cvscentrallancashire.org.ukto have them circulated through **YOUR**CVS network. Comments?, Suggestions? 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