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Its National

Volunteers Week!!

We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers in and around our area that makes a massive difference to our communities by giving their time for free.

The volunteer centre has seen over 380 people interested in volunteering in 2014 looking at various different roles in Administration, gardening, caring and retail being the most popular at this present time.

If you are interested in volunteering then you can check out

www.do-it.org.uk or make an appointment to see

Vickie.

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New Citizens Advice figures

Volunteers donated seven million hours of their time to Citizens Advice in the year to March 2013, according to figures released by the charity to coincide with the start of Volunteers' Week.

The charity, which provides advice on legal and financial problems among other services, said that the number of volunteering hours put in were worth £109m.

Its volunteers also helped two million people solve more than five million problems in the past year it added.

Volunteers Week takes place between 1 and 7 June and celebrates the contribution millions of volunteers make to good causes in the UK.

Ian Griggs Third Sector

Professional Co-Chair required

North Lincolnshire Council are currently in the process of recruiting to the voluntary position of an independent professional co-chair for the North Lincolnshire Learning Disability Partnership Board.

The closing date for applications is 20 June 2014.

Recruitment docs along with additional information can be ac-

cessed [here](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/peoplehealthandcare), (www.northlincs.gov.uk/peoplehealthandcare) though if you require any further information, please contact Julie Poole, Partnerships and Governance Senior Officer.

Tel: 01724 296384

Email: julie.poole@northlincs.gov.uk

Professionals wanted

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire's Volunteer Centre has a number of committees on their books that are looking for people to help them manage their services.

Would you be able to offer a few hours a month to help manage these vital services? People with secretarial skills or bookkeeping/accountancy skills are widely sought-after, and volunteering is a great way to update your skills and keep them current.

A committee normally consists of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, plus other trustees who help to carry out the tasks involved in running a charity or voluntary group. If you have any skills which could help, then you will be welcomed. Alternatively if you are currently aiming towards management, then volunteering for a charitable organisation is a good way to extend your skills.

To find out more about joining a management committee, or to find which groups are seeking new members, contact Vickie Ehret at VANL on 01724 845155.

Volunteering - What motivates you?



Making a difference and giving something back?

Support your community – If you want to get more involved in your community you can do so by helping out at a community centre, sports club, lunch group, youth club or similar. You can get involved in one-off events, or do something that requires longer term commitment.

Give something back – have you or a family member received help from a support group? Perhaps you would like to volunteer to help others in a similar situation.

Unemployed or looking for a new career?

Career development – Volunteering provides a great opportunity to enhance your CV. You can develop new skills, gain knowledge and get experience. Volunteering shows employers that you have used your free time constructively and that you are serious about getting a job or work in a field of your choice.

Work experience – Fancy a change of career but not sure if it's for you? Volunteering gives you a chance to have a go before your commit.

Want to meet new people or build your confidence?

Socialising – If you are new to the area, feeling isolated, or would simply like to meet new people, volunteering is a different way of

getting involved and feeling useful at the same time.

Confidence building – Many people volunteer to build their confidence, especially if they have been ill or out of work for a long time, or have lost their confidence for any reason. Volunteering is flexible; you can choose how many hours or days per week that you would like to volunteer and choose a role that you feel comfortable with. Day by day we see people increase their confidence through volunteering – they feel supported, meet new people and feel they have a purpose in life again. Go on - give it a go!



Student or Graduate?

Support your studies – If you are studying, volunteering gives you a chance to gain experience and knowledge that will help you to achieve your qualifications. Find opportunities that fit in with your course programme – you can even volunteer during enrichment periods!

Home from University – Whether you are home for the holidays or have graduated, volunteering can provide real experience of carrying out research, developing your creative skills, making new contacts or just keeping busy. Apply as early as possible if you choose a role that requires you to complete a police check (now called a DBS check). DBS checks for volunteers are free. Organisations that recruit volunteers are responsible for taking applicants through this process.

Volunteering

Sustainability fund

The National Association of Voluntary and Community Associations (NAVCA) tells us that the Government is consulting on a £40 million fund to support charities that deliver services to vulnerable groups and whose future may be threatened. The fund has been extensively trailed in the voluntary sector media and is planned to be available from next financial year.

The deadline for responses is 24 July. NAVCA will be submitting a response and encourages member groups to send in individual responses, so if you deliver services to vulnerable groups send in your views to VANL and we will pass them on for you.

Money Saving Expert Charity

The Money Saving Expert Charity helps address the UK's problem of financial illiteracy, supporting groups educating people about money, debt and consumer issues.

Small to medium-sized charities are invited to apply if they have an annual income of less than £500,000 and are assisting people take control of their financial situation to improve their quality of life.

Grants are available up to £5,000. The deadline for applications is 31 May 2014.

The Skinners' Company Lady Neville Charity

Funding for Local Heritage – projects which help local groups to conserve and restore their landmarks, landscape, traditions and culture – and

groups working in Performing and Visual Arts

Registered charities or not-for-profit organisations based in the United Kingdom whose total annual income is less than £100,000pa and where the total amount sought is less than £10,000 may apply.

One-off grants between £500 and £1,000.

The deadline for applications is 05 September 2014.

The Paul Bush Foundation Trust

Funds organisations which assist individuals with an acquired physical disability.

Funding available for registered charities supporting adults or children with an acquired physical disability.

Grants up to £10,000 available.

Applications may be made at any time, but the trustees meet twice a year. The next deadline is 01 September 2014.

The True Colours Trust Small Grant Fund

This Trust funds local organisations and projects dealing with the challenges faced by families, children and young people in the UK with complex disabilities and life-threatening conditions.

Unsolicited applications are welcomed from smaller organisations to develop and deliver programmes for children, their siblings and families, normally for capital rather than revenue.

Grants of up to £10,000

Applications at any time.

People's Postcode Trust - Small Grants Programme

Aims to make your area a better place for both people and nature.

Any constituted group can apply (check on website).

Registered charities can apply for up to £20,000; unregistered groups can apply for up to £2,000.

Next deadline: 23 May 2014 – check website for further deadlines.

The Greggs Foundation

The Regional Grants programme provides grants of up to £2,000 to small organisations that help to build resilience within a local community. Innovative projects preferred.

The Breakfast Club programme provides a free nutritious breakfast before the school day at disadvantaged primary schools in England, Scotland and Wales. Each school is provided with fresh bread from their nearest Greggs shop, and a grant to support start-up and ongoing costs. The average club costs just £2,000 to set up and run for a year.

Next deadline: 17 July 2014.

Please remember, it is always best to get your application checked over by an independent person before sending, to avoid missing that vital piece of information that might get you the grant! VANL's development workers will check it over and if necessary make suggestions, free of charge. Just ring 01724 845155 for an appointment.

LEADER Programme 2015-2020

How can the LEADER Funding Programme help your rural community in 2015?

The LEADER Programme 2008-2013 has now come to an end but from January 2015, there may be a new opportunity for communities across Northern Lincolnshire to access grant funding; we would like you to tell us how you think this funding should be invested.

the Rural Development Programme for England and from 2015-2020 it will focus on supporting the creation of jobs and growth in rural economies. LEADER funding can also support community projects which play a part in supporting the local rural economy.

In order to secure our share of the funding for Northern Lincolnshire, the Local Action Group would like your views on how this funding could be invested locally to meet these priorities.

If you would like to take part in this consultation and play your part in determining how this funding might be invested, please complete the online survey at

www.northernlincolnshirelag.org. You can tell us your thoughts about the type of community projects you'd like to see in your local area in section 7 but please fill in any part of the survey that is of interest to you. The survey is open until Friday 13th June.

For more information, or for help in completing the questionnaire, please contact the LEADER team on Philippa Kenyon, LEADER Coordinator at philippa.kenyon@northlincs.gov.uk Tel. 01724 297781 or Shalon Perkins, LEADER Support Officer at shalon.perkins@northlincs.gov.uk Tel. 01724 297768.

LEADER funding is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union.

LLOYDS BANK FOUNDATION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

NEW GRANT PROGRAMMES NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Launched on 2nd April 2014, the Foundation's new grant programmes - INVEST and ENABLE are now open for applications

The new funding programmes invest in charities supporting people to break out of disadvantage at critical points in their lives, and promote practical approaches to lasting change. Support will be adapted to the needs of small and medium sized charities (income between £25,000 and £1 million) that are committed to delivering work which breaks or prevents cycles of disadvantage.

Funding

Flexible and Responsive Grant Making:
INVEST – A flexible, long term core funding programme for organisations delivering clear, targeted outcomes for disadvantaged people (Grants up to £25k per annum and up to 6 years);
ENABLE – A smaller and shorter grants programme for organisations that have identified clear development needs (Grants up to a total of £15k over 2 years);
ENHANCE – provides an option of tailored in-kind support to strengthen and develop charities. If you are successful in applying for an Invest or Enable grant, we will work with you to identify whether support under the Enhance programme is right for you.

How to apply: We operate an online application process and encourage applicants to find further information on our new programmes and strategy at: www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk

Crosby First

Crosby First funding panel has two more funding rounds this year. Community organisations based in or operating in the Crosby and Park area are invited to submit applications for up to £2,500. Projects need to fit into one or more of the following themes:
 meeting the needs of young people, unity and integration, community safety, particularly challenging racism.

Deadlines for completed applications are Friday 4th July and Friday 10th October. Please contact Anne Cook on anne.cook@sky.com for more details and a funding application.

ESF Community Grants 2014 - 2015

Humber Learning Consortium are pleased to announce the launch of the Community Grants 3 Programme, we are distributing £4.29 million in small grants in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Grants of between £2,000 and £13,000 are available to apply for Now! The deadline for the 2nd round is Friday 9th May at 4.00pm. For application details and deadlines and eligibility please go to www.hlc-vol.org If you would like some application guidance we are offering 1-1 application support

Please check you are eligible before contacting us.

The contact details are jacque.newman@hlc-vol.org or zoe.pickering@hlc-vol.org or telephone number 01482 327438

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Big Lottery consultation

The Big Lottery fund is asking people for their views on areas of its work, the results of which will underpin its direction and priorities for up to 6 years. Your Voice Our Vision asks you to get involved in a UK-wide consultation around key areas of Big Lottery's work.

To get involved and make your voice heard, go to Your Voice Our Vision and click on the links to the online conversation space.



A Day in the Life of Grange Farm Hobbies Centre

Voluntary Action were delighted to attend Grange farm Hobbies Centre Open Day held on May 31st.

The Centre currently is home to 22 groups that use the building for a whole range of community activity including; drama, judo, teaching opportunities adults and young people, Scunthorpe Model railway Club to name but a few.



As we spent time with the groups we gained insights into the people contribute and benefit from their activities.



We heard the history of groups retold. Particularly memorable was that of the

Hospital Players. They are celebrating 50 years of theatre now performing live theatre to frequently full audiences – a distance travelled from their days of rehearsing on the hospital roof!



One of **Scunthorpe Philately Society's** members is 84, consistently comes first in competitions and travels over 20 miles to every club meeting.

Listening to the challenges of grass roots provision helps us to deliver to our own mission statement as a support agency '**Promoting, developing and supporting voluntary activity within the community.**



Many thanks to everyone we met that day we are richer for the experience!

GFHC offer a great venue for hire with catering facilities, great parking, a training room and is on a regular bus route.



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Workers Educational Association

Music Break

You are invited to 3 informal sessions listening to, and talking about classical music at Clare House, 31 Wells Street, Scunthorpe on Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th June, each session 10am – 11.45

Session 1: Hidden Gems

Session 2: Round The World in 90 Minutes.

Session 3: Music of Summer

Cost: £2 per session, payable each time, on the day.

Just come along.

Barton Muse Poetry Group Presents

Poetry Open Mic Night

Part of Barton Arts Festival

Tuesday 1st July 2014

The Old Mill, (upstairs),
Market Lane, Barton 7.00 p.m. for
7.30 p.m.
£5.00 only

All Welcome, Listeners and Poets

All kinds of poetry fun or furious, crazy or curious with a smattering of music

Winterton Senior Citizens Forum

The International Day for Older People on 1st October 2014 is to be extended in North Lincolnshire to a full week.

Events will be held at a variety of venues throughout North Lincolnshire and the Senior Citizens' Forums will be fully involved.

North Lincolnshire Council have agreed to help finance each Seniors Forum Group up to £750.

In support of the event Winterton Senior Citizens Forum will have a full day (date and venue to be agreed) in Winterton, which will be an opportunity for all local groups, Fire, Police, Ambulance Services, Voluntary Sector and indeed every possible older people's organization to join in. Whilst planning is in its early stages, WSCF are looking for support from everyone to make this a super Older People's event in Winterton.

To find out more, contact Jim Harding, Chairman of WSCF, on 01724 357291.

Winterton Senior Citizens Forum was formed on 31st October 2007, to:

enable the voices of older people to be heard.

provide an effective representative and independent advocate for older people.

provide information on issues affecting older people.

arrange opportunities for older people to network with service providers.

monitor new services and development that affect older people.

provide statutory, voluntary and private organizations with the views of older people about existing and proposed services.

influence policy and practice concerning older people at a local, regional and national level.

pursue the implementation of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Older People (1991).

WSCF are a non-political group, working to support and improve the quality of lives for older citizens in the community for now and in the future. They support Age UK, the local Council, FreshStart, other local support groups & other Senior Forums organisations in Brigg, Barton and Scunthorpe.

WSCF hold forum meetings every second Thursday in the month at the Methodist Trinity Chapel Hall, Kings Street, Winterton. DN15 9TP, 1.30pm –3.30pm. Everyone over the age of 55 is very welcome and free refreshments are provided, so please call in and visit, enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

For those with difficulties with walking, the group can provide transport to and from meetings. Please contact Colin Belton 01724 345857 to make arrangements.

Fashion Show & SALE

Thursday 31 July 2014

Old Brumby United Church
Ashby Road, Scunthorpe

Doors open 7pm - Show 7.30pm

TICKETS £5

Proceeds to Rotary Charities

All items available for purchase on the night

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Barton venue offers rooms for hire

A Barton venue is offering meeting and function rooms for hire.

The Viking Resource Centre, Fairfield Drive, Barton upon Humber, has published a new schedule of prices, although for longer-term rentals they can negotiate. Charges have stayed mainly at the same level as last year.

For more information contact Belinda Lant, Support Officer at Viking Resource Centre on 01652 660018.

Health & Safety advice

Are you able to get competent Health and Safety advice locally? Are you concerned that your current arrangements may not fully comply with legal requirements? Poor standards of health and safety can be costly, can devastate people's lives, ruin reputations and lead to prosecution.

North Lincolnshire Council's Safety Solutions Team offer a personalised, value for money service for voluntary sector and private organisations.

Based locally, they offer bespoke health and safety packages or individual elements, depending on your requirements and your budget. A range of services are on offer, including;

- * Fire risk assessment
- * Development of policies and procedures
- * Risk assessment
- * Basic and bespoke training
- * Telephone advice and support
- * Audits and inspections

If you would like to discuss your requirements contact us for a free 30 minute consultation. Please telephone 01724 297594 or emailsafety.solutions@northlincs.gov.uk

Carers' Support Centre employment news

Congratulations to David Wilson of the Carers' Support Centre. He has been promoted after holding two part-time posts at Brigg, to become the Manager of the new Carers' Support Centre in Grimsby.

And David's success plus another vacancy means that three jobs are now on offer at Brigg's Carers' Support Centre: A Caring with Confidence Co-ordinator, A Carers' Health Liaison Worker and A Lifelong Learning Officer.

It is great news to see a strongly-supported local charity expanding like this, and we wish them all the best for their new venture.

Group takes a Fresh Step into Twitter!

A local group has just set up its own identity on Twitter to get its message out to a wider range of people. You can follow Freshsteps on Twitter @Freshsteps2014.

Freshsteps is a service user group that supports people in their substance misuse journey. Volunteers share their experience, strength and hope in order to encourage and support anyone who is in recovery, or looking for recovery of alcohol and drug dependency.

There are lots of ways in which Freshsteps can help people with recovery, including befriending, information and by speaking up for them when service providers are considering how they provide services.

If you don't use Twitter, you can email them or see their website.

FreshSteps

Meet Up and Hang Out!

Scunthorpe LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual) group are to hold a Meet Up & Hang Out at Cafe Independent on Wednesday 18th June.

Entry is free, and the event will be an opportunity to meet new friends, find support, chat and drink wonderful coffee!

To find out more go to www.scunthorpelgbts.wordpress.com / FB [scunnylgbt](https://www.facebook.com/scunnylgbt) / Tweet [@scunthorpelgbt](https://twitter.com/scunthorpelgbt).

Help to Plan Education Programme

The Scunthorpe Workers Educational Association is currently putting together its Autumn programme and would like to find out what interest there is in certain new courses. The Association cannot actually put things in the programme until they know there is some specific interest. They are able to offer the following new subjects:

Desktop Publishing,
Confidence Building,
Creative Writing,
Beginners German,
Beginners Italian
Beginners French.

If you might be interested joining one of these courses in September or would like to know a bit more about any of them please contact Hugh Humphrey on hufa@f2s.com or phone 01724 859143. Courses are free for people claiming benefit.

'Insights into Community Event – Engaging with those who are most Vulnerable'

14h July 2014

Time 9.30 pm – 3 p.m

Venue to be Confirmed.

A day of learning to build your skills and confidence in safe-guarding and supporting others.

Draft Schedule for the Day

Key Note Speaker: Insights Into Engagement – Insights into our Community – The Local Picture

Workshops:

- **The Role of Advocacy in enabling community cohesion and building resilience**
- **Bringing Vulnerabilities to Life – a Framework for Communities**
- **Understanding Difference – The Key to Engagement**

More detailed information to be distributed shortly.

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire

invites you to

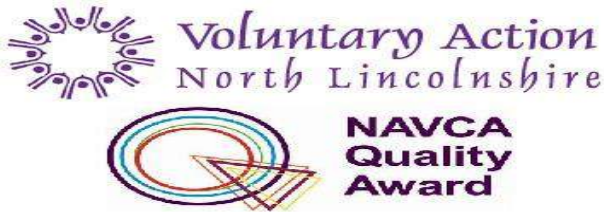
Funding Masterclass and Training provision With Children in Need Community Grants

Monday 28th July 10 – 1

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Advancing Local Voluntary Action

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire promote, develop, and support organisations within the voluntary and community sector.

Whether you are an established organisation, you would like to set up your own voluntary group, or you are interested in volunteering, Voluntary Action can provide all the advice and support you require

www.vanl.org.uk

An invitation to
ST OSWALD'S CHURCH
 CELEBRATION
 With the
GREENAWAY SINGERS
SUNDAY 22ND
JUNE
3.00pm

 Refreshments served

On Sunday 15th June 2014, garden devotees will be able to visit Goxhill, where the Methodist Church hosts an Open Gardens day which attracts people from miles around. Goxhill Open Gardens has been running for many years and includes an exhibition of paintings by Goxhill Art Circle and floral decorations in the Methodist Church on the theme of "Events"

The gardens are open from 1 pm to 6 pm; to enter, purchase a map at the Methodist Church, Chapel Street, which will indicate the gardens which are open for visitors.

Goxhill is one of many Open Gardens events around this time of year, and is definitely one not to be missed!!



St Nicholas Church, Ulceby
Raise the Roof!
Open Day and Scarecrow Trail
 Saturday 5th July 2014
 10.30am to 4pm

Humberstone Police Crime Prevention Advice

10.30am: Official opening by the Mayor

- Craft Stalls
- Plants
- Bric-a-Brac
- Raffle and tombola
- Cream Teas
- Children's attractions - hook-a-duck, face painting & other games
- Local heritage display and information.
- See the plans for the church restoration

