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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](http://www.vanl.org.uk)

## Two events in Crosby

Crosby One are running two events alongside each other - a celebratory Big Lunch at which all of those who benefitted from the Crosby First grants pot will be invited to have a stall, and a Consultation Day about the plans to extend the CrosbyOne Centre into St. George's church. Bring a picnic and come and see some of the things that are happening in Crosby and have your say about things that might happen in the future.

The event will take place 12.00 – 2.00 pm on Saturday, 18th July 2015 at CrosbyOne Centre and St. George's Church.

At the same time there will be a Celebration of Three Years of the Crosby First Community Grants Pot.

RSVP: If you are planning to join in, please contact Anne Cook on [anne.cook@sky.com](mailto:anne.cook@sky.com) or write to Crosby Community Association, 105 – 107 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe.



## American music comes to Ulceby

A local church is to present a concert featuring American folk songs and music from West Side Story (by Leonard Bernstein). The event will also feature readings and songs from Alice in Wonderland to commemorate the 150th anniversary of its publication.

The concert will be on Sunday 12 July at 7pm, when The St Cecilia Singers (conductor Barbara Tune) will be in concert at St Nicholas Church, Ulceby.

Tickets at £5 will be available on the door, and all proceeds will go to church funds.



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# VANL News

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Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire cordially invite all our members to the VANL Annual General Meeting which will be held on **Wednesday 7th October** at the Heslam Park Rugby Club, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe 11 pm start—

**lunch provided**

Room to Rent at VANL in the New Year.

For more details contact VANL

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## Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire leads the way on innovation

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (VANL) has been selected to become a Beacon for Change by BIG Assist, a Lottery-funded programme to strengthen voluntary sector infrastructure and build social action. [Beacons for Change](#) are organisations which have benefited from BIG Assist support and are now recognised as leading the way on adapting to changing circumstances, developing new approaches and building relationships.

As a Beacon for Change, VANL will become part of a national network with opportunities to inform policy-makers, funders and BIG Assist. They will share learning through their networks as speakers and case studies, and help build the confidence of others to think in new and creative ways. This will lead to voluntary sector infrastructure becoming more connected and better resourced.

VANL supports other voluntary sector organisations to develop, find funding or volunteers and grow their services to meet needs, often of some of the area's poorest and disadvantaged people.

"We pride ourselves on working hard for the volunteers and voluntary organisations because we believe that they make such a difference to the lives of people and com-

munities," said Carole Phillips, Chief Executive of VANL. "Big Assist helped us to learn from other infrastructure organisations and to remodel the way we fund and deliver our services.

"We are proud to have been selected to be Big Assist Beacon for Change and look forward to sharing our learning and experiences to support others."

BIG Assist is a programme offering support to infrastructure organisations in the voluntary sector, helping them to adapt and change to meet a challenging environment. Support is offered in two ways: as a voucher issued for a fixed amount to be spent on support from a supplier selected in our online market place, and as peer to peer learning, both online and offline and in the form of a sponsored visit.

## Development Work

VANL Development Workers can help with a wide range of topics, from how to set up a new organisation, through problem-solving and development of new projects, to closing down an organisation which is no longer required. For detailed help, telephone 01724 845155, but first see the documents on VANL website which may answer your needs. Please note: this work is usually free of charge, but there may be a waiting list. VANL members receive substantial discounts on all our services, so why not join today.\*

\*membership only open to voluntary and community groups. Terms and Conditions apply

## Humbercare Hospital Avoidance and Home from Hospital Service

Humbercare's Home from Hospital Service delivers housing related support for up to 6 weeks, which is tailored to need individuals' needs. The service is completely free of charge and is available 365 days per year, 7 days per week

The service is available to all individuals aged 18 or over who: Are leaving hospital: Require support to avoid admittance into hospital: Reside in the North Lincolnshire area.

Humbercare will visit in the hospital ward or at home to discuss needs and to explain how they can support you to be safe and secure at home. They will work with the hospital and other services to ensure you have the support you need. They can :

Support you initially with shopping and collection of prescriptions upon discharge.

Support you with initial doctor and hospital appointments

Support you with benefits advice.

Assist you with sorting accumulated mail

Provide you with a temporary key safe.

Signpost you to other relevant agencies for longer term support.

Signpost you to community activities

Provide you with a trained volunteer befriender for up to 6 weeks until longer term support is in place.

All the staff and volunteers have been checked by the Disclosure and Barring Service and they all carry identification.

Referrals will be accepted through the Hospital Discharge Teams, North Lincolnshire Council Adult Services, the First Stop Service and Substance Misuse Agencies. Self referrals are also welcome. Referrals can be made by telephone or email using Home from Hospital Service referral form found on the website.

Telephone 07793 241218

Email: [Sharon.Davey@humbercare.org.uk](mailto:Sharon.Davey@humbercare.org.uk)

**North Lincolnshire Council** has from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, launched North Lincolnshire Cook4Life, a healthy eating project that aims to improve people's knowledge and skills relating to cooking and healthy eating.

The North Lincolnshire Cook4Life team will be delivering a variety of FREE cooking activities, including weekly cooking classes, cook and eat sessions, taster demonstrations and healthy eating talks. Activities are already taking place in some areas and many have already been arranged for upcoming weeks and months. All activities will be designed to provide individuals and families with the opportunity to learn:

How to create meals and snacks that are delicious, nutritious and affordable

How to confidently shop and cook from scratch

How to understand basic nutrition, food labels and food hygiene

How to make healthier choices and improve health and well-being

The Cook4Life activities will be delivered in a fun, interactive and supportive environment in venues across North Lincolnshire. They will include children's centres, Community Well-being Hubs, community centres, schools, colleges and workplaces.

If you, your service or organisation are interested in either hosting a Cook4Life activity or would like to refer a member of the public, please contact the Health Trainer service on 01724 292170 or email [nlc.healthtrainers@nhs.net](mailto:nlc.healthtrainers@nhs.net).

**Fraud and theft** cost charities and other voluntary organisations millions of pounds, maybe even more than £2 billion, each year.

No one is immune from temptation...trustees, chief executives, managers, employees, volunteers... even, in one well known organisation, the head of counter-fraud.

Sandy Adirondack's update is [a single article](#), about theft and fraud within charities and other voluntary organisations. It starts with examples of recent cases, followed by a round-up of statis-

tics, resources, tips for reducing risk, and information about how to report fraud. The main theme is not to be complacent. It can - and might - happen to any organisation, including yours.

If you are not already on the mailing list for Sandy's updates, it is well worth joining the list. Her advice is succinct, to the point and directed at voluntary organisations. To join the list email your details to [this address](#), or contact VANL for a health check and we will help you to identify if you may be at risk.

North Lincs Credit Union offers savings and loans services on a not-for-profit basis to all in our community. With deposits protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) we can process all salaries and benefits on behalf of our members. We can accept payments from members' bank accounts and welcome savings from employer payroll deduction schemes.

Anyone who lives or works in North Lincolnshire, Hull and East Yorkshire can join, as can those involved with some partner organisations. Full details of our services can be found on our website [www.hullandeycu.co.uk](http://www.hullandeycu.co.uk) and personal and telephone enquiries are welcomed at our offices, including 162 High Street Scunthorpe.

The state benefit called Universal Credit (UC) is being introduced into our area, initially for new single claimants but eventually for all. Like a salary, it is paid monthly and includes housing benefit, bringing a need for recipients to take personal payment responsibility and be able to budget. UC is a back-to-work benefit and is not lost when a claimant takes on any paid work, the pay and benefit being linked by National Insurance Number to ensure that the person always gains from their labour.

The credit union can take all of these payments into the member's account and handle the necessary transactions. With the agreement of both tenant and landlord, the required rent can be moved from the incoming payment, "ring fenced" safely and paid out as required to the landlord. This service is called Rent Direct.

The credit union will also be able to help its members with personal budgeting by offering a Jam Jar Account to control other required payments on their behalf. By having a prepaid Visa card, the member will then be able to access their remaining cash at intervals to suit their requirements.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the Credit Union will naturally have to recover the cost of operating these services from those who benefit from them. However, some landlords may enter into agreement with it to pay for the Rent Direct element of these costs. And it is not our intention to profit from serving our members, but simply to cover the costs we actually incur

## Does your group need a 'medical'?

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire is offering a free service to member voluntary organisations.

We can take your organisation through a 'Health Check'!

This entails a visit from a VANL Membership Manager, who will take you through a detailed questionnaire. The results will flag up issues needing attention, and this could be anything from amending your governing document to make it compliant with modern charity law or to make it easier to work with, through to sorting out your finances or writing operating procedures. It all sounds a bit bureaucratic, but when you do it, all the problems should melt away - it's only a way to make your life easier and allow you to get on with the job your group was formed to do!

We can help you right through to becoming a large organisation or achieving a Quality Mark, or we can simply help sort out your immediate problems and let you get on with the job yourselves - it's entirely up to you.

If you'd like to find out more about the Membership Manager service from Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire, just call 01724 845155 for more information or to arrange a visit.

## Good News for the Lincs

**Twirlers**—a majorette group based in Scunthorpe which has been successfully assisted by VANL in a funding bid. They entered a United Baton Twirling Competition in Skegness, it was their first competition since forming in February 2014. They took 16 girls from the troupe and competed against other troupes from all over the country. They took part in 9 routines and were placed in 8 of them, and came away with 25 awards in total. A few of the girls also competed in the solo and duet routines and came away with two 1sts and one 3rd award. All the girls have trained so hard preparing for these competitions and all their hard work paid off—they have done North Lincolnshire proud, and also **Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire**.

## Fundraising

**VANL offers funding advice, plus much more for smaller voluntary and community organisations.**

VANL Development Workers help small voluntary and community organisations, not just with funding advice, but with a range of other help and support. Voluntary and community organisations working in North Lincolnshire can ask for free help. Organisations from outside North Lincolnshire will be charged for the service. Priority is given to smaller organisations with under £100,000 a year, and that are not already able to access support from, for example, a national umbrella organisation. Other services are available from VANL which can help your organisation.

Communities across Yorkshire and the Humber are set to benefit from more than £6.5 million supporting people most in need to develop the skills and tools to overcome barriers to work, education and training.

The Big Lottery Fund is for the first time matching funds from the European Social Fund (ESF) 2014-2020 to provide joint investment in three local projects tackling the root causes of poverty, promoting social inclusion and driving local jobs and growth.

Projects will provide opportunities for people to improve numeracy, literacy and digital skills, build confidence and self-esteem, and better understand and manage their finances. Extra support will be given to hard to reach and socially-excluded groups, including people with disabilities, mental health or addiction issues, those who are homeless, ex-offenders and people living in isolated rural areas.

The Big Lottery Fund is working with Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) across England who have identified projects that best meet local need and priorities. Organisations can apply for funding to deliver these projects.

Dawn Austwick, Chief Executive of the Big Lottery Fund said: "We are delighted to be working with Local Enterprise Partnerships across Yorkshire and the Humber to bring new funds into communities to develop employment opportunities and pathways to the job market for those most in need. These projects focus on solutions developed at a local level, from customised programmes for carers seeking flexible work to support for people to create new local social enterprises."

Across England 71 projects have been announced today with a total of £174,521,600 available. This represents the first round of this funding and involves 25 LEP areas. Further investment is expected to be delivered over the next few years, taking the total number of LEP areas with projects to 37. Each LEP has identified the issues challenging their communities and the opportunity that funding can bring to address them. The funding will be managed by the Big Lottery Fund, giving voluntary, community and social enterprise groups greater access to this wider ESF money than in previous years.

Projects open for applications include:

A project in the Humber LEP area to provide engaging activities for unemployed and inactive people to help them develop their own skills, boost their chances of getting a job and build community resilience. Hull has the highest proportion of children living in poverty in the Yorkshire and Humber area at 30 per cent, compared to the national average of 20 per cent, with unemployment across the region also above average, particularly for young people.

The first competitive application stage is open. Grant competitions are fair, open and competitive and any organisation is eligible to apply, however most of the projects will be better suited to partnership working. Full details of all the project outlines in this round are available at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/esf](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/esf).

In order to support potential applicants and to help grant holders to understand, plan for and deliver the additional requirements that come with managing European funding, Big Lottery Fund has

also awarded £950,000 to Baker Tilly, in partnership with Ecorys UK. For further information about this support visit [www.bboesfsupport.com](http://www.bboesfsupport.com) Goes to different website.

Further funding opportunities will be available in autumn 2015. To be kept informed on the latest Building Better Opportunities news register your interest on the website at

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/esf](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/esf).

Website: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Twitter: @biglotteryfund #BigLottery

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BigLotteryFundGoes](http://www.facebook.com/BigLotteryFundGoes)

For funding and general enquiries call: BIG Advice Line: 0345 4 10 20 30

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire is part of a partnership of like organisations operating in all of the areas of the Humber that will be submitting a bid to lead a programme of interventions delivered by a range of organisation. We will know if we have been successful later in the year.

## FUNDING

The [Money Advice Trust's Innovation Grants programme](#)

Funds innovative debt advice projects helping individuals and microbusinesses to tackle debt and handle their money more wisely, and aims to improve the quality and range of money advice in the UK.

[John Ellerman Foundation - Regional Museums and Galleries Fund](#)

Funding is available to help strengthen regional museums and galleries in the UK by helping organisations to enhance and sustain curatorial development to attract a broader public.

[Childcare Investment Readiness Fund](#)

Deadline: 17 Jul 2015 Grants up to £50,000 are available for early years and childcare social enterprises in England looking to expand their presence in the early years market for specific capacity building support to help facilitate their growth and become more appealing to investors.

[Great British High Street of the Year Awards](#)

Deadline: 17 Jul 2015

Annual competition inviting Town Teams and recognised local partnerships in Great Britain to nominate a high street in their area, celebrating the diversity and services that British high streets provide.