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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

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Kindness Day isn't just about adopting all the children from your local orphanage – it's about the little gestures of kindness too. Helping others can restore a sense of humanity, not to mention giving you that warm fuzzy glow inside.

Donating books, food or clothes to your local community is a great way to celebrate. However, pledging to commit just one act of kindness is no less worthwhile: hold the door open for a stranger, compliment your neighbour on their collection of garden gnomes, let your partner have control of the TV remote for the evening.

However you decide to celebrate remember that the best thing about Kindness Day is that it doesn't cost a thing!

HURRY for last few places!

Courses on the Scunthorpe WEA's Autumn programme have been enrolling well and some are already full. However, there are a few places left on the following:
 Sewing Skills

- Fabric and Paper Craft
- Exploring Classical Music
- Creative Writing
- German Conversation
- German Beginners
- Spanish for All

For more information, please ring Daytime: 01724 844245 / Evening and Weekends: 01724 859143

or pop in at the Learning Centre, 31 Wells Street, Scunthorpe.

Charities overpaying on energy bills

A survey carried out last month by NCVO found 1 in 3 charities didn't know about, or weren't getting, the discounts available to registered charities on their energy supplies which could be a reduction of around 20% off their energy bills.

ITV News and ITV This Morning featured the story.

If you're not aware or not receiving the reduced VAT and CCL (Climate Charge Levy), then contact your supplier to make sure they know you are a registered charity and ensure you're getting the discounts you're entitled to.

If you'd like help to make sure you're getting the best deal on your energy, including having these discounts applied, and claiming back over-payments, you can get in touch with the NCVO preferred energy broker LSI at 0800 019 9595 or salessupport@lsiutilitybroker.co.uk.



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VANL AGM and Conference 2014

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire, to be held from 11am on Thursday, 2 October 2014, at Heslam Park Rugby Club, Ashby Road, Scunthorpe.

Only members of Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire will be able to vote in the AGM, but the Conference following the business meeting is open to all.

In this issue:

AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening remarks of the Presiding Chair
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the AGM held on 10 October 2013
4. Presentation and Adoption of the Annual Review 2013
5. Presentation, Discussion and Adoption of the Audited Accounts
6. Appointment of Auditors for the financial year ending 31/03/15
7. Declaration of nominations to the Trustee Board

11.30 Presentation of Awards:

Ian McPherson Award for Exceptional contribution to Community and Presentation

Supporting Volunteers Awards
Business Exceptional Community Contribution Award

11.45 End of business meeting

Lincolnshire Community Foundation

The Foundation has extended the deadline for receipt of applications to 1st October 2014, to enable groups to access up to £10,000 for their community project, although the average grant is in the region on £3,000. Comic Relief Funding is for the whole of Lincolnshire (including North and North East) and locally based not for profit groups or organisations can apply. Priority will be given to applications that provide clear evidence of need and a long term impact on people's lives who are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender.

25% of the annual allocation needs to be spent on projects that increase access to sport and exercise. The rest can be spent on schemes that increase local services, build skills of local people, increase community cohesion and/or respond to local economic needs. This work can cover a small geographical area such as a housing estate or village, but we will also consider work covering a slightly larger area such as a town or borough, where there is evidence of community involvement. A grant can only be awarded where the amount applied for is at least 30% of the project costs.

What will we fund? Community sport activities (cricket, bowls, hockey, tennis, basketball etc), furniture recycling projects, food banks, projects combating fuel poverty, coaching fees, volunteer training costs. We cannot support trips abroad, purchasing minibuses, building costs and access adaptations to buildings. If you have an idea, but would like a chat before applying please contact Sue Fortune on 01529 305825 Or download full details from the Grant page at lincolnshirecf.co.uk

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.

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

Funding

To commemorate their milestone anniversary, The Yorkshire Building Society is inviting UK registered charities to apply for one of 15 donations of £10,000 to fund projects that will make a lasting difference to their communities.

Charities that can provide a tangible benefit to people within their local area are invited to apply for the Lasting Legacy Fund, and charities must fit within one of the following sectors: Children, elderly, disabilities, general public

The deadline for applications is 5th September 2014. To apply [click here](#)

Top tips for newcomers to England Big Advice

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by [Big Lottery Fund](#)

Karen Addison from the Big Advice team shares her top tips for getting started on your search for funding...

I haven't done this before, how do I get started?

This is one of our most popular questions! The best place to start is our web-site www.biglotteryfund.org.uk The **funding finder** will identify the most appropriate grant for your group and provide an application form with guidance, to get you started.

We are not a charity does that mean we can't apply for lottery funding?

You don't have to be a registered charity to apply for funding. You do need to be set up as an organisation with social aims before you can apply. All your group needs is a committee (with at least three unrelated people), a gov-

erning document (such as a constitution), and a bank account (with two unrelated people who can sign for it).

I don't know where to start! Which funding programme is the one for us?

If you have a project idea, the first question to consider is will it cost under or over £10,000? There are two ongoing funding streams that are open with no closing date:

Awards for All England offers small grants of between £300 and £10,000 www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/awards-for-all-england

Reaching Communities England offers larger grants to projects costing over £10,000. If you need funding for land or buildings projects costing over £100,000 look at the **Reaching Communities buildings strand** www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/reaching-communities-england

What are outcomes?

Outcomes are how we need you to describe the changes that your project can make to the lives of the people who use it. Outcomes are not the activities or services that your project provides. You will need to use outcomes to tell us about the impact you will make with the funding if you are awarded it.

Is there any other help available?

The website and our online resources can help you understand the funding process and how to apply to it. Split into easy to access links they can help you plan a successful project and create a stronger application www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/funding-guidance/applying-for-funding

Conference – Local Enterprise Partnerships and European Funds – an Opportunity for the Voluntary Sector?

Those of you who attended our Summit last year 'Surviving and Thriving' will remember that the keynote speaker Kevin Curly OBE talked about LEPS being an important part of the future landscape for voluntary and community organisations. Therefore VANL brings you a mini-conference exploring how we can support the North Lincolnshire Voluntary Sector to engage with both the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the Humber LEP which include North Lincolnshire in their investment plans.

8. Café INDIEpendent

Café INDIEpendent is a Social Enterprise being developed by VANL; supporting the employability of young people and creating an attraction for the area; contributing to the economic and environmental improvement of Scunthorpe Town Centre.

9. What the LEP means to the Voluntary and Community Sector - Claire Watts - East Riding of Yorkshire Council

10. Greater Lincolnshire LEP and the Lincolnshire Voluntary Sector Consortium - Involving Lincs Ben Barley Lincoln Voluntary Centre Services.

Ben will describe how the Involving Lincs has forged a positive relationship with the Greater Lincolnshire LEP.

11. Skills – speaker tbc

12. Big Lottery and the European Social Fund – Rachel Stephens

Rachel will talk about the Big Lottery's role in co-financing the European Social Fund (ESF) for relevant activities within the 'Promoting Social Inclusion and Combating Poverty' part of ESF, working with both Greater Lincolnshire and Humber LEPS and the Big Lottery funded 'Building Better Outcomes' initiative which will help the VCS prepare for the main programme.

13. Summing up and What Next?

14. Lunch and networking.

Attention all VANL members!

Do you have someone in your organisation who makes a difference to people's lives and who inspires and encourages others to make a contribution to volunteering? Someone who is committed and dedicated and puts in work over and above the norm?

Then why not nominate this person for the **Ian McPherson Award for Outstanding Contribution for Community Volunteering?**

It is important for volunteers to have their efforts recognised so this award has been developed to highlight the excellent work, commitment, and dedication of volunteers in our communities. This is a chance for individuals and the organisations they represent to receive recognition for the difference they make to people's lives and to inspire and encourage others to make a contribution to volunteering. The recipient must be a person nominated from a member VANL organisation.

The Ian McPherson Award was created in memory of Ian himself, who made an outstanding contribution to the community, part of which was his tireless work for VANL and its projects, including Who Cares and the Community Pot.

You can download a nomination form [here](#), or just contact [the office](#) to have one sent out to you.

The closing date is 15th September 2014.

Cafe INDIEpendent

The hottest place to be in North Lincolnshire is not only a top venue for the local music scene. Cafe INDIEpendent certainly does host some acts who are famous or becoming so, but it also hosts art events including exhibitions, sells artworks and puts on workshops to start more artists on their way.

A summer fete was held on the 3rd August, with the Cafe Indie touch – items were recycled – wax from candle stubs made new candles, books were swapped, bottles (full, not empty!), plants and seeds for gardeners were exchanged together with outgrown children's shoes. An eclectic mix, if ever there was one!

The reason is that Cafe INDIEpendent develops young people and to keep the world the way they would like it to be, they are very hot on recycling. They recycle things in amazing ways, and they have links with other organisations who do even more of it. What would you do with the insides of a defunct washing machine? Ask Cafe Indie – they will know a man with lots of ideas!

The cafe has recently been awarded its 'Score on the Door' of 4 stars, and should be in line for some serious foodie attention before long. Locally-sourced ingredients are magically transformed into food that's worthy of London cafes. The coffee is one of the best brews in Scunthorpe, and it's all served to music! The staff are all young people but this is a place for everyone to share and it attracts all ages – which is brilliant! There's no 'them' and 'us' – everybody is a Cafe Indie person!

So if you haven't tried it – it's open 10 – 8pm, with the music getting louder in the evenings. Go on – try it! You know you want to!!

Learning for Change - Work Based Learning

Learning for Change is a Big Lottery funded project delivered by Voluntary Action North Lincs. The project provides a personal and flexible route to learning for people in recovery. On offer are a variety of learning opportunities, ranging from individual coaching and mentoring to accredited training leading to nationally recognised qualifications.

In a new development, the Learning for Change team are in the process of establishing Work Based Learning opportunities. New team member, Kevin Pearson, is working with local businesses to establish short placements in work settings as part of the Learning for Change package. New to Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire, Kevin comes from a background of almost 30 years working in various social care services and has worked extensively on arts based community projects.

Small and medium sized businesses are typically well rooted in their local communities and have a lot to offer individuals committed to improving their skills, knowledge and well being. If you represent a local business and feel able to support a placement, or you would like to discuss the project further, please contact: kevin.pearson@vanl.org.uk or 01724 845155

Winterton celebrates Older Persons' Week

Congratulations to Winterton, who have taken the celebrations for the International Older Persons Day on Wednesday 1st October, and mounted a week of celebrations!

Winterton Seniors Forum, with the support of North Lincolnshire Council have arranged a series of events in the town aimed at older people, from Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October. The events range from Dancing for Older People on Tuesday 30th Sept and Thursday 2nd Oct (Old School Hall), through New Age Kurling and Boccia (Wednesday 1st, Winterton Community Pavilion) to a Seniors Lunch at the Chapel on Wednesday and Bingo at Winterton Community Pavilion on Thursday. For those wanting to stretch the little grey cells, there are opportunities to find out more about Advanced Flower Arranging (Chapel on Monday 29th Sept) or How to Use a Computer - An Introduction on Thursday at the Library.

The week culminates in an Information and Testing event on Friday 3rd where you can find out about tax and money and get your electric blanket tested ready for the winter. There will also be lots of stands at the Friday event, with information about their work and how they can help.

All the events are free and the organisers welcome any other local groups or organisations interested in taking part and supporting the Older Persons Week. Please contact the Event Organiser, Jim Harding, Chairman, Winterton Senior Citizens Forum (01724 357291) or [email him here](#).