



Northern Lincolnshire Compact Funding and Procurement Code of Good Practice—Consultation Document

What are we consulting on?

We are consulting on the new draft Funding and Procurement Code of Good Practice, which will operate jointly across North and North East Lincolnshire.

Why are we consulting on this Code of Good Practice?

We are consulting on this draft to put in place a Funding and Procurement Compact Code of Good Practice for North and North East Lincolnshire. This will establish a protocol, or set of rules for joint working between public and voluntary/community sector organisations. The draft code has been drawn up by the Compact Team based at Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire (VANEL) in consultation with Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (VANL) and the Procurement Alliance for North and North East Lincolnshire (PANNEL). After consultation, the final version of the code will be signed in March 2009.

What is Procurement?

Procurement is defined as being the acquisition of goods and services from third party suppliers under legally binding contractual terms where all the conditions necessary to form a legally binding contract have been met.

What is Commissioning?

Commissioning means securing the services that most appropriately address the needs and wishes of the individual service user, making use of market intelligence and research, and planning accordingly.

What is Grant Funding?

Voluntary and Community Sector organisations may receive grants from a variety of sources, including Government departments and other public bodies, to enable them to carry out their work. The grants may be general grants, to assist with the expenses of developing and running a voluntary and community sector organisation (often called a “grant in aid”) or specific grants to enable it to carry out a particular project or service.

Who will we be consulting with?

We will be consulting with the following groups:-

- Local voluntary and community organisations, TSOs.
- Local public bodies (especially North and North East Lincolnshire Council departments, Primary Care Trusts and Humberside Police).
- Local Strategic Partnerships and other partnership bodies.
- All others who have an interest in the voluntary and community sector.

What can you do to help this process?

- Voluntary and Community Sector organisations can also involve their trustees or committee members.
- You can also put this consultation draft on your own website!
- Display copies, discuss at events, networks and meetings - feed back to the Compact Team!

Let Us Know!

- Is the Funding and Procurement Compact Code of Good Practice easy to understand?
- Is there anything you would like to see included in the Code of Good Practice?
- Are you willing to sign up to it?

How to get further copies

- Download a copy of the draft and consultation document from the compact page on the VANEL hub website: www.vanelhub.org.uk/compact

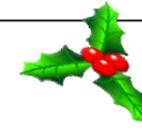
Ways to respond to this consultation

- Download the short questionnaire along with your comments via e-mail to compact@vanel.org.uk. You can also e-mail your responses to either Geraldine Miller, Voluntary Sector Relationships Manager at geraldine.miller@northlincs.gov.uk or Lisa Driscoll at lisa.driscoll@northlincs.gov.uk.
- A summary of the consultation responses will be published on the VANEL hub website www.vanelhub.org.uk/compact, the VANL website www.vanl.org and the North Lincolnshire Council website, www.northlincs.gov.uk.

The deadline for responses on the draft Funding and Procurement Code of Good Practice is **27th January 2009**.



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VANL NEWS

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We're all Moving!!

At long last Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire will be relocating. We have found new premises - 4—6 Robert Street, just around the corner.

“The Big Move” at Scunthorpe will take place during week commencing 8th to 12th December. There could be possible office closure—please ring before you make a journey into town. During that week there will be no office services available for obvious reasons. The telephone changeover will be on Monday 15th, so please be patient with us, but don't leave it too long before you call in to see us.

The Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire office in Barton will move to the Wilderspin National School, Queen Street, Barton in the near future. At the moment we are waiting for the builders to finish work and formally hand over the building, though the actual move may be delayed until January. We will have to play it by ear, so please phone before visiting to check where to go.



On Behalf of all the Staff and the Board Members of Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire, Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year to you all!!

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Hello, my name is Nicky! I am a member of the North Lincolnshire Youth Action Team (that's us in the photo!). As part of v we try to encourage more young people to volunteer. We are planning to launch this programme to people our own age in January 2009 by organising an event at the Plowright Theatre. We hope this will encourage many young people to take on the self satisfying role of volunteering.



Volunteering actually gives young people something to do with their time, it's a giggle and you get to meet new people. If you want to know more about the programme you can email the Youth Action Team at vinvolved@hotmail.com or call in at the vinvolved office at Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire.



is the national youth volunteering programme for young people age 16 – 25 years. The **vinvolved team** is part of VANL's Volunteer Centre, and is there to help young people find volunteer opportunities that really interest them. Volunteering can be great fun **and** you can make a real difference to your life and that of others.



Ever fancied organising a fashion show or a football tournament to raise money for a local charity? What about a sponsored bike ride, or listening to children read in your local library. Do you care about the environment? There are loads of conservation activities going on in North Lincolnshire....

**LET THIS BE YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION –
be a v volunteer in North Lincolnshire!
Contact Jacky or David on 01724 845155 to find out how.**



**CELEBRATE SAFELY THIS CHRISTMAS!!!
FESTIVE FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM
HUMBERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Christmas dinner, wrapping presents and decorating the house – there's lots to think about this Christmas. But one thing Humberside Fire and Rescue Service are urging North Lincolnshire residents to put top of their Christmas lists this year is fire safety. Government figures reveal that in December, 25 people a day are either killed or injured in accidental house fires in England. Although fire safety is important at every time of year, the extra distractions of Christmas make it especially important to be vigilant during the festive season.

Nick Tharratt says: "Christmas is a time for having fun with family and friends, however it is also a time when extra fire hazards are introduced to the home such as fairy lights, candles and decorations. We are urging you to think about fire safety ahead of the Christmas period, ensure you buy British Standard fairy lights, place candles in holders and away from curtains, and never leave cooking unattended. Following simple guides will make sure everyone is safe to enjoy the festivities."

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service are able to visit homes and carry out free **Home Fire Safety Checks** and smoke alarm fitting to help keep you safe from fire. We also offer **Home Fire Safety Workshops** to groups and organisations. For more information on fire safety in the home, or Home Fire Safety Checks, go to www.direct.gov.uk/firekills or contact Humberside Fire and Rescue Service on 01724 295935 or nlincscomm-safety@humbersidefire.gov.uk (do not call 999).

Christmas Factsheet

Most fires start in the kitchen so it's important to never leave cooking unattended. Make sure you turn off your oven and stove when you have finished preparing the meal.

With so much going on, it's easy to miss some common risks. Make sure children aren't in the kitchen when you're cooking and ensure that matches and lighters are out of reach.

Keep decorations, cards and wrapping paper away from candles, fires, lights and heaters. Never leave candles unattended and take extra care when drinking alcohol.

Ensure you switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed, or leave the house. Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard (BS EN 60598).

Always use an RCD on outdoor electrical equipment (a safety device that can save lives by instantly switching off the power if there is a fault).

Don't overload sockets – ensure only one plug per socket. Make sure plugs are turned off when they are not in use.

Make sure cigarettes are extinguished properly and never smoke in bed.

Take time to check on older relatives and neighbours this Christmas, as they are at greater risk from fire.

And finally ...ensure you have a working smoke alarm installed on all levels of your home. Check batteries on a weekly basis and ensure you don't remove them to power presents!



In the event of a fire, Get out, Stay out, and Call 999.

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service are able to come to your home and carry out a **home fire safety check** and smoke alarm fitting to help you keep your family safe throughout the year. We also offer **Home Fire Safety Workshops** to groups and organisations

For more information on fire safety in the home, or to book a home fire risk check, go to www.direct.gov.uk/firekills, or contact Humberside Fire and Rescue Service on 01724 295935 or nlincscomm-safety@humbersidefire.gov.uk (do not call 999).



North Lincolnshire Leisure and Culture Awards 2009

North Lincolnshire Council is inviting residents to vote for individuals and community groups that they feel deserve an award for their work in the world of sports, arts and heritage.

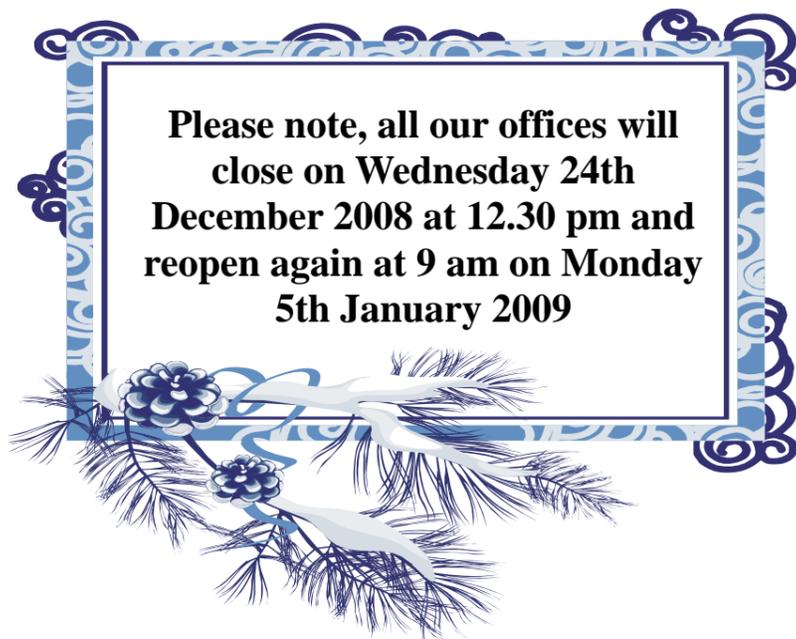
The North Lincolnshire Leisure and Culture Awards take place every year to recognise and reward the outstanding achievements that people and groups have made in sports, arts and heritage.

Nominations for the 2009 awards are now being taken. The awards are given in a number of areas including Young Boy and Young Girl Sports Achiever of the Year, Coach of the Year, Community Building of the year, Young Arts/ Heritage Achiever of the year and Art workshop leader of the year. A list of all the award categories the criteria and nomination forms are available at www.lincs2leisure.co.uk

Alternatively you can contact Marie Bailey, Sport, Play and Community Development Officer for an application form, please telephone her on 01724 297181 or email marie.bailey@northlincs.gov.uk

Winners will receive the red carpet treatment at Ancholme Leisure Centre on Thursday 12th March where they will be presented with their award. All guests will be specially invited to attend.

Please note, all our offices will close on Wednesday 24th December 2008 at 12.30 pm and reopen again at 9 am on Monday 5th January 2009



Introducing Penny and Ben

Penny Oliver is our new part time worker in the volunteer centre. She is passionate about people and volunteering and you may have spoken to her already. You can contact her on Penny.Oliver@vanl.org.uk

Ben Hodge is the Pre-16 Youth Volunteer Advisor and safeguarding Worker. Contact Ben on Ben.Hodge@vanl.org.uk

Training Update: As we near the end of 2008 it seems a good time to briefly reflect back on training that has been provided by VANL as well as looking to the future.

This year we have provided more courses and these have been organised on an ever widening variety of topics; some of which have been repeated due to the increase in demand, especially First Aid and Food Hygiene. We have listened to what our learners have said on evaluation forms and tried to reflect those comments in the topics we have offered. Next year we will be continuing in a similar vein with a focus on being able to offer a wider selection of accredited training, which will benefit our learners who choose recognition for their efforts.

For some groups of learners, training is particularly important, especially for those hard to reach groups of potential volunteers who can find it hard to find a placement. Volunteering can act as a bridge across these barriers and at the same time enables volunteer groups to improve their services by giving everyone a fair chance to contribute. Attending short 'bite size' sessions can help build up confidence and self esteem, enabling people to progress onto longer courses.

If you have any ideas on topics you would like to see on the Training Diary, please do let us know. Either call me on 01724 845155 or email

janrilatt@vanl.org.uk

The Benefits of volunteering for under-served groups

Volunteering can provide many benefits for people from hard to reach groups, namely social contact, confidence, purpose, trust, identity, belonging, the list is endless but generally volunteering can reduce isolation, build self confidence and increase social skills to increase opportunity for future employment. One such example of this has been evident within the allotment and gardening projects.

Earlier this year an opportunity arose for some of the members of **fresh steps** service user group to team up with **fresh start** and develop a disused garden at Brigg carer resource centre. The allotment and gardening has provided a break from the cycle of everyday life and acts as a positive intervention. Training such as first aid and health and safety has been provided through VANL, with a view to extending this to OCN standard in the coming year. The project is intended to run through 2009.

Info finder...

The Volunteer England Website (www.volunteering.org.uk) has a wealth of information available to volunteers, people interested in volunteering, and organisations that currently are, or are interested in recruiting and supporting volunteers. You can download free information sheets on a wide range of topics, find out more about Employer Supported Volunteering or Volunteer Management training programmes.

Involved in Volunteer Management?

Two useful sources of information are www.ukworkforcehub.org.uk and www.voluntaryskills.com



Over to You ! Your Space

We want to hear from you.....

Do you have something to say or share about your experiences as a volunteer? Good, bad or annoying!

It would be great to develop a regular space purely for volunteers to share their views. I hope in the near future volunteer news will be volunteer led. I can say this is partly the case due to my own volunteering so on that basis I will share a festive memory to get us going! In the Christmas of 2004 my daughter guessed the weight of a huge Christmas cake at a local school fayre. I was horror struck when I got the call informing me of this as I didn't know how to get it home needless to say a friend turned up with a car and the cake filled most of the back seat! Due to my volunteering I was aware of local Forge project where we promptly delivered it (phew) for their festive celebrations...

Cades Level 1 Drugs Awareness Training March 2009

On the 2nd of March 2009 VANL are providing the above training. If you are interested please contact Jan Rilatt on 01724 845155

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF TRAINING

AIM

To raise awareness on drug related issues

OBJECTIVES

To increase basic knowledge of drugs and their effects

Raise awareness of drugs in relation to the law

Explore attitudes to drugs and drug use

Raise awareness about local and national trends and support agencies

To work with local professionals from a variety of agencies

Staff and Communications

Senior Volunteering Development Worker:
Volunteer Centre Administrator:
Youth Volunteering Development Manager:
Youth Volunteering Advisor:
Pre-16 Youth Volunteer Advisor and Safeguarding Worker:
Training Co-ordinator
Volunteer Administrator

Trudy Norris
Penny Oliver
Jacky Birkett
David Plumtree
Ben Hodge
Jan Rilatt
Helen Ellerby

We can all be contacted on the VANL contact numbers (page 1)

Targets and Evidence – like most projects the VC has targets relating to evidence of volunteering in North Lincolnshire. If these targets are reached the result is up to £350,000 from central government coming back into North Lincolnshire. We would like to say a big THANKYOU to all individuals and organisations that have forwarded us evidence of volunteering I would also like to say please KEEP IT UP! This evidence is also important for a. the volunteer as evidence for the hours they have done for a potential employer b. The organisation who can use this valuable information when putting in a funding bid.



September Community Pot

Keadby Junior Drop In Centre – Purchase various play equipment, £971.14 – Safer Neighbourhoods

Magic Moments – Funding towards a Family Links nurturing Programme - £2,556.25 – Safer Neighbourhoods Training

Cloverleaf Academy – Staff costs & uniforms for buffet preparation, café equipment & printing of menus— £2,000 Grassroots

Bemsports – Hold various events, venue hire, purchase equipment, admin & publicity, cookery sessions & refreshments—£4,575—Grassroots

Hibaldstow Newage Kurling Club – Purchase Kurling equipment £861.86—Grassroots

Scunthorpe Centurian Sporting Club – Hire of sports hall, ABA assistant coaching course £1,741.20—Grassroots

Northlincs Envirocraft – Vehicle hire, installation of phone. monthly charge & property rental £4,660—Grassroots

North Lincolnshire & Humberside Sailing Club – Purchase windsurfing rigs, Instructor training/equipment & beach £4,960—Grassroots

October Community Pot

Belton Bowls Club – Purchase of a F25 Sprayer £593.96 – Aid to Communities

Crosby & District Out of School Club – Early years 1st Aid training & Food Safety Level 2 training £505.20 – Safer Neighbourhoods - Training

Sounds Right – Purchase tutor teaching/learning aids, variety of CD'S/DVD;S set of 10 sign language dictionary reference books & 2 x screens . £891.14 – Safer Neighbourhoods Training

Messingham Memorial Playing Fields Association – Purchase of Security system £2,000 – Safer Neighbourhoods

Brigg Singers – Hire of hall & insurance for keyboard £1496.97 – Safer Neighbourhoods

William Stevenson Memorial Hall – Contribution towards decoration of main hall and entrance approved – £1,000—Grassroots

Park Tigers J.F.C – Contribution towards football clothing £1,000—Grassroots

Article Magazine – Support worker, travel costs, stationery & admin costs £2,350—Grassroots

Cruse Bereavement Care – Hire of office accommodation & purchase various office equipment – £3,200 – Grassroots

Isle of Axholme Physically Handicapped Society – Funding towards transport costs £1,400 Grassroots

Kay Traviss Youth Dance Group – Contribution towards July 2009 theatre performance – £2,000 Grassroots

West Butterwick Village Hall – Purchase PA System & refurbishment of chairs Grassroots - refurbishment of chairs - £874.80 Aid to Communities – PA System - £1,421.75

Perry's Bowls Club – Purchase standard toilet & connection fee for disabled toilet Grassroots - £3,000 Aid to Communities - £2,000

November Community Pot

Brigg Singers Hall rental & insurance £1496.97 Grassroots

Friends of Worlaby School Reading scheme £1000.00 – Grassroots

Crowle Colts Football Club Junior Football kit Safer Neighbourhoods - £386.00

Westcliff Drop-In – Training costs Safer Neighbourhoods Training - £1250.00

Scunthorpe Sea Cadets - Smart Board & training equipment—£3,000.00—Grassroots

Coronation Hall Owston Ferry—Decoration £2000.00—Grassroots

Barton Photographic Group—Digital photographic equipment— £1582.24—Grassroots

Brigg Bowling Club - Aid to Communities—£2250.00—Grassroots

St Oswalds Church Althorpe PCC—Refurbishment £2500.00—Grassroots

Friends of the Barton Line - Computer Equipment £942.00—Grassroots

Royal Engineer Association - Transport Costs—£500.00—Grassroots



Children’s Workforce Development Council Funding. (CWDC)

Voluntary Action has received further funding from CWDC to help groups that work with children and young people to learn more about how they can ensure that the work they deliver is in line with national quality standards.

In October we held a successful joint event with the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board where many groups accessed “NSPCC Safe Communities tool kits”

To support groups in looking at their Safeguarding policies and practice, Ben Hodge has been funded by the CWDC to work 10hours per week .

Ben can be contacted at VANL his email is ben.hodge@vanl.org.uk

We also held a joint event with East Riding Council for Voluntary Youth Service (ERCVYS) that was for Foster Carers, as CWDC have drawn up a set of Common Standards for foster carers, which will hopefully ensure that all those people who generously accept foster children into their homes are equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge and support to enable them to nurture the children and young people that they care for. Foster Carers and workers from across the Humber attended, good ideas were shared, and joint working partnerships have been established.

In January there is an event to look at the Common Core of skills and knowledge that those who work with Children and young people need.

These include the **importance of effective communication and engagement with children, their families and carers.** As children don’t exist in isolation.

Child and youth development, which helps workers to ensure that provision is age appropriate, and supports growth.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the child, ensuring that workers know what best practice is, and are aware of preventative work, recording, and referral pathways.

Supporting transitions, as we are often well placed to inform and support children and young people through inter-school transitions, family change, area moves etc.

Multi-agency working To fully meet the needs of children and young people agencies and professionals should work together. Workers need to know what other peoples remit is, and how they can work to meet shared goals.

Sharing information. Workers in different agencies can work together and share information at appropriate levels. Workers need to understand and respect issues and legislation surrounding information controls and Confidentiality. Policies and procedures need to be in place.

Hi everyone

The work on the Resource Centre in Crowle should now be complete.

It will now be known as Crowle Community Hub.

It now houses the Local Link and the Library.

Opening hours are the original Library hours, Monday 2pm-7pm Tuesday closed Wednesday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm Thursday closed Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm Saturday 10am - 12noon

I will be there on Fridays 10am to 12noon.

The telephone number is 01724 296850

Elizabeth (elizabeth.jackson@vanl.org.uk)



On the first day of Christmas VANL gave to mea volunteering opportunity

Substance Misuse/ Drug Intervention Programme

A number of opportunities are available locally working with the drug intervention team. You will be working with vulnerable adults in the Scunthorpe area.

- Outreach worker
- Befriender

The roles involves working closely with DIP workers engaging with, and enabling clients to access services.

Health and wellbeing

The Alzheimers Society

Are in the early stages of setting up a be-friending project in North Lincolnshire for individuals with memory problems or a form of Alzheimers disease itself.

This project will go forwards in 2009. If you are interested in t a volunteer role as a trained befriender for someone with early stages of the disease.

Debt Support /Welfare Advice /Managing Finances

Crosby Community Association are in need of volunteers to train as welfare advisors.

Scunthorpe Credit Union—Volunteer Opportunities exist within the credit union

Administration & Finance

Time For Action

A local group that urgently require volunteer support to help with planning agendas and taking minutes of meetings. Meetings take place on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Expenses are re imbursed.

Do you have finance and administrative skills but need more experience to get that job?

Get in touch for an update on current opportunities.

Virtual Volunteering

Are you an ebay king or queen? Lindsey Lodge Hospice are looking for people who can manage their ebay site from home. Interested? Ring us at the VC on 01724 845155

Environmental

There are a huge range of volunteering opportunities for those of you interested in wildlife and the environment, horticulture or gardening. These opportunities are available throughout North Lincolnshire. If you would like to plant reed beds, maintain hedges, or find out more about your options please get in touch.

Leisure

Are you a keen swimmer and enjoy helping others learn? As a volunteer you can help individuals with disabilities learn to swim, full training given.

Christmas cheer?

Qu. What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Ans. Snowflakes!

Qu. What do you get if you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Ans. Frostbite

Current Volunteering Opportunities...
(We have many, many more opportunities at the Volunteer Centre)
Please contact the Volunteer Centre Team if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

Training Diary.....



December				Cost
1 st	09.30 – 12.30	Committee Skills Trudy Norris	The House, Brumby Wood Lane, Scunthorpe	2
9 th	09.30 – 16.30	Food Hygiene Barry Cooper	Winterton Rangers Winterton	3
2009				
January				
22 nd	09.30 – 12.30	Increase your job prospects Job applications, CVs, Interview skills etc Jan Rilatt & Ruth Henderson	Visual Arts Centre Scunthorpe	1
30 th	09.30 – 16.30	HSE First Aid Sarah Gilbert	The House Brumby Wood Lane, Scunthorpe	3
February				
4 th	09.30 – 16.30	CIEH Health & Safety in the Workplace Barry Cooper	Scunthorpe Baptist Church Ashby Road, Scunthorpe	3
6 th	09.30 - 12.30	Introduction to Diversity Becky Bones	Crosby Community Association Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe	1
17 th	13.00 – 16.00	Introduction to Volunteering Jan Rilatt	Scunthorpe Baptist Church Ashby Road, Scunthorpe	1
March				
2 nd	09.30 – 4.30	Drugs Awareness Stewart Atkinson & Mandy Hodgson	Partnership House, Shelford Street Scunthorpe	1
17 th	09.30 – 12.30	'That's Not What I Meant' (Interpersonal communication skills) Jan Rilatt	The House Brumby Wood Lane, Scunthorpe	1
30 th	10.00 – 13.00	Support & Supervision Jan Rilatt	Visual Arts Centre Scunthorpe	2

There are now various options available for Safeguarding Children training. Please contact Ben Hodge at VANL for more advice and information. There is also a range of training opportunities available provided by North Lincs Council Local Safeguarding Children Board. See: <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk> Click on Social Care → Local Safeguarding Children Board → Training

COURSES ARE LIKELY TO BE CANCELLED ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT IF THERE ARE INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS REGISTERED, SO PLEASE ENSURE YOU BOOK ONTO THEM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Course costs

- Free to VANL registered Volunteers. **Please note that this course is subject to a £5 refundable deposit on a) completion of the course or b) if you advise us of non-attendance prior to the event.**
- £10.00 per candidate for Voluntary or Community Group Member, £25.00 per candidate for business or out of the area
- £20.00 per candidate for Voluntary or Community Group Member, £35.00 per candidate for business or out of the area

If you have a particular training need that is not catered for in our Training Programme – then please do not hesitate to contact us and we will try to accommodate your requirements if demand is sufficient.

Vanl News cont



The centre is aimed at those between the ages of 12 and 16 and secretary Yvonne Holmes hopes the facility can attract younger children—if more volunteers offer their services.

“This keeps the kids busy and we are grateful to youth services who are bringing in helpers to do sports with them,” she explained.

“It’s helping the youngsters and they seem a lot happier, it’s a lovely atmosphere here and everyone really enjoyed the event but we would like more helpers if possible.”

Also present at the opening were project volunteers, local councillors and Axholme North neighbourhood officer, PC Graham Godley, as well as Police Community Support Officers.

Sessions take place every Monday between 7 pm and 9 pm, for more information or to help out as a volunteer, contact Mrs Holmes on 01724 782027



GREAT PRINTERS UP FOR GRABS

IJT have been giving away free printers to organisations for over 8 years. It's a great way of introducing them to recycled cartridges that can help cut their printing budget by up to 80%. At present we have 4 printers of varying criteria, I'm sure that you'd be able to find one that matches your requirements:

HP Officejet K5400N

Network and USB, Colour inkjet printer
Speed: up to 35 pages a minute
Cartridge capacity: 2,350 pages black and 1,200

Hewlett Packard Colour Laserjet 2600n

Colour laser printer, Network and USB
Speed: 8 pages a minute
Toner capacity: 2,000 pages

HP Laserjet P1005

Mono laser printer, USB
Speed: 14 pages a minute
Toner capacity: 1,500 pages

Hewlett Packard Colour Laserjet 3600N

Colour laser printer, Network and USB
Speed: 17 pages a minute
Toner capacity: 6,000 pages black 4,000 pages colour

To get your hands on one or more of these fabulous printers, please drop me an email and I'll explain the deal. I look forward to hearing from you—Tony Bristow, email printers@ijt.biz



**FREE FUNDING
ADVICE AND
SUPPORT—CREight**
(Creative Art in the Community)

CREight is a local Community Arts group providing regular Arts activities open to all. We meet every week in Scunthorpe; membership is £5 yearly and only £1.50 per session.

Our aim is to provide more community arts activities for North Lincolnshire and support local artists; we also help other groups apply for funding for creative projects.

This service is free, we can provide creative ideas; help with sourcing funding, filling in applications and support, advice and signposting when your project is up and running. In the past few months we have already secured over £10,000 worth of funding for local groups. So if you have an idea or think you are a group which could benefit from some creative input then get in touch with us.

For more information about this service please contact our co-ordinator Charlotte Carson for more information.

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We look forward to hearing from you!



ing if you can't make it yourself, and the distribution list is now over 100 on email alone, including the press, so if you have something interesting they may pick it up and publicise it further.

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st December, 12 noon till 2pm, at Belton Playing Field. Directions are from the motorway or A18 into Belton High Street, past the Londis Shop on the left, and immediately after there is a sign saying Playing Field. It is a small entrance on the left. (There is a Playing Field sign earlier but ignore that one.)

The Joseph J Magrath OBE Award for Public Voluntary Service 2008

Nominations are invited for this award, which can be submitted by either voluntary organisations or individuals.

The Silver Rose Bowl, which is held for one year, will be awarded to the person who, in the opinion of Brigg Town Council, has contributed most to the well being of the Town during 2008.

Service could be within a local organisation, to the old and infirm, to youth, to the cultural life of the community, within sport and leisure organisations, through courageous actions or actions which have increased the standing of the Town.

The Rose Bowl will be presented to the winner at the Annual Civic Charity Banquet to be held at the Kar Restaurant in Brigg on Thursday 5th March 2009.

Nominations close on Wednesday 7th January 2009. Forms from Mrs J M Woollard, Clerk to the Council, Brigg Town Council office, The Angel Suite, Exchange Place, Brigg. DN20 8LD / Tel: 01652 659402 or 01652 655117 / email: enquiries@briggmarkettown.co.uk

Parliamentary Outreach

Carol Thornton attended a Parliamentary Outreach workshop in York. Parliamentary Outreach is an initiative of Parliament, NOT the Government, and is not party-political. It aims to explain to the general public how Parliament works and how you can get involved and get your views across. I found the workshop very informative, and it provided some fascinating information. If there is enough interest, I will endeavour to get a workshop run in this area. Please contact me on 01652 633297 or by email if you would be interested in attending a workshop, or to ask for notes on the one I attended (already sent out by email). Future ones will probably be on subjects such as how to follow the journey of an issue you have raised with Parliament (and if necessary, how to speed it on its way!), or how to find out which MPs and which Lords are sympathetic to your issues. It's a good way to work towards getting Parliament to work for you, and best of all, these workshops are all FREE!

Drop-in Centre officially opens

Youngsters got a taste of exciting new facilities with the recent official opening of the Keadby 'drop-in' centre.



Keadby Church Hall is hosting the sessions which include a variety of youth-related activities such as table-tennis, pool, air hockey and table-top football

Support has been forthcoming from Keadby Parish Council, Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire and Community Champion Funds as well as assistance from local youth services and Humber-side Police.



The launch of Who Cares, the Local Involvement Network for North Lincolnshire, took place on Saturday 4th August at the Central Community Centre in Scunthorpe and received great public interest and participation. The following key activities were achieved:

The election of the Executive Group

The recruitment of over 100 new members

The constitution was formally adopted

Over 500 visitors had the opportunity to take part in focus groups and consultations and to learn more about the health and social care services that are available to them. Visitors were able to ask direct questions to the providers of health and social care services including chief executives, directors and senior managers of the local NHS Trusts and North Lincolnshire social services. Who Cares is particularly grateful to Ian Cawsey MP and Elliot Morley MP who both gave valuable support.

Who Cares is now ready to begin its core functions of ensuring that the views of local health and adult social care service users are taken into account in the provision and commissioning of health and adult social care services.

A new chair

The Executive Group of Who Cares have elected a Chair to act as a figurehead for the organisation and to preside over executive group meetings.

Roni Wilson was elected by members to take on this important role. Her main responsibilities include chairing executive group meetings; acting as the lead point of contact with external organisations and liaising with Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire who provide support and assistance for Who Cares

Roni brings many skills and abilities to the role developed through her extensive experience and in many ways she is an ideal person to take this

important role Roni says "Who Cares is an important group that can make a big difference to the lives of so many people. I am passionate about Who Cares and how it can improve health and social care services for local people."

It appears that in North Lincolnshire people commonly experience difficulties in making GP's appointments by telephone and are unable to make appointments more than three days in advance. In fact in these two areas alone GPs in North Lincolnshire are in the worst performing 20% nationally (figures from the healthcare commission 2008 survey of Primary care trusts).

Who Cares believes that people should be able to access GP services without such difficulties and intends to carry out more detailed local research with the aim of making recommendations to GPs and to the Primary Care Trust to improve access to GPs in a way that better meets the needs of local people.

Who Cares intends to obtain information about the difficulties that people experience in making appointments with GPs; the difficulties in getting making appointments by telephone and whether people believe there is a routine system of triage used by receptionists.

Who Cares needs volunteers to help conduct and contribute to the research. If you would like to help conduct the research or to suggest groups and individuals that we should be including please let us know.

A special meeting is being held at 11am on Friday 28th November at the Baptist Church on Ashby Road, Scunthorpe to discuss how Who Cares should approach these issues. All members are welcome to attend and to contribute.

To find out more about Who Cares please visit www.who-cares-online.org.uk or contact the coordinator, Greg Gough on 01724 845155 or by email at greg.gough@vanl.org.uk



Would you like to Comment on the Quality of VANL Services?

We are looking for 10 representatives of organisations who have used any of VANL services to take part in a group which will comment on the quality of those services.

This will only take around 2 hours of your time once a year for the next 3 years (starting in late January) and meetings will be held in a venue accessible to participants.

The purpose of this group is to judge how well VANL is delivering services to the voluntary sector and map from a user perspective how we improve as we start to implement the National Association for Voluntary Action Quality Award. So very important to us!

Any comments you make will not be attributed to you, so you can be totally honest.

If you would like to take part or would like more information, please give Carole or Barbara a call at the Scunthorpe office—01724 845155.

Wilderspin National School

The Wilderspin National School (formerly known as Queen Street School), is being restored and will soon be opening as a museum and community facility in the centre of Barton. Samuel Wilderspin was a Victorian educational pioneer who introduced the concept of learning through play and who personally designed the Barton school and its playground (schools at that time did not have playgrounds, and this was a pioneering design). The schoolroom he designed and the playground are being restored so that you can see how his education systems worked.

At the time of writing, the building work is still in progress. The Annexe is complete and ready to

let as two prime town centre office spaces with dedicated car parking, as soon as the School is handed over (hopefully before the end of November 2008).

A one-day Community Opening on Saturday 29th November, coinciding with the Barton Christmas Festival, will give the townspeople an opportunity to see how wonderful the restoration works now are and encourage visiting when the historical interpretation, shop and “Staffroom Café” are installed and the Wilderspin National School opens for business proper in early 2009. The Community Opening coincides with the 30 year anniversary of the date when the School closed in 1978 and staff and pupils began a new era in their newly built St Peter’s Church of England School in Barton.

The WNS will operate free admissions to the public, although school parties will pay for their sessions, beginning with two school curriculum topics: “Victorians” and “WWII”. The Victorian Experience is being transferred from Normanby Hall through North Lincs Council.

Volunteering will play a large part in the operation of WNS and the Trust has been fortunate to recruit lead volunteers (called “Prefects”!). Recruitment began in earnest with a VANL-assisted “Volunteer Day” held on 8th October in the Assembly Rooms. Trudy Norris from VANL came along for the morning and Jacky Birkett stayed for the afternoon. The event proved very successful and much further interest is being generated by the Trust and its ‘Friends’ organisation.

Interviews for volunteers are to commence in November, with the Prefects being involved in this process. There are many areas to cover with



front-of-house being the first tranche. Anyone can offer their time and be selected for / fitted into a role suited to their skills and needs. If WNS has a waiting list, then the VANL Volunteer Bureau will look for roles both in Barton and elsewhere to suit.

Winterton Disabled Club

This is an exciting time of year for Winterton Disabled Club.

We have been busy going to the Plowright Theatre to see a farce, "Home is where your clothes are", and we had a great time watching the Big Ballet with over 18 stone ballerinas. It was truly a fabulous show.

Recently we went to Grimsby Auditorium to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. We had to disappoint a few of our members as the seats on the minibus were limited. However the ones who missed out will be going to see The Mikado instead.

Our application to Sport Relief has been successful and we will be able to start New Age Kurling sessions very soon.

Some of our members are looking forward to the short break in November to St Anne’s on Sea for Turkey and Tinsel. Then it will soon be time for our own Christmas celebrations with a splendid lunch at Winterton Rangers and a visit to Grimsby Auditorium for the panto.

Winterton Improvement Network

We have a bumper issue for Out’n’About in Winterton, Winter 2008 Newsletter (20 pages). Winterton Town Council is joining us with their news and the centre pages of our Newsletter will be the Council pages. Out’n’About in Winterton goes out quarterly, and the next issue will be in February/March 2009.

Brigg Churches Together

On 19th December, Brigg Open Air Nativity Play, which involves a cast of ‘hundreds’ from all the churches in the area, will take place in Brigg Market Place at 6pm. There will be real people enacting the story, real animals, and even a real baby to play the Baby Jesus! Come along and get a real feel for the Christmas story.

The churches at Kirton in Lindsey now work together to provide services for their community. The Wesley Centre at Kirton (which was the Methodist Church) is applying for funding to develop the building for community activities. A part-time fund-raiser is looking for money to get the project off the ground. The Anglican Church is now used by all 3 churches, and is now refurbished and is up and running again under the new name of the United Mission Church. This is a wonderful project which it is hoped will provide Kirton with the services it requires.

Community Interest Group

The Community Interest Group meets monthly and meetings rotate around the rural areas of North Lincolnshire. It is an opportunity to meet other people working in the voluntary and community sector, to pass on news about your project(s) and to ask for help with what you would like to do. We often have good discussions about subjects that have been raised, and when the meetings are over lunch we bring our lunch along and chat over sandwiches!

Meetings are all very informal, and everyone is welcome to come along, or, if you can’t make it, contact Carol Thornton (01652 633297) to be put on the mailing list. An email address is best, then you get additional mailshots as information comes in which won’t wait till next meeting, but we can post out minutes to you. Anyone can send in news which will be read out at the meet-