

VANL NEWS

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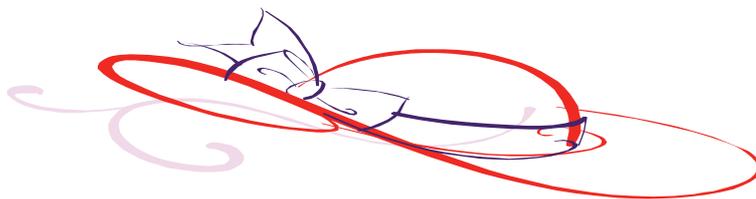
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Congratulations to Adele !

Adele Tasker, President of the Humberside Chinese Association, and member of the Board of Directors of VANL has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List, in recognition for her services to community relations in North Lincolnshire.

Adele has been a member of the Board of Directors at Voluntary Action since its inception in 1997 and previously was on the Board of Directors at Glanford CVS before its amalgamation with Scunthorpe.

Our sincere congratulations go to Adele for the acknowledgement for all her hard work - well deserved!! We can't wait to see the hat!



It's that time of year again—membership renewal!

Enclosed is a membership renewal form for your use—please return as soon as you can. The subscription remains the same as last year—£10.

New Youth Health + Well Being Development Project

Voluntary Action has been successful in attracting funding from the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership Board to develop a team of part time detached workers who will engage with young people in a variety of settings across North Lincolnshire.

The team will work with young people to increase access to health information and services. There are currently large gaps in service provision in many rural areas, as well as one or two urban areas, and the teams will engage with the young people there.

The long term aim is to reduce the number of sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies, but the whole project is about working in a holistic way with the young people. Many young people have low self esteem, and experience peer pressure, which often leads them into situations where they drink alcohol, smoke, take drugs, and engage in other risk taking behaviours.

This is a creative project that we hope will make a real difference to the lives of many young people.

VANL are pleased to welcome the following new members of staff who are looking forward to taking on this exciting new role:- Mandy Hodgson, Debby Moore, Liz Baxter, Debbie Thurston, Emma Frear and Katie Westfield.

Look out for more information about this on our website at www.vanl.org or contact the Voluntary Action office and speak to Alicia Laking.

PARKWOOD OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

The following information has come to our notice which we feel should be brought to your attention.

Families on benefits are to get lower gas and electricity bills under a tariff introduced by British Gas.

The company's Essentials Tariff will be available to customers who get disability living allowance, child tax credit, income support, working tax credit or housing benefit. British Gas says that the tariff will lower bills by 24.6% and help 750,000 people.

Paula Evans, Children in Scotland's policy officer, said: "This is a significant step that we hope will benefit the thousands of children and families living in fuel poverty".

Save the Children called on other gas and electric firms to follow suit. But Jason Streit, the charity's child poverty policy adviser, said the tariff should be extended to all families in poverty, including those who don't take up benefits, also get help.

If this does not affect you or your family, you may know someone who could benefit, so please pass it on.

ULCEBY VILLAGE HALL

Ulceby Village Hall Association, a registered charity, has had the very good fortune of securing and obtaining funding to develop their playing field and subsequent works to build changing room facilities. In so doing, it has meant that the two portacabins that have been in situ for approximately 4 or so years are now redundant and looking for a good home, with another community facility that could put them to good use.

The portacabins are free to a good home, although any donations are very welcome and will not be turned down as they can be put towards the continuing development of the sports facilities. Please be aware that any interested parties and potential new groups wanting these portacabins must arrange collection and siting.

For further help or information on this matter please contact Mrs S Hulatt on 01469 588671 or email Shirley@rhulatt.freeseerve.co.uk

ULCEBY COMMUNITY CAFÉ

We are pleased to report; Ulceby Community Café has now achieved charity status and was registered in January of this year. The café commenced operations in 2002 under the umbrella of Ulceby Village Hall and funded by the Lottery through the Healthy Living Project Barton. Three years ago, we were able to stand on our own feet and become self sufficient. After a slow start, our numbers started to increase by introducing snack food. The kitchen staff decided to try a hot meal

once a month, and this took off. We now have a hot meal once a fortnight and hot and cold snacks in between, together with, homemade cakes and sweets. Our membership now stands around fifty and we have between 40 and 45 regularly each week. The café has guest speakers once a month and bingo once a month. Health visitors visit 2 to 3 times a year. We were running chair exercises once a month but unfortunately lost our teacher, but we are in the process of replacing her.

Our volunteers are in the main, housewives with the addition of 3 male volunteers, one who is the pc teacher and another involved in the running and maintenance of the Computer Class. Our Computer Class has gone from strength to strength with at least eight regular pupils, and this has now branched into a further class. We are also lucky that we have four certified minibus drivers, who run transport door to door on a Friday (café days) and assisted shopping days once a month. Our volunteers have learnt a lot from Mandy Brooks, Development Worker, without whom we could not have managed. The training sessions and seminars, run by VANL and BDHLP have helped us tremendously, the café would therefore like to thank them for their help, financial and hands on, in making Ulceby Community Café a resounding success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the hard working volunteers, who arrive each Friday throughout the year, cheerful and without whom we would not have achieved this success.

R Plaxton, Chair

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (VANL) is proud to announce the launch of its new website at www.vanl.org.uk

The new site has a much greater capacity than the previous one and anyone wanting to know more about the work of Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire is welcome to browse the site. As time passes, more documents will be available on line from the site, and other services will become available.

"Member groups will be able to learn more about what we do so that they can take full advantage of what we offer" said Carol Thornton, Development Worker for VANL. "With such a wide range of services, it is difficult for anyone to remember everything that an organisation like ours can do, and a facility such as the new website will be invaluable for everyone to check up on our work."

The site features an Events page, which is being completed by staff. Services include the launch of the new Volunteer Centre, which will enable volunteers and opportunities for volunteering to be matched up; a Women's Group to build confidence among women who stay at home looking after the family; and the popular Community Interest Group, which circulates around Barton, Brigg and Winterton on a monthly basis.

Training courses (both VANL and from other agencies in the sector), job opportunities and news items from VANL will also

be available. Carole Phillips, Chief Executive of VANL said "I think this will be a really useful tool for our members and other people interested in the voluntary and community sector in North Lincolnshire. It will grow from strength to strength."

For further information contact Carol Thornton, 01652 633297 or Carole Phillips, 01724 845155

Winterton Disabled Club is organising a Charity Fair on Saturday 9th June 2007 at Winterton Methodist Chapel Hall from 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Organisations wanting to book a stall should contact 733441 or 732570. Cost of Stall - £4 for voluntary groups. Refreshments will be served by French maids!

The Scunthorpe and District Seniors Forum - are concerned with issues affecting older people. They make representations to organisation, health, welfare, police and many more to influence them to improve services. Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at the Foundation for Wellbeing, 10-12 Shelford Street, Scunthorpe, 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

For more information, or if you would like to join, please call 01724 344897

AGM

Scunthorpe Remedial Recreation Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 22nd March 2007 at 7 pm in the Central Community Centre, Lindum Street Scunthorpe

Foneaid - Free, easy and simple fundraiser for your organisation.

FoneAid is a fantastic fundraising initiative, which will help you raise money for anything that your voluntary organisation needs without costing you a penny.

The concept of FoneAid is very simple, but it delivers big rewards for any volunteers looking to raise money. All you need to do is collect mobile phones of any age and condition and in return you'll receive £3.00 per phone. On top of this, FoneAid donate £100.00 of vouchers for every 100 phones collected, so making money for your organisation couldn't be easier.

The campaign has already been endorsed by The Irish FA and Macclesfield Town Football Club and others look set to follow. Jeff Tyler, Sales Manager at MTFC said: "We are delighted to have joined FoneAid to raise money for the club. It is a fantastic joint venture that we would recommend to any organisation as a way of raising funds by getting the community and supporters to hand in unwanted mobile phones of any age and condition. FoneAid have been very successful in implementing this venture and Macclesfield Town are delighted to be the first of many organisations to participate."

FoneAid guarantee that every phone is either reused in developing countries or recycled. In addition 100% of the phones collected are diverted from landfill sites where they can cause serious environmental problems. The campaign is completely free to participate in, as FoneAid provide all the promotional material and even courier the phones back to the warehouse at the end of the campaign.

Pete Petrondas, chief executive said: "FoneAid is aimed at any group or voluntary organisation who want to raise money. Even if the phones don't work and are in a poor condition, FoneAid will still donate £3.00 to your organisation for every single one of them. There are around 100 million old and unused mobile phones lying around homes in the UK and with no cost to take part, FoneAid is a fantastic fundraising idea."

Simply register your organisations' details on the website www.foneaid.org.uk or call 01625 667867, and receive all the materials needed to run your collection.

SITA Trust

Sita Trust has launched its communities challenge fund for 2007. The Fund forms part of the Trust's Enhancing Communities programme, and provides a total of £750,000 for projects located within 10 miles of an active landfill site owned by SITA UK. Three awards of £250,000 are offered, one for each of the following categories:

- Community facilities
- Historic buildings or structures (Grade 1 listed places of worship and historic buildings or structures with an appropriate designation from a recognised body)
- Sport and recreation facilities.

The trust is looking for high quality projects that will deliver substantial benefit

to communities, or help to preserve buildings and structures of significant heritage value.

Any not for profit organisations such as community groups, parish councils, charities, local authorities and voluntary organisations is eligible to apply.

The closing date for applications is 31 May 2007. For information, contact Dawn Grinhall, External Funding Assistant, North Lincs Council, Tel No 01724 297781 email

dawn.grinhaff@northlincs.gov.uk

People's Millions: Announcement of the 2007 Round

It has been announced that the 2007 round of the People's Millions programme will open to applications on 13 March 2007.

Voluntary and community groups, local authorities, schools and health organisations will be able to apply for grants of up to £80,000 plus VAT.

In previous years, the scheme has awarded funding for projects that make local communities a better place to live, including buildings, amenities, public and green spaces, and the natural environment. For the 2007 round, the programme will continue to fund such projects, but will also seek to assist projects that help people to use and enjoy their local environment.

The deadline for the submission of applications is 17 May 2007. Successful applications will be decided by TV votes, which will take place towards the end of November 2007.

For further information or help on this matter, contact North Lincolnshire Council's External Funding Team on 01724 297781.

Here to Help Awards -
www.helpyourselves.org.uk

Save the Children and British Gas are pleased to announce the next funding round of the here to HELP Awards - up to £1,000 for projects by young people that help make their communities healthier, more engaging, safer places to be. The next deadline for completed applications is Friday 23 March 2007, with funded projects expected to take place between June and September 2007. The website has full details of the here to HELP Awards - and there is an online application process, or the option to download a hard-copy of the application form...

We have a very limited number of Awards (up to 7 in total) of up to £3,000 which highlight another key issue affecting communities in England, Scotland and Wales. To apply for the £3,000 Award you will need to supply more detail in your application and a full project plan. Details of both levels of Award can be found on the website - as can the application forms for each level of Award. The closing date for applications is the same for both levels of Awards.

We hope you will be interested in this source of funding and help by circulating this information to your other networks and contacts, or by including details in newsletters or bulletins. All enquiries about the here to HELP awards can be e-mailed to: helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk

3.4 million UK children live in poverty. Find out what we're doing about it: www.savethechildren.org.uk/endchildpoverty

Learning at Work Day 2007 Fund

Unionlearn in Yorkshire and the Humber have secured funds from Yorkshire Forward to enable unions to run events on Learning at Work Day (LAWD) 2007 (Thursday 24 May 2007) The scheme will run and be supported by the Campaign for Learning. Unions can apply for a maximum of £300 per event to run workplace activities which will raise awareness of workplace learning. Past activity has included the running of taster session in the workplace on subjects such a digital photography, Indian head massage and tracing you family tree. The aim of the event is to make learning interesting and encourage workers to go on to start other courses such as ICT, literacy and numeracy. The fund can be used to attract learners to activities, provide learning resources or to provide refreshments.

If you would like to run an event, and would be interested in Learning at Work Day, contact Keith Crampton on 01724 402402 for more information

Local Network Fund for Children and Young People

Funding available - Apply Now!

Many community groups will be familiar with the Local Network Fund which Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council has administered in this area since 2001.

Unfortunately, this nationwide Fund will come to an end in 2007.

The last approvals for grants will be during the summer of 2007. However, there is still plenty of money left in the grants budget for this year, so why not apply now?

Grants up to £7000 are available for community groups who want to provide activities for children and young people aged 0-19 years.

Application forms are available by ringing 0845 113 0161 (RNID Typetalk 18001 0845 113 0161).

Don't forget that there is free help and advice available with your application in the form of the Outreach Service, and it is recommended that you take advantage of this. Details are in the application pack.

Please ring the Grants Officer, Pat Greenwood on 01430 434041 if you have any queries.

Humber and Wolds Rural Community Council, 14 Market Place, Howden, Goole, East Riding of Yorkshire, DN14 7BJ.

Tel: 01430 430904 Fax: 01430 432037
Registered Charity no. 1099439 Company no. 4606085

iT4Communities - Introducing Volunteer IT Professionals to Charities Needing IT Help

If your organisation needs IT help then iT4Communities may be able to help by matching up an IT volunteer to your needs. Since it was formed in 2002 they have enlisted around 4,000 skilled IT volunteers and over 1,600 organisations across the country have registered for help. They have delivered £2m worth of IT projects to charities and community groups who would not otherwise be able to afford to pay for these services.

iT4C may be able to help your organisation by matching up a skilled volunteer to your IT requirements. Volunteers can help with anything from planning an IT strategy, networking and web site design to database design and programming.

Contact iT4Communities quoting **A355/285** on 020 7796 2144 or email info@it4communities.org.uk.

For more information see the iT4C website at www.it4communities.org.uk.

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Voluntary and Community Sector Grant in Aid Funding: Imminent Deadline

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has announced that it has £2 million per an-

num available over the next three financial years to fund Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) projects that assist it to meet its aim of enabling hard-to-reach individuals and businesses to get the right entitlements and pay the right amount of tax.

The key customer groups HMRC wants to reach include: BMEs; migrant workers; pre-pensioner and pensioners; low income and one parent families; disabled and other vulnerable groups.

As a guide, HMRC expects that bids will fall into the following three funding brackets:

- Up to £15,000 - for short term projects from locally based organisations with a duration of up to one year.
- Up to £75,000 - significant projects lasting for one year (or slightly more) and no more than two years, involving work on a national scale.
- Up to £250,000 per annum - a major programme of work on a national scale lasting up to three years.

The number of awards that HMRC will make is similarly anticipated for 2007/08 as follows:

- Between 10-15 awards up to £15,000 to locally based organisations for one year.
- Between 20-25 awards up to £75,000 for significant projects on a national scale for up to two years.
- Between three - four awards up to a maximum of £250,000 per annum in total, involving a major project of work up to three years.

Eligible VCS organisations are invited to submit a pre-bid application to HMRC for consideration. Only successful pre-bids will be considered in the full bid stage.

The deadline for pre-bids is 30 March