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Health Network Event

The next Health Network event will be held on **Tuesday 26 April 2016** at Parbold Village Hall. More details will be sent out soon but if you would like to have an information stand at the event please contact [Vicky Attwood](#) as soon as possible as these will be allocated

on a first come first served basis.

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Local News and Events

Give your views at Listening Events for older people

Older people living in West Lancashire can give their views to Councillor Terry Aldridge, the Borough Council's Cabinet member with portfolio for Older People, at two special Listening Events.

These Listening Events have been organised so Councillor Aldridge can hear the concerns of older people in the borough. A member of the Council's Money Advice team will also be at the sessions to deal to deal with any issues that people might wish to raise.

The first one takes place on **Tuesday 22 March 2016**, at the meeting room at the Chapel Gallery, Ormskirk from midday-1.30pm. The second is on **Wednesday 23 March 2016** at **Evermoor Enterprises (formerly Digmoor Community Centre), Digmoor, from midday-1.30pm.**

It is free to attend the sessions, but if you wish to come along please contact Jane McNeice on 01695 585216 or email at jane.mcneice@westlancs.gov.uk to book a place.

Councillor Aldridge said: "The main purpose of the event is for me to listen to you so I hope you take this opportunity to give me your views. We are keen to listen so I'd like people to come along so we can listen to the views of older people about council services.

"We aim to be a listening council, talking to people face to face and getting a better understanding of the situation in different areas of the borough. This will help us to shape some of the policies and services that affect older people and I hope it will give us a better understanding of our local communities."

Councillor Aldridge is also Lancashire County Council's Older People Champion and covers this role for the Borough Council.

Easter Holiday Activities

S.A.Y are running 'Crazy Cart' at Evermoor Hub from **3pm to 4pm every Monday to Thursday** depending on weather for children aged 7 and above.

Wigan Athletic FC Community Trust are delivering Easter Half Term multi sports camps for 8-14 year old boys and girls which are **FREE** of charge to attend.

The Multi Sports camps will be delivered at and on the following days;

- **Monday 4 April & Thursday 7 April 2016** – Tanhouse Fire Station – 12-3pm
- **Tuesday 5 April & Wednesday 6 April 2016** - Digmaor Community Centre – 12-3pm

For more information contact **Tom Drake, Community Cohesion Coordinator** on 01942 488530 / 07889537143 / t.drake@wiganathletic.com

Free Will Month

Throughout **April 2016** Kirwans is joining forces with The Liberty Centre to offer a free Will writing service. [Click here](#) for more.

Aughton Male Voice Choir

Presents a Gala Concert in aid of Nepalese Charities at Ormskirk Parish Church at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 25 April 2016**. £8.

For more see websites: Transformation Nepal - <http://tfn.org.np/> / Resolve International - www.resolveinternational.org / Aughton male Voice Choir - www.Aughtonmvc.co.uk

Confronting Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

17 May 2016, Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester

The [Confronting Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation](#) conference will serve as a unique platform to hear from the UK's leading authorities in online abuse and exploitation. Learn about the very latest information and updated thinking from expert speakers, including investigators, report authors and frontline workers.

The comprehensive programme has been developed to furnish delegates with improved awareness and knowledge which can benefit their professional roles. Other than the plenary sessions this conference offers an exceptional opportunity to attend an additional workshop, delivered by Tink Palmer, CEO, Marie Collins Foundation, which will cover new ways of protecting children when their abuse has been generated through online activity. Read more [here](#).

Big Lunch

This idea from the Eden project aims to get as many people as possible across the whole of the UK to have lunch with their neighbours on the first Sunday in June. Last year, 7.3 million people got involved and took to their gardens, streets and community spaces in a simple act of community, fun and friendship. This year's [Big Lunch](#) is on **12 June 2016**.

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West Lancs Community Choir

Do you love to sing? Share Music? Make new friends? If you would like to experience the mood enhancing, stress busting effect of singing and have some fun in the process come along and join Songbirds. Sing for pleasure, well-being and enjoyment. [Click here](#) for poster.

Every Tuesday from 6.30pm - 8pm at Brookside Aughton Street, Ormskirk PR1 4LX. Call Jacqui on 07710 756894.

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Last Chance to Have Your Say - WLBC stakeholder Survey 2016

The deadline for this year's West Lancs Borough Council's Stakeholder Survey is **Sunday 20 March 2016**. Please don't miss this chance to give your views on a number of important issues including reductions in spending, satisfaction with the council and the use of technology. See link: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=145388780552>

Gift Aid donor benefit rules

The Treasury has begun a [consultation on simplifying the Gift Aid donor benefit rules](#). This follows a call for evidence last year.

Amongst the proposals one is to simplify the current monetary thresholds that are used to determine the amount of benefit that can be given for a Gift Aided donation ('the relevant value' test). The closing date for the consultation is **12 May 2016**.

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Community interest companies: forms and step-by-step guides

The processes you need to follow, and the documents you need to submit, when you are a community interest company or you wish to form (or convert to) a community interest company. See website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-interest-companies-business-activities>

Legal structures for community anchors

The body for 'community anchor organisations', Locality, has published a toolkit to help in choosing an appropriate legal structure. 'Choosing a legal structure' is specifically targeted at community organisations which could be Locality members, but much of it will work in a wider context.

See website: <http://locality.org.uk/blog/constitution/>

What the Charity Commission expects from trustees in its casework

See website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-the-charity-commission-expects-from-trustees-in-its-casework>

Key proposals on Fundraising Preference Service

The Fundraising Preference Service working group has published a paper setting out key proposals. Comments are invited.

The document will be used to engage and structure discussions with key stakeholders over the following weeks, to ensure the final recommendations are properly informed by the views of charities of all sizes and other fundraising organisations.

See website: <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/about-us/media-centre/press-releases/1266-fundraising-preference-service-working-group-invites-feedback-on-scope-of-the-service>

Or read the document here - https://www.ncvo.org.uk/images/documents/about_us/media-centre/FPS%20key%20proposals%20and%20questions%20paper.pdf

From VolResource:

Small donations scheme limit rises in April

From 6 April 2016, the amount of 'top up' charities can claim for small donations will increase from £5000 to £8000, under the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme.

<http://wp.me/p2X7HP-37J>

From NAVCA:

Tackling fraud

A [guide](#) for trustees and senior managers of charities in England and Wales highlights the main learning points from the first national conference on charity fraud held in late 2015. It signposts to extra sources of information, support and best practice. It concludes with a summary of top tips for preventing, detecting and responding to fraud.

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Health News

Local health body to meet in Pimbo, Skelemerdale

The healthcare commissioners in West Lancashire are to hold their next board meeting in public at Lancashire Manor Hotel, on **Tuesday 22 March 2016** at 9.30am.

Members of the local community are welcome to attend to observe the board meeting. Questions relating to items on the agenda, which is published one week prior to the meeting, can also be raised by visiting the governing body page of the CCG's website or by contacting the secretary to the board directly on 01695 588144 by noon on Monday 21 March (www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/). There is also the opportunity for members of the public and other attendees to have an informal discussion with some of the board members following the closure of the meeting.

The meeting will run for two hours and will be held in the Lathom North room, Lancashire Manor Hotel, Prescott Road, Pimbo, Skelmersdale, WN8 9QD.

Stroke Association's Take a Moment campaign

Throughout **March and April 2016**, the **Stroke Association** is raising awareness of the link between high blood pressure and stroke and are asking people to take a moment to order a free blood pressure information pack available from: www.stroke.org.uk/moments.

The pack provides information about the link between high blood pressure and stroke, details about where to get a blood pressure check and tips on how to maintain good blood pressure control.

How you can help:

- Display Take a Moment posters available encouraging people to download the information pack. If you are able to display any posters please email takeamoment@stroke.org.uk with your postal address.
- Promote Take a Moment on your website.
- Promote through your social media channels - hashtag #TakeaMoment and the Twitter handle @TheStrokeAssoc

Examples of Take a Moment tweets for you to use:

Over half of all strokes can be caused by high blood pressure. #TakeaMoment to get your blood pressure tested today #KYBP

High blood pressure can affect anyone of any age. Take a Moment to order your information pack from stroke.org.uk/moments #TakeaMoment #KYBP

Can you make Peerfest happen in 2016?

Peerfest is an annual national celebration of peer support, with over 200 people taking part. Lancashire Mind, in partnership with Lancashire Care Foundation Trust, hosted last year's event and are now looking for groups / projects / organisations to apply to run this year's event.

Peerfest can be one or two events that will bring national peer support themes and activities where people can share, learn and make new connections. The tender will involve devising, delivering and planning the event or events, including evaluation and production of resources.

There is an expression of interest application process prior to making the full tender application. Collaborations with other organisations are suggested and supported, but the lead partner **must** be peer led.

Full details can be found via: <http://www.mind.org.uk/vacancies-and-volunteering/tender-invitation-peerfest-in-2016/>

Closing date to receive expressions of interest is **18 April 2016**.

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CVS Funding Advice Workshop

Being held on **Tuesday 22 March 2016** at Certacs House. £5.

Slots will offered to those groups who are in the process of applying for a grant. Please contact the CVS to book a slot between 11-2.30pm.

Copies of any bids that have been written, or are in the process of being constructed, should be brought to the workshop. Contact the CVS on 01695 733737 or email enquiries@wlcvs.org to book a slot.

Short online introductory course on voluntary sector

A new short online course 'Introducing the Voluntary Sector' has been produced by the Open University and can be undertaken at no charge via OpenLearn. It covers the context and features of voluntary and community organisations, with topics such as sector structure and history, funding issues, understanding stakeholders and beneficiaries. A second course 'Working in the Voluntary Sector' will be available later this year.

See website: <http://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-management/introducing-the-voluntary-sector/content-section-overview>

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Volunteers' Week extended

Please note that [Volunteers' Week](#) has been extended and will run from **1-12 June 2016**.

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Volunteering Opportunities

General Assistant (Ref 1041)

To help out in sensory rooms, cafe, reception, cleaning etc.

Cafe Assistant (Ref 999)

To help in the Cafe providing drinks and light snacks for visitors

Receptionist/Admin support (Ref 443)

To help with bookings and administration tasks

Trustee Vacancies (Ref 399)

To assist with Governance and development of the Charity for the next 3 years. Specific skills and qualities required

For details of these and other volunteering opportunities please contact Nicci or Jan at the Volunteer Centre – 01695 733737 / nicci@wlcvs.org .

Independent Community Advocate Network North - Advocate Volunteer Training

Interested in becoming a volunteer advocate in Preston, Chorley, South Ribble or West Lancs for a cancer older people's advocacy project? Then there is a training course running on **Thursday 12 & Friday 13 May 2016**.

[Click here](#) for more information or email: admin@i-cann.org.uk / tel: 01772 900253.

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Funding News

Greggs Foundation Environmental Grants

Greggs Foundation has a new programme, funded by the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs shops, that aims to improve people's lives by improving their environments. This programme is a pilot and the outcomes will be reviewed at the end of six months. The programme is split into two grant programmes, small grants of up to £2,500 and large grants up to £10,000. There's a set of criteria for each programme and an online form to express your interest. See website: <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grants>

Cash for Kids - Merseyside, North West and North Wales

Max. Value: £ 4,000. Deadline: 31 March 2016. Grants are available to charities for projects that benefit disadvantaged children under the age of 18 years living in Merseyside, North West or North Wales. See website: www.cashforkids.uk.com/

Colwinston Charitable Trust

Max. Value: £ 20,000. Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Grants are available to UK registered charities to support opera, music and the visual arts, and library and archive projects. See website: <http://www.colwinston.org.uk/>

Lancashire West LEADER Programme 2015-2020

Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Financial assistance is available for farmers, foresters, rural businesses, social enterprises and community organisations based in the Lancashire West LEADER area. See website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-development-programme-for-england-leader-funding>

Magdalen Hospital Trust

Max. Value: £ 2,000. Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Grants for registered charities working with people experiencing social deprivation. See website: www.magdalentrust.org.uk

Burden Trust

Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Grants are available for charitable organisations that are working for the benefit of people in need in the UK. See website: www.burdentrustbristol.co.uk

Captain Scott Society - Spirit of Adventure Award

Max. Value: £ 2,500. Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Award for individuals or voluntary and community groups in the UK undertaking adventurous activities. See website: www.captainscottsociety.com/awards.html

Alpine Club Climbing Fund

Max. Value: £ 1,500. Deadline: **31 March 2016**. The aim of the Alpine Club Climbing Fund is to support expeditions comprising UK club members (or whose application for membership has been received by the Membership Secretary) that have an exploratory element or are attempting a new or unique project. See website: www.alpine-club.org.uk/

Association for Industrial Archaeology - Restoration Grants

Max. Value: £ 20,000. Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Funding is available for the restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. See website: <http://industrial-archaeology.org/aia-awards/restoration-grants/#>

National Churches Trust - Community Grants

Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Funding is available for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship in the UK, Isle of Man and Channel Islands. See website: <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/>

National Churches Trust - Repair Grants

Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Funding is available for urgent and essential structural repair projects to churches, chapels and meeting houses that are open for regular public worship in the UK, Isle of Man and Channel Islands. See website: <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/>

Sea-Changers Grant Programme

Max. Value: £ 500. Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Grants are available to UK based marine conservation charities and organisations for projects that address specific marine conservation areas. See website: www.sea-changers.org.uk

TDS Charitable Foundation

Max. Value: £ 20,000. Deadline: **31 March 2016**. Funding is available to advance education about housing rights and obligations in the UK. See website: www.tdsfoundation.org.uk

Funding for the Provision of Free Legal Advice

Charities within the North West of England that provide free legal advice to people that would otherwise be disadvantaged can apply for funding of £4,000 through the North West Legal Support Trust.

The Trust will also consider providing grants to other charitable work that promotes access to justice. Projects must demonstrate how legal advice provision is supervised by or overseen by a legally qualified practitioner employed or associated with the project.

Organisations that have received funding include the Cumbria Law Centre which received a grant of £2,850 to purchase some new case management software.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on **31 March 2016**. See website:

<http://www.nwlst.org.uk/grants.html>

Children's Health Fund

The [Children's Health Fund](#) is offering grant funding for grants between £500 to £5,000 to projects that have innovative ideas that will promote or provide access to drinking water in public spaces that children and young people gather to learn, play or congregate. Deadline is **Friday 1 April 2016**.

Lancashire County Council has announced a grant fund to support voluntary, community and faith sector organisations

The county council's £1.32m Central Gateway Grants programme has opened for applications for the 2016-2018 scheme. A total of £683,000 is available for this year (2016/17) and £638,000 for next year (2017/18).

The deadline for organisations to apply is 5pm on **Friday 1 April 2016**. Successful bids will be notified in June.

Central Gateway Grants provide organisations with funding to help deliver the county council's core purpose: Enabling people in Lancashire to live a healthy life, live in a decent home in a good environment, and have employment that provides an income that allows full participation in society.

See website: www.lancashire.gov.uk and search for '[voluntary community and faith sector grants](#)', contact 01772 530 818 or email lpgrantsteam@lancashire.gov.uk.

Funding to Expand and Increase the Sustainability of charities

and Social Enterprises

The Bulldog Trust Temple Place Partnership provides funding for charities and social enterprises. Opens for applications on 1 April 2016.

Working with the business and the financial services sector, the Partnership will provide £9m alongside strategic support to help social impact organisations to develop, scale and increase their sustainability. Between now and 2019, the fund will offer 420 organisations grants of £1,000 to £30,000 and access to skills, training, and strategic support for business. There is £300,000 available for the 2015/16 funding round and there is a cap of 300 applications so eligible organisations are advised to submit applications **as soon as possible**. The funding aims to support organisations to take a step forward in their development and deliver a project they would have been unable to do before. See website: <http://bulldogtrust.org/grant-making/>

Wingate Foundation

Deadline: **5 April 2016**. Funding is provided for charitable organisations active in the UK under the following categories: Jewish Life and Learning; Performing Arts (excluding music); Music; and Medical Research Travel Grants. See website: www.wingatefoundation.org.uk

Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation - Spirit of the Community Awards

Max. Value: £ 5,000. Deadline: **8 April 2016**. The scheme is intended to support organisations aiming to play a positive role in areas where the business has an impact in England and Scotland. The Foundation aims to support projects that advance financial education, improve employability and promote environmental protection or improvement. See website: <http://www.cbonline.co.uk/about-clydesdale-bank/community/charitable-donations-about-us/>

E.ON Energy Action Fund

Schools, charities and community centres have until **8 April 2016** to apply for funding from the E.ON Energy Action Fund.

Applications can be for a range of energy related improvements, projects and activities, ranging from purchase of more energy efficient appliances and insulation through to educational events that help communities to be more aware of how they consume energy. Priority will be given to projects focused on reducing energy use and growing renewable energy. Successful projects will receive anything from £50 up to £2,000. See website: <https://www.eonenergy.com/About-eon/Community/energy-action-fund>

John Moores Foundation - Merseyside

Deadline: **11 April 2016**. Grants are available to small voluntary groups and organisations for projects which aim to break down barriers among people who are experiencing disadvantage and living in Merseyside. See website: www.jmf.org.uk

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Power and Accountability Programme

Deadline: **11 April 2016**. Funding is available to support people in the UK to create a world in which power is more equally shared, and in which powerful institutions are responsive and accountable to wider society and aligned with the long-term public interest. See website: www.jrct.org.uk

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Rights and Justice Programme

Deadline: **11 April 2016**. Grants are available to support projects aimed at promoting racial justice and equality of opportunity as a basis for a harmonious multi-racial, multi-ethnic society in the UK. See website: www.jrct.org.uk

Hospital Saturday Fund

Max. Value: £ 10,000. Deadline: **12 April 2016**. One-off grants are available to registered health charities in the UK and Republic of Ireland for medical capital projects, medical care or research, medical training and running costs. See website: www.hospitalsaturdayfund.org/

PRS Music Foundation Launches New Composers' Fund

The Performing Rights Society for Music Foundation has announced the launch of its new Composers' Fund - a new opportunity which recognises the need for composers to have direct access to funding at pivotal stages in their career. It invites composers to make the case for support of any activity that would enable them to make a significant step change in their career. Grants can be for up to £10,000 and it is anticipated that the Foundations will make 10 - 15 awards a year. The fund is open to composers with a strong track record in their field who are at a point in their career where access to funding could help move forward their career. To be eligible for support, composers must be based in the UK and must be members of PRS for Music or in a position to join. To be eligible for support, composers must be based in the UK and must be members of PRS for Music or in a position to join. Deadlines occur twice a year.

The first deadline for The Composers' Fund is **12 April 2016**. The next deadline will be in October 2016. See website: <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/the-composers-fund/>

Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme

The second round of funding for the Tesco Bags of Help scheme will open for applications on **18 April 2016**.

Bags of Help is administered by Groundwork and funded by Tesco customers from the proceeds of the 5p charge for plastic carrier bags.

The scheme is open to community groups across England, Wales and Scotland to apply for grants of £8,000, £10,000 and £12,000 to improve local green space.

Projects that will get the green light as a result of the funding will include new pocket parks, sports facilities, schools, wildlife areas, seafront improvements and community gardens.

Tesco customers will be able to cast their vote on which shortlisted project in their area they would like to see receive the top grant from 1 October 2016.

Find out more about the [application process here](#).

The first round of Bags of Help funding is already set to award £11.5m to over 1,000 groups. [Read more](#)

Community project toolkit

Groundwork has also launched a new [Community Project Toolkit](#); containing hints and tips for communities looking to develop local green space projects.

Elton John Aids Foundation Pioneer Grants

Pioneer Grants are available to support projects focusing on an individual key population at higher risk of contracting aids - such as:

- Men who have sex with men (MSM)
- Sex workers
- Injecting drug users - within an individual country.

To be eligible for funding, projects must fulfil the following criteria. These are:

- Have a focus on service delivery
- Be catalytic in nature, scalable in design and innovative
- Able to track changes such as:
 - Access to condoms
 - HIV testing
 - Treatment of programme beneficiaries.

The closing date for applications is **19 April 2016**. See website:

<http://london.ejaf.org/grant-listings/>

Funding to develop the Sustainability of Organisations Working With Unpaid Carers

The Triangle Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications to its Development grants programme is noon on **28 April 2016**.

During this funding round, the Trust will provide grants to not for profit organisations working with unpaid carers. The Trust would like to see applicants use these grants to develop sustainable income sources, so that when the grant comes to end the applicant organisation's income will not be reduced. Grants are available for up to £80,000 over three years with a maximum of £35,000 in year one.

The Trust also holds a separate funding round for organisations working with the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders. This is due to open for applications in October 2016. See website: <http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/>

Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants

Not for profit organisations and private law firms that work with young migrants can apply for grants of up to £30,000. Grants are available to undertake strategic legal work to benefit children and young people who are significantly disadvantaged by migration status. The fund will accept applications in any area of law that affects vulnerable young migrants including:

- Asylum
- Immigration
- Human rights
- Family law
- Community care
- Housing
- Education
- Mental health; etc.

The next closing date for applications is **9 May 2016**. See website: <http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/>

Funding for Cancer Support Groups and Individuals Affected by Cancer

The next closing date for the Macmillan Cancer Support Grants scheme is **13 May 2016**. The grants scheme aims to fund individuals and groups that support people affected by cancer or campaign to improve cancer care. The grants available include:

- Start-up funds to support new self-help and support project for people affected by cancer
 - Development funds to support the ongoing activities and development of self-help and support projects for people affected by cancer
 - User Involvement Grants to encourage the involvement of people affected by cancer in the design and improvement of cancer services
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- Individual Development Grants to enable people affected by cancer to develop their skills and use their cancer experience to help support others affected by cancer.

For projects that have been running for less than 12 months the maximum grant is £500 and a maximum grant of £3,000 is available for projects that have been running for more than 12 months. Applications will be accepted from individuals or groups of people affected by cancer and organisations and professionals working in partnership with people affected by cancer.

See website: <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/information-and-support/coping/talking-about-cancer/find-groups-and-talks-near-you/how-we-support-your-group.html#tcm:9-106648>

Funding to Support Arts Projects

The Fidelio Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is **15 May 2016**.

The Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups such as Colleges, Arts Festivals and other arts organisations who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support. Funding is available:

- Towards tuition or coaching costs
- To participate in external competitions
- To be supported for a specially arranged performance
- To receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

See website: <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

The Royal British Legion External Grants Programme

Supports charitable activities in support of the Armed Forces community. Grants of up to £50,000 are available and priority will be given to projects that support:

- Employment and training
- Family support
- Homelessness and outreach
- Supporting the elderly.

The first stage in the application process is to submit an Expression of Interest and if successful at this stage applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

The next deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest is **31 May 2016**. See website: <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/external-grants/>

Funding for Sensory Rooms and Equipment

Schools catering for children with severe learning and physical disabilities can apply for funding through the Lord's Taverners' Sensory Room programme.

Funding is available through two programmes. The small grants programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 towards sensory corners and sensory rooms. The application

deadline for the small grants programme is **31 May 2016**.

Throughout 2016 the Lord's Taverners will be looking to support up to four projects with major grants towards bespoke sensory rooms. Their focus will be on supporting schools who cater for children with special needs. The Lord's Taverners will be pro-active in approaching schools and will thoroughly research and select potential projects who will then be invited to apply. See website: <http://www.lordstaverners.org/sensory-rooms>

Postcode Lottery Green Challenge

The competition is open to (start-up) entrepreneurs with business plans to combat climate change. The best business plan will win €500,000, and an additional €200,000 is available for the runner up.

To enter, sustainable entrepreneurs can send in their detailed business plans by completing the entry form on this site until **1 June 2016**. See website:

<http://www.greenchallenge.info/>

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

The [Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust](#) is inviting applications on the theme of Children and Youth. Grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 are available to UK registered charities for projects taking place within the UK. Priority will be given to projects focussing on homelessness, domestic abuse, prisoners/offenders, training and education, counselling and support, and activities for those with limited access or opportunities. The next deadline for applications is **1 June 2016**.

BBC Children in Need – Small Grants Programme

Not for profit organisations such as schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups; etc. can apply for grants of up to £10,000 through the BBC Children in Need Small Grants programme.

The grants are available for projects that help children and young people experiencing:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties'
- And / or living in situations of deprivation.

The closing date for applications is **1 June 2016**. See website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants>

Skelton Bounty

The Skelton Bounty is now open to applications. Applicants can apply from within the geographical County of Lancashire, as it existed in 1934.

The fund supports "Lancashire" charities, particularly favouring:

- Equipment for organisations supporting the elderly and people with disability and
-

for youth groups

- Holidays for disadvantaged children and carers

The trustees prefer to make grants of a capital rather than a revenue nature. They are inclined to favour specific capital projects of proven viability rather than making contributions to general expenditure. It is their preferred policy to make relatively modest grants to a wide number of applicants rather than large grants to a small number of applicants.

Grants are **only** made to legally constituted, registered charities. Grants are not made to individuals. Applications from charities in successive years are not viewed favourably. The Governors do not usually fund large building appeals or revenue expenditure.

Completed applications must be received before 5pm on **Monday 20 June 2016**.

Applications are considered at the annual general meeting in July. See more at www.lcvs.org.uk – go to the funding and grants page.

Funding to Address Learning Disabilities

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established to provide both research and project funding in the area of learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability.

The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. The type of activities currently funded include:

- Capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- Employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- Play schemes and play therapy schemes
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- Support for families, including respite schemes
- Independent living schemes; support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms.

Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Schools and Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply. Funding in the past has ranged in value from £250 to £150,000.

The next deadline for research funding is **1 July 2016**. The deadline for project funding in excess of £10,000 is 1 August 2016.

Application for project funding for £10,000 or less can be submitted at any time. See website: <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/>

Lord Taverners Minibuses Grant Programme

Re-opens on 1 May 2016. Applications will be accepted from schools and organisations that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical, sensory or learning disability. Deadline is **29 July 2016**. See website:

<http://www.lordstaverners.org/minibuses>

Parks for People

Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £100,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens.

To be considered for funding, applicants need to show that:

- The community values the park as part of their heritage
- The parks meet local social, economic and environmental needs
- The park management actively involves local people.

The next closing date for applications is **1 September 2016**. See website:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/parks-people>

The Peter Cruddas Foundation

Registered charities as well as organisations and individuals supported by registered charities can apply for funding for projects benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK.

The Foundation's priorities for funding are projects that support:

- Young disadvantaged or disengaged people (aged 14 to 30) into education, training or employment
- Work experience/skills projects for young people aged 16 to 30
- Youth work in London particularly evening work for disadvantaged young people aged 16 to 30.

There are no minimum or maximum grants and projects can be funded for more than one year.

Deadline: **1 September 2016**. See website:

http://petercruddasfoundation.org.uk/how_to_apply.htm

ChurchCare - Grants for Fabric Repairs

The Church of England of England has announced that the next deadline for applications to its ChurchCare - Grants for Fabric Repairs is **12 September 2016**.

ChurchCare supports all those in parishes, dioceses and cathedrals caring for their buildings. The Fabric Repairs programme helps PCC's with the eligible costs of essential fabric repairs in architecturally or historically significant Anglican churches. Applications are considered on the grounds of the historic and architectural significance of the building and also on a parish's engagement with the history and interpretation of the site/building.

Works eligible for funding tend:

- Roof repairs
- Masonry repairs
- Rainwater disposal
- Drainage.

See website: <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants/fabric-repairs>

Funding to Projects that Promote Social Justice, Nonviolence and Environmental Sustainability

Next closing date for applications to Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation is **15 September 2016**.

Funding is available registered charities in the UK for projects that contribute to the development of a just society based on a commitment to nonviolence and environmental sustainability. The Foundation also supports organisations or projects that are not UK registered charities if they can indicate a UK registered charity that is able to receive funds on their behalf. Grants are usually made between the values of £5,000 and £15,000 and are provided for between one and three years. Priority will be given to small, pioneering organisations. See website: http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2&Itemid=35

Santander Foundation Changes its Name and Launches New Grant Programmes

The Santander Foundation has changed its name to the Discovery Foundation. This is to reflect the importance of its new flagship community programme - the Discovery Project - within Santander UK.

The Discovery Foundation will provide grants for local projects that give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create new opportunities. The Foundation's previous three grants schemes have been combined into a single new scheme called Discovery Grants making it simpler to apply for funding. Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions to fund local projects helping disadvantaged people. Funding is available to cover part time salaries, equipment or materials but is for one year and must deliver a local project, not a national initiative. Applicants need to complete a Discovery Grant nomination form which is available in all Santander branches.

There are no closing dates and grants are made every month. See website: <http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/>

Comic Relief to Launch New Fund

Launching in April 2016. Established to explore innovative approaches to achieving the goal of a just world free from poverty, it will support initiatives that create, catalyse and pilot change and complement the existing Comic Relief Grants Strategy while sitting outside it. Money for the New Fund has accrued over the years and has not come from direct donations from the public, given in support of either Red Nose Day or Sport Relief. Applications to The New Fund at this stage are by invitation only. There will be more information available in April 2016. See website: <http://www.comicrelief.com/the-new-fund>

UK's Community Enterprises to Benefit from New Business Support Programme

The Co-operative Bank and Co-operatives UK have launched 'The Hive', a new business support programme for people wanting to start or grow a co-operative or community enterprise, using a mix of online resources, training and advice. See website:

<https://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/the-hive>

Adactus Housing Group Offers Breathe Investment Grants

The new Breathe Investment Grants scheme is currently accepting applications for small scale community projects that will improve the quality of life for Adactus Housing Group residents and make a real difference to the neighbourhoods where it operates.

Community and residents groups, voluntary groups, social enterprises, registered charities, schools, statutory organisations or parish/town councils can apply for grants of up to £2,000.

Projects must be delivered by 28 February 2017 and support one or more of the following priorities:

- Healthy living.
- Environmental improvements.
- Young people and children.
- Older people.
- Sustainability.
- Employment and training.
- Bringing the community together.
- Community safety.

The funding can be used for:

- Putting on an event, activity or performance.
- Buying new equipment or materials.
- Running training courses.
- Setting up a pilot project or starting up a new group.
- Paying expenses for volunteers, costs for sessional workers, or professional fees.
- Transport costs.

Projects must benefit locations where Adactus Housing Group operates and this includes areas of Bury, Bolton, Cheshire East and Cheshire West, Chorley, Craven, Lancaster, Manchester, Preston, Ribble, Rochdale, Salford, Sefton, South Ribble, St Helens, Stockport, Trafford, Warrington, Wigan, West Lancashire, and Wyre.

There are no deadlines. See website: <https://www.adactushousing.co.uk/Information/838>

HLF - Grants for Places of Worship - England

Max. Value: £ 250,000. Support for projects that involve urgent structural repairs to public places of worship that are listed at Grade I, II* or II in England. See website:

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/grants-places-worship-england>

Sport Relief Community Cash Grants

Available for projects in the UK that are helping local people who are disadvantaged. Small voluntary and community sector groups including constituted voluntary and community groups; charities; and social enterprises; etc. can apply for grants of between £500 and £1,000 for projects that helps people of all ages:

- Feel more included in their community
- Builds their skills
- Increases their sense of achievement.

The type of activities that can be funded include:

- Foodbanks
- Counselling and advice services
- Disability sports clubs/activities
- Training, skill building and volunteering projects; etc.

Priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community and are undertaking actions as a means of addressing these needs. The grants are administered by the Community Foundations within the UK. To see your local Community Foundation please click on the link below and select the link for your closest Foundation. See website:

http://ukcommunityfoundations.org/community_foundations/map

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Job Opportunities

Age Concern Central Lancs

Three brand new vacancies within our Dementia Services Team

Two Senior Day Support Assistant Roles

30 hours per week, £19,000.00 per annum pro rata

One based at Charnley Fold and one based at Withy Trees

Applicants must be able to demonstrate experience or an ability to manage and lead a team of staff or volunteers whilst having experience of undertaking service user assessments and developing individual support plans.

One Day Support Assistant at Charnley Fold

30 hours per week, £14,750.00 per annum pro rata

All applicants must also be able to demonstrate an understanding of the needs of

individuals living with dementia and an ability to work creatively to support individuals within a therapeutic setting. Have good communication and interpersonal skills and an ability to work as part of a team with staff and volunteers.

Due to the nature of the posts Enhanced Checks for Regulated Activity will be required.

Closing date for all applications: Monday 21 March 2016 at 10.00 am

Interviews to be held: 31 March 2016 and 1 April 2016

For further information and to apply for this position please go to our website

www.55plus.org.uk to complete and submit your application form.

CVs will not be accepted.

For an informal discussion please contact Julie Newton, Dementia Services Manager on 01772 645721.

For all HR enquiries please contact Sara Greenwood, HR Officer on 01772 552 896.

Appropriate Adults Wanted

Child Action North West are recruiting Appropriate Adults for the whole of Lancashire, Wigan, Bolton and Central Manchester. The job description and application form are available via their website: <http://www.canw.org.uk/vacancies/>.

Alternatively [click here](#) for a word document. This is a paid role and recruitment is ongoing.

If you have any queries please contact Barbara Terech on 01254 244700

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