



CVS News

Everyone at West Lancs CVS wishes all our members, funders and supporters a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you all in 2015.

Please note the CVS offices are closed from **Friday 19 December until Monday 5 January 2015**.

Local Community News and Events

Christmas comes to Hilledale

An evening of Christmas themed music by the Deeside Singers at the Hilledale Village Hall on Saturday 13 December.

Doors open at 7:30pm and tickets are £7.50 each and are available at the door, subject to availability, or by booking by calling 07778 742070. BYO drinks and food for a great evening.

SCFI Stop and Check Healthy Lifestyle Drop In

Wednesday 17 December 2014 from 1pm to 2.45pm @ SCFI. [click here](#) for poster.

Skelmersdale Community Singers

The choir will be entertaining at the following venues:

Saturday 20 December	Birch Green Care Home, Skelmersdale 2-4pm
Monday 22 December	British Heart Foundation Store, Skelmersdale 3-4pm.

The Community Singers are rehearsing a mixture of Old Time Music Hall and Christmas Carols and songs, tailoring their programmes as requested for each venue. For more information contact Hazel Scully - check1043@hotmail.com

Free Christmas Day Lunches

Connect4Life (C4L) has details of several care homes and other organisations who are hosting free lunches on Christmas Day as nobody should be alone on Christmas Day. C4L want to match any many people as possible with organisations. Please [click here](#) for details if you know of anyone who may benefit. [Click here](#) for details of a lunch in Hesketh Bank.

Contact laura.dunbar@lancashire.gov.uk 01772 538453 or rebecca.wilkinson@lancashire.gov.uk 01772 535498 for more details.

Food Hampers

Evermoor Community Centre is one of those organisations who is hosting a Christmas lunch on Christmas Day at 12pm. In addition they are collecting names for anyone who needs a food hamper over the festive period. If any agencies know of anyone who is in need of food please get in touch with Margaret Highton on 01695 727483.

Central Lancashire's got Talent Awards

Please [click here](#) to read the award categories for "Central Lancashire's got Talent Awards" for the Celebration event on **Friday 6 February 2015**. Please email Laura.Dunbar@lancashire.gov.uk your nominations by **2 January 2015**.

Home-Start Central Lancashire (Supporting families in West Lancs) Calling All Parents & Grandparents

Volunteers needed to support a family with young children for a few hours each week in the West Lancs area. [Click here](#) to see poster.

Home-Start can offer you training and expenses for this very rewarding voluntary work. Next course starting **February 2015**. Phone 01257 – 241636 to find out more.

Winter Warm Scheme

Help Direct are working with the Borough Council to promote the Winter Warm scheme to residents in West Lancashire. In addition to the help available from WLBC Help Direct have a hardship fund available to those who need additional support to keep warm and well. [Click here](#) for more.

For more information on the eligibility and type of help available via the hardship fund please contact Help Direct and quote **West Lancashire Winter Warm Scheme**. Referrals can be made via **Referrals/Partner enquiries: 0303 333 1039** or info@loc.helpdirectlancs.org.uk

Become a Just Act Community Champion

This is an opportunity for you to share tips from your experience of running a project and also gives you the chance to win £200 in vouchers for your community project in a monthly prize draw.

The [Just Act](#) website - run by CDF containing resources for community projects - shares advice from people already running projects, they answer questions, give advice and share stories on our online forum.

If you are interested in becoming a Community Champion, please [click here](#) to find out more and [click here](#) to apply. If you have any questions, email Lizzy Jewell communications=cdf.org.uk@mail161.us4.mcsv.net or phone 0207 812 5431.

deadwomenwalking march

The deadwomenwalking march to Downing Street took place on Sunday 23 November 2014 to raise awareness of the women behind the statistics of domestic violence murders and was held this week to coincide with International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Please [click here](#) to read more.

Voluntary Sector news

Biggest Charity Survey

Many thanks to everyone who has already helped with the [survey NAVCA and the health strategic partners are running](#). They already have 400 responses but would like a lot more. They want the survey to be able to support the case for greater involvement of the voluntary sector in local decision making, particularly health.

The survey is for all charities and voluntary organisations. Please promote this survey. Please forward the survey link on (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LJP8KWK>) and feel free to tweet about it. They are using the hashtag #biggestcharitysurvey

The survey is open till the **end of December**.

Integrated Personal Commissioning: Realising Person Centred Care Through Volunteering

These [four free events](#) will explore how volunteers and volunteer involving organisations can contribute to and help deliver integrated, person centred care, in the context of ambitions of the Integrated Personalised Commissioning programme announced by NHS England in August 2014.

Run in partnership between CSV, ECORYS and In Control and with the support of NHS England, Public Health England and Regional Voices, the learning events will also provide participants with the opportunity to contribute to the development of guidance on how the volunteer involving sector can help ensure that people with health and care needs are able to access and make most effective use of the resources and support (including personal health budgets) to shape the care that is meaningful to them in their lives.

[Cambridge](#), 10 December 2014

[London](#), 28 January 2015

[Preston](#), 3 February 2015

[Leeds](#), 11 February 2015

Consultations

Age UK Lancashire

Age UK Lancashire is [conducting a survey](#) to gather information and views from a wide range of people including Clients, Carers, the General Public, Commissioners, Partners and other Professional bodies, Volunteers and Employees. The results from the survey will influence the development of Age UK Lancashire's strategy for 2015 to 2018.

Health News

Stroke Association Developing a Directory of Services

The Stroke Association is currently working with the Strategic Clinical Network on a project around Survivorship. The aim of the project is to look at **services for stroke survivors** after they have been discharged from community stroke/rehab teams and to produce a directory of services for each of the 9 CCGs across Lancashire and South Cumbria. It is hoped that the directory of **stroke specific services** will be of practical use to stroke rehab teams. If you provide, or know of, stroke services please [click here](#) to complete the questionnaire. Deadline is **Wednesday 17 December 2014**.

Personal Health Budgets Advice

West Lancs Peer Support has been funded by NHS England to give information and advice about accessing Personal Health Budgets. They also manage the budgets for those who do not have capacity or do not want the work involved in being an employer. The service includes managing and paying the staff employed by the patient, payroll, tax and NI deductions, contracts of employment, record keeping for audit by the CCG and all admin concerned with the package of care. Anyone who wants information about Personal Health Budgets please ring 01695-556554 and ask for Karen or Les and they will arrange a visit.

Bowel cancer Screening – help spread the message “Take the Test”!

Bowel Cancer is the third most common cancer in the UK and the second leading cause of cancer deaths, with 37,000 diagnoses and more than 15,000 deaths each year. The national Bowel Cancer Screening Programme (BCSP) aims to target everyone between the ages of 60-74 but uptake of the bowel cancer screening test is very low in some part of West Lancashire. Free training is available for community groups who fall into this age bracket. Please [click here](#) for more information or contact Sadiq Patel – Bowel Cancer Screening Programme Community Engagement Officer, sadiq.patel@bwdcvs.org.uk , 01254 503048 / 07958 940136.

Training News

Awards for All webinars

These are currently taking place **every Thursday at 3pm** lasting approximately 40 minutes. Awards for All are offering an online presentation giving information and guidance on the Awards for All Programme presented by friendly and informative Funding Officers from the Big Lottery Fund. To register: please email webinars@biglotteryfund.org.uk or telephone 0845 410 20 30 to book a place on the webinar. Once you have registered, you will receive an email approx 1 day before the webinar is due to take place.

Resources

Alcohol and entertainment licensing

Sandy Adirondack's [legal update](#) has new information on changes to alcohol and

entertainment licensing.

Catering advice for charity and community groups providing food

Advice on providing food in a village hall or other community setting for volunteers and charity groups. See website: www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/food-hygiene/charity-community-groups

Funding News

StreetSmart

Max. Value: £ 20,000. The charity provides grant funding to charitable organisations in participating areas of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland which deliver projects aimed at helping the homeless make a better life for themselves, focusing on mental and physical health, employability and sustainable independent living. Deadline: **31 December 2014**.

See website: www.streetsmart.org.uk

Church and Community Fund

Max. Value: £ 20,000. Deadline: **31 December 2014**. Funding is available to support community projects run by bodies associated with the Church of England. See website: www.ccfund.org.uk

Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust

Deadline: **31 December 2014**. The Trust awards grants to registered charities with the emphasis on helping: medical charities and research; older people; and those who have fallen on hard times through no fault of their own. See website: www.peeltrust.com

Eranda Foundation

Deadline: **31 December 2014**. Grant for charities undertaking projects for research into medicine and education, encouraging the arts and supporting social welfare in the UK. See website: www.elrothschild.com/community/philanthropy

Gerald Micklem Charitable Trust

Deadline: **31 December 2014**. UK-wide, this funding programme supports a wide range of activities under the 'umbrella' of general charitable purposes. See website: www.geraldmicklemct.org.uk

Philip Bates Trust Arts Grant

Max. Value: £ 500. Deadline: **31 December 2014**. Grant for individuals and voluntary and community organisations undertaking projects that encourage and develop artistic interests

in young people in the UK. See website: www.philipbatestrust.org.uk

Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust

Max. Value: £ 3,000. Deadline: **31 December 2014**. Grants are available to registered charities in England and Wales with a preference for projects in Cheshire and Hertfordshire. The Trust's main areas of work are: personnel within the armed forces and ex-servicemen and women; sport and recreational facilities for young people; the welfare, protection and preservation of domestic animal life; and natural history and wildlife. See website: www.clutterbucktrust.org.uk

War Memorials Trust - Grants for War Memorials in England

Max. Value: £ 30,000. Deadline: **31 December 2014**. Grants are available to protect and conserve freestanding war memorials in England with no other functional purpose than as a war memorial. See website: www.warmemorials.org

Charlotte Bonham-Carter Charitable Trust

Deadline: **1 January 2015**. Grant for registered charities undertaking general charitable projects in the UK. Contact: Mrs Jenny Cannon MVO, Telephone 01508 571230, Address: Chelwood, Rectory Road, East Carleton, Norwich, NR14 8HT.

Wolfson Foundation

Deadline: **5 January 2015**. The Foundation aims to support excellence in the UK, generally through the funding of capital infrastructure in the fields of science and technology, arts and humanities, education, and health and disability. See website: www.wolfson.org.uk

Social Incubator North Fund

Max. Value: £ 25,000. This Fund offers social entrepreneurs in the North of England an opportunity to submit a business idea and receive financial support in the form of an interest-free loan. The idea or business must make a lasting positive social or environmental impact. Deadline: **9 January 2015**. See website: www.socialincubatornorth.org.uk/the-fund

Impact Readiness Grants

Purpose: To improve the ability of ventures to measure and report on their impact. Of particular interest to ventures that are at an earlier stage in their development of impact systems and processes. Ventures should have a commitment to raising repayable investment or securing contracts within 18 months.

Grant size: Up to £25,000 with a minimum size of £15,000.

Use: To provide support to articulate, measure and demonstrate their impact, e.g. developing/amending theory of change, identify outcomes and data required to evidence outcomes, learning from peers, identify methodology/tools to implement to support impact

measurement and evidence of performance

Spend timetable: Up to 3 months. See website: www.sibgroup.org.uk/impactready/

Impact Growth Grants

Purpose: To support intensive interventions to help develop specific systems and processes to increase the impact that the venture is delivering and which are clearly linked to a specific investment raise/contract opportunity

Grant size: £25,000 to £150,000 (we expect the average for these grants will be £75,000)

Spend timetable: Up to 3 months

Use

- review existing processes and approach in relation to impact
- embed capacity and skill
- provide change management support to embed new ways of working
- improve performance management, make service delivery improvements

Grants can be used for temporary additional internal capacity for ventures as long as they have a clear plan/intention to cover this work post grant completion, and as long as the grant is not used to cover existing running costs.

A maximum of 70% of the grant value can go to either the provider or venture within any one individual grant application. Deadline: **16 January 2015**. See website:

www.sibgroup.org.uk/impactready/ventures/

Sport England Launches Funding Programme to Tackle Physical Inactivity

Round 2 of the "Get Healthy, Get Active" programme is now open for applications.

Through the fund a total of £5 million will be available to support projects that tackle physical inactivity. The aim is to reduce the burden of preventable death, disease and disability, and support people and their communities to achieve their potential. The Get Healthy, Get Active fund aims to:

- Get more inactive people playing sport once a week for at least 30 minutes
- Achieve a better understanding of sports contribution to improving public health and the prevention, treatment and management of long term conditions
- Enable sport and physical activity to be regularly commissioned to meet a wider range of agendas but particularly focusing on reducing health and social care costs
- Achieve a reduction in health inequalities.

Organisations / partnerships such as charities, voluntary and community groups can apply for grants of between £100,000 and £500,000. In exceptional circumstances grants of above £500,000 will be available. Organisations / partnerships applying, will need to contribute about 1/3 to the costs of the project. The application deadline is **26 January 2015**. See website: www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/get-healthy,-get-active/

Unlimited Arts Fund for Disabled Artists

Disabled artists and arts organisations with a strong track record in their field can apply for

funding from Unlimited to create and present new work, across all art forms.

The work may still be at a very early stage of conception, or have already undergone some research and development. The Unlimited commission awards will range between £20,000 - £80,000 depending on scale and ambition (for Wales-based artists this is capped at £60,000). If you're thinking of applying you can book a 30 minute session to talk to the Unlimited team about your plans. They will be able to advise you about the scheme, its criteria and definitions in more depth and talk through your project proposal answering any questions you might have. Deadline is **midday on Monday 2 February 2015**. See website: <http://weareunlimited.org.uk/apply-to-unlimited/>

Innovation in Waste Prevention Fund

Grants are available to any UK based organisation that is the lead body for a community partnership of at least two or more parties in England for projects that propose innovative ways to prevent waste in their community, or beyond. Closes **6 February 2015**. See website: www.wrap.org.uk/iwp2

Sky Academy Arts Scholarships

Broadcaster Sky, has announced that IdeasTap members can apply for one of five £30,000 Arts Scholarships from the Sky Academy.

These bursaries, which include a programme of expert mentoring, allow each scholar to focus exclusively on their creative practice for an entire year. The scholarships are open to artists aged 18-30 who are working in the fields of the performing arts, dance, music, visual arts, creative producing, and creative writing (not film or TV writers). Applicants must be Ideas Tap members; be a citizen of the UK or Republic of Ireland, or have been resident for five years. Four bursaries will be awarded to UK applicants and one to Ireland.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on **Thursday 26 February 2015**, but judges will be reviewing entries as they come in. See website: www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/14e194fa-534b-4471-83e7-a3e900d57a0a#Overview

Fast Growth Programme for Social Entrepreneurs

UnLtd will award funding to 31 UK-based entrepreneurs with the best scalable solutions to social problems. Winners will receive £20,000, 12 months' intensive support to scale up their ventures, a dedicated business adviser, access to workshops and introductions to powerful individuals and networks. The programme, which will run between June 2015 to May 2016, is open to entrepreneurs with a proven solution to a social problem that is ready to scale. Twenty seven awards will go to entrepreneurs with a solution to a social problem working in any sector. Four awards are for entrepreneurs who have developed solutions to help support social enterprises as they grow. Deadline is **9am on 2 March 2015**. See website: <http://fg.unltd.org.uk/fast-growth2/fast-growth-2015-opens/>

Wellcome Trust – Arts Awards

The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including:

- Dance

- Drama
- Performance arts
- Visual arts
- Music
- Film
- Craft
- Photography
- Creative writing
- Digital media

Applications are invited for projects of up to £40,000 through their small grants programme. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. Deadline: **1 May 2015**. See website: www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/Arts-Awards/index.htm

MacRobert Trust Grants Programme

Makes grants to registered charities in the United Kingdom. Next application deadline is **31 May 2015**.

The MacRobert Trust makes grants in the areas of:

- Services and Sea
- Education and Training
- Children and Youth
- Science, Engineering and Technology
- Agriculture and Horticulture
- Tarland and the Local Area.

Grants can range between £5,000 and £25,000 and occasionally the Trustees make a recurring grant of up to three years. In addition a small grants programme facilitates awards of up to £5,000. See website: www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/grant-making/monetary-awards/

Queen's Young Leaders Programme

Grants to groups for transformation of young people's lives. The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, in partnership with Comic Relief and the Royal Commonwealth Society has announced a new grants programme to transform the lives of young people in selected countries across the Commonwealth.

The Queen's Young Leaders Programme will make grants of between £60,000 and £1 Million to organisations working with young people in the UK, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Bangladesh, Jamaica and Solomon Islands. The funding will be available for projects that are led by or focused on young people and provide opportunities for them to learn new skills, secure employment, create enterprises or have a say in decisions affecting their future. Smaller grants will also be provided in each country through the Trust's new Small Grants Fire-starter Initiative which will support smaller youth-led organisations and groups. More information about this Initiative and how organisations can apply will be available soon. See website: www.queensyoungleaders.com/grants-scheme/

UK Aid Match Funding

Max. Value: £ 5,000,000. Match funding for not-for-profit organisations based in the UK that are carrying out work in developing countries to reduce poverty. See website: <https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/uk-aid-match>

Community Transport

The Government has announced that [£25 million will be made available](#) to provide hundreds of new minibuses to community transport operators in rural and isolated areas.

National Churches Trust Community Grant Scheme

Re-opens for applications on 12 January 2015.

Through the Community Grants scheme, grants of £5,000 and above are available for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. The Community Programme considers applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any age and denomination that open regularly for public worship. Grants are available towards capital works such as additions and extensions, and the introduction of facilities, such as accessible toilets and catering facilities. Projects must have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees) to qualify. See website: www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/community-grants