



CVS News

We're moving...!

We are delighted to announce that we will be moving to new offices on **30 July**. We are pleased to have found new offices which will be larger with additional meeting space and most importantly, with full access for disabled people.

Our new address will be Certacs House, 10-12 Westgate, Skelmersdale WN8 8AZ. Our phone number and email addresses will stay the same.

We are looking forward to building on the firm foundation the team has built to take the CVS into the future, and to welcoming you to our new offices from the beginning of August.

Community-i Website

As you may have heard West Lancs CVS is launching an exciting website which aims to be a one stop shop for local information and communication. The new site '[Community-i](#)' brings together the voluntary, business and public sectors to benefit West Lancs and is being run on a not-for-profit basis. Its features include community and business directories, a groundbreaking fundraising opportunity for local charities, an innovative safer social network for local groups, and information on local events and jobs. The site also provides the opportunity to buy and sell your unwanted household goods locally through Classified Ads. It has been created to support the work of the new partnership **One West Lancs** which aims to improve opportunities and the quality of life for the West Lancs community.

The CVS Directory of community groups has now been transferred across from the West Lancs CVS website to Community-i. Please could all groups check their entries in the [Community Directory](#) and let us know of any changes they would like on their listing.

The new website has been developed by a Steering Team at West Lancs CVS with vital support from dedicated volunteers. We are now developing a wider team to take the project into its second phase and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in working in a voluntary role to market the site to groups across West Lancs.

To register on the site or to find out more, go to: www.communityiwestlancs.org , email enquiries@communityiwestlancs.org or phone 01695-733737.

Local Community News and Events

Let's Get Active

Skelmersdale Action For Youth (S.A.Y) have been running a programme to encourage young people who do not do any physical activity and offering an hour of free fun physical activity once a week on a Friday evening between 6pm and 7pm for 6 to 16 year olds. [Click here](#) for more. For more information about activity please contact Alan Lewis at alan.say@hotmail.co.uk

Skelmersdale Community Singers at Ex Servicemens' Family Day

The Singers are to take part in the Ex Servicemens' Family Day at Blaguegate Fields on **Sunday 29 June 2014**. This will be a full day with activities for all the family. The day will start with a short service at the War Memorial, Sandy Lane attended by the Lady Mayoress, the ESSA, Scouts and other invited guests. Following the service a parade will lead to Blaguegate where the Mayoress will open the event followed by a pipe band.

One Workforce Network

Would like to invite you to their next network meeting on **Monday 7 July** at St Ann's Centre Ormskirk. The topic is **Child Sexual Exploitation** especially online grooming and to find out about the up-to-date picture locally and learn what resources are available. For the first time, they want to invite **parents and carers**, as well as group leaders, to attend. For anyone coming straight from work they will provide a buffet! Start time – 6pm for food and 6.30pm for session.

Please book in with Cerys Smye-Rumsby – cerys@wlcvs.org by **Monday 30 June**. Please circulate this information.

'Lesley Finley Community Award' for disabled people

[Click here](#) for more. Please could you circulate as widely as possible and encourage people to nominate disabled people who they feel meet the criteria.

Free National Conference on Children and Domestic Abuse, in Blackpool, on 9 July

Domestic abuse has a grave impact on the children who are exposed to it: latest CAADA data show that 62% of children are also directly harmed. To support you in your work to meet the needs of these children, we would like to invite you to attend our national expert seminar entitled '**Children and domestic abuse: good services and good commissioning**' at Blackpool Salvation Army Citadel, Raikes Parade, Blackpool, FY1 4EL from 10am – 3.15pm.

The day is co-hosted by national domestic abuse charity CAADA, Empowerment domestic abuse service and Blackpool Council, and is aimed at domestic abuse service managers, frontline practitioners, local commissioners, Local Safeguarding Children's Boards and other safeguarding leads. CAADA will also launch a new outcomes measurement service for children exposed to domestic abuse, making available a number of bursaries.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Contact Ellen Miller at Empowerment - Ellen.Miller@empowermentcharity.org.uk / 0300 32 32 100 (local rate calls) or 01253 348232.

Health News

NHS West Lancashire Survey

NHS West Lancashire is responsible for buying the health services for the residents in this area. In order to provide the best services, they would like to know more about which local health services you are aware of and why you use certain services.

Please take a few minutes to complete an online survey so that they can find out more about what you think. The link to the survey is as follows:

<https://survs.com/survey/eml7x3ba1b>

Thank you for your feedback.

WANTED: diabetes patients and carers

Do you have diabetes? Do you want to help others who do? Do you care for someone with diabetes? Do you have ideas for improvements? Do you want to feedback on how your experience has been?

The local NHS is asking diabetes patients and carers to come forward and help them improve services available in West Lancashire. The local health body already has a diabetes patient network which meets regularly but would welcome some new local people to join this. This could be patients or carers, no matter what the level of experience. Meetings are held once a month but the level of commitment offered is down to each individual.

Greg Mitten, lay member for patient and public involvement on the board of NHS West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "This is a great opportunity for patients of any age and experience to inform the CCG of their experiences. Together we can shape the service in a way that is tailored to the needs and expectations of those living with diabetes."

For an initial conversation to find out more or to get involved with the local diabetes patient network, please contact Tanya Mulvey at NHS West Lancashire on 01695 588170 or by email using tanya.mulvey@westlancashireccg@nhs.uk

Figures show that over 5000 people in West Lancashire have been diagnosed with diabetes. Around three million people in the UK live with the condition with a further 850,000 remaining undiagnosed.

Happy to talk: Spreading sunshine through connecting

Happy to talk is a new idea to encourage & celebrate making the time to connect with others & feel happier by inviting people to become Happy to talk Champions. Champions are members of the Lancashire Community who are happy to talk & have everyday

conversations about simple things that boost happiness. Champions also lookout for times when people may need to be signposted for support.

Why is this needed?: Most of us are aware of what to do to take care of our physical wellbeing such as keeping active & remembering our five a day, however we often overlook nurturing our mental wellbeing despite Lancashire having low mental wellbeing compared to many parts of the UK. The good news is there are simple things we can all do to improve our mental wellbeing; connecting with others, five ways to feeling great & having a positive outlook on life. Happy to talk encourages us to make time to connect & chat about ways to feel happier & healthier to bring mental wellbeing into the everyday.

See website www.lancashiremind.org.uk or call 01257 231660 to find your local happy to talk.

Anyone can become a happy to talk champion. If you're interested in starting a new happy to talk or want to start having conversation in your existing community group or workplace contact them on 01257 231660 or email laurenoakland@lancashiremind.org.uk

Voluntary Sector News

National Donation Day

[#GivingTuesday](#) - a global campaign encouraging people to give their time, money or voice to charity on one day - will take place on 2 December. The UK campaign will be led by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), working closely with Blackbaud, the Cabinet Office, and a wide range of charities, companies and sector bodies. The campaign asks people to do one simple charitable act on the day as part of their run up to Christmas.

Volunteering Opportunities

1. Skelmersdale Ex Service's Association WW1 Centenary Celebration/Family Day

Looking for extra people to help set out a field on **Saturday 28 June** and dismantle and clear up on **Monday 30 June**. Volunteers required on **Sunday 29 June** for help with keeping the site tidy, rubbish collection and help with directing cars to parking areas and general questions from the public. We may also need a man with a van on Friday afternoon and Monday morning to collect chairs and display boards from local area to football pitches behind JMO sports complex Skelmersdale.

Skills required:- No specific qualifications except happy, polite disposition to deal with the public for enquiries and lost children. Anyone with first aid qualifications will be welcome to assist our first aid team.

2. Healthwatch Lancashire

The health and social care watchdog is looking for volunteers for a variety of volunteer opportunities which will help provide valuable feedback on health and social care services. This includes mystery shoppers and Enter and View volunteers and roles in administration and promoting the work of Healthwatch.

3. Lancashire Council County Befriending service

Wants volunteers who can befriend and support vulnerable people in their communities. This includes helping people with disabilities, older people, mental health issues or carers to become more a part of their community.

4. Central & West Lancs Carers Centre

Are currently struggling for volunteers for the Sitting In Service. This is a service where volunteers sit in with a person for 3 hours a week whilst their carer goes out and has a break. This is a regular slot.

Our areas of need are currently: Tarleton, Banks, Rufford, Burscough, Scarisbrick, Dalton.

For any of the above opportunities please contact Nicci at the West Lancs CVS Volunteer Centre on 01695 733737.

Applications being taken for next Police Cadet Course

Teenagers do you want to do something proactive with your spare time, do you enjoy a challenge and meeting new friends. IF YES, then why not sign up for the Volunteer Police Cadets.

The scheme is open to young people aged 13-18 and will enable you to experience the full spectrum of policing within Lancashire, while carrying out fundraising challenges. You will also undertake many projects aimed at breaking down barriers between the police, young people and the wider community, while working towards gaining qualifications. [Click here](#) for more.

Please email: Karen.robertson2@lancashire.pnn.police.uk for an application pack.

Consultation

Labour Consultation

Labour has [launched a consultation with the third sector](#) to review and strengthen the relationship between Labour and charities, and to hear and understand what their priorities are for after 2015. The consultation asks the third sector's views on seven key issues: volunteering; people in the voluntary sector; supporting charities to grow; charities and procurement; the Big Lottery Fund; charity campaigns; and the Charity Commission.

Resources

One Space – Free online parenting and advice services for single parents

One Space is an interactive support website for single parents, funded by the Department for Education and delivered by national charity [Single Parent Action Network](#) (SPAN). The site

offers a range of **free** information & advice services to help single parents progress positively with their lives.

www.onespace.org.uk is a holistic, interactive parenting support website which offers a range of free information & advice services to help single parents progress positively with their lives. From finding learning and work opportunities, to managing practical issues such as money and debt, working on family relationships to working on their parenting techniques; the site can help to prevent an issue becoming a crisis.

To register for free please visit www.onespace.org.uk/user/register
See website: www.onespace.org.uk (One Space) – Free online parenting and advice services for single parents

From NAVCA: Young Carers Map

The Children's Society has [published an interactive map](#) of the population of young carers (aged 15 or younger), broken down by council area

Guide to Google Place changes

Smart Insights have [written a quick guide](#) to the recent changes to Google Places, with recommendations on what organisations should do.

Training News

ASDAN Young Leader's Programme

Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 August 2014 at Smelt Mill, Trough of Bowland.

[Click here](#) for more details. All activities are funded and facilitated by the Young People's Service. Places are limited and shared between South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire. 5 places per district.

To register interest, ask questions or reserve a place please contact: Simon Skidmore (West Lancashire) 07736 010141, email: simon.skidmore@lancashire.gov.uk

Funding News

Together in Service Fund

Max. Value: £ 5000. Grants are available to constituted organisations in England for new multi-faith social action projects at a local level, where there is often a lack of confidence in undertaking volunteering work in a multi-faith way.

*Deadlines are **3 July 2014, 25 August 2014 and 1 December 2014.** See website: www.togetherinservice.net/funding*

Growing Livelihoods Pilot Scheme

Carnegie UK has announced the launch of a new two year pilot project to encourage enterprise in the food growing industry and provide people with the opportunity to create a sustainable livelihood. The Growing Livelihoods is a new £30,000 initiative which will work to create, test and promote new opportunities in smaller-scale food growing for those new to the sector, young people or those seeking a new direction. This initiative has a particular focus on the use of co-operation and innovation to help create viable livelihoods in this sector. Carnegie UK are looking to work with between 3 and 5 innovative smaller-scale food growing enterprises from across the UK and Ireland who are committed to share their learning as they test new approaches.

Successful applicants will receive a £6,000 grant which can be used to support the development of the enterprise idea or collaboration with other growers (for example, a shared brand, a growers website etc); a package of support that can help with business planning, market planning, financial planning and horticultural mentoring; and the opportunity to network with other growers looking to work in different ways to create viable livelihoods for new entrants- we will be providing events to get people together and offer study visits.

The closing date for expressions of interest is the **4 July 2014**. See website: www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/changing-lives/people-and-place/growing-livelihoods/growing-livelihoods-pilot-scheme

Social Enterprise Awards

Deadline: **11 July 2014**. UK-wide competition to recognise and reward the performance and achievement of social enterprises. See website: www.socialenterprise.org.uk/about/social-enterprise-awards

People's Trust for Endangered Species - Worldwide Grant

Max. Value: £ 25000. Deadline: **14 July 2014**. Grants are available for scientific researchers and conservationists for work worldwide that is aimed at the preservation of endangered species, either through research or practical field work. Priority is given to those projects that are likely to lead to a lasting benefit for the species concerned. See website: www.ptes.org

Alcohol Education and Research Council – Small Grants Programme

Organisations such as community groups, universities and charities, etc are able to apply to the Alcohol Education and Research Council under its Small Grants Programme. Funding of up to £5,000 is available for projects that increase the capacity of individuals and organisations to deal with alcohol issues. Funding is available both for research and pilot projects that address one or more of the Alcohol Education and Research Council's priority areas. These are:

- Identification, treatment and recovery
- Evaluating the impact of policy on cultural change
- The role of media communications in drinking culture
- Education programmes
- Broadening the understanding of research methods across the alcohol field.

The Alcohol Education and Research Council is very flexible in what is eligible for support and is looking for projects that are innovative and that make a difference.

Applications can be submitted at any time. In addition the Council also makes larger grants through its Flagship programme (Grants of up to £300,000; and its Research and Development programme (grants of up to £60,000). These are however currently closed to applications.

The Council also supports promising new researchers in the alcohol field through an annual programme of studentships.

The closing date for applications to the Small Grants programme is the **16 July 2014**. See website: <http://alcoholresearchuk.org/grants/small-grants/>

The Edge Foundation Innovation and Development Fund

Max. Value: £ 100,000. Deadline: **17 July 2014**. Grants are available to support innovation and development within technical, practical and vocational learning. See website: www.edge.co.uk

Wellcome Trust Broadcast Development Awards

Max. Value: £ 25,000. Deadline: **18 July 2014**. Financial assistance is available for the development of broadcast projects in the UK and Ireland that engage a wider audience with issues related to biomedical science in an innovative, entertaining and accessible way. See website: www.wellcome.ac.uk

TalkTalk Digital Heroes Awards

Digital Heroes Awards seeks to reward individuals who are using digital technology to solve a social problem or improve people's lives. This year the TalkTalk Digital Heroes Awards has replaced its regional categories with themed categories. All 10 category Digital Hero winners will receive £5,000 and the overall TalkTalk Digital Hero for 2014 wins an additional £5,000 so £10,000 in total. The Young Digital Hero will win £4,000 for their chosen charity and an Apple MacBook Air. The awards are open to individuals who can be nominated by others or themselves.

The closing date for entries is **25 July 2014**. Winners will be selected by a public vote. See website: www.talktalk.co.uk/digitalheroes/

Funding for Artists and Bands

PRS for Music Foundation and Arts Council England have announced that the next application deadline for the Momentum Music Fund is the **12 August 2014**.

The Momentum Music Fund is a £500,000 fund to develop the careers of talented artists and bands. It is anticipated that grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 will be awarded to between 50 and 75 artists/bands over the next 2 years. Applications can be submitted by the artists themselves or those who are working on their behalf, e.g. a manager, an independent label or publisher. Priority will be given to those that haven't been funded by PRS for Music Foundation in the previous 12 months.

See website: www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Momentum-Music-Fund

BBC Children In Need Small Grants

The next deadline for applications to the BBC Children in Need Small Grants programme is the **1 September 2014**.

Through the Small Grants programme, funding up to £10,000 is available for projects that combat disadvantage and improve children and young people's lives. In particular, 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.

See website: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-small-index

UK Aid Match Fund Opens for Applications

The Department for International Development (DFID) has launched the 3rd funding round of its UK Aid Match Fund.

UK Aid Match matches pound for pound public donations to appeals for development activities focused on poverty reduction in developing countries. UK Aid Match will seek to award up to £120 million in grants over 3 years from 2013 - 2016. There will be 2 funding rounds each year, with up to £20 million committed in each funding round, DFID will reserve at least £1 million per funding round to match fund appeals run by small organisations (defined as organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million, averaged over the last 3 years). UK Aid Match is open to any UK based not-for-profit organisation running an appeal in the UK for public donations from the UK public for poverty reduction projects in developing countries.

The deadline for submitting concept notes for funding round 3 is the **12 September 2014**. Applicants successful at this stage will then be invited to submit full proposals by the 21 November 2014. See website: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-aid-match#successful-applicants>

Scurrah Wainright Charity

The Charity supports a wide range of charitable projects with an emphasis on social reform and tackling the root causes of social inequity. The charity operates three funding programmes.

These include:

- projects which meet the broad objectives of the Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust, to work for a just and democratic society and to redress political and social injustices.

The charity favours causes that are outside the mainstream, and unlikely to be funded by other charities. The next closing date for applications is the **14 September 2014**. See website: www.wainwrighttrusts.org.uk/swc3.html

Funding to Enhance Pupil Attainment

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has announced that it is seeking applications from schools, charities, local authorities, universities, colleges and social enterprises, etc for projects that address educational disadvantage. In particular, the Foundation is seeking to

support projects that:

- Focus on the use of digital technology to improve educational attainment
- That can be replicated in schools across England

As part of the EEF's grant funding agreement with the Department for Education they are required to target their funds for the first two years at children entitled to free school meals attending those schools which are not meeting the Government's floor targets for attainment and progression. The Foundations would typically expect their smallest grant to be in the order of £50,000 a year and to reach at least 100 students. There is no maximum grant limit.

The next application deadline is 5pm on the **1 October 2014**. See website:

<http://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

The Fidelio Trust Grants Programme

Grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance.

Supports 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; or to receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

The next closing date for applications is the **1 October 2014**. See website:

www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php

The British & Foreign Schools Society

Supports educational projects in the UK and around the world and has announced that the next meeting for which applications can be accepted is on **15 October 2014**; applications should be received at least 4 weeks in advance.

The Society supports organisations that reach out to children in remote or impoverished areas, improving inclusivity in education and providing much-needed facilities. The Society normally makes grants for educational projects totalling about £500,000 in any one year. The majority (85% of grants) are made to charities and educational bodies (with charitable status). See website: www.bfss.org.uk/grants/

MacRobert Trust Grants Programme

Makes grants to registered charities in the United Kingdom. Announced that the next application deadline is the **31 October 2014**.

Makes grants in the areas of:

- Services and Sea
- Education and Training
- Children and Youth
- Science, Engineering and Technology
- Agriculture and Horticulture
- Tairland 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/

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

Awards grants to registered charities in the United Kingdom has announced that the next closing date for applications is the **1 November 2014**.

During 2014, the Trust is seeking to fund projects that promote Music and the Arts and help the elderly. Grants are usually between £1,000 and £3,000 and are awarded for one year. See website: www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/what-we-fund/

Support measures for community energy projects

The Government has announced its first Community Energy Strategy. Under the strategy, the Government will broaden the support available for community energy projects, whereby people come together to reduce their energy use or purchase and generate their own energy. These include: -

- a new £10m Urban Community Energy Fund to kick-start community energy generation projects in England;
- £1m Big Energy Saving Network funding to support the work of volunteers helping vulnerable consumers to reduce their energy;
- a community energy saving competition, offering £100,000 to communities to develop innovative approaches to saving energy and money; &
- a "one-stop shop" information resource for people interested in developing community energy projects.

The £10m Urban Community Energy Fund (UCEF) will support urban communities in England to develop renewable energy projects which provide economic and social benefits to the community. The new fund sits alongside the existing Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF), and have the same method of application.

Details of RCEF can be found on the WRAP website and will be open to all communities in England that are not eligible to access RCEF; as with RCEF, there will be two stages of funding: -

- stage one allows applications for grants of up to approximately £20,000 for feasibility work;
- stage two allows applications for loans up to approximately £130,000 to support planning applications and develop robust business cases which will attract further investment.

See website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/power-to-the-people-government-boost-to-community-energy>

Scaling Up Improvement

Max. Value: £ 500,000. Funding is available to health and social care provider organisations in the UK to help improve health care delivery and/or the way people manage their own health care. See website: www.health.org.uk/areas-of-work

Freemasons' Grand Charity

Max. Value: £ 50,000. The charity makes grants to Masonic and non-Masonic charities in England and Wales. Grants are broadly aimed at charitable work in the following fields: Youth Opportunities; Vulnerable People; Medical Research; and Hospices. See website: www.grandcharity.org

Community Sport Activation Fund

Sport England has announced that its **Community Sport Activation Fund grant scheme** will re-open for applications in Summer 2014. Grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 will be available to sports clubs, school, local authorities and other not for profit organisations to support grassroots sports at a very local level. See website: www.sportengland.org/funding/sport_activation_fund.aspx

Urban Community-Owned Shops Pilot

The Plunkett Foundation has announced the launch of new initiative, the 'Urban community-owned shops pilot.

Working in partnership with Locality and funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the pilot aims to support urban communities to create and benefit from new and sustainable community-owned shops. The shops will offer better access to good food, enhance community cohesion and provide robust retail solutions. The pilot will include a programme of events, enterprise support including specialist advice and resources, and financial help including grants, fundraising guidance and loan-provision.

The programme will run for two years. Communities will be able to secure support for their idea at events to be held later this year. For more information please contact Hannah Barrett on 01993 810730 or at hannah.barrett@plunkett.co.uk

See website: www.plunkett.co.uk/newsandmedia/news-item.cfm/newsid/747

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation Themed Grant Programme

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation's latest three-year themed grant programme focuses on local projects providing support for mothers and babies in the first two years of life. See website: www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/themed.html

Job Opportunities

Health Liaison Lead

35 Hours per Week - Salary £24,624

Based at Central and West Lancashire Carers and West Lancashire Hospitals

The post is funded by West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group and is for a period of one year with continuation subject to future funding

An exciting vacancy has arisen at Central and West Lancashire Carers for a confident, innovative and dedicated individual with significant experience in health and/or social care and the impact of the informal caring role on individuals who care for someone at home. This is an opportunity to shape the way carers are recognised by health care professionals. We are looking for a professional individual who can use their excellent communication, negotiating and influencing skills to bring about change in the way carers are included in hospital admissions, care planning and discharge processes.

Ideally, you will already be well acquainted with the issues that face carers but you will also have a sound knowledge of health services and/or social care services and experience of working with voluntary sector organisations. You will also have a working knowledge of legislation relating to carers.

This is an opportunity for someone to change the way we include carers of people with long term health conditions. Are you that person?

Application packs are available from Lorraine Hodgson at lorraine.hodgson@cwlcarsers.org.uk or telephone 01772 200173. It is anticipated that interviews will be held on Wednesday, 9 July 2014.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 30 June 2014 at noon**

Red Rose Recovery Lancashire Limited

Job Description- Locality Worker: North (covering Lancaster, Morecambe, Fleetwood, Fylde/Wyre)

Hours: FT 37 hours/week – Flexible (as required over 7 days including evenings)

Possibility: PT 2 x 18.5 hours - Flexible

Salary: £19621 (+ matched pension contribution of 5%, after 6 months)

Contract: till 31/03/2015 (with potential for extension subject to continued funding)

Base: Red Rose Recovery Lancashire, c/o Lancaster District Council for Voluntary Services, Sulyard Street, Lancaster (plus wider travel as required)

Must have a history of their own Personal Recovery from Substance Misuse. Full driving licence required and access to a vehicle.

Job Summary:

The locality worker will:

- Develop opportunities for service users and their families/carers to realise their potential through volunteering, training and community participation
- Improve access to community based recovery opportunities
- Link individuals and service users groups to opportunities within the wider Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector, acting as referral into and from existing provision to ensure efficiency and better outcomes for the individual.

Expressions of interest, detailing evidence of your skills against the job description for the post on one side of A4, either via post to Red Rose Recovery, St James Old School, Cannon St, Accrington, BB5 2ER for the attention of Carla Pickard or email it to

carla@redroserecovery.org.uk by the **4/07/2014**

Shortlisting will be carried out, with a view for interviews to be carried out 15/07/2014 at HMP Preston, Engagement Centre.

Advocacy Focus

Post 1: Area Advocacy Lead (North Lancashire)

Area of Operation: Lancaster/Morecambe/Preston/Ribble Valley **Office Base: Leyland**
37 Hours, Salary: £19,817 - £21734 (Permanent Contract)

Post holders will be required to take responsibility for delivery of advocacy services in their area and to share their learning through local and national forums. The successful candidate will have experience of supporting a range of people including people with mental health, managing a client caseload and developing/maintaining partnerships. Excellent communication skills are essential.

Ability to drive and have access to a vehicle is essential.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Post 2: Advocacy Administration Assistant

Office Base: Accrington 37 Hours, Salary: £12,266 - £15,598 (Permanent Contract)
(starting salary is negotiable and will be based on skills and experience)

Advocacy Focus is looking to recruit an Advocacy Administration Assistant to provide front of house support to deal with customers by phone and reception. The successful candidate will take a lead in triaging advocacy referrals from professionals and clients, maintain electronic systems through data inputting and provide administrative support to the team. The successful candidate will possess excellent computer skills, good communication and interpersonal skills, customer service experience and an ability to communicate with a range of clients from professionals to people with mental health.

Ability to input data with a high degree of accuracy is essential.

The successful applicant will be required to undergo a standard Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Application packs can be downloaded from our website: www.advocacyfocus.org.uk

IMPORTANT NOTE: CVs WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

CLOSING DATE for both posts: 9am Friday 11 July 2014

Advocacy Administration Assistant interviews will take place on 17 July 2014.

Area Advocacy Lead interviews will take place on 18 July 2014.

Advocacy Focus is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

St Catherine's Hospice, Preston FINANCE OFFICER

£16,310 pa (probationary rate) - £18,123pa 37.5 hours per week

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Finance Officer to work as part of the Finance team at the hospice.

You will support the delivery of care services as well as the work of the fundraising teams by

processing a variety of financial transactions. Excellent communication skills are essential as you will have front-line contact with suppliers and external organisations. A flexible approach to work is required as the successful candidate will deal with a wide range of situations, from dealing with charity shop income to processing payroll and bank transactions.

A relevant financial qualification such as AAT and recent experience in this type of work is essential although candidates 'qualified by experience' will be considered.

Candidates will have experience of payroll processing and have used computerised accounting software, ideally Sage Line 50. They should also be competent users of Microsoft Office, especially Excel. They will also have the ability to handle sensitive information in a confidential manner as well as being able to prioritise workload and deliver on deadlines. Job Description can be downloaded from our website at: www.stcatherines.co.uk/our-team/jobs/paid-employment-with-st-catherine-s-hospice/

The closing date for applications is **12 Midday 11 July 2014** Interviews are likely to be held week commencing 21 July 2014 If you have not heard by 25 July 2014 then on this occasion your application has been unsuccessful.

Vacancy for Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) Business Support Officer (Temporary/ Secondment for 2 years)

Salary: £16,830 - £19,126, Grade 5

A temporary vacancy has arisen within the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Staff Team for the post of CDOP Business Support Officer for a period of 2 years in the first instance. The post holder will support the child death review process for all 3 Lancashire LSCBs (Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen) but be based with the Lancashire LSCB Management Team.

As CDOP Business Support Officer you will have experience of organising and minuting meetings, collating information to strict timescales and quality standards and be able to work with highly sensitive, confidential and distressing information. Knowledge of the child death review process would also be an advantage.

Click here for application form. The deadline for applications is **Friday 11 July 2014** (5pm) and interviews will take place on Tuesday 22 July 2014.

Please note this vacancy is only open to employees working for a partner agency of one of the three pan-Lancashire LSCBs.

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