



CVS News and Events

The One West Lancs Forum & West Lancashire Showcase

Being held on **Thursday 8 May 2014** at Edge Hill University 10am to 2pm. Showcase your organisation; meet the commissioners from Lancashire County Council, West Lancs Borough Council and the West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group. Find out what the lottery is looking to support.

If you would like to have a stand or attend the event please complete the booking form - [click here](#).

CVS Survey

Just a reminder to please help us provide better services by completing our online CVS Satisfaction Survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CHN723K>

Thank you!

Local Community News and Events

West Lancashire Netball Club

West Lancashire Netball Club started on Wednesday 12 March. Learn to play the game, passing, shooting, team work and loads of fun! Coaches are all qualified and DBS/CRB cleared.

- 4pm – 5pm High 5s 8 – 11 year olds
- 5pm – 6pm 11 – 16 years

First session FREE! Sessions are £2 per week paid half termly (6 weeks). Venue address: Glenburn Sports College, Yewdale, Southway, Skelmersdale, WN8 6JB. Indoor session until end of April, outdoor from May (weather permitting).

For more information, please ring 01695 724654, or email activ8@glenburn.lancs.sch.uk .

Dream-Makers Present Up2U a new social event!

Starting **Friday 28 March** at 7pm – 9pm at Digmoor Community Centre, Skelmersdale for people with disabilities and their carers/families. £3 per person, just turn up on the night! Support/family welcome.

They will be looking at different themed nights such as: quiz nights, bingo, games nights, cinema, arts and crafts, drama, date nights, speed dating, race nights. These are just some suggestions, as the name says, it's up to you! For more information, please call Mark on 07938778610.

Summer Fayre and Songs of Praise

Bishop Martin School will be holding a Summer Fayre and Songs of Praise on **7 June 2014**, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

If you would like to have a display / information stall please send an email to naliwoods@icloud.com for more information.

ELDS

ELDS is a charity formed in Blackburn in 1877 for deaf people. They offer several services, please [click here](#) for more details.

Serviced Flexible Office Space in Skelmersdale

Three small ground floor offices are available to accommodate between one and 10 people. [Click here](#) for more details. Please call Adam on 07989 991150 or 01695 711960.

Health News

North West Ambulance and British Heart Foundation Feedback

Please complete this survey so work in the community can be evaluated.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=wCuG7UMpur2dBQC_2bOg8e6A_3d_3d

Volunteering Opportunities

Alzheimer's Society Volunteering Opportunity

The Alzheimer's Society has registered a 6 week volunteering opportunity for a Reading for the Brain Volunteer in Parbold.

This is a friendly, informal 6 week therapeutic group for people living with dementia where books are used to promote discussion and memories. They are looking for volunteers to assist with setting up the venue (small amount of light lifting optional) assist with meeting and greeting people attending the group, serving refreshments and chatting and also joining in with the group. It is a 6 week programme and they are looking for 2 volunteers who are able to commit to attending all 6 weeks.

They are looking for a friendly person who is willing to ensure they create a fun, friendly environment for the people attending the group. No previous experience of dementia or volunteering is required. 6 week opportunity **19th March - 30th April** (no group on 16th April).

Legacy Rainbow House Bag pack

The Legacy Rainbow House need volunteers for Bag Pack events they are holding at Morrison's on **4 October** and **11 October**.

For more information about the above opportunities please contact Nicci at the Volunteer Centre - nicci@wlcvs.org or phone 01695 733737.

Training News

Social Enterprises Delivering Services in your Community

This introduction to Social Enterprises covers the basics:

- What a Social Enterprise is and how it works.
- What a Social Enterprise can offer to the community.
- How they can address local social needs.
- Identifying your Social Mission.
- How they operate within the governance structures.

Session will be delivered on **24 March 2014**, 1pm – 4pm at Lancaster House, Devonshire Road, Chorley, PR7 2DJ. To book, please visit <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-enterprise-delivering-services-in-your-community-tickets-10851696717?aff=eorg> or phone Tracy on 01772 200690 or email tracy@slnet-uk.com

Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) Level 2 Award in Healthier Food and Special Diets Course

There are major links between diet and health problems such as dental decay, obesity, coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, strokes, diabetes and certain cancers. Healthy eating and nutrition is high on the public health agenda in an effort to reduce premature death and ill health caused by diet related disease. West Lancashire Borough Council is offering some **free one day accredited nutrition training** courses for people who work in the voluntary sector in West Lancashire. Click here for more information. The training dates available are **Tuesday 24 June** or **Tuesday 15 July 2014**. The one day courses will be held in Ormskirk Council Offices.

For further information about the free course or to book a place please contact Debbie Young, Health Education Officer, West Lancashire Borough Council on 01695 585253 or e-mail : debbie.young@westlancs.gov.uk by 2 June 2014.

Social Enterprise: Making it Official

Tuesday 22 April from 10.00am to 1pm at the Ecumenical Centre, North Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 6LU. Click here for more details. To book see website: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-enterprise-making-it-official-tickets-10972943369>

Introduction to Advocacy

Being held on **29 April**. [Click here](#) for more. Venue to be arranged – if you can offer a venue Advocacy Focus would be very grateful. Please contact Maureen Singleton, Training Officer on 0300 323 0965 or by email: admin@advocacyfocus.org.uk

Foundation Course In Advocacy

This course is suitable for any person interested in becoming a volunteer advocate with Advocacy Focus, workers supporting clients through services, carers and people using services. This course will provide you with the confidence and ability to communicate with clients with multiple needs within advocacy boundaries and improve your understanding of user empowerment.

Course Details: **15, 16 & 19 May 2014**, 9am-4.30pm in Ormskirk (venue tba). [Click here](#) for more. If you can help with providing a room please let them know. To book a place please contact Maureen Singleton, Training Officer on 0300 323 0965 or by email: admin@advocacyfocus.org.uk

Funding News

Corporate Parenting Board – Grants for Voluntary Groups

A total of £25K is available to be allocated before **31 March 2014** for organisations who support Children Looked After (CLA).

For an application form contact sam.gorton@lancashire.gov.uk

Big Lottery Fund - International Communities Programme

Grants are available to help disadvantaged communities overseas by supporting projects that tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation and bring about a long-term difference to the lives of some of the most under-privileged people in the world.

Deadline: **31 March 2014**. See website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/international_communities

Cash For Kids - Merseyside, North West and North Wales

Grants are available to charities for projects that benefit disadvantaged children under the age of 18 years living in Merseyside, the North West or North Wales.

Deadline: **31 March 2014**. See website: www.rockfm.co.uk/charity

Magdalen Hospital Trust

Grant for registered charities working with people experiencing social deprivation.
Deadline: **31 March 2014**. See website: www.magdalentrust.org.uk

Renewable Heat Premium Payment - Community Scheme (Phase 2)

This pilot scheme will support the installation of renewable heating systems in homes throughout the United Kingdom, by providing vouchers to householders for a partial grant toward the cost of a system.

Deadline: **31 March 2014**. See website: <https://www.gov.uk/renewable-heat-premium-payment>

Colwinston Charitable Trust

Grants are available to UK registered charities in Wales (occasionally to charities in other parts of the UK) working in opera, classical music, visual arts, and libraries and archives.

Deadline: **31 March 2014**. See website: www.colwinston.org.uk

Funding for Breakfast Clubs

Kellogg's have joined up with Forever Manchester, a UK charity to deliver the Help Give a Child a Breakfast campaign in the UK.

Schools can apply for funding to support their Breakfast Clubs. Established Breakfast Clubs can apply for £200 plus £100 of Kellogg's Cereal Vouchers and a further £100 of Kellogg's Cereal Vouchers upon completion of a satisfactory feedback form. Schools wanting to start a new Kellogg's Breakfast Club will receive £400 and will be required to attend a Kellogg's Breakfast Club Information Day where they will receive advice, support, handy tips and techniques to running their club. To be eligible for funding, at least 40% of the pupils at the school should be eligible to claim free school meals and the school should be based within the 0 – 40% most disadvantaged communities as ranked by the country's Indices of Multiple Deprivation.

The closing date for applications is the **31 March 2014**. See website: www.giveachildabreakfast.co.uk/get_involved.aspx#start_breakfast

Funding to Develop Socially Based Digital Technology

Entrepreneurs and businesses looking to develop new ventures using digital technology for social good can apply for grants of between £15,000 and £50,000 to nurture, develop and test their ideas. In addition, successful applicants will benefit from a package of non-financial business support including mentoring, marketing & communications, business development expertise and networking opportunities.

The Funding which is being provided through the Nominet Trust's Social Tech Seed Investment Programme is looking for applications that demonstrate the potential of technology to tackle some of the big social issues in sectors including education, employability, healthcare and the environment. The Funding will be awarded for a maximum period of 12 months.

The deadline for Stage 1 application submissions is 12:00 noon on the **2 April 2014**. See website: www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/our-investment-programmes-0

Funding for Youth Music Making Activities

Grants of up to £250,000 to support projects that provide music-making activities for children and young people, especially those young people in challenging circumstances. Youth Music will fund non profit-making organisations committed to music-making activities for children and young people up to 18 (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention). Youth Music aims to support music making activities principally in out of school hours such as during weekends, holidays as well as in breakfast and after schools clubs. Youth Music will consider applications for programmes where up to 25% of the time is spent in school hours. The proposed programme should aim to encourage children and young people to eventually make music outside of school hours.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the **3 April 2014**. See website: <http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/funding/what-youth-music-programme>

UK Aid Match Funding

Match funding for not-for-profit organisations based in the UK that are carrying out work in developing countries to reduce poverty.

Deadline: **4 April 2014**. See website: <https://www.gov.uk/uk-aid-match>

Veneziana Fund

Grant for voluntary and community organisations for the preservation of pre-1750 buildings and art in the UK.

Deadline: **4 April 2014**. See website: www.pwwsolicitors.co.uk

Wingate Foundation

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.

Deadline: **4 April 2014**. See website: www.wingatefoundation.org.uk

British and Foreign School Society

Grants are available to organisations with UK charitable status for advancing educational opportunity in the UK and developing countries.

Deadline: **10 April 2014**. See website: <https://www.bfss.org.uk>

Film Festival Fund

The British Film Institute is accepting applications from UK registered charities for funding to support regional film festivals and UK festivals with global reach.

Deadline: **22 April 2014**. See website: www.bfi.org.uk

Women Make Music Grant Scheme

The Performing Right Society (PRS) has announced that its Women Make Music grant scheme is now open for applications.

Through the programme, financial support of up to £5000 is available to women musicians; and new music in any genre is welcome, from classical, jazz and experimental, to urban, electronica and pop. Through the scheme support is available to individuals and organizations / groups; including solo performers; solo songwriters or composers; promoters or event producers; bands/ensembles/orchestras; local authorities and schools; etc.

The next application deadline is the **28 April 2014**. See website: www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Women-Make-Music

Macmillan Cancer Support - Grants for Groups

Macmillan Cancer Support has announced that the next closing date for its Cancer Support - Grants for Groups scheme is the **30 April 2014**.

The grants programme aims to fund groups that support people affected by cancer or campaign to improve cancer care. The grant can be used towards start up costs or for existing groups to expand and extend their reach. Applications will be accepted from:

- People affected by cancer in groups or individually
- Voluntary organisations, community interest companies, community groups, social enterprises
- Health and social care staff, information and support staff in partnership with people affected by cancer.

See website:

www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/CancerSupportGroups/HowWeSupportYourGroup.aspx

The British Mountaineering Council Grants

Affiliated clubs can apply for financial support to help develop communications, buy equipment and provide instructor support to members. A total of £21,000 is available to enable clubs:

- To improve the quality of existing club websites or newsletters or to develop new websites or newsletters
- To purchase club equipment for novices and young members who may not yet possess all of the mountaineering equipment they need
- To employ professional instructors to provide training to novice members - so to support the club in being able to welcome novices

Clubs can apply for one, two or three funding categories, and the closing date for all applications is **Friday 2 May 2014**.

See website: <https://www.thebmc.co.uk/funding-grants-for-bmc-clubs>

Funding for Young Designers

Ideas Tap, a non-for-profit initiative supports young creative people between 16 and 25 years of age, has announced that its Top Up Fund: Design is open to applications.

During this funding round the Fund aims to offer ten individuals or groups £500 each to help get their design project off the ground. The fund can be used to support anything from a brand new idea from an old hand. This opportunity is open to designers working in all disciplines including:

- Graphics
- Illustration
- Product
- Furniture
- Fashion
- Costume
- Installation
- Theatre design.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the **5 May 2014**. See website: www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/Top-Up-Fund-Design-040414#Overview

The People's Millions

The Big Lottery Fund in partnership with ITV has announced that The People's Millions programme has re-opened for applications.

A total of £3.8 million is available through the programme and 4 awards of £20,000 - £50,000 will be made in each ITV region for projects that improve the local community. The programme is open for applications from:

- Voluntary and community groups
- Local authorities
- Schools
- Statutory health bodies
- Social enterprises; etc.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the **16 May 2014**. See website: www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/

The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund

The Trust will provides grants to not for profit organisations working with 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 £40,000 or 50% of the organisation's current annual income, whichever is lowest, per year for 3 years. 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 2014.

Next closing date for applications is **24 May 2014**. See website: www.triangletrust.org.uk/

Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants

Provides financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are

suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment. Any charity working in the field of breast cancer can apply for a grant. For the 2014 the Foundation will be focusing on organisations with limited financial resources to deliver their services.

Next closing date for applications is the **30 May 2014**. See website: www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/

Funding to Alleviate Effects of Poverty on Women & Children

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust.

The next application deadline is the **27 June 2014**.
See website: www.volanttrust.com/index.html

The Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust

Through the Trust grants are available to projects of significance to horticulture (or botany with a strong horticultural content) and education for horticulture. The types of activities that can be funded include:

- Training schemes for gardeners run by appropriate organizations
- The provision of educational programmes in gardens open to the public
- Preparation of exhibits or exhibitions of horticultural interest
- The restoration of historically interesting gardens which are or will be open to the public
- The development of new gardens which will be open to the public; etc.

(please note the list is not exhaustive).

The Trust also provides support for several traineeships in horticulture each year (August to July); these are awarded to applying gardens (who each find a suitable trainee).

The next deadline for applications is the **15 August 2014**. See website: www.grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/Smith.html

Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation Grants Programme

Grants are 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.

The next closing date for applications is the **15 September 2014**. See website: www.polden-puckham.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2&Itemid=35

Idlewild Trust

Next closing date for applications to its grant making programme is the **24 September 2014**. Supports registered charities concerned with the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts, the advancement of education within the arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest in the

United Kingdom. See website: www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/

Big Potential

A scheme to improve the ability of voluntary sector organisations to access social investment. This is where organisations use invested funds to meet social targets, e.g. reduced offending or homelessness, as well as offering a financial return. Eligible organisations can access specialist support from programme partners to help them bid for grants between £25,000 and £75,000. This will fund more in-depth investment readiness work done by one of Big Potential's approved providers.

See website: www.sibgroup.org.uk/bigpotential

Community Investment Fund

This £20 million fund will make [loans and equity investments of £250,000 - £1million](#) to community based, locally led charities and social enterprises in England. They will support organisations providing essential health, social care, education and training services to improve the well being of local residents, particularly those who are vulnerable or disadvantaged.

Additional Funding to Assist Victims of Crime

The Government has announced that Police and Crime Commissioners will soon be able to bid for a share of £12 million, on top of their budgets for 2014/15, to commission further specialist services for victims of the most serious crimes, such as domestic violence and sexual violence.

See website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/more-than-16-million-to-help-victims-rebuild-their-lives>

Community Investment Fund

Charities and Social Enterprises can now apply for loan and equity finance of between £250,000 and £1 million through a new Community Investment Fund.

The Fund aims to invest in community based, locally led organisations which are providing essential support and services to improve the well-being of local residents, developing the local economy and creating positive social change for all individuals in the community. The Fund aims to improve the quality of life of local individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged, and to enhance community engagement and cohesion by empowering people to develop locally-determined solutions to challenges and opportunities. Applications can be submitted at any time.

See website: www.sibgroup.org.uk/community-investment-fund/

Church Urban Fund Announces New “Together Grants Programme

Churches and Christian community groups that wish to tackle poverty in England's most

deprived communities have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £5,000 through the Church Urban Fund's "Together Grants Programme". The Church Urban Fund is especially interested in funding projects that tackle the underlying causes of poverty. Applicants should work in partnership with one other organisations.

Applications can be submitted at any time. See website: www.cuf.org.uk/act/cuf-funding

Capital Grants for Charities

Registered Charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs in England and Wales can apply for capital funding through the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation.

Solely supports capital projects, such as new builds, refurbishments, equipment and specialised transport, distributing around £2.5 million a year throughout the charity sector. The Foundation offers three different tiers of grants.

These are:

- Small grants of up to and including £5,000
- Medium-grants of £5,001 to £25,000
- Large grants of £25,000 and over

There are no closing dates and applications can be submitted any time. See website: www.bernardsunley.org/funding-policy.html

Dunard Fund

Funding is available for UK registered charities to promote and advance the arts. Contact Carol Colburn Grigor on 0131 556 4043.

Community Foundation for Lancashire

Two schemes available through the trust The Community Foundation for Lancashire is for donors, for communities and for Lancashire. As an independent registered charity they are part of a national movement of community foundations that undertakes strategic grant making, facilities philanthropy and contributes to achieving positive social change in our local communities. Their website holds useful information on a number of funding opportunities namely: -

1. Comic Relief Local Communities Grant – which aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in the communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisation in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

2. Garfield Weston Foundation – is a family-founded, grant making trust which has been supporting charities across the UK for over 50 years. From small community groups to large national institutions, their aim is to support organizations that have effective solutions to helping those most in need. The Foundation's current grant making priorities within Lancashire are:

- ▶ communities

- ▶ youth
- ▶ welfare

The Foundation is especially keen to see applications for core and projects costs for charities delivering services directly to beneficiaries.

See website: www.lancsfoundation.org.uk/Funds-and--Programme-Information

Big Energy Idea

Funding and commercial support for social entrepreneurs with businesses of any legal incorporation, including charities, not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee, community interest companies or for-profit companies limited by shares in the UK energy sector seeking to grow their enterprise.

See website: www.miningtheseem.org.uk

Fair Chance Fund

A £15 million payment by results programme that aims to improve outcomes for a group of young, homeless people whose needs are difficult to address using existing services but, if not addressed, are likely to lead to long-term benefit dependency, health problems and increased crime.

See website: <https://www.gov.uk>

Grant for Coordination and Delivery of Support to Those Bereaved by Homicide

Grant for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in England and Wales to coordinate and deliver support to those bereaved by homicide.

See website: www.tendersuk.com

John James Charitable Trust

Grants are available to provide support for individuals and organisations with a Christian focus, as well as funding for ministry training.

See website: www.johnjamestrust.org

Our Big Gig 2014

One-off grants are available to local community groups to help them take part in Our Big Gig, a community music celebration taking place across the UK from **11 to 13 July 2014**.

See website: www.makingmusic.org.uk/

PRISM Grant Fund

Financial assistance is available to support the acquisition and conservation of items of historical industrial, technological and medical importance throughout England and Wales.

See website: www.artscouncil.org.uk

Job Opportunities

Groundwork Lancashire West and Wigan

1. SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Salary up to £24,431 pa in St Helens. [Click here](#) for more

2. DEVELOPMENT OFFICER - HORTICULTURE

Salary up to £20,049pa in St Helens. [Click here](#) for more

Closing date for applications – **25 March 2014** Interviews to be held – 31 March 2014.

Independent Living Coordinator – Promoting Independence

36 hours per week £17,500 per annum Based at Arkwright House, Preston

Age Concern Central Lancashire is a leading local provider of services for older people in Central Lancashire who are looking for an Independent Living Coordinator – Promoting Independence.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate skills in planning and organising service delivery. Be able to motivate and gain commitment from others to achieve results. To have day to day supervisory responsibility for the Promoting Independence staff and provide cross cover across the Older People's Services when required.

Due to the nature of the post an Enhanced Check for Regulated Activity will be required.

Closing date for applications: **Friday 28 March 2014** at noon.

Interviews to be held: Tuesday 8th April 2014.

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 and previous applicants may not be considered.

For an informal discussion please contact Bev Fox, Independent Living Manager on 01772 552850.

For all HR and or application enquiries please contact Sara Greenwood, HR Administrator on 01772 552896.

Ingol & Tanterton Community Trust (Intact)

Health & Well-Being Coordinator

Salary NJC: Scale 5: Point 24: £21,067 35 hours per week

Intact is looking for a dynamic, enthusiastic person with a Can Do Attitude and a Positive Outlook on life. Reporting to the Young Persons Services Officer, you will be responsible for developing and delivering regular healthy lifestyle sessions, provide recreational activities to reduce isolation and encourage the participation of local people.

You will be a Practice Educator for Social Work Students on placement at Intact and will also be responsible for co-ordinating the delivery of Intact events and seek out new project funding. The ability to work some evenings and weekends is essential.

This is an opportunity to join a thriving community based organisation at a very exciting time. Intact has been successful in securing almost £500,000 from the Big Lottery for a 2 storey annexe to our existing building. We are looking for the right person to take this project into the future, maximising this brand new resource. You will be part of a very dedicated and motivated staff team committed to excellence and making a real difference. Funding is available for 19 months where after further funding may be available.

For an Application Pack please contact: Lynda Lockwood at;
Intact, 49 Whitby Avenue, Ingol Preston, PR2 3YP. Tel: 01772 760760
or email: lynda.lockwood@intact-preston.org.uk quoting the above position.

For an informal discussion about the post please contact: Mrs Ali Barkley

Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: **Friday 4 April** at 4.00p.m. 2014

Proposed Interview Date: Friday 2 May, 2014

Proposed Start Date: Monday 9 June, 2014

This Post is funded by the Big Lottery Fund

New Job Vacancy at LWC

Lancashire Women's Centre is currently recruiting for a '**Through the Gate' Project Coordinator**.

See website:

www.womenscentre.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=70&Itemid=128