



## CVS News and Events

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### One West Lancashire Forum / Health Network event

The next One West Lancashire Forum / Health Network event will be held on **Wednesday 13 May 2015** at Edge Hill University – [click here](#) to see flyer.

### Nominate your Outstanding Volunteer for a Special Award

This year we will be presenting a small number of special awards to recognise the dedication of outstanding service to volunteering. Please let us know if your organisation has a volunteer that you feel deserves a special award for Outstanding Service to Volunteering. You can nominate your volunteer by completing the attached proforma – [click here](#) - and returning it to us by **17 April 2015**. Please note you must have the permission of the volunteer and they must be free to accept, the award, if successful, on the afternoon of 13 May 2015.

### Opportunity for a Community Shout-out

Also at the event we will show a number of short films highlighting the excellent work of the VCF sector in West Lancs. If you have a short film (no more than three minutes) of your organisation's work or would like one to be made please contact Kirstie Dwan by **31 March 2015** at the latest. **Please note that there are a limited number of slots available.** This is your opportunity to be heard!

[Click here](#) to book a place.

### Health Network Event Report 18 February 2015

The report from the Health Network Event (incorporating the CVS AGM) is available on the CVS website – please [click here](#) and scroll down.

## Local News and Events

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### Table Sale & Family Nature Day

Being held on **Saturday 21 March 2015** 10.30am - 1.30pm at West End School, Ormskirk, L39 1PA. £5 per table. [Click here](#) for more information or to book a table, please contact

Isabell Sutherland at Moorgate Children's Centre on 01695 573470. Organised by Moorgate Children's Centre, West End Primary School, Homestart Central Lancs and Cottage Lane Mission

### **An Evening of French Music**

7:30pm, **Saturday 21 March 2015** at Ormskirk School, Wigan Road. Tickets: £9 - adults, £4 – children. [Click here](#) for more. For tickets, please contact Clare on 01925 221301 or buy on the door

### **Bistro Night – Italian Night**

West Lancashire College will be holding an 'Italian Night' on **25 March 2015**. [Click here](#) for more. To book a table, please contact: 01695 52317.

### **A Festival of Song**

Ormskirk Music Society Choir with guests: Wigan Community Choir. 7:30pm, **Saturday 28 March 2015** at St John C of E Church, Burscough. Tickets: £7 (buy on the door).

### **World Autism Awareness**

Connect 4 Life want to replicate the World Autism Awareness Day celebrations that took place on Preston Flag Market last year - an event that was put on by Lancashire Autism Partnership Board members and some amazing Parent Carers. They rebooked the Flag Market with space for up to 30 Autism related and inclusive stall holders along with some activities. The event will run from 11am until 3pm on the **2 April 2015**. To book a stall email Laura Dunbar – [laura.dunbar@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:laura.dunbar@lancashire.gov.uk)

The National Autistic Society are hosting a full week of activities celebrating World Autism Awareness Week from **27 March - 2 April 2015**. Please email [laura.dunbar@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:laura.dunbar@lancashire.gov.uk) / call 01772 538453 with any activities/promotion you are doing to celebrate World Autism Awareness across Lancashire.

### **Liverpool Needs You!**

On **Saturday 4 July 2015**, in association with Very.co.uk, Liverpool will attempt to smash the Guinness World Record for the 'Most People on a Catwalk' - and they need community groups to be part of it! Come and participate in The Very Big Catwalk, a spectacle never to be forgotten. One magnificent community; One Magnificent City. [Click here](#) for more or call 0151 233 0196 / email [verybigcatwalk@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:verybigcatwalk@liverpool.gov.uk)

### **Congratulations to Divine Dance**

Divine Days Community Arts CIC dance group Divine Dance were awarded 1st place at the Nelson Dance Festival Contemporary Group. The group was the only one competing with additional needs and were awarded a distinction. [Click here](#) to read more.

## Volunteer Opportunities

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### Administration Assistant – Park Children’s Centre

We are looking for someone who has a range of customer service experience, preferably face to face with customers, who is friendly, able to respond quickly as the building is often a busy place and someone who uses their own initiative.

### Sport & Leisure - Canoe Safari Volunteer – Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust

Help with operation of canoe safari which will involve helping visitors, demonstrating the canoes, fitting buoyancy aids and taking money.

### Support - Volunteer Advocate – n-compass

Do you want to support people to have their voice heard and make their own decisions? Advocates help people accessing health and social services to: find out information, understand their rights, write letters, make phone calls and attend meetings.

Contact Nicci at the Volunteer Centre for any of the above vacancies – [nicci@wlcvs.org](mailto:nicci@wlcvs.org)

### Local Car Scheme Needs Volunteer Drivers

Did you know? West Lancashire Dial a Ride runs a volunteer Community Car scheme in addition to its familiar red and white accessible minibuses. The Community Car scheme works by local car owners volunteering their time to drive elderly or disabled residents to appointments or to the shops. Volunteer car schemes are a more efficient alternative to minibuses in rural areas and have proved very popular with residents in West Lancashire where they have been piloting the scheme over the last year.

They need more car drivers. Please pass this on to anyone who would could spare some time. Volunteers can choose how much time they are willing to offer and are paid a generous rate for the mileage they cover on the scheme. No special driving licence or insurance is required. Applicants must undergo a driving assessment and security check. If you would like to know more please ring Dial a Ride on 01704 893373.

## Resources

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### Free unwanted furniture and resources

From the Point 6 youth centre and the library – free to any West Lancashire voluntary or community Organisation, just remove yourself. There is an open day at P6 this **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015** - 9am until 4pm. If you have any questions contact Maria Lee on 07786 560730 or call P6 on Friday on 01695 50799 / email [maria.lee@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:maria.lee@lancashire.gov.uk)

### Just Act website

The [Just Act](#) website provides practical advice for anyone wanting to make a difference and improve their community. As well as providing basic advice to people wanting to get involved in community action or set up a group it has a useful knowledge bank. This contains a number of relevant documents and resources. There is also an online Forum.

## **It's All in the Database!**

Social enterprise free database was established in 2011, with the aim to reduce the technology gap between those with large resources, and those without. The freedatabase website hosts the UK's largest resource of free database systems, but there are also database build, data migration and training services available. See website:

<http://freedatabase.org.uk/>

## **Free resources for people with learning disabilities**

The Friendly Resource Company is a Social Enterprise set up by Speakup to provide employment for people with learning disabilities and/or Autism. We produce and sell lots of good quality accessible resources for people with learning disabilities and/or Autism. All the resources are self-help, easy to understand booklets or films which have been made by and for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. They are all fantastic at helping vulnerable people understand important information. Find out more at [www.friendlyresources.org.uk](http://www.friendlyresources.org.uk)

## **ella Forums**

**ella** Forums is a leadership development programme specifically designed to inspire and develop the leaders of Charities and Social Enterprises to grow their organisations. For more see website: [www.ella-forums.org/](http://www.ella-forums.org/)

## **Voluntary Sector News**

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### **Budget 2015**

NCVO's charity finance expert has summarised the main points of interest:

[Five things charities need to know about Budget 2015](#)

### **Audit threshold**

The [audit threshold](#) for charities is being doubled to £1m. The government has decided to bring forward the 'live' date to **31 March 2015**, so charities whose accounting years end on or after that date can benefit immediately.

### **Understanding the new public procurement rules**

New Philanthropy Capital has produced a [briefing](#) on the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. These regulations brought into effect a European Directive on public procurement, from 26 February. NPC say they will help charities win government contracts but do not go far enough.

### **Adoption of the new SORPs**

The Charities SORPs (Statement of Recommended Practice) were issued in July 2014 after many months of consultation. [Click here](#) for more.

## Training News

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### West Lancashire College training courses

Upcoming courses include:

**25 March 2015 Emergency First Aid At Work £55pp**

**26 March 2015 Fire Marshal £65**

**23 & 30 April 2015 Paediatric First Aid £95pp**

**27 April 2015 Emergency First Aid At Work £55pp**

If you would like any further information please contact Vicky Heyes on 01695 52490 / 07423431844 Email: [vicky.heyas@westlancs.ac.uk](mailto:vicky.heyas@westlancs.ac.uk) [www.westlancs.ac.uk](http://www.westlancs.ac.uk)

### VSNW's 2015 Commercial Masterclasses

Voluntary Sector North West are hosting, in association with NCVO and the Cabinet Office, a two day Commercial Masterclass in Manchester on **23 and 24 March 2015**.

These practical Masterclasses are designed to share the skills, tools and techniques used by experts in both the private and voluntary sector to win and deliver public service contracts. There will also be an emphasis on the requirements for delivering services as part of a supply chain headed by a commercial sector provider.

If your organisation is looking at bidding for public service contracts, either alone or as part of a consortium, and you feel you need to 'up your game' in terms of business practices, the two-day Commercial Masterclass is for you. See website ([www.vsnw.org.uk/events/view/858](http://www.vsnw.org.uk/events/view/858)).

Chester Voluntary Action is also hosting a Masterclass taking place in Chester on **30 and 31 March** and you can visit [their website](#) for more information. **Bookings are limited to one place per organisation.** Any questions contact Helen Walker: [helen.walker@vsnw.org.uk](mailto:helen.walker@vsnw.org.uk)

### Free Training for Small Charities: 22 – 23 April 2015, Manchester

The FSI is bringing two days of free training to Manchester so that small charities in the area can build the skills they need to become self sustaining. The event offers courses on key fundraising skills such as Trusts & Foundations and Corporate Partnerships. There is also training on Fundraising Strategy, Risk Management for Trustees, and Demonstrating Your Impact. It fills up fast, so book your free 1 or 2 day place today to access this fantastic training opportunity.

Visit [www.thefsi.org/services/training/manchester-april-2015/](http://www.thefsi.org/services/training/manchester-april-2015/) for more information and bookings. You need to be a member to attend but it's free and easy to join through our website.

## Funding News

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### People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) Internships

Max. Value: £ 4,000. **Deadline: 25 March 2015.** Grants are available to support students and future conservationists to enable them to work full-time, on a specific invertebrate, amphibian, reptile or mammal-related project in the UK. The work must be carried out at

either a conservation organisation or within a research group at a university. See website: [www.ptes.org](http://www.ptes.org)

### **Barclays Credit Union Programme**

Barclays has announced the launch of a new £1 million support programme for Credit Unions. This is a collaborative learning programme and will run along two main strands:

- Building capacity of selected credit unions to support Directors, senior staff and other personnel to improve their core skills, capabilities and operational practices
- Improving financial capability and resilience through the provision of financial guidance skills training for credit union staff and volunteers. Credit unions can then target those segments of credit union membership who are struggling with their finances and may be more likely to default or be rejected for lending.

The application deadline for Year 1 will close at 10:00 am on **Monday 30 March 2015**. See website:

[www.transact.org.uk/page.aspx?sitesectionid=244&sitesectiontitle=Community+Finance+Funding](http://www.transact.org.uk/page.aspx?sitesectionid=244&sitesectiontitle=Community+Finance+Funding)

### **Awards to improve maths and English skills**

Awards of up to £2,400 are available to voluntary sector organisations with five or more staff who would like to improve their skills in maths and English, in areas such as speaking and listening, writing and number skills. Enrolment deadline: **31 March 2015**. See **GMVCO's website**: [www.gmcvo.org.uk/awards-improve-maths-and-english-skills](http://www.gmcvo.org.uk/awards-improve-maths-and-english-skills)

### **Church and Community Fund**

Max. Value: £ 20,000. **Deadline: 31 March 2015**. Funding is available to support community projects run by bodies associated with the Church of England. See website: [www.ccfund.org.uk/](http://www.ccfund.org.uk/)

### **Colwinston Charitable Trust**

Max. Value: £ 25,000. **Deadline: 31 March 2015**. 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. See website: [www.colwinston.org.uk/](http://www.colwinston.org.uk/)

### **Magdalen Hospital Trust**

Max. Value: £ 2,000. **Deadline: 31 March 2015**. Grant for registered charities working with people experiencing social deprivation. See website: [www.magdalentrust.org.uk](http://www.magdalentrust.org.uk)

### **Women's Empowerment Fund**

The Government have announced a further fund relating to child sexual exploitation. The £250,000 [Women's Empowerment Fund](#) aims to support women and give them the confidence to speak out against abuse and child sexual exploitation within their communities. Voluntary and community groups who work with women can apply for grants up to £20,000. The deadline is **31 March 2015**.



## Neighbourhood cinema equipment

A [scheme from the British Film Institute](#) aims to provide equipment for film screenings to increase audiences for a wider range of film across the UK. They will support existing film screening bodies, such as community centres or film clubs, who have been operating open film screenings for at least 6 months with a regular audience size of at least 30 people. Closing date is **6 April 2015**.

## The Prince's Countryside Fund – Spring Round Now Open with £800,000 for UK Rural Initiatives

The aim of the funding is to have a long-term positive impact on rural communities, helping those that live and work there to sustain the countryside by tackling key rural issues. Grants of up to £50,000 available to not-for-profit organisations, charities, Social Enterprises, Community Interest Companies, Companies Limited by Guarantee, and Unincorporated Associations. Funding is for a maximum of three years and for a maximum grant of £50,000 per project.

Grants must result in outcomes that directly relate to the Fund's objectives to:

- Improve the viability of British farming targeting the areas of greatest need.
- Improve the sustainability of rural communities targeting the areas of greatest need.

Projects must focus on at least one of the following three key countryside issues:

- Developing Thriving Rural Communities by improving service provision in rural areas. Projects should provide innovative solutions to deliver assets and services that keep rural communities together and develop a more sustainable rural economy, such as empowering communities to provide village services or create business hubs and employment for local people.
- Transforming Rural Livelihoods by supporting rural enterprise and farming businesses. Projects should focus on developing stronger, more sustainable farm and rural enterprises with the aim of halting the decline of the rural economy, for example by providing rural businesses with support and advice or supporting farmer led initiatives.
- Creating the Farmers of the Future by providing training opportunities for young people and the unemployed. Projects should help improve skills and increase opportunities of taking up rural careers, in particular in farming, with the aim of helping people to remain within and contribute to the rural economy, for example, training opportunities and apprenticeship schemes that inspire and enable new entrants to consider a career in farming.

The deadline for applications is **9 April 2015**. See website:

<http://princescountrysidefund.org.uk/>

## Wingate Foundation

Deadline: **9 April 2015**. 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](http://www.wingatefoundation.org.uk)

## Santander Social Enterprise Development Awards

Banking group Santander has launched its annual Social Enterprise Development Awards making a number of donations of £5,000 - £10,000 for social enterprises and enterprising

charities across the UK.

In addition to the financial awards, the winners will also have access to a business support programme including; the opportunity to have a three month intern working in the organisation to help implement enterprising growth plans and specialist social enterprise consultancy support from Inspire2Enterprise. The deadline for entries is **10 April 2015**. See website: [www.lancsfoundation.org.uk](http://www.lancsfoundation.org.uk) or [www.cfmerseyside.org.uk](http://www.cfmerseyside.org.uk) or [www.santanderseda.co.uk](http://www.santanderseda.co.uk)

### **Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Rights and Justice Programme**

**Deadline: 13 April 2015.** 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.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk)

### **Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust - Sustainable Future Programme**

**Deadline: 13 April 2015.** Funding is available to enable organisations in the UK to develop and promote sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm. See website: [www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk)

### **Wolfson Foundation**

**Deadline: 15 April 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](http://www.wolfson.org.uk)

### **Wingate Foundation Music Grants Programme**

The Music Grants programme supports those areas of music performance and education which do not readily attract backing from commercial sponsors or other funding bodies, or which are not eligible for public funding. Priority will be given to those organisations which give opportunities to young professionals and to education projects for young people as well as for new adult audiences. This would include direct assistance as well as funding for organisations which promote their work or performance, and support for Master Classes. The next deadline for applications is **28 April 2015**. See website: [www.wingatefoundation.org.uk/sc\\_music.php](http://www.wingatefoundation.org.uk/sc_music.php)

### **The Aviva Community Fund**

Offers support and funding for projects to help enhance local communities. You can apply for funding to support all kinds of projects, as long as it is for the greater good of the community. To qualify, your project must make a positive difference to people's lives in one of the following categories:

- \* Health, disability and wellbeing
- \* Supporting the younger generation
- \* Supporting the older generation
- \* Community support



There are four different funding levels you can apply for, ranging from £1,000 to up to £25,000. The projects will be put forward to a public vote, with the most popular going through to the Finals to be judged by the judging panel. The fund officially launches on 24 March. **Closing date is 30 April 2015.** See website: <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?SmallCharitiesCoalit/3ee9f12917/245f8b9b09/ddd07d147c/source=JK09&entry=140414>

### **Funding for Outdoor Play Spaces**

The Lords Taverners has announced that Special schools catering for children with severe learning and physical disabilities can now register their interest for its Outdoor Play Spaces grants programme.

The programme provides funding towards outdoor play equipment. Please email your expression of interest form and supporting documents to [foundation@lordstaverners.org](mailto:foundation@lordstaverners.org) by **Friday 1 May 2015**. For further details please contact Charlotte Brooks on 020 7025 0016. See website: [www.lordstaverners.org/](http://www.lordstaverners.org/)

### **Lord Taverners Minibuses Grant Programme**

The Lords Taverners, the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity, has announced that its Minibuses grants programme is open to applications. Applications will be accepted from schools/ organisations that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability. The deadline for applications is **1 May 2015**. See website: [www.lordstaverners.org/minibuses](http://www.lordstaverners.org/minibuses)

### **Funding for Digital Projects with a Social Impact**

The Nominet Trust which provides funding and support to technology with a social benefit, has announced that its Social Tech Seed Investment Programme is open for applications. Social Tech Seed is an investment programme that offers early-stage investment of between £15,000 and £50,000 to social entrepreneurs and charitable organisations who are looking to develop new ideas to use digital technology for social benefits. This programme provides funding and support to help entrepreneurs nurture, develop and test their ideas. The Trust is looking for applications that demonstrate the potential of technology to tackle some of the big social issues in sectors including:

- Education
- Employability
- Healthcare
- The environment.

The closing date for stage 1 applications will be **Wednesday 15 April 2015**. Applicants successful at this stage will have to submit a more detailed stage 2 application by 27 May 2015. See website: [www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/our-investment-programmes-0](http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/our-investment-programmes-0)

### **BBC Children In Need – Small Grants Programme**

Not for profit organisations such as such as registered charities; voluntary organisations; schools; 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 2015**. See website:

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-small-index](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-small-index)

## **The Kids Fund**

The Field Studies Council has announced that the next closing date for applications to its Kids Fund is **1 June 2015**. The Council works through a network of 17 residential and day Centres in the UK providing courses for schools and colleges at all levels in addition to adult Individuals & Families courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at a Field Studies Council centre. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. The Kids Fund will pay for up to 80% of the course fee for groups of disadvantaged young people to attend a non-curriculum day or residential course at an FSC Learning Location. This includes all equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses. See website: [www.field-studies-council.org/supporting-you/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx](http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporting-you/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx)

## **Funding for Community Youth Projects**

Telecoms provider O2 has announced that its "Think Big with O2" youth programme will re-open for applications on 1 April 2015. The programme supports young people in the UK (aged between 13 and 25) who want to make positive changes to their communities. Initially funding of £300 is available to get projects off the ground. If the project is completed successfully young people may be invited to apply for the second level of the programme -- Think Bigger where O2 provides funding of up to £2500. The programme is open to individuals and groups of young people and the money can be used to cover project related costs such as:

- Materials & equipment
- Cost of renting space
- Transportation
- Advertising, etc.

The closing date for applications is the **10th June 2015**. See website: [www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/](http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/)

## **Finding Carnegie Playing Fields**

The #FieldFinders campaign from The Carnegie UK Trust and Fields in Trust has been launched to help identify over 900 'lost' playing fields that were originally protected as public green spaces by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie's charitable trust between 1927-1935. Because their exact locations were never centrally recorded the sites have been lost and #FieldFinders is hoping the public can help to locate the Carnegie playing fields so that better legal protection can be put in place to protect and restore the spaces. If you locate a Carnegie playing field in your area you could be in with a chance to win one of two £5000 prizes to make improvements to facilities such as children's play areas. Submit images or suggested locations using the dedicated web portal and the specialist Fields in Trust team will then cross reference these with surviving documentation and begin the process of improving legal protection of the site to keep it safe for generations to come. The closing

date is the **31st August 2015**. See website: [www.fieldsintrust.org/Carnegie.aspx](http://www.fieldsintrust.org/Carnegie.aspx)

### **Funding to Support Family Based Projects**

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust is open to applications from registered charities for projects that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members.

The overall objective is to reinforce the potential benefit and support that family members as a unit can give to each other. The fund also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply with the above criteria. Grants are of between £1,000 and £5,000, but higher grants may be considered. The next closing date for applications is the **1st September 2015**. See website: [www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html](http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html)

### **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 (including squares, walks and promenades).

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

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

The next deadline for submitting stage 1 applications is the **1 September 2015** for a decision in December 2015. See website:

[www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx#.VB6VMxawSr2](http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx#.VB6VMxawSr2)

### **Free Trees for School, Community and Youth Groups**

The Woodland Trust has 4500 free tree packs to give away to schools, community and youth groups. The packs available are:

- Small (30 saplings)
- Medium (105 saplings)
- Large (420 saplings).

The closing date for applying for a free pack is the **3 September 2015**. See website:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>

### **Funding for Expeditions**

The Frederick Soddy Trust, has announced that the next application deadline for grants to support expeditions and field work is the **18 September 2015**.

Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to schools or universities, or from institutions such as scout groups to support expeditions that study "the whole life of an area" with a major emphasis on current human geography. See website:

[www.soddy.org/expeditions.htm](http://www.soddy.org/expeditions.htm)

### **Idlewild Trust**

Next closing date for applications to its grant making programme is the **23 September 2015**.

The Idlewild Trust is a grant making trust that 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. The Trust awards around £120,000 each year in grants and makes grants of up to £5,000. See website: [www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/](http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/)

### **Community Buildings Pre-Feasibility Grants**

Max. Value: £ 10,000. Revenue grants are available to any town or parish council, neighbourhood forum, or qualifying community group in England to assess the feasibility of a community building project before submitting a Community Right to Build Order. See website: [www.sibgroup.org.uk/communityrights/guidance/](http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/communityrights/guidance/)

### **Community Buildings Project Support Grants**

Max. Value: £ 40,000. Revenue grants are available to town and parish councils, neighbourhood forums, and qualifying community groups in England to help move their project through the planning process to the point where they can submit a Community Right to Build Order, or (in the case of community-led housing projects only) a traditional planning permission application. See website: [www.sibgroup.org.uk/communityrights/guidance/](http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/communityrights/guidance/)

### **Spirit of 2012 - Spirit of Achievement Arts and Culture Challenge Fund**

Max. Value: £ 250,000. Funding is available in the UK for the creation of opportunities to enable disabled people to participate in arts and cultural activities, individually and with their families. See website: [www.spiritof2012trust.org.uk](http://www.spiritof2012trust.org.uk)

### **Women's Empowerment Fund**

Max. Value: £ 20,000. One-off grants are available to voluntary sector organisations in England that are working with women in the community for local community engagement projects that empower women and increase their confidence to challenge abuse including child sexual abuse. See website: [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/409203/Call\\_for\\_applications\\_for\\_Womens\\_Empowerment\\_Fund\\_-\\_without\\_notification\\_date.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/409203/Call_for_applications_for_Womens_Empowerment_Fund_-_without_notification_date.pdf)

### **BFI Announces Changes to the Film Festival Fund for 2015**

The British Film Institute (BFI) has announced that the Film Festival Fund will no longer have deadlines and applications will now be accepted on an ongoing basis for the final two years of the programme. See website: [www.bfi.org.uk/film-industry/funding-awards](http://www.bfi.org.uk/film-industry/funding-awards)

### **Corporate Social Venturing Challenge**

Max. Value: £ 50,000. Investment funding for sustainable enterprises in England using innovative and disruptive digital technology to support and create opportunities for young people to transform their lives. See website: [www.bigissueinvest.com/csv-challenge](http://www.bigissueinvest.com/csv-challenge)

## Triangle Trust 1949 Fund

Max. Value: £ 120,000. Funding for charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies in the UK that are working to support unpaid carers or the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders. See website: [www.triangletrust.org.uk](http://www.triangletrust.org.uk)

## Biffa Award Announces Changes to Eligibility Criteria

From 1 April 2015, Biffa Award will be making some changes to the eligibility criteria for both its Small and Main Grant schemes. See website:

[www.fundingcentral.org.uk/newsview.aspx?WCU=DSCODE=OTSSCMLIVE,NEWSITEMID=248-N53725](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/newsview.aspx?WCU=DSCODE=OTSSCMLIVE,NEWSITEMID=248-N53725)

## Fundraising Opportunity

Sam Westcott is a (UIMLA) British International Mountain Guided based in the Lake District who runs Exped Adventure Worldwide Ltd, specialising in running International treks and UK challenges and can help raise money and awareness for your charity. **See website:** [www.expedadventure.com/](http://www.expedadventure.com/) or contact Sam Westcott / Jamie Annetts - [Info@ExpedAdventure.com](mailto:Info@ExpedAdventure.com)

## Job opportunities

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### Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale CVS

BPRCVS currently have the following vacancies:

**Group Support and Outreach Officer** (30 hours per week)

**Administration Worker** (16 hours per week)

Full details, including job specifications and application forms are available on their [website](#)

**Please find below a list of job vacancies at Healthwatch Lancashire.**

- **Senior Project Officer – Enter and View Team**
- **Project Officers – Enter and View Team**

Healthwatch Lancashire is the public voice on health and social care in the county with the role to listen and the power to significantly influence change within the health and social care system and is establishing a team to undertake 'Enter and View' visits for health and social care services.

We are looking for a full time Senior Project Officer to lead the Team plus two additional full time Project Officers. Healthwatch Lancashire may also consider offering a job share opportunity for one Project Officer role, should suitable applicants apply.

- Senior Project Officer Salary £25k, Full Time 37 hours per week.
- Project Officer Salary £20k, Full time 37 hours per week.
- Project Officer Salary (Job Share) £20k pro rata based on 37 hour week.

These roles are fixed term contracts until 31 March 2016, with the possibility to extend, depending on future funding.

**Please see Job Description and Person Specification below for each role:**

- [Senior Project Officer Job Description & Person Specification](#)
- [Project Officer Job Description and Person Specification](#)

Applicants should send their CV and covering letter via email to Liz Thatcher:  
[liz.thatcher@healthwatchlancashire.co.uk](mailto:liz.thatcher@healthwatchlancashire.co.uk)

Closing date: **Friday 3 April 2015.**

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