

## Apprentices raise over £1200

Apprentices employed with West Lancashire charities and businesses through the Supported Apprenticeship Scheme helped raise more than £900 for 'Go Orange Day' on Wednesday, October 17th, in aid of Myeloma UK.

The youngsters spent the last eight weeks planning the event with staff from the You Project, which is funded by the Big Lottery and delivered through the Partnership Team Ltd. The



fundraiser took place at the Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale.



The charity day also coincided with an online giving event and other activities in aid of the same cause throughout Lancashire.

The Supported Apprenticeship scheme is funded by the Local Strategic Partnership, which is managed by West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service.

Councillor Owens, the Cabinet Holder for regeneration, visited the apprentices and congratulated them on their hard work and success

## Lancashire Community Finance

Lancashire Community Finance is pleased to report the expansion of their premises in the Ecumenical Centre Skelmersdale has now completed. The community based financial services organisation has created additional space to provide a better client experience. Additional private meeting areas have been created together with new client resources including a computer for West Lancs residents to use. The Skelmersdale office is open Monday to Friday 9.00 – 4.30 additionally LCF continue to provide weekly outreach services at The Grove Community Centre Burscough on Wednesday mornings. Moving forward it is the intention to provide additional outreach sessions in the rural northern parishes.

## Students as Trustees

In order to give students an opportunity to use their business skills and knowledge to benefit VCFS organisations, a volunteer recruitment event was held at Edge Hill University on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Eight organisations were represented at the event, with vacancy details being distributed to a number of others who couldn't join us on the day.

A wide variety of skills were being sought from marketing and social media to business planning and accountancy. The range of organisations was also very diverse, pictured are New Shoots based in Hesketh Bank, who have set up an allotment and community growing programme in the last 2 years and are now looking to establish a permaculture site which will be good for the environment but also brings significant social benefits. Also pictured is Ormskirk Ukulele Club who are looking for someone with photography and media skills to help them develop their website.



If you have an interest in any of the above or would like to have a more general discussion about volunteering your skills, please call Gill Hughes at West Lancs CVS on 01695 733737.



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