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### **Last chance to book One West Lancs Event 2016**

Places need to be booked by the end of this week for this year's One West Lancs Forum and Health Network event. The event is being held at Creative Edge at Edge Hill on **Wednesday 6 July 2016** from 9.30am until 3.15pm. The theme for this year's Forum will be '**Getting Active**' as a way of improving the health and wellbeing, both physical and mental, of West Lancashire residents.

There will be presentations, optional interactive workshops (walking, singing, art) and networking. See [agenda](#). There is also an opportunity to find out about crowdfunding as a way of fundraising as well as a chance to enter your charity into a prize draw for a cash prize.

If you want to book a place, please complete the [booking form](#) by Friday 24 June 2016.

## [Local News and Events](#)

### **£62,500 Shared by 6 Lucky Local Projects**

Six extremely lucky local groups are celebrating following receiving confirmation that their bids to the Whitemoss Community Fund have been successful.

[Click here](#) to read more.

### **Healthwatch Need Community Groups**

HealthWatch Lancashire is launching their annual report soon, and are hoping to hold events with community groups in the first week of July where they will present the work of Healthwatch Lancashire over the past year, and ask people if they have any suggestions of how they can listen to more people in the next year and any areas of health and social care you think they should focus on.

They are hoping to speak to groups of about 30 people, and hold the event as a coffee and cake morning. The session would be 1 hour, with members of the Healthwatch Lancashire team attending as well as the chairman Mike Wedgeworth, and Chief Officer, Sheralee Turner-Birchall.

If your group would be happy for Healthwatch to attend in the **week 1-8 July 2016** please respond to Christina Morley on 01524 230661 / 07809309276 /

[christina.morley@healthwatchlancashire.co.uk](mailto:christina.morley@healthwatchlancashire.co.uk)

## Consultations

### **Vital Signs Public Consultation**

Lancashire's Vital Signs is a charitable giving guide from the Community Foundation for Lancashire that provides up-to-date information about the key issues facing the region's communities.

The Community Foundation are currently compiling this year's report and they are keen to ensure that people across the County are given a chance to make their voice heard over the issues that matter most to them. They have launched a short survey for local residents to have their say and the answers provided will allow the Community Foundation to guide charitable giving, providing passionate donors and philanthropists with up-to-date information about the needs in your community.

As a thank you for your time, one respondent will be drawn at random and presented with a grant of £1000 for a local community organisation, social enterprise, or charity of their choice!\* (see <http://www.lancsfoundation.org.uk/knowledge/vital-signs-2016> for more details on the competition)

If you are interested in making your voice heard about what issues are important to you, then please take 10 minutes to fill in their short survey by clicking the following link:

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/lancsvitalsigns>

If you have any questions contact James McMahon on 0151 232 2429 / [james.mcmahon@cflm.email](mailto:james.mcmahon@cflm.email)

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## Health News

### **Cancer Information Event**

Being held at Southport Theatre and Convention Centre on **Thursday 30 June 2016** 1pm – 3.30pm. There will be market stalls where people affected by cancer in Southport, Formby and West Lancs, can find out about local support available. There will be talks, chance to chat to clinical nurse specialists, hand massage and mini make overs too. The event is free but booking is essential on 0151 288 6893 or emailing [sfccg.macmillancic@nhs.net](mailto:sfccg.macmillancic@nhs.net)  
Please see [flyer](#) for further info.

There is lots more health news on the [CVS website](#)

## Training News

### First aid course

Places available on this course running on **29 June 2016** from 9:15-4:30 at Park Children's centre. Contact Anne Cookson on 01695-554535/ 01704 896424 (option 2) / 07584581431 / [anne.cookson@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:anne.cookson@lancashire.gov.uk)

## Volunteering Opportunities

### Disability Advice West Lancs Vacancy: Trustee

DAWL is looking for new trustees to join their Queen's Award-winning charity. The charity provides information, advice and support for disabled people and carers. Their vision is "to enable people to live the lives that they choose."

If you feel you can commit and have the aptitude, see website [www.dawl.org.uk](http://www.dawl.org.uk) for the Information Pack or contact the Manager, Tony Lewis on 01695 51819 or email [tonylewis@dawl.org.uk](mailto:tonylewis@dawl.org.uk)

Registered Charity No: 1102257 Company No. 4946820.

## Funding News

### Applications now open for the Christmas Challenge

Applications for the Christmas Challenge 2016 are officially open! You have until **5pm on Monday 4 July 2016** to complete Stage One of the application. See website: <https://www.thebiggive.org.uk/christmas-challenge/>

### Dirtworks Environmental Scheme

Max. Value: £ 20,000. Deadline: **8 July 2016**. Grants are available to community and voluntary groups conducting environmental projects which involve young people aged 16- 25 years in Lancashire. See website: <http://www.lancsenfund.org.uk/>

### Lancashire Environmental Fund

Max. Value: £ 30,000. Deadline: **8 July 2016**. Grants are available to voluntary organisations for a variety of community and environmental initiatives within Lancashire. Projects must: provide public amenities, conserve a natural habitat/species, or restore historic, architecturally interesting or religious buildings. See website: <http://www.lancsenfund.org.uk/>

### Comic Relief Small NGO Fund Opens

The fund aims to support work by small and diaspora-led NGOs which align with Comic Relief's new grants strategy. In this round of funding, Comic Relief are looking for applications from organisations working in the following areas of work:

- Empowering women and girls to be free to lead the lives they choose
- Improving the health and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged people
- Building stronger communities in areas of disadvantage, deprivation and poverty.

Applicants must be based in the UK with partners working in sub-Saharan Africa and UK organisations must have an annual turnover of less than £1 million or have a majority African Diaspora Board. There is no minimum grant size but the maximum grant size available will be £350,000 and projects must be no longer than three years duration.

The deadline for applications is midday on **28 July 2016**. See website:

<http://www.comicrelief.com/news/new-funding-opportunity-small-and-diaspora-organisations>

### 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 **8 August 2016**.

The Momentum Music Fund offers grants of £5,000-£15,000 for artists/bands to break through to the next level of their careers. Activities eligible for support include recording, touring and marketing. 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. Artists/Bands applying for the Momentum Music Fund must be at a crucial tipping point in their careers, showing current progression and growth as an artist with the potential to significantly develop their careers over the next two years. See website:

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

### Grants for Places of Worship

The Heritage Lottery Fund has grants of £10,000-£250,000 available for Grade I and Grade II listed places of worship in England to fund urgent structural repairs and help to make them better places for everyone to visit. As part of the repair project, HLF can also fund improvements to facilities and work that helps more people get involved with these buildings. Applications go through a two-round process so applicants can apply at an early project stage and get an idea of whether you're likely to receive a grant.

The next deadline for applications is **9 August 2016**. See website: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/grants-places-worship-england>

### Funding to raise standards in the Private Sector Rented Housing Market

TDS Charitable Foundation have extended the deadline for the current round of funding and are now welcoming funding applications until **10 August 2016**.

The Foundation works to advance education about housing rights and obligations in the private

rented sector and because of this extended deadline, available funding for bids has been increased to £70,000. The Foundation is looking to support bids which promote knowledge of landlord's obligations or tenant's rights and responsibilities. See website:

<http://tdsfoundation.org.uk/press-release/tds-charitable-foundation-announces-double-funding-round>

### The Law Society Charity Grants

Next deadline is **19 August 2016**. The Charity provides grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 to voluntary sector organisations for projects that:

- Promote human rights
- Provide access to justice
- Legal education.

Priority is particularly given to projects that promote the needs of excluded, under-represented or disadvantaged groups and minorities. See website: <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/about-us/law-society-charity/apply/>

### Veolia Environmental Trust Grants

Next closing date for applications is **26 August 2016**. Constituted, not-for-profit groups within the vicinity of a qualifying Veolia site, can apply for grants for projects that support the natural, social and built environment. The type of activities that can be supported include:

- **Community buildings and rooms, such as:**
  - Community centres
  - Village halls
  - Community spaces within religious buildings
  - Scout or Girlguiding buildings
- **Outdoor spaces such as:**
  - Public parks
  - Nature reserves
  - Community gardens
  - Footpaths
  - Bridleways
  - Cycle Paths
- **Play and recreation such as:**
  - Play areas
  - Skate-parks
  - MUGAs
  - Sports grounds
  - Pavilions or changing rooms
- **Projects that support Biodiversity such as:**
  - The species related element of a BAP (national or local)
  - The habitat related element of a BAP or HAP (national or local)
  - Reintroduction programmes to a specific habitat.

The maximum grant is £75,000 for projects with a total cost of under £500,000 (including VAT and professional costs). Projects that have already secured at least 20% of the total cost. See website: <http://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/>

### Will Charitable Trust Open to Applications

Currently accepting applications from charities seeking funding for the care of and services for people suffering from cancer in the UK. The Will Charitable Trust provides support within the following categories: care of and services for blind people; long-term care of people with learning disabilities; and care of and services for people suffering from cancer.

Grants are currently available for the care of and services for people suffering from cancer, and their families.

UK registered or exempt charities are eligible to apply. Applicants must be based mainly within the UK, although some work abroad may be permitted. Applicant organisations must have proven track records of successful work in their field of operation or, in the case of newer charities, convincing evidence of ability.

Grants vary in amount, but generally fall within the range of £5,000 to £20,000.

**The deadline for applications is 31 August 2016.**

See website: [www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk)

### Grants to Protect Biodiversity and Ecosystems

Outdoor clothing company Patagonia has funding for projects from organisations that identify and work on the root causes of environmental problems.

Small, grassroots, activist organizations with provocative direct-action agendas, working on multi-pronged campaigns to preserve and protect biodiversity and the environment, can apply for grants of up to €12,000 to run projects that protect local habitats. Applicants must be able to produce measurable project results, and Patagonia are particularly keen to support efforts that force the government to abide by laws. Creative methods to engage communities to take action, including film, photography and books will only be supported if they are tightly linked to a direct-action campaign on the issue, with specific goals that go beyond education and awareness.

The deadline for applications is **31 August 2016**. See website:

<http://www.patagonia.com/us/patagonia.go?assetid=2942>

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

The Woodland Trust has 4,750 free tree packs to give away to schools, community and youth groups.

The free tree packs are available for planting on one publicly accessible site. The packs available are:

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

The amount of saplings organisations can apply for depends on the space available. See the Woodland Trust website for details. Packs will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. All applicants need to do is find a suitable site and supply the volunteer planters and tree protection. The woodland should be enjoyed for years to come. The planting area should be accessible to the public so that it can be used and enjoyed by others. Exceptions are made for schools and in circumstances where free access may not be possible, such as on grounds belonging to health organisations, residential care homes or hospices.

The closing date for applying for a free pack is **7 September 2016**. See website:

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

### Help the Homeless

Currently accepting applications from small and medium sized charities and voluntary organisations (those with a turnover of under £1m per annum).

Grants of up to £5,000 are available towards capital costs to support projects that assist disadvantaged individuals in their return to mainstream society, through residential or training facilities. Grants to larger charities may be considered if the project is suitable innovative and only possible for a larger organisation to develop it.

The next application deadline is **15 September 2016**. See website: <http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

### **Funding for Projects that Use the Internet to Improve People's Lives**

The Internet Society, which is a global cause-driven organization dedicated to ensuring that the Internet stays open, transparent and defined by you, has announced that the next deadline to apply to the Beyond the Net Fund is **16 September 2016**. The funds are available for internet projects that improve people's lives. There are three sizes of grants: • Small projects - up to 3,500 USD) • Medium-scale funding - up to 10,000 USD • Large-scale funding - up to 30,000 USD. Projects must promote the open development, evolution, and use of the Internet for the benefit of all people throughout the world. Applications for Beyond the Net funding will primarily be accepted from Internet Society Chapters or projects with an Internet Society Chapter actively involved. However, case-by-case basis applications from Internet Society members who do not have an Internet Society Chapter in their country, will also be considered. See website: <http://www.internetsociety.org/what-we-do/grants-awards/beyond-net-funding-programme/how-apply-beyond-net-funding>

### **Funding to Tackle Fuel Poverty**

The next closing date for applications to the Scottish Power Energy People Trust is **21 September 2016**.

The Trust provides grants to registered charities for projects that address fuel poverty. Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £50,000 for projects that:

- Provide energy efficiency advice
- Improve home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and or other practical measures
- Carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to through welfare benefits and tax credits and provide assistance to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply.

Applications are particularly welcome from charities who work with children, young people and families. See website:

<http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=s4>

### **Heritage Lottery Fund, Skills for the Future**

The Heritage Lottery Fund will reopen its Skills for the Future for applications on 24 June 2016. Grants of between £100,000 and £750,000 will be available for projects that provide paid work-based training placements to meet a skills shortage in the heritage sector and help diversify the workforce.

If you would like to register for one of our information workshops then [please book via Eventbrite](#).

The deadline for applications will be **29 September 2016**. See website: <https://www.hlf.org.uk/about-us/news-features/skills-future-back>

### **Smart Energy Small Grants for Communities**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available from the Smart Energy GB in Communities programme to promote the benefits and use of Smart meters.

Local community groups, including charities, clubs, social enterprises, resident's associations and parish councils, can apply. The grants can be used to fund activities that deliver results against one or more of these outcomes:

- Raising awareness of smart meters and understanding their key benefits
- Increasing interest in getting a smart meter installed
- Motivating people to use their smart meter
- Educating people on how to get the most benefit from using their smart meter.

The project must be completed by 31 December 2016.

Applications are accepted and assessed on a rolling basis but the final application deadline is **30 September 2016**. See website:

<https://www.cafonline.org/about-us/our-grant-programmes/smart-energy-gb-grant>

### Feminist Review Trust Grants

The Feminist Review Trust has announced that the next round of its 2016 grants programme is now open for applications. The Feminist Review Trust gives grants of up to £15,000 to projects in the UK and internationally that support women. The Trust will prioritise applications for hard to fund projects that:

- Have no other obvious sources of funding
- Pump priming activities to help start a project in the hope that it will then be able attract sufficient funding to continue
- Interventionist projects that support feminist values
- Training and development projects
- One off events
- Dissemination of relevant material
- Core funding for groups that struggle to raise it elsewhere.

Other projects outside of these above categories may be funded but potential applicants should contact the Trust to discuss eligibility before submitting an application.

The deadline for applications is **30 September 2016**. See website: <http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/>

### Funding for Youth Mobility projects

UK organisations working with young people outside the formal education sector can apply for funding to run mobility projects. These projects enable organisations to offer:

- Structured study
- Work experience
- Job shadowing
- Training and teaching opportunities to staff and learners in another European country.

There are three types of learning mobility activities for youth:

- Youth exchanges
- European Voluntary Service (EVS)
- Training/networking for youth workers.

One or more activities can be combined into a mobility project, with a UK organisation or in some cases, an informal group of young people working in partnership with one or more organisations from the Erasmus+ participating countries. The programme is run by the British Council and they are running application support webinars, including one-to-one online sessions.

The closing date for applications is 11 am on **4 October 2016**. See website:



<https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-youth-mobility-funding>

### **Lloyds Bank Foundation Announces Next Funding Round for its "Invest" Programme**

Re-opens for applications 5 September 2016 and will close at 5pm on **14 October 2016**.

"Invest" is a flexible, long term core funding programme for charities helping disadvantaged people. Invest grants are from £10,000 up to maximum of £25,000 per year for two or three years, with the opportunity for continuation funding for a further period - up to six years in total. Invest grants fund core running costs such as rent, heating, lighting and management costs etc, as well as project delivery costs such as salaries, recruitment, volunteer expense and training, etc. The Foundation also runs a smaller "Enable" programme which provides grants of up to £15,000 for up to 2 years for activities relating to organisational development such as leadership and governance, improved systems and demonstrating outcomes.

Applications to the "Enable" programme can be made at any time. See website:

<http://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

### **NFU Mutual Charitable Trust**

Next closing date for applications is **28 October 2016**. In future the Trust will focus on providing funding to larger initiatives, which will have a significant impact on the rural community. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas. See website:

<http://www.nfumutual.co.uk/company-information/charitable-trust/>

### **Holiday Grants for Children**

Henry Smith's Charity Holiday Grants for Children Programme due to re-open for applications on 1 July 2016.

Schools, youth groups and not for profit organisations can apply for grants towards holidays or outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from deprived areas or have a disability. Applications can be considered for holidays or outings that have the objective of providing children with a break they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. The maximum grant is usually £2,500 for any one trip. Grants are normally limited to a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a trip as the charity would expect some local partnership funding to be in place. Activities will need to take place between the 1 September - 31 December 2016.

The closing date for applications will be **18 November 2016**. See website:

<http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>

### **Funding for Sensory Rooms and Equipment**

Funding is made available through the Lords Taverners Sensory Room small grants programme. And is available to schools catering for children with severe learning and physical disabilities.

This will re-open for applications on 1 September 2016. The small grants programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 towards sensory corners and sensory rooms.

The application deadline for the small grants programme is **30 November 2016**. See website:

<http://www.lordstaverners.org/sensory-rooms>

### **Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants 2016**

The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced it is now accepting applications for its 2017 funding round and that the closing date will be **26 May 2017**.

The Foundation is a grant making trust that 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. Applications from general cancer charities must demonstrate that the grants requested will be applied to benefit those affected by breast cancer. Where applications relate to general services, details must be given of how many (and what proportion) of the total number benefiting from the charity's work are affected by breast cancer.

See website: <http://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/grants/>

### **New Fund Launched by the Transform Foundation**

The Transform Foundation has launched a new funding programme to help charities to develop an effective web presence. In collaboration with Raising IT, the largest UK provider of charity websites, the £18,000 funding package will help to equip charities with:

- The technology to transform their organisation
- A digital engagement focused strategy to futureproof the charity
- A professionally designed website to inspire supporters
- Measurement built in to help the charity track results and maximise impact.

The first step is to submit an online application. Charities will hear back in one week whether they've been selected for stage 2.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. See website:

<https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/>

### **Trusthouse**

Grants of up to £40,000 are available for small, well-established organisations in the UK who address local issues in areas of extreme urban deprivation, or in remote and fragile rural communities. Trusthouse gives grants for running costs or one-off capital costs to charities and not-for-profit organisations. The Foundation is interested in, for example, projects providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for the young disabled; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness. See website:

<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/>

### **Grants for the Arts - Arts Council England**

Grants of between £1000 and £100,000 are available for a range of activities including: Audio-visual, broadcast and transmission, buildings and infrastructure, capacity building, commissioning, digital creation, diversity and equality, education and learning, exhibition, festival, organisational development, original work, participation, performance, production, professional development, publishing, research and development, sector development, talent development and touring. This is a rolling programme with no deadlines. See website:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/applying-grants-arts>

### **BeyondMe Seeks New Charity Partners**

BeyondMe is currently recruiting 30 new charities and community interest companies from across the UK to join its portfolio and be selected to receive 12 months of funding and business skills from teams of young professionals. See website: <https://beyondme.org/>

### **Sport England Announces New £250 Million Strategy**

Sport England has launched a new £250 million strategy for the next four years (2016-20). As well as continuing to support people who already play sport, the new strategy will place much

greater emphasis on groups who are typically much less active such as women, disabled people and those from lower-socio-economic backgrounds. The key features of the new strategy are: • Working with the sport sector to put customers at the heart of everything that Sport England do, and using the principles of behaviour change to inform their work • Piloting new ways of working locally by investing £130 million in up to 10 places in England • Investing up to £30m in a new volunteering strategy, enabling more people to get the benefits of volunteering and attracting a new, more diverse range of volunteers • Helping sport keep pace with the digital expectations of customers • Working closely with governing bodies of sport and others who support people who already play regularly, to help them become more efficient, sustainable and diversify their sources of funding. There will also be dedicated funding to get children and young people active from the age of five, including a new fund for family based activities and offering training to at least two teachers in every secondary school in England to help them better meet the needs of all children, irrespective of their level of sporting ability. Sport England will also simplify their approach to funding, reducing the number of investment programmes from more than 30 down to seven. And will introduce, new, more straightforward, application forms to help smaller organisations access funding. At the time of writing this item, there was no indication of the timescale for implementing the new strategy. See website:

<http://funding.sportengland.org/NEWS-AND-FEATURES/NEWS/2016/MAY/19/SPORT-ENGLAND-TRIPLES-INVESTMENT-IN-TACKLING-INACTIVITY/>

### **PHF Announces Shared Ground Grants**

Paul Hamlyn Foundation has announced that it has awarded grants under its Shared Ground Fund. The Shared Ground Fund provides organisations with support to test new approaches and explore ways of addressing new challenges in the area of migration.

Applications to the Shared Ground Fund can be made at any time and offers two kinds of grants to support organisations at different stages of development: • The Shared Ground 'explore and test' grants to help explore and test both new approaches and ways of addressing new issues (awards will be for a maximum of £60,000, usually for up to two years) • Shared Ground 'more and better' grants -larger grants to help develop and embed more established activities (awards will be for between £100,000 and £400,000 for up to four years). See website:

<http://www.phf.org.uk/funds/shared-ground-fund/#the-purpose-of-the-fund>

### **Community Business Fund Opens for Applications**

Power to Change has announced that its £10 million Community Business Fund will re-open for applications in July. Power to Change will be awarding grants between £50,000- £300,000 to support and develop Community Businesses in England. Funding is available to Community Businesses that address one or more of the following aims:

- Reduce social isolation
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Increase employability
- Create better access to basic services
- Improve local environment
- Enable greater community cohesion
- Foster greater community pride and empowerment.

Funding is available for both capital and revenue costs. See website:

<http://www.thepowertochange.org.uk/funding/grants/community-business-fund/>

### **Bupa UK Foundation to Re-open**

The Foundation's funding programmes focus on important factors that underpin good health, including mental health, ageing well, the prevention of long-term conditions, and behaviour change to improve health and wellbeing. It also has a strong interest in addressing health conditions that can affect everyone, such as heart health, cancer, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. The theme for the next round of funding will be announced shortly.

- Larger grants - over £50,000 for projects that have a broad reach and the potential to deliver a sustained impact
- Medium grants - up to £50,000 for distinct one-off projects, which might include pilots of new models of care or initiatives designed to benefit clearly defined groups
- Small grants - up to £10,000 for smaller projects delivered at local level to directly benefit a specific group.

See website: <http://www.bupaukfoundation.org/>

### **Small Grants to Promote Inter Faith events**

The Interfaith Youth Trust has announced that it is making grants of up to £500 available for events organised by and for young people focussed around Inter Faith Week 2016. Grants are awarded for proposals for inter-faith activities by children and young people from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and other faiths and those of no formal faith in understanding and co-operation. The age range for young people is 11-25 years.

Priority will be given to projects which:

- Actively involve young people in planning, running, and evaluation of the project
- Promote positive action i.e. young people from different backgrounds coming together to address shared problems like improving green spaces
- Are run by non-statutory organisations, such as youth clubs, scout/guide groups, local voluntary and community organisations.

See website: [http://www.ifyouthtrust.org.uk/?page\\_id=8](http://www.ifyouthtrust.org.uk/?page_id=8)

### **£10m Social Finance Charity Funding from RBS**

The Royal Bank of Scotland has announced that it has £10million available to provide extra Community Business Loans to organisations that find it difficult to access mainstream finance. This new investment into the bank's social finance charity, formerly known as the RBS Micro Finance Funds, coincides with a name change to RBS Social & Community Capital (S&CC). Social enterprises, charities, community interest companies and co-operatives can access loan funding from £30,000 up to £1 million for sustainable projects that deliver real social value. Community Development Finance Institutions that provide finance direct to smaller organisations and social enterprises can also apply.

There is no deadline and applications for loan funding are open all year round. See website:

<http://www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com/inspiring-social/social-community-capital>

### **New £30 Million Third Sector Loan Fund Launched**

The Social Investment Business has announced the launch of a new £30m loan fund for the charity sector.

The Third Sector Loan Fund will be run by Social and Sustainable Capital, a social lender set up in 2012. The Fund will make loans of between £250,000 and £3m to social sector organisations, chiefly at rates of between 6 and 12 per cent. The Fund can support organisations across all social sectors, focused on improving the economic and social well-being of individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. To be eligible for investment the applicant organisation must be a registered charity or social enterprise; be based and have operations in the UK; have a clear social mission with significant, measurable, direct outcomes;

be led by a strong management with proven capability to deliver; have a robust business plan and financial projections; and have a clear demonstration of how investment repayment will be made. See website: <http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/THIRD-SECTOR-LOAN-FUND/>

### **The ASDA Foundation Trust**

The Foundation can support charities within the UK, as well as people and projects who require financial assistance, including everything from local charities and playgroups to football teams as long as they have the support of local ASDA colleagues. See website: <http://charities.asda.com/asda-foundation>

### **Government Increases Neighbourhood Planning Grants**

The Department for Communities and Local Government has announced that it has increased the level of funding available through its Neighbourhood Planning Grant from £8,000 to £9,000.

Neighbourhood Planning Grants are available to groups writing a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order. In addition, groups can also apply for a range of technical support measures. Groups with complex issues such as:

- Neighbourhood Forums
- Clusters of Parishes
- High Growth areas
- Deprived areas
- Business led neighbourhood plans

Neighbourhoods with populations of over 25,000 can apply for an additional grant of £6,000 in order to complete their plans. Examples of what the grants can be used for include; developing a website; training sessions for members of the steering group; help with putting together a project plan; undertaking a household survey; help with developing the evidence base; engaging a planning expert; and venue hire, publicity materials, printing and other costs associated with consultation; etc.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/programme/neighbourhood-planning/?a=funding>

## **Tender Opportunities**

### **Invitation to Quote – Age of Opportunity Building Better Opportunities Lancashire**

#### **Over 50s project (Age of Opportunity) – Delivery Partner Services**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced organisations for Delivery Partner Services for the above project.

**Please download this PDF document below for full details**

**Deadline: Wednesday 29 June 5pm**

[Read background information here](#)

**Invitation To Tender – Invest In Youth  
Delivery Partner Services  
Deadline: 1 July 2016, 17:00**

Selnet with its existing delivery partners have been successful in submitting a Stage 1 bid for the Project to the Big Lottery Fund, which is matching funding from the European Social Fund. A Stage 2 bid is presently pending and the award of any contract from this process is conditional on funding being granted in accordance with the bid.

‘Invest In Youth’ is a project aimed at engaging and inspiring the most disengaged young people resident in the Lancashire LEP area. It will target 16-24 year olds who are unemployed or economically inactive with multiple social, emotional and economic barriers. These young people are faced with a seemingly unending and confusing environment of challenges including intergenerational worklessness, poverty, benefit dependency, low skills, lack of employment experience and they often live in communities with few working role models.

They lack context and understanding of how they fit into and could benefit from a growing Lancashire economy. Careers advice and guidance, supported by strong employability support is essential in supporting young people to access employment opportunities as they become available, but these young people need more. They need to be inspired, they need their horizons broadened, they need to see above and beyond all the barriers in front of them and begin to see a way out, a way up. We understand that each person will have their own, possibly complex mix of challenges and will need a fully personalised approach to find their way through this journey and ultimately bring them closer to the labour market. The aim of the project is for longer term re-engagement rather than short term outputs.

This Invitation to Tender (ITT) should be completed by those suppliers wishing to be selected on a conditional basis subject to approval of grant funding for the Invest in Youth project. This ITT contains further information about the procurement process, the Services, and assessment questions for Tenderers to complete. Each Tenderer’s response (Tender) should be detailed enough to allow the Authority to make an informed selection of the most appropriate solution.

**If you are considering submitting a proposal please register your interest on the Selnet website** so that we are able to include you in circulation to potential bidders of any clarification responses or further information relating to the tender.

[Read background details here](#) **More Information Here**

Relevant Documentation

[OJEU Notice 2016-OJS105-187817-en](#) (pdf)

[Corrigendum Notice 2016-OJS108-193412-en](#) (pdf)

[Invest In Youth ITT – Provision of Delivery Partner Services](#) (word)

[Partnership Agreement Generic v6A](#) (pdf)

**[Job Opportunities](#)**

**Relate Lancashire & Relate Greater Manchester South working in partnership with Lancashire County Council**

**Lancashire Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme is recruiting for a Male Programme Facilitator**

Location: Preston and across Lancashire

Company: Relate Lancashire & Relate Greater Manchester South

Job Type: Fixed term contract until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Closing date: **25 July 2016**

Relate Lancashire is currently looking to recruit male only Programme Facilitators to work on Lancashire's Domestic Violence Prevention Programme. The post is open to men only (exempt under the Equality Act 2010 Schedule 9, part 1)

**Programme Facilitators:** A minimum of 7.5 hours per week @ £13.19 per hour.

To undertake individual sessions and group-work with men who are participating in Lancashire's Domestic Violence Prevention Programme (DVPP) and to liaise with referring agencies, actively contribute to risk management procedures and team working.

To carry out this role you must hold a current enhanced DBS check done in the past year. The positions are across Lancashire County so suitable candidates must hold a current full driving license and have access to your own transport.

To apply please request an application pack from CEO, Relate Lancashire, 10 Strawberry Bank, Blackburn, BB2 6AA or email: [fraser@relatelancs.org.uk](mailto:fraser@relatelancs.org.uk) .

Candidates must be eligible to live and work in the UK.

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**Lancashire Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme is recruiting for a Programme Coordinator**

Location: Preston and across Lancashire

Company: Relate Lancashire & Relate Greater Manchester South

Job type: Fixed term contract until 31 March 2017

Closing date: **25 July 2016**

Relate Lancashire is currently looking to recruit a Programme Coordinator to work on Lancashire's Domestic Violence Prevention Programme.

**Programme Coordinator:** 24 hours per week £28,000 pro rata

To co-ordinate the programme and coordinate develop it across Lancashire, ultimately resulting in the delivery of the programme and to support the award of new contracts and commissioning arrangements.

To carry out this role you must hold a current enhanced DBS check done in the past year. The positions are across Lancashire County so suitable candidates must hold a current full driving license and have access to your own transport.

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### **Freelance Associate Grants Assessors Wanted**

The Community Foundation for Lancashire are looking to recruit a number of Associate Grants Assessors on a freelance basis from July 2016 to support our expanding portfolio of Donor Advised Funds and social programmes. This will be a paid opportunity and we are currently seeking expressions of interest.

Read more or see website: <http://www.lancsfoundation.org.uk/about-us/job-opportunities>