Welcome to the new edition of the CVS e-bulletin. We hope you find the information useful. Don’t forget for constantly updated news and vacancies go to our website. There’s lots going on in our Facebook page and Twitter feed too! See address at the foot of this page.

Brunswick Ward Community First Funding
Applications are now invited from voluntary groups working in Brunswick Ward for Community First funding. A total of £11,000 is available from the Community Development Foundation to be allocated before the end of December 2014. Groups can apply for a maximum of £2,500 for work that addresses one of the Brunswick Ward priorities:
- Anti-social behaviour
- Green spaces and environment
- Community Cohesion
- Activities for young people

For further details see the Brunswick panel website at brunswickwardcf.wordpress.com.

Wyre Together Drug Awareness Event
Wyre Together are working with a number of partners to hold a Drug Awareness Event on Monday 7th July, 7-9pm at Thornton Methodist Church. The event is aimed at adults and young people and will identify the types of drugs, potential impacts and the help and support available. The Amy Winehouse Foundation, Young Addaction, Lancashire Police and Life Skills will be providing talks at the event and there will also be the opportunity to chat to these groups to find out more. This is a free event open to groups and residents to attend. Please see attached poster for further details. We are also looking for volunteers to help promote the event. Could you spare a few hours? If so please contact Jane Williams on 01253 887437.

Fylde Coasts Got Talent!!
The CVS is celebrating its 80th birthday this year and we are planning an afternoon celebration which will take place on Tuesday 16th September. As part of the event we are hoping to have a variety of musical items from the last 80 years performed by groups from the Fylde Coast. If you are a musical group (or a solo artist) and would like to perform a short item please contact Paul Greenwood on 01253 403044 or email paul.bayha@btconnect.com The event will take place in the Salvation Army Citadel, Blackpool so there is plenty of room for both performers and audience alike. We would love you to be part of our very special celebration so don’t hide your lights under a bushel!!

Sector Vacancies this week include…

Blackpool Fulfilling Lives: Team Leaders x3
Volunteer & Training Co-Ordinator at Lytham Hall

If you need help with websites or social media, we can help - just let us know what you need and we'll send you a volunteer, and best of all it's FREE!

For further information on any of the above, phone us on 01253 624505 or e-mail angela.glass@cvsbwf.org.uk. To get the latest updates on what CVS is up to, visit our website or our new updated Facebook page.

We are also on Twitter @cvsbwf
Following a review of grant funding, Blackpool Council has a funding pot of £5,000 which is to be used to support the voluntary, community and faith sector.

We are pleased to announce that the CVS will be administering the fund. The Council would like to see this £5,000 pot used to support the sector by disbursing small amounts to ‘pump-prime’ or contribute towards community activities.

We will be allocating the funding, and monitoring how the funding is being spent. It will be proportionate and appropriate to the funds available, and the needs of the sector.

Funding will be allocated for the remainder of the financial year 2014/15. Funding is non-recurrent, and no undertaking can be given that arrangements will continue past the end of March 2015.

Full details on how you can apply will be in next week’s e bulletin.

Blackpool Family Information Service summer guide

It is that time again where the FIS are scouring the town for anything and everything going on over the 6 weeks holidays. The Summer Guide this year will cover dates from 16 July – 7 September 2014.

So, if your service has anything going on between these dates and you would like them advertised in their widely distributed Parent’s Guide then please either fill out the attached form or just email back by Friday 27th June 2014.

fis@blackpool.gov.uk
0800 092 2332
First triennial review of the funder by the Cabinet Office says it should be more proactive in cutting costs and should open board meetings to the public.

The Big Lottery Fund must be more proactive in reducing its costs, should consider opening its board meetings to the public and should examine its governance arrangements, a government review has concluded.

The Cabinet Office’s first triennial review of the BLF, published today, says the main functions of the BLF, such as the distribution of National Lottery funds and money from dormant bank accounts, “remain current and necessary.”

But it makes a number of recommendations as to how the BLF can improve.

“The fund needs to be more proactive in driving down costs,” the review says. “Although it has taken the 5 per cent operating cost target seriously, it has viewed this as something to be achieved and does not appear to have identified ways to go beyond it, either to reduce overall costs or to reallocate investment elsewhere.”

It recommends that the BLF develop a performance metric over time to improve efficiencies throughout the organisation.

The review recommends that the BLF sets out, as a matter of priority, how it will deliver “digital by default, and how this will lead to further efficiencies”.

It says the BLF needs to set out how it will deliver already identified reductions in staffing levels and how it can further drive down costs.

The funder has a high manager to staff ratio, of up to 1:4, says the review.

"In terms of structure, there may be scope to rationalise office locations, some of which are historical," it says.

The review suggests the BLF could become more transparent by opening up its board meetings to the public.

It should also be clearer about the role non-executives play in funding direction and decisions at a national level, and should publish information about the number and type of complaints received, the review says.

It says the BLF should "provide more information about the different aspects of its work – specifically the way it allocates dormant bank account funds, its non-lottery funds grant-making, and its international work".

The review finds the BLF broadly complaint with the principles of good corporate governance. But it says it has identified a number of areas in which the funder should improve.

It says the fund has a large number of non-executive directors on its four country committees and overall board, and there appears to be some duplication in what the various groups do.

"The review recommends that the chair ensures the country committees are operating in line with their terms of reference," it says. "This should also include distinguishing where the board and country committees are carrying out a governance or advisory role."

It says the current board "does not reflect the government’s ambitions for diversity in public appointments", and its financial, commercial and risk-management capabilities should be increased.

This should be taken into consideration in the future recruitment of board members, the review says.

A statement from the BLF said it welcomed the report, "which concludes the fund is a highly respected and valued organisation with an important role to play with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector."

Peter Ainsworth, chair of the BLF, said: "I am confident we are making good progress towards growing and developing the fund’s vision in accordance with many of the recommendations made in the review. I will now be discussing with the board the areas of our work and operations that we can further enhance to ensure the best possible service for our customers and stakeholders."

The BLF said the review would feed into its work on its strategic framework for 2015 to 2021 and its future planning.
Celebrating Britain’s Armed Forces, past, present and future.

It’s only fitting that don’t - d o - i t - b y - h a l v e s Blackpool should host a whole week of events, during 23-29 June, to celebrate the British Armed Forces rather than just a day like other parts of the country.

Armed Forces Week

Blackpool Armed Forces Week

Click here for the What’s On guide

Courtesy of Visit Blackpool.com

Anti-Tobacco Industry Event for Young People

As part of the Smoke & Mirrors Project, Tobacco Free Futures, is running an event in Lancashire for young people to highlight how tobacco companies deliberately target their products at young people using a range of techniques.

During the morning session the young people will take part in a series of mini workshops to develop their knowledge and encourage them to look at the tobacco industry in a new light. In the afternoon they’ll get to take part in media training, which will be delivered by a trained journalist, who will aim to equip the young people with the skills and confidence to take part in media opportunities if students decide they would like to work with them again.

Vox pops and photography will be captured throughout the day so that they can develop media stories and help to generate positive PR for your youth group/organisation.

Dates & Venue: Wednesday the 29th of October at Holiday Inn, The Ringway, Preston PR1 3AU

Time: Registration 9.30am for a 10.00am start – finishing at 4pm

Deadline for applications: Monday 14th July 2014

The event will give young people an opportunity to find out more about the anti-industry youth programme, Smoke & Mirrors, explore tobacco industry tactics such as branding and marketing and hear examples of work they’re involved with, including plain packaging and smoking in the entertainment media. They are offering 18 places to young people aged 13-18 from Lancashire.
Gordon Marsden MP encourages public to nominate their local hero

We rely upon so many of these people so please nominate your local hero for one of my five awards.

The awards that have been introduced this year are ‘Young Achiever’, ‘Young People’s Champion’ (both specifically for young people aged 24 and under), ‘Volunteer’, ‘Carer’, and ‘Community Group’ (all three are open to any age.)

Gordon added: “I would encourage as many people as possible to support the Local Heroes scheme and nominate the people who represent all that is best in the constituency.”

Nomination Packs are currently being distributed to organisations and public buildings. If your business/organisation would like to be included or you require extra information then please call my office on 01253 344143.

The closing date for nominations is 13th October 2014. For any more information regarding Gordon’s Local Heroes scheme please call 01253 344143 and request to speak to Ian Barke or Georgia Dalton.

For regular updates ‘follow’ @gordonheroes on Twitter or like ‘Gordon’s Local Heroes’ on Facebook! Gordon’s Local Heroes Awards enable community volunteers to receive the recognition they deserve and to encourage more people to get involved and make a difference to our community.

You can obtain a Nomination Form here

Discover Wyre - volunteer opportunity

Discover Wyre are looking to recruit five volunteers to provide an exciting new service supporting Wyre’s tourism, theatres and markets. You will be a highly motivated person with excellent communications skills. A local knowledge of Wyre is highly desirable, however you will also be required to attend a one-day training course free of charge. Additional guidance and mentoring will also be provided.

You will provide a uniformed presence at the following venues, handing out promotional packs and leaflets, signposting visitors and local residents to services and providing general advice.

- Cleveleys promenade and Victoria Road West
- Rossall and Fleetwood promenade
- Fleetwood Market and Dock Street coach bays
- Lord Street, Fleetwood
- Poulton Market (Mondays)
- Garstang Market (Thursdays)
- Poulton railway station
- Special events, eg galas, carnivals, agricultural shows etc.

Due to the nature of the post a driving licence and your own transport is essential. Mileage expenses will be paid and uniform and equipment provided.

There is a minimum of two hours’ commitment a week up to November 2014, with the potential for this post to extend over the winter months (reduced hours) and into the 2015 season. This is a fantastic volunteering opportunity for someone who enjoys being outdoors, promoting the variety of exciting shows, venues and facilities in Wyre and who genuinely enjoys meeting people.
Upcoming Events

Sensory Tiggers - Saturday Playgroup

Who can attend?
• Available to residents across Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre
• Can be accessed by young children (0-5) who have a disability or additional need.
• The session may be available to older children if applicable – please contact Tiggers for further information

Activities Available
• Arts and Crafts
• Planed Guided Play – Activates
• Free Supervised Play
• Guided Use of the Sensory Room
• Two Mini Trampolines will be available for the New Mini Tiggers!

Session times and costs
• Sessions are available every Saturday from 11am – 1pm
• Costs are £3.00 per Child Plus £2 per older Sibling

The Sports Leisure and Social Charity for Children and young adults on the Autistic Spectrum
FREE Support to Lancashire Schools

Public Health are asking for your collaboration and support in identifying eligible schools in Lancashire for FREE support through the funding FFLP has received to deliver the School Food Plan outcomes to help Junior and Secondary schools to increase their school meal uptake.

There are two documents that outline how they would like you to help; “SFP Meal Take Up” explains which schools in Lancashire might be eligible and what is on offer to them through us and the other document is a Q&As to help answer any queries you may have that are not immediately obvious.

In short, they are asking you to help them identify schools (Junior and Secondary only – including PRUs and SENs) that fall into the categories outlined in the main document. There is clear guidance that explains the information they need to assess whether schools are eligible – please note returned information should be sent to sfp@foodforlife.org.uk by 25th June. There is the promise of some exciting and long-term support on offer to those eligible schools.

Fylde Together steering group recruiting new members

The Fylde Together Steering Group meets every 3 months to discuss the actions of the partnership and also to identify the future priorities. The Steering Group provides a great opportunity for member groups to be involved with developing the actions and highlighting priorities for Fylde Together to influence and address. We are currently reviewing the Steering Group membership and would like to invite Fylde Together members who would like to be considered to be involved and who feel they can make a worthwhile contribution to join the Steering Group and participate in to the planning and delivery of the group actions.

If you are interested in joining the Steering Group, please contact Jane Williams on 01253 887437, including brief details of which group you will be representing and what you feel you can bring to the group.
A summer of family fun at Wyre’s theatres

If you’re looking for things to do with the kids this summer be sure to check out the great line up of family friendly shows coming to Wyre’s two theatres - Marine Hall, Fleetwood and Thornton Little Theatre.

First up at Marine Hall is TV favourite The Sooty Show. Direct from CITV, Sooty heads into town in a fabulous new show to delight the whole family. Joining the nation’s favourite bear will be Sweep, Soo and Sooty’s TV Partner Richard Cadell who will be attempting to keep Sooty from getting up to mischief. Boy will he have his hands full!

It’s Sooty’s birthday party and things aren’t going to plan. Sooty and Sweep get messy baking the birthday cake and will Soo ever decide which dress to wear?

Special party guests include legendary Sooty favourites Butch the bulldog and Ramsbottom the snake. So join in with all the fun and games at Sooty’s birthday party. There’s also a chance to meet Richard and Sooty after the show. A spectacular mix of magic, music and mess it promises to be a real treat for children and a dose of nostalgia for parents.

Due to popular demand there are two shows on Wednesday 30 July at 11am and 2.30pm. Tickets are £10 or family of four tickets are just £35.

Next up at Marine Hall is the dazzling Let’s Dance on Ice on Saturday 2 August, brought to you by Ice Glitz Productions, the same team behind the venue’s Winter Wonderland on Ice last year. This spectacular ice skating show is performed on synthetic ice and is designed to astonish you with breath-taking lifts, tricks and spins by a cast of international ice skating stars.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are just £8 for children, £10 for concessions and £12 for adults.

Rounding things up over at Thornton Little Theatre is Marty Macdonald’s Farm on Sunday 31 August, voiced by CBeebies’ Justin Fletcher – come and meet Pongo the pig, Sheena the sheep and Molly-Moo the cow in this fun interactive puppet show for kids.

Join in the adventure, make new friends and sing along to your favourite songs and nursery rhymes in a live and interactive theatre show with bags of fun and laughter, down on Marty MacDonal’s Farm! The show takes place at 11am and tickets are just £8.50.

To book your tickets call the box office on 01253 887693 or visit www.wyretheatres.co.uk
Building Community Capacity enables the Children and Families Health Service Teams to motivate and encourage individuals and communities to identify and express what services they need. It creates the opportunity to work together to utilise the skills in the community to help meet that need.

Children and Families Health Service Teams are perfectly placed to work in partnership with individuals, communities and all other stakeholders in order to assist and empower the community to build the capacity that improves their health.

Some fantastic activities are already underway or in development in the Trust, including:

- Baby Yoga
- Buggy Buddies
- Emotional Health Group
- Meeting Forum for Eastern European Families
- Baby Bistro

The Health Improvement Service is supporting teams with the roll out of Building Community Capacity across Blackburn with Darwen, East Lancs, Central Lancs and West Lancs.

If you know of a community that has an idea of what they need to improve their health, or if you would like to share your Building Community Capacity experiences then please do contact Jo Haworth, Building Community Capacity Implementation Health Visitor, on Jo.Howarth@lancashirecare.nhs.uk or 01254 358046.
In brief

Lancashire County Council
EARLY SUPPORT SMALL GRANTS
APPLICATION FORM – 2014/15
FINANCIAL YEAR
(1st April 2014 – 31st March 2015)

This form should be completed by the organisation applying for the grant.

It should be completed in and forwarded via e mail to the District Early Support Coordinator (addresses at the end)

Download Application Form

Blackpool Arts & Libraries Annual Festival of Words

Wordpool 2014 will take place in Blackpool on 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th July 2014, starting with a very special twilight event on Weds 2nd July and ending with a fun filled ‘Giants’ Family Day in Stanley Park on Sat 5th July. Please see their Festival Programme for more details.

Wordpool is managed by Blackpool Council’s Arts and Library Services. The development and delivery is overseen by the Wordpool Steering Group, which includes representatives from strategic partners, Wordpool volunteers and delivery partners, community organisations, schools and colleges and arts and library staff.

If you would like to find out more, or support Wordpool as a volunteer or sponsor, please contact: Lynne Pattinson, Arts Development Officer and Clancy Mason, Reader Development Manager email: artsdevelopment@blackpool.gov.uk Tel: Lynne Pattinson 01253 478238 or Clancy Mason 01253 478091
**LGF want your experience of GPs**

The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (The LGF) are this week launching their GP survey, now in its third year, to help make sure that GPs are better equipped to recognise and meet the needs of their lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) patients. The survey provides crucial information for The LGF about LGB people’s experiences of accessing healthcare services from their GP and aims to build a picture of current healthcare provision for LGB people. The information provided is really important so they can continue to shape the work they do with health services at a national level. So, whatever LGB people’s experiences, whether positive or negative - they want to hear from you.

The survey will also contribute towards the work of Pride in Practice, a quality assurance service for GPs, to strengthen and develop their relationship with their LGB patients. Find out more about Pride in Practice here.

The survey takes around 5-10 minutes and to thank people for their time, they will be entered into a prize draw to win £50 worth of shopping vouchers! The information provided will remain confidential and anonymous. They want to ensure LGB people’s voices are heard and that they receive the services they deserve.

Visit www.lgf.org.uk/GPsurvey to take part now.

**Focus group for ethnic minorities**

We are a group of people from the community who get together to focus on

- Health and Wellbeing, including mental and physical health
- Discuss barriers to community members getting help and support
- Encouraging focus group members to attend forums, meetings or events and have a voice
- Plan community events that promote social inclusion

We are a community led group and are here to help!

Please come along and get involved, meetings are at 7.30 on the last Tuesday of the month

For more information contact

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Asia-Europe Foundation’s Creative Encounters 2014/15 Opens

The Asia-Europe Foundation and its partners invite joint proposals from arts organisations in Asia and Europe for the fourth Creative Encounters: Cultural Partnerships between Asia and Europe.

The Creative Encounters joint initiative supports collaborative artistic and creative projects that bring together arts organisations and artists from Asia and Europe. A key objective is the cultivation of sustainable partnerships between Asian and European arts organisations.

Funding of up to around €14,000 is available for projects exploring issues of cultural mobility and community engagement. The theme can be addressed through any artistic discipline or through cross-disciplinary or cross-sectoral approaches. Match funding of at least 50% is required. Additional funding sources must be identified and mentioned in the submitted proposal.

Projects should take place between 1 April 2015 and 30 November 2015 and include result-oriented activities that facilitate collaborations, co-productions, exchanges and dialogues between artists and cultural professionals.

Applications must be proposed jointly by a minimum of two partner organisations, with at least one partner each from Asia and Europe. Applications with multiple partners are welcomed. Applicants and project participants should come from ASEM member countries. Events can only take place in ASEM countries.

The deadline for applications is 15 July 2014.

Shortlisted projects will be announced on 1 November 2014 and will have until 30 November 2014 to submit a detailed proposal. Successful projects will be announced on 15 January 2014.

Full details can be found on the Asia-Europe Foundation website.

Source: Asia-Europe Foundation, 06/06/2014

We are a registered charity and work with groups and organisations in the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector helping to ensure Blackpool Wyre and Fylde has thriving, strong communities providing opportunities to build capacity and enhance effectiveness of the sector.

Our website contains information about the projects that CVS run and our news pages provide updates on news items, events, funding, jobs etc. We also have a community events diary confirming all the upcoming events across the 3 districts. You can find out more about the history of CVS as well as meeting the staff and trustees and there are also useful links to other local voluntary and community groups. We hope you enjoy the site and find the information useful.