

EVENTS - PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SECTION FOR REGULAR EVENTS

FUNDING SURGERIES

Wednesday 4th October 1 pm -5 pm Compassion In Action, Patrick House, 58 Leigh Road, Leigh
Wigan Borough Community Partnership is now holding regular sessions. You will have the opportunity to discuss your specific funding requirements and obtain support and advice to help develop your project. New and experienced groups welcome.

To book an appointment email Tracey Wormald at T.Wormald@wigan.gov.uk

50PLUS

Wednesday 4 October at Oxford hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 2.30 – 3.30

Bulb Planting Coffee/tea and chat "Thought for the Month" 01942 609748/677391

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Wednesday 4th October 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Atherton Start Well Centre, Formby Avenue, Atherton, Manchester, M46 0HX

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POPS THE ANDERSON LECTURES 2017

Wednesday 4th October, 5.30 pm – 8 pm

Birley Building, Manchester Metropolitan University, Bonsall Street, Manchester, M15 6GX

POPS is delighted to host the Anderson Lectures for its fourth year. This year the focus will be on life sentenced prisoners and the transition from custody back into the community. POPS will consider the challenges this transition presents for both the prisoner and their family, how these obstacles might be minimised and overcome, and contemplate the particular issues facing prisoners from BAME backgrounds. The Anderson Lectures is usually over-subscribed, so early registration is advisable.

This is a free event but donations to the work of POPS are welcome on the evening. Refreshments will be available. For further information and to register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-anderson-lectures-2017-registration-37065495896>

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Wednesday 5th October 9:30 am to 11 am Tyldesley Health Centre, Poplar Street, Tyldesley M29 8AX

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VOLUNTEER ROADSHOW

Thursday 5th October 10 am – 4 pm Leigh Infirmary The Avenue Leigh Lancashire WN7 1HS
Various organisations in Wigan Borough are doing a Roadshow to give details of volunteering opportunities for everyone, provide volunteering inductions, and award certificates. You'll then be ready to volunteer.

Why volunteer?

Make new friends and get to know your community

Gain work experience and new skills to improve your CV

Gain confidence & self esteem

Open the door to new employment opportunities

Increase self worth and feel valued

Have a new adventure

For more details ring 01942 233323 or turn up on the day

BIG LOTTERY REACHING COMMUNITIES MASTERCLASS

Thursday 5 October 10 am – 4 pm 151 Dale Street Liverpool L2 2AH

This course will take you through the steps of planning and preparing a Stage 1 Reaching Communities revenue application.

In particular, you will:

- Learn the language of the Lottery and how to package and present your project
- Be able to make the best use of the information you have collected to design and develop your project proposal
- Learn about evidence of need and how to define and develop your proposal outcomes
- Understand key considerations in the development of your budget
- Explore techniques for writing high quality funding applications.

This masterclass is aimed at anyone who has already been involved in writing smaller/medium sized funding applications to charitable trusts (e.g. Awards for All, Children in Need, Comic Relief) but who is now looking to progress with larger scale project development bid writing to Big Lottery. For those new to project development and bid writing, we would recommend attending Introduction to Fundraising as a first step.

Registration Procedure:

<http://www.lcvs.org.uk/training/big-lottery-reaching-communities-masterclass2/?page=CiviCRM&q=civicrm/event/register&id=60&reset=1>

Tel: 0151 227 5177 Email: info@lcvs.org.uk Web: <http://www.lcvs.org.uk>

SEX & MURDER

Thursday 5th October 12 noon – 1 pm Museum of Wigan Life, Library Street, Wigan

Embark on an afternoon of discovery and hear all about the gruesome history of women murderers, their methods and their final punishments. Hear all about the tale of Wigan murderess Ann Burns which includes illicit sex, infanticide, murder and insurance claims. Cost £2-50

NATIONAL OLDER PEOPLE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday 5 October 1 pm – 3 pm Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount St, Manchester, M2 5NS

Greater Manchester Older People's Network invites you to a National Older People's Day Celebration.

Lunch is provided. Places are limited.

To book a place, visit: <http://bit.ly/2wxc1cp> or contact Anna on 0161 834 9823.

EMPOWERED CONVERSATIONS

Thursday, 5th October 1 pm - 3.30 pm

Sunshine House Community Hub, Wellington St, Wigan WN1 3SA,
The Empowered Conversations course offers a practical approach that helps people to stay connected with loved ones with dementia.

Get in touch with Emma at Empowered Conversations if you would like to book on the course:
0161 212 4981 emma@empowered-conversations.co.uk www.empowered-conversations.co.uk

ARTHRITIS SELF HELP GROUP

Thursday 5th October 7 pm

Conference Centre Wroughtington Hospital Hall Lane Appley Bridge Wigan WN6 9EP

Living with any form of arthritis? Come along everyone welcome. Share, meet like minded people. Learn coping skills. Speakers; events and lots of fun

More details from Barbara on 01257 791337 or Ann 01695 721199

LISTEN UP CONFERENCE & EXPRESS YOURSELF

Friday 6th October. 10.30 am – 2.30 pm St Peter's Pavilion Hurst Street, Hindley

For local people with learning disabilities to come along and have your say and share the things that matter to you on any of these topics:

- Work, Learning,
- Leisure & Fun,
- Choices Control & Rights,
- Feeling Well,
- Family Friends & Relationships,
- Where & How I Live.

You could draw, paint, knit, sing, weave, sculpt, print etc. Why not make a short video and send it in, this could be recorded on a mobile phone.

Send a copy of your work via email to listenup@wlpf.org.uk

Or you can post it to Wigan & Leigh People First, 149A, Lowton Road, Golborne WA3 3HT

EXHIBITION EVENING: INTIMATE. CURATED BY MARTYN & PAULA LUCAS

Friday 6th October 11 am The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

The concept of 'intimate' is explored directly in the content of many of the art works where the interplay of human relationships is depicted through narrative - a moment of exchange or closeness which appears tender, awkward, beautiful or compelling. Curated by Martyn Lucas and Paula Fenwick-Lucas. The exhibition is open Monday-Saturday (11-4pm) between 6th – 28th October Free entry

STATE OF THE UNION IN CONCERT PLUS SPECIAL GUEST IONA LANE

Friday 6th October Doors Open 7 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

State of the Union is back! With undeniable musicality, powerful songs, exquisite playing, Boo Hewerdine (UK) and Brooks Williams (USA) embark on their first tour in three-years. And they've got a new album, The Saltwell Sessions (available only at the shows), to celebrate the new tour. The evening will be kicked off in good style by North West singer-songwriter Iona Lane

£15 in advance / £17 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

LEIGH FILM FESTIVAL

Friday 6th October 7 pm ALRA North The Mill at The Pier Wigan

Young Filmmakers Event Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EKEEHD>

THE VELVETS

Friday 6th October 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

2017 sees the 50th anniversary of The Velvet Underground's first album release, the iconic 'The Velvet Underground and Nico'. New British outfit, THE VELVETS perform a selection of songs from that album, alongside tracks that cover the whole of the group's catalogue from 1967-1970.

The Old Courts are delighted to welcome THE VELVETS, a group of talented multi-instrumentalists who re-create the VU soundscape and add their own unique lustre finish. Not so much a 'tribute' act but more a celebration of one of the most influential and important bands in the history of rock music. Tickets £8 In Advance £10; on the door; Box office: 01942 834747

FNL: ALGORITHMS + OSCARS WILD/ STRAY WEATHER/ CARDINAL SIN / SCRUBBER FOX

Friday 6th October Doors Open 8 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

A predominantly electro indie vibe at this Friday Night Live: featuring bands to really get your groove on to. Tickets £3 Box office: 01942 834747

ARTS EXHIBITION

Saturday 7th October – Tuesday 10th October 5 pm – 9.30 pm

St Wilfrids Church, Church Street, Standish, Wigan

Standish Art group are holding an exhibition of art work as part of the Standish Arts & Music Festival. More details from Julie Prescott on 07805 480656

JUST FOR FUN - QUIZ AND KARAOKE

Saturday 7th October 7pm Beehive Community Centre (formerly Lindale Hall) Lindale Road,

Only £4.00 per ticket Hot Supper Bring your own booze. To book contact 0161 3768229

BeehiveCommunitycentre@hotmail.com @BeehiveLindale

All proceeds for the upkeep of the Beehive Community Centre

LEIGH FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday 7th October 7.30pm, with doors opening from 6 pm The Turnpike Gallery, Leigh

We come to the main event where we will showcase short & amateur film makers from across the UK.. There will be a bar & refreshments available throughout the evening and there is also free parking at the venue. Tickets for this event cost £5 each and are available from our Box Office.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EIIFGE>

"A CELEBRATION OF SWING"

Sunday 8th October 12.30 pm Whelley Ex Servicemen's Club Vauxhall Road Wigan WN13LU

By Wigan Jazz Club has been arranged by Age UK

Featuring Swing Time Big Band with vocalist Emma Holcroft

Admission free; Tickets available from Harry Unsworth Age UK Market Street Wigan from 1st September – 01942 615883 or Ian Darrington on 01942 243974

CRAFT NIGHT

Monday 9th October 7.30 pm St Wilfrid's Parish Hall, Church Street, Standish, Wigan

Demonstrations by Jan McNamee from Sugar Shack, & Helen Green on Floristry & Horticulture

Music by John Walton Tickets £5 including Cheese & wine from the Parish Office or ring 01257 422538

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Tuesday 10th October

One in four adults and one in ten children are likely to have a mental health problem in any given year. World Mental Health Day provides an opportunity for everyone to talk about mental health issues; World Mental Health Day is observed on 10th October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues and mobilising efforts in support of better mental health.

This year Wigan Council will be hosting a travelling tea room in the following areas

10am – 11am Pemberton (layby at the side of England's butchers)

12pm-1pm Ashton Market

2pm-3pm Car Park at Hindley (opposite Tesco)

Why not organise your own tea & talk session in your community to discuss mental health?

Please do get in touch as we can offer some free resources including conversation starters along with mental health service information if you intend to host a tea & talk session.

Contact: J.Grisenthwaite@wigan.gcsx.gov.uk or Tel. 01942 489606

'TEACHERS'

Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th October St Joseph's Hall, Chapel ST Leigh WN7 2PR

Welcome to Whitewall High School ... where anything can happen in a drama lesson

Three students, put on an end of term play about the trials and tribulations of their new Drama teacher, as he tries to deal with staff and pupils alike. Meet the deputy head, Doug the caretaker, Oggy Moxon, the school bully, and a host of other colourful characters.

Tickets will be available from our Box Office: Spectrum Blinds, Chapel St Leigh or pay on the door on the night. £8 adults and 16yrs & under £4

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 10th October 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm "Hut-on-the-hill" on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)

Speaker: U3A Trip Contact Pam Ashton for details

There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments please contact Pam Ashton on 01257 400254 or visit our regularly updated website:

www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh

New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

AGE UK SILVER CHOIR

Tuesday October 10th 7.30 pm St Wilfrid's Church, Church Street, Standish, Wigan

Admission £5 from Parish Office or ring 01257 422538

CANCER SCREENING AND TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Wednesday 11th October

Are you interested in attending the Wigan focus group sessions?

Progress Health Partnerships Ltd is undertaking group discussions focusing on NHS cancer screening on behalf of the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership. The NHS would like to know more about cancer screening experience(s) within Greater Manchester and whether cancer screening is or is not a good opportunity to talk to people about healthy lifestyles and promote other cancer screening opportunities.

There will be approx. 8 people in each group and they will last around 1 hour in length. Participants receive a £20 cash incentive.

Contact Sarah Weller at Qa Research via phone or email: Sarah Weller – 01904 632039.

Sarah.weller@garesearch.co.

BEGINNERS YOGA

Wednesday October 11th 11 am – 12 Noon

Standish Community Centre, Moody Street, Standish, Wigan

Learn Yoga and relaxation under the guidance of a qualified teacher

A six week course suitable for beginners Cost £33 to book ring 07890 165986

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Wednesday 11th October 1 pm - 2:30 pm Westleigh Start Well Centre, Westleigh Lane, Leigh, WN7 5NJ

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CHARITY COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 12 October at Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 10 am– 12 noon
Proceeds to “Save the Children” Meet your friends for a chat over tea/coffee & cake

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Wednesday 12th October 11 am - 12:30 pm. Standish Library, Cross Street, Standish, Wigan

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SING ALONG

Thursday 12th October 2.15 pm – 3.30 pm Standish Community Centre, Moody Street, Standish

Wigan Rotary Club is inviting anyone to come and join them and Sing Along. There will be a mixture of well known songs for everyone to enjoy. The sessions are free and open to anyone, and are also suitable for people living with dementia and their carers.

Wigan Rotary President Gwyneth Millard explained ‘you don’t have to be a good singer, and you don’t need to be able to read music. If you can reasonably manage to sing Happy Birthday then you’re in!’ she continued ‘the sessions will be run by a retired music teacher, all we now need is for lots of people to come and enjoy some good company and a good sing along.’

Booking is not required and for any more details or queries please ring the Wigan Rotary Club number 07813 471000

WHAT MEDICINES DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE ROUTINELY AVAILABLE ON PRESCRIPTION?

Thursday 12th October 3pm – 5pm (Registration from 2.30pm) Sunshine House (Annex), Wellington Street, Wigan WN1 1SA

NHS England are holding a consultation on whether medicines that can be bought over the counter should be available on prescription, including treatments for things like sore throats, headaches, head lice and hay fever, amongst others. Following the consultation, they intend to issue guidance to CCGs on what GP practices should and should not prescribe.

We would like to invite you to a 2 hour workshop to talk to us about what this might mean for patients within Wigan Borough. The feedback you give us will help us to understand local views on this and will feature in our response to the NHS England consultation.

To book a place at this workshop contact: shapeyournhs@wiganboroughccg.nhs.uk or 01942 482711

RUGBY LEAGUE NIGHT

Thursday October 12th 6.30 pm Aspull Methodist Church, Bolton Road, Aspull, Wigan
With Leeds Rhino's Jamie Jones Buchanan and Andy Kirk and Wigan legend Bill Ashurst
Tickets Free from Karen Eddleston on 07715 929758

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Friday 13th October 9:30 am – 11 am Westfield Start Well Family Centre, Montrose Avenue, Wigan

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Friday 13th October 1 pm – 2.30 pm Central Park, Montrose Avenue, Wigan

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PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Friday 13th October 6 pm – 9 pm Lamberhead Green Working Mens Club 16 White St Wigan WN5 8JW
Family Fun Night by Silver Linings Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

MUSICAL EVENING

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm St Wilfrid's Church, Church Street, Standish, Wigan
John Walton musical director of the church will perform followed by a glass of fizz and canapes Tickets £5 from the Parish Office or ring 01257 422538

MARCHING TOGETHER

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm Standish Methodist Church, High Street, Standish, Wigan

With Wigan Voices In Harmony & Prospect Brass Band Featuring band music, 60's songs and musical hits. Tickets £6 & £5 from 10257 400852 or 01257 422107 or pay on the door

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm St John's School, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Murder at St John's Murder Mystery St John's Dramatic Society: £3.00 bring own drinks and nibbles

Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

DIRTY FACE

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm Sunshine House Community Centre, Wellington Street, Wigan

This is a play by On the Road Theatre company and is about the History of Pit Brow Women and how they faced the hardship when they were faced with losing their jobs and the women decided to protest and fight for their rights.

Tickets £4-50 £2 Concessions Contact barbara@sunshinehousewigan.com or 01942 820026

LEIGH FILM FESTIVAL

Friday 13th October 7.30 pm Leigh Parish Church

We complete this year's festival with a screening of a French Canadian film Jesus of Montreal (1989) Cert 18, 1 hour 58 minutes, Drama

Starring: Lothaire Bluteau, Catherine Wilkening, Johanne-Marie Tremblay

'A group of actors put on an unorthodox, but acclaimed Passion Play which incites the opposition of the Catholic Church while the actors' lives themselves begin to mirror the Passion itself.'

Tickets available from Box Office <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EJMHDH> and cost £5 each.

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Saturday 14th October 9.30 am- 12 noon Ormskirk Rd/Chapel Street Pemberton, Wigan

Free activities

Full details ring 07766 862756 Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday October 14th 10 am – 12 Noon All Saints Social Centre, High Street, Golborne

Cake sale, raffle, tombola, various local craft and white elephant stall. Tickets £3 including coffee and cake

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Saturday 14th October 12 noon St John's Church, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Pay as you feel lunch Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

WIGAN STEAM ART LAB

Saturday 14th October 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm Library Street, Wigan

Drop in to our family art sessions and make flying rockets, mathematic string art, 3D cardboard animals, luminous Christmas decorations and more!

All ages welcome All children must be accompanied by an adult

Suggested donation £3 per child

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Saturday 14th October 2p p St John's Church, Church Street Wigan WN5 0DT

Groundwork Churchyard nature walk 01942 375209 www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Saturday 14th October 7.30 pm Lowton Social Club, 214 Newton Rd, Lowton, Warrington WA3 2AQ
With The Golborne Band & Three Towns Operatic
Tickets from Kathleen Johnson 01942 224659 or Kathleen Houlton 07375 661910

SOUL NIGHT

Saturday 14th October 7.30 pm Aspull Rugby Union FC Woodshaw Park, Asspull, Wigan
A night of Soul. Motown, Northern Soul & Disco. The 'Soul Amigo's' will provide the entertainment and 'stonebakers' will be making pizzas of your choice.
Tickets £20 from Liam Reeve at liam.reeve@rlbuht.nhs.uk or 07495 702602

GATSBY NIGHT

Saturday October 14th 7.30 pm – 12 Midnight Leigh Rugby Union Club, Hand Lane, Leigh
Local band 'After The Fall' will entertain you, and you can learn new moves in a Charleston dance class surrounded by fabulous food and drink. Tickets £10 from Lowton Operatic and Dramatic Society Facebook page or Bethan Littlewood on 07557 008356

FOCUS - DUTCH PROG, ROCK LEGENDS

Saturday 14th October Doors Open 8 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan
With their unique brand of progressive rock, Focus manifested themselves at the start of the '70s as the most successful and appreciated of all the Dutch pop-rock exports. Fronted by founding member Thijs Van Leer, and best known for their hits "Hocus Pocus", "House of The King" and "Sylvia", as well as critically acclaimed albums 'Moving Waves', 'Focus 3' and 'Hamburger Concerto', the iconic Dutch music masters are back with their tenth album, which is guaranteed to please their legions of fans!.
Plus support from Grassroots and SecondSon
Tickets 12.50 ADVANCE // £15 On the door: Box office: 01942 834747

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Sunday 15th October 10 am St John's Church, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT
Harvest Festival Full details ring 01942 375209
Donations to The Brick Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

VINTAGE FARMERS MARKET

Sunday 15th October 10 am – 2 pm Greenslate community farm, Greenslate Road, Billinge, Wigan
Amazing local artisan food and drink with a splash of vintage homemade crafts.
Celebrating all the great local produce. Hot food and refreshments. Admission FREE

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Monday 16th October 9:30 am – 11 am
Platt Bridge Start Well Family Centre, Rivington Avenue, Platt Bridge, Wigan

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Monday 16th October 1 pm - 2:30 pm
Leigh Central Linked Site Windermere Road Leigh WN7 1U

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PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Monday 16th October St Mark's School Alexandra St, Newton, Wigan WN5 9DS
Singing Festival Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

INCLUSIVE CREATIVE SESSIONS

Monday 16th October 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, Hindley Library, Hindley, Wigan
Enjoy creative activities, arts and crafts and gentle exercise

Sessions are aimed at people who are 50+ and would like to learn new skills, socialise with others and improve their health and well being. Refreshments served at each session. Cost £ 1
For more information and to book, call 07926513210 / 07533777328

THE PEARL OF AFRICA CHILDREN CHOIR

Monday 16th October 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm St Wilfrids Church, Church Street, Standish, Wigan
Don't miss the opportunity to see these fantastic children sing, dance, and drum away the evening

CHARITIES AND CO-OPERATION: AN UPDATE ON CHARITY LAW AND GOVERNANCE

Tuesday 17th October 9 am – 4 pm Friends Meeting House, Manchester

As a UK top-five charity law firm, Anthony Collins Solicitors' experts are well placed to help you understand the potential threats that forthcoming developments pose to your organisation and the opportunities they present. Along with sector specialists, we will explain how they can be avoided, overcome or capitalised upon.

The conference programme features topical workshops, each highlighting key issues within the charities sector. As well as hearing keynote presentations from sector leaders, you will be able to participate in up to three workshop sessions. These workshops will enable you to gain more detailed information about topics of particular concern to you and your organisation.

Who should attend?

This conference has something to offer you whatever stage of the charity leadership journey you are at; whether you are a seasoned trustee or chief executive looking to refresh your technical knowledge and share insights with peers, or if you are new to the sector and want to gain some practical tips. We look forward to meeting you, whether you've been in the role for five minutes or fifty years.

The day will include in-depth information about recent developments in charity law and governance, including the opportunity to apply co-operative principles to charities, apply charity law to co-ops and social businesses, and explore the tension between traditions of mutuality and philanthropy.

To book see website <https://newsroom.anthonycollins.com/events/charities-and-co-operation-an-update-on-charity-law-and-governance/> or email ulrika.froberg@anthonycollins.com
For more information email ulrika.froberg@anthonycollins.com Course fees: £50 + VAT

COMMUNITY VENUES – OPEN DAY

Tuesday 17th October 10 am – 12 noon Mealhouse Court, Mealhouse Lane, Atherton

Wigan Council are interested in supporting local charities, CIC's and community groups who would like to run activities for older people by sharing our community spaces. You are invited to come along and have a look at our FREE facilities which may help you to work more closely with us and deliver greater outcomes for our communities.

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Tuesday 17th October 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Clifton House, Keats Avenue, Worsley Mesnes, Wigan

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HOW TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday 17th October 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Location: DLA Piper UK LLP, 1 St. Peter's Square, Manchester, M2 3DE

This useful half-day workshop will help you to examine your own organisational values, behaviours and people.

It is run by the Cranfield Trust and will cover topics including:

- Process for translating organisational values to behaviours.
- How to embed organisational values into recruitment, development and retention.
- Sharing best practice what we are currently doing to attract and retain key stakeholders.

The workshop will be led by Dr. Claire Harris who is a really engaging and very knowledgeable presenter. She has a wealth of relevant experience developing leaders and organisations across many sectors and has a wide range of clients including the Motor Neurone Disease Association, Ambition School Leadership and North West Boroughs Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

Claire is a chartered occupational psychologist and member of the Health Professions Council. She specialises in leadership and management development, executive/team coaching and facilitation.

Book via our website <http://www.cranfieldtrust.org/events> or call 01794 830338

GM HEALTH AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE CO-DESIGN WORKSHOP

Tuesday 17th October 2.15 pm – 4.30 pm St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green, Manchester

An opportunity to contribute to the design of a new GM Health and Employment Service Co-design Workshop.

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the NHS in Greater Manchester are working together to develop a new 'early help' service for people with health conditions and/or impairments who are either newly unemployed or at risk of falling out of employment.

There is currently no systematic early intervention pathway to prevent people with health conditions falling out of work and 98% of GM employers are SMEs or self-employed with limited or no access to

occupational healthcare. This service aims to test a new approach to support to help people return to work more quickly.

This service is in the early stages of development and delegates from the GM VCSE sector are invited to contribute to the design of the service at this workshop. At the session you will hear the thinking to date and GMCVO will discuss a number of key issues including:

- The need for a service like this
- The barriers to remaining in work & what support is currently available to people in GM
- The delivery model and the role the VCSE could play?
- Scope of the proposed service
- The commissioning strategy

GMCVO are very keen to get input from a range of organisations; the session will be discussion focussed with the outputs directly feeding into the design of the new service.

This is a great opportunity to help shape this work and feed in your views on some of the detailed aspects of how the service should work. If you would like to attend this session, email dan.oliver2@nhs.net to book your place. The closing date for the receipt of registrations is Wednesday 11 October 2017. Please note, in the interest of fairness to all, registrations are restricted to one delegate per VCSE organisation only

REGULAR SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR ARMED FORCES FAMILIES

Tuesday 17th October 6 pm – 9 pm Community Room, Tesco, Leigh

“We will try to help veterans and armed forces families in any way we can, so please feel free to pop in for a cuppa and a chat.”

For more information about the charity and its upcoming support sessions visit www.shouldertosoldier.org.uk or ring 07515 892720

OVER 50? MIND OVER MATTER - COOK WELL, EAT WELL

Wednesday 18th October 1 pm – 3 pm

Fur Clemt Café Tyldesley Linked Site (next to health centre) Poplar Street Tyldesley M29 8AX

Come along and re-ignite, or improve, your cooking skills on our free six week course.

Mind Over Matter is a pilot project that is about helping older people maintain a healthy lifestyle via activities that encourage physical activity, keeping the brain active, and healthy eating. All the activity sessions provided are free of charge and most will be for a minimum of around six weeks.

To book a place or for further details, please contact Pensioner’s Link on 01942 261753. Or alternatively, you can visit us at 27 Charles Street, Leigh, WN7 1DB.

FUNDING SURGERIES

Wednesday 18th October 1 pm -5 pm Platt Bridge Community Zone, 81, Ribble Road, Platt Bridge
Wigan Borough Community Partnership is now holding regular sessions.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your specific funding requirements and obtain support and advice to help develop your project. New and experienced groups welcome.

To book an appointment email Tracey Wormald at T.Wormald@wigan.gov.uk

CRAFT GROUP

Wednesday 18 October at Oxford Hall Oxford Street Leigh WN7 1NE 1.30 pm – 3 pm

Felting Refreshments £1 to cover cost of materials 01942 609748

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Wednesday 18th October 7 pm St John's Church, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Wigan Community Choir and Believe Voices (world premiere)

Concert in aid of Mayor's Charity

£5.00 adults Children free Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Thursday 19th October 4pm – 5.30 pm Dean Trust Wigan Greenhey, Orrell, Wigan, WN5 0DQ

Performing Arts Showcase Featuring students from Dean Academy and local Primary Schools For family and friends of students Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

LAUNCHING THE SUSTAINABLE FOOD VISION FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

Thursday 19th October 7pm Bridge 5 Mill, Ancoats, Manchester

Last December over 100 groups in the sustainable food sector came together to share ideas about how Greater Manchester can become a Sustainable Food City, and prioritise how we make this vision a reality.

With the positive input from across the sector we identified six core objectives:

- Promoting Healthy and Sustainable food;
- Tackling Food Poverty;
- Building Sustainable Food Knowledge and Skills;
- Promoting a Sustainable Food Economy;
- Transforming Catering and Food Procurement;
- Reducing Waste and the Ecological Footprint of the Food System.

We would very much like to invite you along to the official launch of the Sustainable Food Vision. This event is aimed at all interested parties.

If you would like to come along please email emily@kindling.org.uk to book your place and we will pop you on the guest list.

Website link: https://kindling.org.uk/19thOct_Launches

WIGAN & LEIGH PENSIONERS LINK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 20th October 11 am – 1 pm. Leigh Baptist Church, Vernon Street, Leigh, WN7 1BH,

Our guest speaker is Jo Platt MP. Jo was elected MP for the Leigh constituency in May 2017, succeeding Andy Burnham who left Parliament to become the Mayor of Greater Manchester. She is Leigh's first female MP.

Buffet lunch will be served. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know.

To reserve a place, or for any further information, please contact us on 01942 261753 by Wednesday 11th October. Or email outreach@pensionerslink.org.uk

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Friday 20th October 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm St John's School, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Macmillan Coffee, Tea, Cake and Concert Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Friday 20th October 7 pm – 9pm Music Projects Ormskirk Road Pemberton, Wigan

Open Mic Night Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

LADIES FASHION SHOW & POP UP SHOP

Friday 20th October Doors open 7p.m Sunshine House Annex, Wellington Street, Wigan

Ex High Street Fashion at 50% or more off. Charity Raffle with Fabulous prizes
Tickets £3 and more information from Sunshine House reception 01942 820026

THESE SMITHS WITH SUPPORT FROM WALLGATE CIRCUS

Friday 20th October Doors Open 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

In short, you will never see a better tribute to The Smiths. Hailing from Manchester, avid Smiths fans and aficionados, These Smiths deliver the best possible homage. Fronted by "Stars In Their Eyes" Morrissey sensation, this band have the full repertoire. Charming Man, The Boy With The Thorn In His Side, There Is A Light That Never Goes Out.....They're all in there. Support on the night comes from Wallgate Circus, cool local mod/Motown inspired outfit making their much awaited comeback and The Continental Phase who bring 90's indie-inspired rock pop.

Tickets £8 Box office: 01942 834747

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Saturday 21st October 10 am – 3 pm Church Street, Pemberton, Wigan

Festival Day Curious Critters, Rides Fun Bus, Games, Stalls, Food, Activities,
Live music and more. Full details at 07766 862756 or 01942 217024

Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Saturday 21st October 11 am – 4 pm Trinity Methodist Hall, 21 St John St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Cake Off Adult and Children's cake competition Cakes to buy and Cream Teas served

Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

WIGAN STEAM ART LAB

Saturday October 21st 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm Library Street, Wigan

Drop in to our family art sessions and make flying rockets, mathematic string art, 3D cardboard animals, luminous Christmas decorations and more!

All ages welcome All children must be accompanied by an adult

Suggested donation £3 per child

HARVEST DANCE

Saturday October 21st 7p.m – 10p.m St James Church, Church lane, Wrightington

Home made hot pot with live music and retro sounds. Tickets £10 including food but bring your own drinks and glasses from 01257 424105

MAMA PERFORMS AN EVENING OF GENESIS MUSIC

Saturday 21st October Doors open 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

MAMA are the all-era Genesis Tribute band and they will be performing songs from albums such as Nursery Cryme all the way through to We Can't Dance. The five band members are based in the North West England area. They are led by front man and lead vocalist John Wilkinson, highly acclaimed for his ability to deliver on the Phil Collins vocal sound of Genesis with power, passion and total precision.

Tickets £12 Advance // £15 on the door: Box office: 01942 834747

REGGAE NIGHT FEATURING SUPERJAM

Saturday 21st October Doors open 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

Vibes down in The Bailiff Bar on Saturday 21st October as we welcome back the incredible Superjam for a night of top notch Reggae. Expect Bob Marley, expect Peter Tosh, expect outstanding material,

expect dancing, backing singers, a crazily talented band from across Europe and beyond and most of all, expect positivity and good times. Tickets £4 Advance // £5 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Sunday 22nd October 6.30pm St John's Church, Church St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Festival Evensong with combined choirs of St John's and St Luke's

Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

CATALYST TRAINING PROGRAMME

Monday 23, 24, 25, 26th October 9am to 4pm

3rd Floor, Church House, 90 Deansgate Manchester M3 2GH

A fantastic opportunity to gain some Leadership skills for young people aged 16 to 26 years old.

Every year, Near Neighbours runs a Catalyst Leaders programme which offers free training to young people of diverse faiths and backgrounds, the programme sets out to equip young people with the skills and confidence to take on leadership roles, develop local social action and transform their own communities.

Refreshments and lunch will all be included. All candidates need to ensure they attend all 4 days in order to complete the training.

More details from Samra Kanwal Near Neighbours Coordinator- Greater Manchester

T: 0161 8281413 M: 07927 550744 Email: samra@greatertogethermanchester.org

INCLUSIVE CREATIVE SESSIONS

Monday 23rd October 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, Hindley Library, Hindley, Wigan

Enjoy creative activities, arts and crafts and gentle exercise

Sessions are aimed at people who are 50+ and would like to learn new skills, socialise with others and improve their health and well being. Refreshments served at each session. Cost £ 1

For more information and to book, call 07926513210 / 07533777328

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Tuesday 24th October 10 am – 12 noon & 1pm – 3pm

Pemberton Masonic Hall, Chapel St, Wigan WN5 8JP

Norley Art Group Guest Artist Free to spectators and a drink

More details at 01942 247653 Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

CRAFT TUESDAYS

Tuesday 24th October 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB

This weeks – Clay Green Masks To Book Ring 01942 316455 Cost £4 including refreshments

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 24th October 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm "Hut-on-the-hill" on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)

Speaker: Steve Halliwell: St Kilda: The Lonely Isles

There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments please contact Pam Ashton on 01257 400254 or visit our regularly updated website:

www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh

New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

SAFEGUARDING AND PROTECTING CHILDREN WORKSHOP

Tuesday 24th October 6p.m - 9p.m. Leigh Leisure Centre (Classroom) Sale way, Leigh

Cost £35

For course content and further information please follow <http://www.wigansport.org/sports-development/coaching-volunteering/coach-education/>

The course is accredited through UK Coaching and is recognised by most National Governing Bodies' (NGB) AND. Please check with your NGB if unsure. The course certificate will be valid for 3 years.

To book a place call 01942 828508 or email me for more details katie.shone@ihlmail.org

HELP YOUR CHARITY SHINE WITH VIVA

Wednesday 25th October 10 am – 2 pm

Radiant Works, Burnley Road, Rossendale, Lancashire, BB4 8EW

Do you need help coming up with creative ideas to attract more customers and raise more money for your charity?

During the session some of our campaign curators will share their expert knowledge about how we can help raise your profile through a well-researched campaign, which will ultimately reach new audiences.

Viva is ideally placed to help you identify your unique selling points and help you to shout about them.

Cost: £15, which will be donated to Caritas Care So what are you waiting for? Book now by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-a-campaign-can-help-your-campaign-sparkle-tickets-37340949786>

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Wednesday 25th October St Francis Hall, City Road, Kitt Green, Wigan

Cameron's Legacy Charity Concert

Featuring Jake (The Voice Kids UK) Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

GREATER MANCHESTER VCSE ASSEMBLY: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE: POPULATION HEALTH PLAN

Thursday 26th October 10 am - 12.30 pm Kings House Conference Centre, Manchester, M1 7HB

The Greater Manchester Population Health Plan sets out an approach to delivering a radical upgrade in population health. It is informed by the best empirical evidence and by the views of the people of Greater Manchester. It aims to acknowledge the vital contribution communities make to health and wellbeing and put person and community-centred approaches at the centre of the plan. Since the plan was published a number of work programmes have been developed under the themes of Start well, Live well, Age well. This event will offer an opportunity to meet the Leads from a selection of programmes at varying developmental stages and discuss the potential contributions of the VCSE in terms of shaping design, delivery and engaging communities. To book your place at this Assembly event go to <https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=2485>

SING ALONG

Thursday 26th October 2.15 pm – 3.30 pm Standish Community Centre, Moody Street, Standish

Wigan Rotary Club is inviting anyone to come and join them and Sing Along. There will be a mixture of well known songs for everyone to enjoy. The sessions are free and open to anyone, and are also suitable for people living with dementia and their carers.

Wigan Rotary President Gwyneth Millard explained 'you don't have to be a good singer, and you don't need to be able to read music. If you can reasonably manage to sing Happy Birthday then you're in!' she continued 'the sessions will be run by a retired music teacher, all we now need is for lots of people to come and enjoy some good company and a good sing along.'

Booking is not required and for any more details or queries please ring the Wigan Rotary Club number 07813 471000

STRAIGHTFORWARD THEATRE PRESENTS 'EDWARD AND ELIZA AND THE SMASHING OF THE VAN

Thursday 26th October 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

The year is 1867. British army veteran Edward Brett and his Irish wife, Eliza, are struggling to raise their children and make a living from a small shop in Macclesfield. An event occurs which will have a dramatic effect on their lives

Written to coincide with the 150th anniversary of real events, it is a memorable story to be enjoyed by all, with themes still very relevant today. Tickets £8 Concessions £6 Box office: 01942 834747

CONNIE LUSH BAND: BLUES N BOOGIE

Thursday 26th October 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan

Connie Lush is widely recognised as one of the finest blues singers that the United Kingdom has ever produced. That indisputable fact was acknowledged when she was voted Best UK Female Vocalist by readers of Blues In Britain for 5 separate years, earning a richly deserved place in the Gallery of the Greats. Don't miss this special one-off show by a true superstar of the Blues!

Tickets £10 Advance £12 On the door Box office: 01942 834747

CLASSIC CINEMA

Friday October 27th

Doors open 12.30 pm for 1 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh

Especially for senior citizens to come along meet new people and watch a classic film

Film – Scared Stiff. More details 0796 964 7466 or email enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday 27th October 7 pm – 11.30 pm Standish Social Club Smalley Street Standish Wigan

Entertainer, Sweets, Popcorn & More: Tickets Adult £4 Children £2 from behind the bar. We're dying to see you!

LEIGH FILM SOCIETY

Friday October 27th 7 pm for 7.30 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh

Come along to watch something different. Refreshments are available.

We do not have a licence to sell alcohol but you are welcome to bring your own.

Film – Black Sheep More details 0796 964 7466 or email enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com

LUCKY HENS RESCUE HALLOWEEN EVENT

Saturday 28th October 11 am – 3 pm

Lucky Hens Rescue North West Manchester Road Hindley WIGAN WN2 3DR

Meet all the rescued animals. Craft Stalls, Face Painting. Soup & Refreshments, Pumpkin Carving Adults £1 Children 50p Main Road parking

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday 28th October from 5pm Beehive Community Centre Lindale Road M28 1BG

Fancy dress prizes for children and adults. Games & Raffles Music Hot food

Bring your own Booze: Fun for all the family!

Tickets only £1.50: Contact the centre on 0161 3768229 or beehivecommunitycentre@hotmail.com

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Sunday 29th October Pemberton Masonic Hall, Chapel St, Wigan WN5 8JP

Halloween Party Pemberton Community Association

Tickets from Pemberton Lighting Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

PEMBERTON FESTIVAL

Sunday 29th October 7.30 pm Trinity Methodist Church, 21 St John St, Wigan WN5 0DT

Wigan Ukulele Club £3.00 adults; Children free Full details at www.pembertonfestival1.weebly.com

CRAFT TUESDAYS

Tuesday 31st October 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB

This weeks – Halloween Crafts:

To Book Ring 01942 316455 Cost £4 including refreshments

MY LIFE SPOOKTACULAR 2017

Tuesday 31st October 7 pm – 9 pm Thompson House, Pepper Lane, Standish, Wigan

My Life will be holding its annual Halloween event Come on down for spooky treats, scary tricks, food, drinks and entertainment! Just £3 per person, call 01257 472900 or email info@my-life.org.uk

INTRODUCTION TO FUNDRAISING

Wednesday, 1st November 10 am – 4.30pm

Lesbian & Gay Foundation, 5 Richmond Street, Manchester

Are you new to the sector or thinking of changing careers into the sector and looking to improve and develop your understanding and knowledge of fundraising? Delivered by experienced trainers based locally to you, the Introduction to Fundraising course offers you a practical introduction to the profession covering basic principles and best practice. You will also learn how to ensure your fundraising activities are legal and ethical. As a result you should be able to better understand and improve your organisation's fundraising performance and why your relationship(s) with your donors and supporters is critical to your success.

Further information: <http://iofnw.org.uk/training/intro1nov17/>

FUNDING SURGERIES

Wednesday 1st November 1 pm -5 pm Compassion In Action, Patrick House, 58 Leigh Road, Leigh

Wigan Borough Community Partnership is now holding regular sessions. You will have the opportunity to discuss your specific funding requirements and obtain support and advice to help develop your project. New and experienced groups welcome.

To book an appointment email T.Wormald@wigan.gov.uk

LUCKY HENS RESCUE NORTH WEST - NEXT RESCUE DAY

Saturday 4th November 10 am – 4 pm Manchester Road Hindley WIGAN WN2 3DR

If you would like to save a couple more tatty battys please fill in the booking form at

<http://luckyhensrescuenorthwest.weebly.com/booking-form.html/01942233375/07888730763>

WIGAN STEAM ART LAB

Saturday November 4th 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm Library Street, Wigan
Drop in to our family art sessions and make flying rockets, mathematic string art, 3D cardboard animals, luminous Christmas decorations and more!
All ages welcome All children must be accompanied by an adult
Suggested donation £3 per child

'BOOMIN' FAMILY FIREWORK SPECTACULAR!

Sunday 5th November Haigh Hall Country Park: Gates open 4 pm
A fantastic night of fireworks and fun for all the family
Featuring live music from Wigan's own brilliant and popular Boomin!
Plus, children's show and DJ.
Finishing with a fantastic firework finale from National Firework Champions – SM ART Pyro
Lots of food and drink stalls; DJ/Compere on stage from 4.30pm
Other site attractions open from 4 pm including Kitchen Courtyard
Children's Entertainment/Show 5 pm – 5.45 pm
Boomin' Main Set 6.10 pm – 7 pm
SM ART Pyro firework display – 7 pm
End of display 7.20 pm
Boomin' finale numbers 7.20 pm – 7.30 pm
Event finish 7.30 pm
Tickets in advance
Adults £9 Children – aged 5-15 years old £7 (4 and under go free)
Family – 2 adults, 2 children £28
On the Night
Adults - £10; Children – aged 5-15 years old. - £8; (4 and under go free)
Family – 2 adults and 2 children - £32
£1.50 car parking after 6pm Call 01942 828508

CRAFT TUESDAYS

Tuesday 7th November 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB
This week – Poppy Willow Lanterns
To Book Ring 01942 316455 Cost £4 including refreshments

HEALTH AND WELLBEING EVENT

Tuesday 7th November 1 pm – 3 pm (drop in anytime) Leigh Miners Kirby Rd, Leigh
You are warmly invited to our FREE event, supporting patients living with and beyond cancer
Browse the market place packed with information, interactive displays and speak to Cancer Nurse Specialists, Welfare Teams and Macmillan Representatives.
Raffle and refreshments available. Free onsite parking
Organised by McMillan do a brilliant job for our Community

SOCIAL (IN)SECURITY? LEARNING LESSONS FROM LIVED EXPERIENCES OF WELFARE AND WORK

Wednesday 8th November 12 Noon – 4.30 pm
Museum of Science and Industry, Liverpool Road, Manchester, M3 4FP
At this event the findings from three projects, of relevance to those working in the area of welfare and employment support, will be presented. It will provide insights into the experiences of benefit claimants, those who have entered the labour market, but also welfare practitioners operating within this policy backdrop.

The seminar will provide the opportunity to learn more about these projects, but also explore how the findings from these projects can feed into policy and practice within the Greater Manchester context.

There will be presentations from SHUSU's Katy Jones, Dr Daiga Kamerade and Dr Mark Wilding, along with external speakers from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Wales Group, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centres, Oxfam Cymru, Salford City Council and Sheffield Hallam University. The event is free to attend, but places are limited, so we request that people register via this link. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-insecurity-learning-lessons-from-lived-experiences-of-welfare-and-work-tickets-38285648405>

GREATER MANCHESTER VCSE ASSEMBLY: EQUALITIES AND HEALTH

Wednesday 8th November 4 pm – 6 pm St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green, Manchester

There is an opportunity to collectively develop a new approach looking at how VCSE equalities organisations link up with the Health and Social care agenda in Greater Manchester. This will include the development of a GM Equalities Advisory Group for Health and Social Care that leads on the equalities agenda and enables engagement of the wider VCSE equalities sector into the work around Health and Social Care in GM.

We are holding a workshop for VCSE organisations that are interested in getting involved in how this takes shape. We are very keen to get input from a range of organisations and particularly from those organisations who work with, and represent people from demographic groups who are disproportionately affected by health inequalities e.g. disabled people, refugees and asylum seekers. The session will be discussion focussed with the outputs directly feeding into the co-design of the new approach with stakeholders from across the Health and Social Care Partnership. The idea is for this new approach to be co-designed and co-developed between the VCSE Equalities sector and the Health and Social Care Partnership.

If you would like to attend this event go to

<https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/civicism/event/info?reset=1&id=2486>

ENGAGING YOUR WHOLE ORGANISATION IN FUNDRAISING

Thursday 9th November 9.30 am-3.30 pm

The Vegetarian Society, Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham, WA14 4QG

We are delighted to invite you to join us for the second IOF NW's Leaders in Fundraising Network, kindly sponsored by Charity Careers North West.

Focusing on how to engage senior leadership in fundraising and motivate all staff behind a fundraising campaign this is a great opportunity to hear from both the charitable and commercial sectors about the successes and stumbling points from those who have introduced large scale fundraising appeals and developed organisational wide fundraising cultures. We will also be looking at current changes in fundraising best practice and the potential impact of GDPR and how some charities are using these challenges to focus on stronger donor relationships.

As well as hearing from our 3 guest speakers you will be able to put your questions to our panel and network with other leaders from across the North West.

Full details & booking at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/iof-nw-leaders-in-fundraising-network-tickets-37774158525?ref=ebtnebreg>

FAMILY CONCERT EVENING TO CELEBRATE OUR ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY

Thursday 9th November from 6 pm - Wigan Youth Zone, Parsons Walk, Wigan

In the lead up to Remembrance Weekend. Special Performance by Olivia Garcia and Wigan Youth Zone Music Project.

Tickets £5 Family Ticket £15 (for 4 people over 12) Under 12 free with ticketed adult. From darryl@edshomes.org.uk or Phone 07758 057220

CRAFT & GIFT FAIR

Saturday 11th November 11 am – 3 pm St Anne's parish Centre, Church Lane, Shevington, Wigan
Various craft and gift stalls with all your Christmas shopping under one roof. Refreshments and light lunches

CRAFT TUESDAYS

Tuesday 14th November 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB
This week – Woodland Reindeers
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www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh
New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

INSTITUTE OF LEGACY MANAGEMENT - INTRODUCTORY COURSE

Wednesday 15th November 9.45 am for 10 am – 4.30 pm
Claire House Hospice, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JD
This specially devised one day course (normally two days) is aimed at anyone involved in legacies or supporter relations management and will provide an overview of estate administration and charity practice.
During the morning we will review the legal background to legacies followed by consideration of the practicalities of dealing with legacies at a charity including dealing with executors, trustees and members of the public. The course will finish with a practical case study incorporating the themes and topics encountered earlier in the day.
Full details & costs at <http://www.legacymanagement.org.uk/north-west-bitesize/>

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GREATER MANCHESTER THIRD SECTOR RESEARCH NETWORK: GENERATING INFOGRAPHICS FROM QUANTITATIVE SECONDARY DATA

Friday 17th November 2 p m St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester,
Jennifer Wall will share her experience of using quantitative secondary data to create infographics.
Refreshments provided.

The Greater Manchester Third Sector Research Network is a friendly environment for peer support and information exchange. The Network is for you if you are:

Based in the third sector in Greater Manchester and your role includes finding information and using it to support your organisation's work

An academic or independent researcher with an active interest in researching the voluntary sector

Involved in the third sector in Greater Manchester and interested in staying abreast of research-related issues and methods

Please email Susanne to book your place contact: Susanne Martikke on susanne.martikke@gmcvo.org.uk or 0161 277 1031

CRAFTERS CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 18th November 10 am – 4 pm Sunshine House, Wellington Street, Wigan
Entertainment all day; Ice Rink; bucking Reindeer. Grotto More details 01942 820026

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CRAFT TUESDAYS

Tuesday 21st November 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB

This weeks – Christmas Cushions

To Book Ring 01942 316455 Cost £4 including refreshments

BLOKES CURRY NIGHT

Tuesday 21st November 7.30 pm Tamarind Table Atherton

Friendship and inspiration around food

Cost £16 Full details and booking contact Jonathan 07753 427329

BRINGING THE ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Wednesday 22nd November 12 noon – 2 pm Leigh

We are looking to establish a friendly informal peer to peer network group for the social enterprise community in Wigan Borough. Hosted local and throughout the borough we aim to bring together local enterprise to build a strong a cohesive network.

Hosted at a suitable venue bi-monthly the format will be 45 minute opportunity to network with fellow peers in the sector, followed by a 2 course lunch to allow network relationships to develop. All attendees will pay for their own lunch.

With no pressure of sponsorship this is a great chance to get to know fellow enterprise in our borough and forge opportunities and collaborations.

For further information contact Dave Baxter at d.baxter@abramwardcooperative.org or Kerry Whittle at kerrywhittle@aconollyltd.co.uk

CLASSIC CINEMA

Friday November 24th

Doors open 12.30 pm for 1 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh

Especially for senior citizens to come along meet new people and watch a classic film

Film – Tammy & the Bachelor More details 0796 964 7466 or email enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com

LEIGH FILM SOCIETY

Friday 24th November 7 pm for 7.30 pm start Turnpike Gallery Leigh

Come along to watch something different. Refreshments are available.

We do not have a licence to sell alcohol but you are welcome to bring your own.

Film – Love & Friendship More details 0796 964 7466 or email enquiries@leighfilmsociety.com

INCLUSIVE CREATIVE SESSIONS

Monday 27th November 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, Hindley Library, Hindley, Wigan
Enjoy creative activities, arts and crafts and gentle exercise

Sessions are aimed at people who are 50+ and would like to learn new skills, socialise with others and improve their health and well being. Refreshments served at each session. Cost £ 1

For more information and to book, call 07926513210 / 07533777328

CRAFT TUESDAYS

Tuesday 28th November 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley WN2 3EB

This week – Christmas Cards & Crackers

To Book Ring 01942 316455 Cost £4 including refreshments

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 28th November 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm “Hut-on-the-hill” on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)

Speaker: Bryan Nuttall, Tai Chi Demonstration

There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments please contact Pam Ashton on 01257 400254 or visit our regularly updated website:

www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh

New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

FUNDING SURGERIES

Wednesday 29th November 1 pm -5 pm Compassion In Action, Patrick House, 58 Leigh Road, Leigh
Wigan Borough Community Partnership is now holding regular sessions. You will have the opportunity to discuss your specific funding requirements and obtain support and advice to help develop your project. New and experienced groups welcome.

To book an appointment email Tracey Wormald at T.Wormald@wigan.gov.uk

FOR DETAILS OF REGULAR EVENTS PLEASE SEE SEPERATE SECTION