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WIGAN AND LEIGH CVS - FINAL BULLETIN

As agreed at the Wigan and Leigh CVS AGM on 16th February 2017, the CVS has been moving towards formal closedown. The CVS members agreed any residual funds to be transferred to Macc, who will be working with 10GM to support the future provision of infrastructure support for Wigan.

As part of this transition, Macc (www.macc.org.uk) has been working with the developing Wigan Community Partnership's members and consulting with the Wigan Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector (VCSE) about the support needs for the sector and how these are best met.

The transition phase has been completed and Wigan and Leigh CVS will now formally cease to exist and provide services in the borough. From this point onwards, the services of ebulletin, volunteer database, and one to one support sessions hitherto delivered by Wigan and Leigh CVS will now be co-ordinated and delivered through Macc in addition to their current Wigan training programme.

Macc and 10GM will also be providing local infrastructure support, working towards the priorities of:

- Continuing local infrastructure support in Wigan and Leigh
- Increasing connections with Greater Manchester via 10GM
- This work will ensure:
- continuation of a VCSE information Bulletin, locally based training, funding advice and one to one group support, and volunteer brokerage support
- a place of influence in Greater Manchester developments through 10GM
- access to an extensive range of web based resources
- The new contact email is wigan@10gm.org.uk

NEW YOUTH COMBINED AUTHORITY TO LET YOUNG PEOPLE SHAPE THEIR OWN FUTURE

Young people will be given a meaningful role in determining the future direction of the city region through the new Greater Manchester Youth Combined Authority, after proposals were approved by council leaders. The new Youth Combined Authority forum was given the green light at a GMCA meeting at Trafford Town Hall yesterday.

The new Youth Combined Authority will be a 40-strong gender-balanced group made up of 11 to 18-year-olds. It will include members of all 10 existing youth councils and representatives from youth groups across the city region, including those in the Wigan borough, with members serving a two-year term. The group will undertake specific pieces of work, developing policies for Greater Manchester that aim to improve the lives of young people.

The Youth Combined Authority will be tasked with taking forward Mr Burnham's plans for a free travel pass, developing it into a Greater Manchester 'opportunity pass' that could open up access to leisure, sporting and cultural activities as well as work placements and apprenticeships. The group will also be asked to help develop the mayor's plans for a 'curriculum for life'.

The body will advise the mayor and GMCA on key issues affecting young people and scrutinise the work of Greater Manchester leaders

RESPIRATORY OUTPATIENT SERVICE –ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Respiratory is one of the services being looked at under the Outpatient Service Redesign. We are working with colleagues from the local Trust, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust (WWL NHSFT) to understand the current service user experience and what the CCG may need to look at.

The Engagement Team at WWL NHSFT recently invited patients who had recently attended a respiratory clinic to complete a survey about their experiences, the results are at https://gallery.mailchimp.com/7eb44dc0e2e0d65841a533271/files/1d9a0cf1-c363-4532-bff1-e0fd477d4af8/Respiratory_report

GMPA LAUNCHES THE 'HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND REPAIRS' MAP

Back in January Greater Manchester Poverty Action (GMPA) launched the Emergency Food Providers map, a Google map showing the location of all the foodbanks, pay-as-you-feel cafés, food clubs and pantries that they could find.

GMPA added more pins and made any necessary amendments over the past 9 months. Since its launch this map has had over 6,400 visits and hope that it will continue to be a really useful resource.

The second map shows 'Household items and repairs' and includes organisations that provide reconditioned, refurbished and repaired furniture, white goods and smaller electrical items for a fraction of high street costs, some that are even able to offer a limited number of these items free of charge. Local Freecycle groups have been included that simply advertise everything, including occasionally the kitchen sink, that is available for free from the current owners who no longer need the item. Also shown are a few organisations that can provide some practical support in the home for those on low-incomes, the elderly and the disabled.

GMPA would welcome your help to improve this map. Who has been missed off? Are the details completely accurate? Email chris@gmpovertyaction.org with any additions and corrections. The more accurate it is, the more useful it will be.

To view the maps, visit: www.gmpovertyaction.org/maps/

PLAN TO FUND EXTRA CARE HOMES

Town hall chiefs have entered discussions to fund several new care homes to tackle the borough's ageing population crisis. Wigan Council's care home reform committee has begun plans to commission two brand new care homes and redevelop an existing building to combat a "fragile adult social care market".

One of the key priorities of the board, the health and social care scrutiny committee heard, is to develop additional capacity for the 70,000 over 65s - around a fifth of the population - expected to be living in the borough by 2025, 9,000 of whom will be over the age of 85. Town hall figures predict that by 2025, the number of people aged over 65 will have increased by 50 per cent in just ten years, while the number of people aged over 85 living in the borough will have more than doubled.

The three potential developments would create a total of 170 new care home beds and six end-of-life suites across three different areas including Bickershaw and Leigh. Wigan Council would not run the care homes but would be likely to hand them over to private providers.

Associated documents outline the plans, saying: "The Care Home Reform Board are working with a local charity who shares Wigan Council's ethical commitment to achieving the best for local people by aligning world class building design with the best possible model of care and support to create a Centre of Excellence that the borough can be proud of."

MISSPLACES: WOMEN'S SHED

We meet Mondays at Platt Bridge Community Zone: 1pm—4pm

We welcome all women who have a hobby or skill, who would like to join like minded women, to share these skills and develop new ones.

We are keen to provide workshops to encourage women to learn some basic DIY skills, to empower and promote independence.

If you need any more information or want to have a chat about MissPlaces, please ring on 07738 114 389

AUTISM FRIENDS TRAINING

Here at True Colours, our aim is to make the Wigan borough Autism Friendly and a better place for Autistic people to live. We are offering Autism Friends training across the borough to community groups and organisations. The sessions are 45 minutes and are free! We will give you a basic insight into Autism and each session is co-delivered by an inspirational lady, Dawn, who was diagnosed with Autism at the beginning of this year at the age of 46. Each attendee will receive an Autism Friends badge to raise awareness.

Please note that this is an information session, and more in depth training is available upon request.

Please contact Marian at True Colours on marian@truecolourscic.co.uk or Dawn O'Neil on dawnoneil2003@gmail.com for further details.

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER CHARITY LAUNCHES REGULAR SUPPORT SESSIONS FOR ARMED FORCES FAMILIES

People in the armed forces, veterans and their families are being invited to attend regular support sessions in Leigh.

Shoulder to Soldier a charity supporting armed forces families across the UK that is based on Church Street in Leigh, will hold the drop-in sessions on the first and third Tuesday of every month starting. They will be held at the Tesco Extra Community Room at The Loom from 6pm to 9pm.

For more information about the charity/upcoming support sessions visit www.shouldertosoldier.org.uk

COMMUNITY ALCOHOL CHAMPIONS BEING TRAINED TO COMBAT EXCESSIVE DRINKING STATISTICS

A pioneering programme is being launched today to combat the growing number of people who are drinking excessive amounts of alcohol across the city region. The latest statistics from Public Health England show rates of alcohol-specific hospital admissions and mortality are significantly higher across all 10 boroughs in Greater Manchester than the England average.

The Communities in Charge of Alcohol project will be led by community volunteers called Community Alcohol Champions, who are being trained to help family, friends and colleagues to rethink their drinking habits.

Greater Manchester's deputy mayor for policing and crime Beverley Hughes has backed the initiative. She said: "Alcohol-related crime is putting avoidable pressure on already overstretched police and health services. "The effect of binge drinking on anti-social behaviour is widely known but excessive alcohol consumption also leads to an increase in more serious crimes that are being committed across Greater Manchester.

"It is important not only for community safety but also for the health and wellbeing of our residents that we encourage people to cut down on the amount of alcohol they drink. "Many people in Greater Manchester are unaware of the effect alcohol is having on their health. "Our Community Alcohol Champions will be figures of trust in the community who will support people as they think about and change their drinking habits."

The programme is first being introduced in Salford and Stockport. It will be rolled out to all other boroughs across Greater Manchester, including the Wigan borough, by May. Salford Healthy Communities (SHC) will run the project on behalf of Salford City Council's public health team.

UPRISING PROGRAMMES: ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP AND FASTLANERS EMPLOYABILITY NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Know any budding young Greater Manchester leaders who want to learn from the experts and make real environmental change?

Or anyone unemployed, under-employed or working a zero-hour contract who needs a hand getting that dream job?

The UpRising Environmental Leadership Programme and Fastlaners Employability Programme are now open for applications

Environmental Leadership Programme

The Environmental Leadership Programme gives young adults aged 19-25 the chance to learn directly from cross-sector, expert sustainability leaders as well as plan their own environmental project to make the world a better, brighter place to live in.

Participants are also matched with a personal coach and professional mentor; recent mentors have included senior leaders from the BBC, Manchester Climate Change Agency, Incredible Edible, Siemens, National Trust, Astrazeneca, and more. UpRising's most recent impact report (DEMOS) found that the programme significantly improved leadership, networking and advocacy skills; 68% of participants gained employment and one-in-five alumni set up a social enterprise or business.

For further information, contact Jenny Liversidge, Greater Manchester Programme Co-ordinator, on 0734 299 4166, or email: jenny.liversidge@UpRising.org.uk

Fastlaners Employability Programme

The Fastlaners Employability Programme builds the skills of participants aged 18-25 through interactive workshops, mock interviews and networking events with professionals, designed to help them identify career goals and develop the networks to secure fulfilling work.

Participants are matched with a peer mentor to motivate them in their job search and have access to three to six months of ongoing, one-to-one support from UpRising staff to apply for opportunities and prepare for interviews. 89% of last years participants found a meaningful opportunity within 6 months.

For further information, contact Lydia Burke, Greater Manchester Fastlaners Programme Manager on 0794 373 5238, or email: lydia.burke@uprising.org.uk

For further information and to apply, visit: www.UpRising.org.uk/apply

PLATFORM THEATRE COMPANY IS BACK!

The return of Platform Theatre Company means new and old Drama Kings & Queens will be welcomed this October.

Supported by Wigan Council's 'Deal for Communities' fund, local arts consortium, Healthy Arts, will be delivering drama training and rehearsals towards more performances throughout the year. The drama group integrates young people aged 13 plus with adults, creating a real intergenerational flavour.

Based in the creative hub of The Old Courts on Crawford Street, the theatre company will meet regularly on Wednesday evenings between 7.30 – 9.30 pm, starting on 4th October. The autumn term start is a good time to come in and join the fun and improve your performance skills.

Director of Platform Theatre Company, Martin Green, has a strong background in professional and community drama. He will be heading up the workshops which offer skills-training in voice and movement, confidence-building and an opportunity to create and take part in live performances.

The group has been growing and developing over the last two years. To be able to keep running the sessions, there will be a reasonable cost to getting involved. Weekly sessions are just £5 for a 2 hour session jam-packed with fun, new friendships and learning opportunities. Some free places are available, but please contact Healthy Arts to chat about your individual circumstances.

Contact Martin on 07542 114383 or email martin@greenroom-creative.co.uk for further information or to register your interest.

GM HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD – JULY 2017 PAPERS NOW AVAILABLE

The GM Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership Board July 2017 papers are now available to view on the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership website

http://www.gmhsc.org.uk/category/strategic_partnership_board_meetings/

DISABILITY SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN FROM AGE 4 TO 16 TO LEARN BASIC RUGBY SKILLS

Organised by Aspull Newsprings Ability Lions RLFC

Sessions are held at Aspull Rugby Union Club

Woodshaw Park

Woods Rd

Aspull Wigan

Wn2 1PJ

For full details contact Becki Keane 07510 825885

Email Becky5stars@gmail.com Facebook.com/abilitylions

ASPULL NEWSRING LIONS UNDER 8S & UNDER 7S ARE RECRUITING AND LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

Training is Tuesday and Thursday 6pm till 7pm training and matches on Sundays

Sessions are held at Aspull Rugby Union Club

Woodshaw Park

Woods Rd

Aspull Wigan

WN2 1PJ

For full details contact Robyn Wright 07565 633406

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE (MND) ASSOCIATION

The Engagement Team recently met with Chris Hoskins who is a member of a local Patient Participation Group (PPG) and volunteer for the MND Association.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a progressive and ultimately fatal disease that results in degeneration of the motor neurones in the brain and spinal cord.

Chris is looking to raise awareness of the work of the MND Association and a 'Red Flag' tool that has recently been developed for GPs. Chris is willing to talk to any local groups, if you are interested in this please contact Rachel Richardson on shapeyournhs@wiganboroughccg.nhs.uk or 01942 482711.

ST JUDES WALKING CLUB

Based in Poolstock are looking for new members.

Walks take place on the first Sunday of the month and there's a coach at 9 am to the walking destination.

After the walk there is a pre booked evening meal before heading back to Wigan for about 9 pm

For more information contact Dave Foster on 01942 234797 or Stan Clarke 01942 237311

FREE INMIND MENTAL WELLBEING AWARENESS SESSIONS IN WIGAN BOROUGH

Wigan Council Live Well Public Health team would like to offer a FREE 1-hour InMind mental wellbeing awareness session to local groups and community organisations across Wigan borough.

The session covers the following:

- What mental wellbeing means, how to look after it
- Things to notice in yourselves/other people

As well as giving you useful information about local/national services.

If you would like to arrange a session for your group, contact Emma Carruthers by telephone:

01942 404 163 on or by email: E.Carruthers@wigan.gov.uk

HAVE YOU A ROOM FOR HIRE

Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre a local charity are expanding their training programme for carers and are looking for rooms in either Wigan or Leigh Town Centre to deliver some of their sessions.

Please contact Gail on 01942 705959.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Age UK Wigan Borough has office accommodation available at:

Pennyhurst Mill Building Haig Street W N3 4AZ

The offices are 282 and 430 sq ft respectively. Rent by negotiation to include electricity and water charges. Length of licence can be negotiable.

Please contact John McArdle on 01942 241972 or john.mcardle@ageukwiganborough.org.uk

OFFICE ACCOMODATION AVAILABLE

Hindley Community Association Tudor House 8 Liverpool Road Hindley Wigan WN2 3HU

Centrally located in Hindley with rooms available both ground and first floor.

Rent and length of tenancy by negotiation; Utilities included

For further details and to arrange a visit contact Phil Hurst 01942 256905

INCE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our Community Centre in Higher Ince is quite unique. Offering a Life Centre information service, Library and Nursery as well as the Community Centre itself our building is a busy community hub. Situated on Manchester Road it is easy to find and easily accessible from either Wigan or Leigh.

Our Community Café is very popular providing refreshments for visitors or groups using the rooms and is a meeting place for the local community. You can be assured of a friendly welcome here

The Centre offers a variety of rooms for hire which can meet the needs of either smaller groups wanting a smaller space, or large meetings, presentations and training days wanting the full facility of overhead projector, flipchart etc. The rooms can be set up to meet your needs and we aim to please regularly hosting activities including exercise classes, dance groups, children's parties (a party package including Bouncy Castle is available), table top sales, fundraising events, and many more.

We will cater for your booking with teas and coffees, snacks or buffets whatever you need to ensure your event runs smoothly. The rooms are modern, light and airy with wifi throughout. There is a children's play area, onsite parking and the Centre is fully accessible.

Available days, evenings and weekends at very reasonable rates – our staff and volunteers will be on hand. For further information please call 01942 705656 or email ince@dvcommunity.org.

NEW VENUE AVAILABLE

Training Room Hire

Bright, airy, comfortable training room to hire;

Available Monday to Sunday; £25 per hour

Refreshments available at £7 per head (refreshments and buffet)

Address: Fur Clemt – Real Junk Food Project Wigan Central Park Montrose Ave Norley Hall Wigan WN5 9XL

OFFER OF RENT & BUSINESS RATES FREE PROPERTY FOR CHARITIES IN AND AROUND WIGAN

Opportunity for charities looking for additional space to use on a rent & business rates-free basis.

We are able to offer retail units which can be used for retailing; training; meetings; administration; as a donation station or even for storage

- Unit A = 1,712- 3,425 sq ft

- Unit B = 3,552 – 7,105 sq ft

The only costs you will incur for using this property will be utility bills.

If any Charity is looking for additional space to use, we can offer a 1-3 year lease with a 28 day rolling break clause. For further information or to arrange viewing please email yvettecautonelliott@avire.co.uk or telephone 01295 256 338

FREE HIRE OF THE LOWTON COMMUNITY HUB ROOM FOR THREE MONTHS

Lowton Community Hub, Newton Road, Lowton, WA3 2BH

FREE hire of the community room for three months (until June 2017)

All they ask is that anyone attending buy's a drink at the Café. <http://lowtoncommunity.co.uk/services/>

To book the room contact Luke Brown: lowtonyouthandcommunitycentre@gmail.com 07716 149100

ROOMS FROM JUST £40!!

St Peter's Pavilion, Hurst Street, Hindley

Aircon; Flipchart; Projector; Laptop; Parking; Disability Access; Free WiFi; Catering; Stage.

More details contact Paul Barnett (Centre Manager) 01942 521381

OFFICE SPACE TO LET AT YMCA, BOLTON ROAD SITE, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD

Facilities - Internet/Kitchen/Toilets/Fully Furnished, Daily/Weekly/Monthly, Rates £50 per Day, £250 Per Week, £750 Per Month. For Further Information Contact Reception 01942 274684

WIGAN AND LEIGH CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

For free advice CAB holds drop in sessions at its Wigan office in the Life Centre North Monday to Friday from 9 am to 12.30 pm, and at its Leigh office on The Avenue Monday to Friday from 9.30 am to 11 am. You can also call on their advice line to book and appointment on 0300 3301153.

Help is also available for the national debt charity Step Change at www.stepchange.org 0800 1381111

NEWS ON DEMENTIA

Free Online Dementia Courses

Please see below a link for some free online dementia courses available in 2017.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/faces-of-dementia>

<http://www.utas.edu.au/wicking/understanding-dementia>

VOLUNTEER DBS (CRB) CHECKS

DBS Manchester and Salford provides a quality and professional DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checking service and Safe Recruitment advice centre.

DBS Manchester and Salford is provided by Salford CVS.

Contact 0161 787 7795, or email: dbs@salfordcvs.co.uk or go to www.salfordcvs.co.uk/dbs-checks

BLUE BADGE APPLICATIONS

Please be aware of a website called www.parkingpermits-online.org who is offering to complete Blue Badge applications on your behalf for a fee of £49.

We would advise that you only ever apply for a blue badge online from the GOV.UK website for the cost of £10. Support and further information can be found on our website.

To check whether you are eligible please click here www.wigan.gov.uk

COMMUNITY BOOK

We're urging all of our local community groups to sign up to the 'Community Book' and post their volunteering opportunities for 2017.

Community Book is completely free to use and will allow residents to search for local groups and volunteering through a 'search and match' feature. Members of the public can sign up to Community Book and input their interests, hobbies, locations and much more, allowing the search engine to match local activities and events to their profiles.

It's easy to register, but if you would like more information please email communitybook@wigan.gov.uk.

See the link to tutorial/help videos for Community Book. All the videos can be found here on Vimeo:

1. Create your account and update your profiles <https://vimeo.com/193721553>

2. Search for Groups & Services, Events & Activities and Requests and show your interest
<https://vimeo.com/193721673>

3. Host Organisations, Events and Requests <https://vimeo.com/196726238>

4. Organisational Reporting <https://vimeo.com/200194079>

They can also be found on YouTube here:

1. Create your account and update your profiles <https://youtu.be/zzR4beWfSkg>

2. Search for Groups & Services, Events & Activities and Requests and show your interest
<https://youtu.be/o4fZ-vrvYLS>

3. Host Organisations, Events and Requests https://youtu.be/OtY_yGVdbtg

4. Organisational Reporting <https://youtu.be/UllJ-pZw3xl>

Or, in this playlist where one will play after the other

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGGKxS3HKyFnFZOonlgLqmmjma2R765qE>

More details from Lee Scully 01942 489434 or 07768486790

COMMUNITY BOOK ONE TO ONE TRAINING

The Carers Centres Social Media one to one support has now extended its offer and will now include showing carers what the Wigan Council Community book is, how it works and help to access it.

Book an appointment with Mark, our Social Media volunteer by contacting the Carers Centre reception on 01942 705959 and make sure you're kept in the loop of what's available in your community.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME

Our inclusive, accessible Duke of Edinburgh scheme is aimed at anyone aged 14-19. Participants will attend our weekly meetings at Spring View Rugby Club on Wednesday nights 7pm-9pm. At these sessions participants join in with activities to help them achieve their award. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme requires participants to complete 5 sections: Skill, physical, volunteer, residential and expedition. Our scheme is designed to make sure anyone who is willing to participate can complete all 5 sections no matter what their level of ability.

- The bronze award is for young people aged 14-15 and takes one year to complete.
- The silver award is for young people aged 15-16 and takes one year to complete.
- The gold award is for young people aged 16-19 and takes two years to complete.

You do not have to have completed the bronze or silver award to start on gold so we will accept any participants between the ages of 14-19. All sessions cost £2.50 and refreshments are provided.

More details Email: info@embracewiganandleigh.org.uk 01942 233323

GMCDP NEW FREE ADVICE/ADVOCACY PROJECT FOR YOUNG DISABLED PEOPLE AGED 15-25

Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People (GMCDP) Advice/Advocacy Project is for young disabled person aged 15 to 25 living in Manchester.

Do you need?

- Advice/Advocacy
- Support finding the right services e.g. housing, leisure and support services
- Support filling in forms to get benefits e.g. PIP (Personal Independence Payments)/Employment Support Allowance

Anything else you need? Contact Maureen Day on 0161 636 7535/ mday@gmcdp.com

FREE FIRST AID TRAINING SESSIONS

Everyday first aid sessions are being offered, by the British Red Cross, strategically to people most likely to use their newly learned skills in an emergency. These sessions are fully funded.

Our current engagement strategy primarily focuses on groups (such as friends, family members, community groups, organisations and unpaid carers) who meet or live in areas that have a high identified risk in the following categories:

- Older people at greater risk of falls
- Substance users (or recovering)
- Homeless people (or at risk of homelessness)

An everyday first aid session is approximately two and a half hours long and helps people become more confident to help someone by teaching first aid skills that are easy to do, easy to learn and easy to remember. We work alongside other organisations such as yours and tailor our first aid training to meet the specific needs of your group in an inclusive and flexible way. Each participant receives a certificate of first aid learning.

Please help us build community resiliency by arranging a session for your group who could benefit from these skills as well as sharing this information with other organisations you know of. To arrange a session please contact me by e-mail or phone. Preferably with some suggested dates.

Judith Jones Adult Learning Coordinator 01204 369629/07725 957043 JudithJones@redcross.org.uk

NECTAR NETWORK

As part of the project 'Nectar Network' Wigan Growing Network is offering free bee keeping training sessions, free beekeeping equipment and free fruit trees to local community groups to encourage Incredible Edible and protect the bee population – if you would like to get involved please contact hannah@wigangrowingnetwork.org.uk

OVER 50's WELCOME HOME BAG

Do you know anyone over 50, living on their own, just discharged from hospital or long term care?

Give us a call to claim one of our WELCOME HOME bags.

We have been sponsored by Leigh Journal to provide a bag of essential food items for residents of Wigan & Leigh who have returned home to an empty fridge or cupboard with no other means of getting out to the shop.

The bags are supplied free of charge and can be followed up with six weeks low level support from our Time Limited Contact (TLC) service. The bags contain Bread; Butter; Milk; Tea; Coffee; Sugar; 2 Tins of Soup; Digestive Biscuits and are supplied by Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link. Call on 01942 261753 to make the referral and we will do the rest.

WIGAN ACCOUNTANTS' CHARITY BLOG

Fisher & Co, accountants to a number of charities in the Wigan and surrounding area, have recently been publishing a four week blog posting to their website on topics of interest to charities.

Go to: www.fisher-co.net/blog/

MOTIV8 IS READY TO HELP

Motiv8 works across Greater Manchester to provide you with support to improve your access to services, activities, volunteering and employment opportunities, as well as many other specialist services.

They can provide support if you are:

- Aged 25 or over
- Living in Greater Manchester
- Have the right to remain and work in the UK
- Not in employment or formal training

Motiv8 can help you whatever your circumstances – for instance if you are living with disabilities or health conditions, if you are experiencing alcohol or drug issues, domestic violence or are at risk of being homeless.

Motiv8 is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and European Social Fund's Building Better Opportunities Programme. To find out more or request a referral form, please email info@manchesterbbo.co.uk or call 0161 331 2048

AGE UK CHARITY SHOP

Situated at 39 Standishgate, Wigan is looking for donations of:

- Vintage & retro
- Collectable vinyl
- Shoes; bags & accessories
- Bric-a-brac
- Mens; Ladies & kids
- Electrical
- Books & media

Collection can be arranged. Ring 01942 825170

CAN YOUR ORGANISATION OFFER AN 8 WEEK VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT?

If you think your organisation could offer an 8 week placement to a student looking to build a variety of skills, or you know a group who can offer this kind of placement, then please email Ged Bretherton g.bretherton@wigan-leigh.ac.uk or phone 01942 761854.

Anything and everything will be considered, so if you could do with an extra pair of hands, a student may be able to offer you some time!

FREE TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS!

Forever Manchester have teamed up with a top IT specialist who are offering community groups across Greater Manchester free technology training. From taking better photos on your phone so you can promote what your group does, to getting the most out of the accessibility features on your iPad for disabled or impaired users, we think there are loads of useful things that will help your groups.

Take a look at the sessions that are available below and simply call us on 0161 214 0956 or email awards@forevermanchester.com and we'll arrange a suitable date.

All young people must be accompanied by a suitable adult

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD BRIEFING NOTE FROM THE GREATER MANCHESTER HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

A short report is now being produced of each Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership Board. They can be shared publicly. The papers themselves are on the GMCA website – just follow the link in the report.

Go to <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/>

WIGAN PEER TO PEER

Wigan Peer To Peer will provide low intensity peer support for people with a range of lower level support needs, living in the Metropolitan Borough of Wigan.

The service will act as a step-down for people exiting Wigan Wellbeing and Resilience Service, therefore extending our support provision for people with diverse needs including histories of offending, substance misuse, mental health, learning disabilities and older people.

Crucially, Peer To Peer will provide the social and emotional support needed to maintain and nurture service user independence, as well as encourage active participation in the Wigan community through peer-led activities, improved health and wellbeing and increased connectivity of both service users and

volunteers. Wigan Peer To Peer is innovative in that it responds to individual needs – all support will be peer-led, and delivered via a variety of methods, including one-to-one, group, activity and also telephone-based support. Wigan Peer To Peer will operate both from our bases (Wigan Central and Leigh) to deliver group activities such as music groups and film clubs. The service will also utilise the numerous venues and facilities, such as cafes and leisure centres, which are located across Wigan.

To refer an individual into Wigan Peer To Peer for Mentee support, please contact your nearest Wigan Wellbeing and Resilience Service base:

Leigh - 19-23 Charles Street WN7 1DB Tel: 01942 671 457

Wigan - 40c Warrington Lane WN1 3RT Tel: 01942 238 413

Or you can email us at peertopeer@wiganwellbeing.org.uk

SHOPMOBILITY LTD - WIGAN & LEIGH

Shopmobility have their coffee shops available for hire for groups, classes, chats, etc.

All we ask is that you purchase drinks/snacks to qualify for free hire. Alternatively, please donate a small fee to the charity for hire without the request to purchase from the cafe to cover staff expenses.

Our 'Coffee Me' coffee shops are within the Shopmobility offices at Spinning Gate, Leigh or Mesnes Terrace, Wigan.

Free car park passes can also be provided. Contact 01942 777985 or Wigan on 01942 776070

HEALTHIER WIGAN

The local NHS in Wigan Borough and Wigan Council are working together in the Healthier Wigan Partnership to make health and social care services better for you.

- Why are services changing?
- We want our residents to live longer, healthier lives.
- We want to make services better for you and your family.
- We want to make services more affordable and save money.

The Healthier Wigan Partnership brings health and care services together to offer better services that focus more on preventing illness. By helping people live healthier lives, we will make services better value for money and make the whole system more affordable.

How can I get involved?

We want to know what you think of our plans and how we can make them work for you and your family.

If you want to be involved, or simply wish to know more, you can contact us: By phone: 01942 482711; Healthierwiganpartnership@wigan.gov.uk; online survey: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HealthierWigan

If you want this information in a different language or format (for example, large print, Braille, audio or easy read), please ring us on 01942 482711 or email communications@wiganboroughccg.nhs.uk

FREE 1-HOUR IN MIND MENTAL WELLBEING AWARENESS SESSIONS ACROSS THE BOROUGH

The sessions are interactive and focus on what mental health and wellbeing is and how to maintain it, things to look for in yourself or other people, and ways to look after mental wellbeing.

Information detailing local and national services and opportunities are provided during the session.

If your group/organisation would like the team deliver a session in your area please contact Emma from the Public Health team as follows: Emma Carruthers Tel: 01942 404 163 E.Carruthers@wigan.gov.uk

IN THIS WORLD EVERYONE DESERVES A

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Whether you're an individual looking for new friends or a carer looking for respite sessions, Sunshine Days are here to help. Our sessions are run by fully qualified support staff with many years experience in health and social care. We offer fun, person centered activities to suit individuals personal needs. We offer full or half day sessions Monday to Friday. So come along and have a look at our beautiful SMILE and we will soon have you smiling too.

For more information or to arrange a visit contact Sunshine House, Wellington Street, Wigan or ring 01942 820026

ST MARY'S OPEN MORNINGS

The St Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre still have spaces available on two of their free of charge Open Morning sessions during 2017:

Tuesday December 5th 10.30-12.30

The Centre provides a comprehensive and co-ordinated forensic, medical, counselling and aftercare service to women, men and children in the Greater Manchester and Cheshire areas who have been raped or sexually assaulted.

If you are interested in attending the Open Mornings, please contact Charlotte Batra on 0161 701 2322 (direct line), mobile: 07932919573 or email: Charlotte.batra@cmft.nhs.uk
Web: www.stmaryscentre.org. York Place, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9WL

CITIZENS ADVICE - CHANGE OF LOCATION IN LEIGH

Our face to face advice services can be located at:

Ground Floor Turnpike Centre Leigh WN7 1EB

Our drop in services will be available between 9:00 am and 11:00 am, Monday - Friday.

Our head office address will also be changing to:

Citizens Advice Wigan Borough, 2nd Floor, Magnum House, 33 Lord Street, Leigh WN7 1BY

Our telephone numbers will remain the same.

THE SECRET LIFE OF US

The Secret Life of Us campaign brings to life the realities of the challenges disabled children, young people and their families face in living a life many of us take for granted. Developed in close partnership with parents, it reveals the parts of their lives that most people simply do not see

- Raising awareness
- Improving understanding
- Campaigning for change

For further information, visit: <http://disabledchildrenpartnership.org.uk>

THE DIGA LEARNING PROGRAMME

Evidence shows that SMEs grow two to three times faster when they embrace digital technologies.

The Digital Innovations Growth Academy (DIGA) programme provides an opportunity for enterprise trainers and educators across Europe to enhance their digital knowledge and understanding. It enables them to consider how to integrate digital skills, tools and processes into starting up a business and developing training and support activities.

A 5-module learning programme has been designed based on extensive research that analysed the needs and experiences of learners who were considering entrepreneurship as a career option, entrepreneurs running their own small businesses together with their teachers and advisers.

Full details at <http://digaproject.eu/learning-programme/>

OVER 50? MALE? WE NEED YOU!

Wigan & Leigh Pensioners Link are looking for men to take part in our Mind Over Matter Project

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 in Leigh/ Atherton/Tyldesley/ Astley/Lowton/Golborne/Hindley.

As we would like to seek further funding and extend these sessions across the Borough, it is very important that we monitor and evaluate how useful and successful they are with older people. So we are asking everyone taking part to complete some very simple forms and to give us their feedback.

For further details please contact Sue on 01942 261753 or, alternatively you can visit us at 27 Charles Street, Leigh, WN7 1DB. If you are a group, I would be more than happy to come along and have a chat with you about the project.

FREE ADVICE LINE FOR SMALL CHARITIES OPENS

The FSI has launched a free service offering advice to small charities on a range of organisational issues. A pilot of the Advice Hub opened to FSI members with an annual turnover of under £100,000 this week and will run until the end of 2017.

See more at: <https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/free-advice-line-for-small-charities-opens.html>

CROWDFUNDING BID FOR STATUE

People can now make an online donation towards a permanent memorial to the towns mining past.

A Just Giving page has been started by Wigan Heritage and Mining Monument (WHAMM). They believe that up to now the industrial past in the town has largely been forgotten. But they are delighted that moved are now afoot to rectify this.

To make a donation go to www.justgiving.com/wigan-heritage

HEALTHIER WIGAN

The local NHS in Wigan Borough and Wigan Council are working together in the Healthier Wigan Partnership to make health and social care services better for you.

Why are services changing?

- We want our residents to live longer, healthier lives.

- We want to make services better for you and your family.
- We want to make services more affordable and save money.

The Healthier Wigan Partnership brings health and care services together to offer better services that focus more on preventing illness. By helping people live healthier lives, we will make services better value for money and make the whole system more affordable.

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'SPOTLIGHT ON' ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS...

We are looking to plan 'Spotlight' engagement sessions for the rest of the year. If you have joined us at one of these sessions previously we spend an hour or two discussing a particular topic or service. We have recently held sessions around Population Health, Share to Care and the Healthier Wigan Partnership.

Are there any topics or services you are interested in that you would like us to hold a session about?

Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/spotlightccg>

GM SOCIAL MOBILITY SURVEY FROM SAVANNAH WISDOM FOUNDATION

The Foundation is interested in hearing the views of organisations working in Greater Manchester to improve local people's lives and their life opportunities via social mobility work via this online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W8BYVKL>

The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete and your views will be included in a wider research report in the autumn to inform the Foundation's future work.

Further information on the Foundation can be found at: <http://savannahwisdom.org/guidelines-grant-applications/>

NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE SURVEY

Please find below a link to a North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust Health Information Survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PTSHHealthServicesSurvey>

If you have any queries about the survey, please email dawn.critchley@nwas.nhs.uk

GETTING IT RIGHT: WHAT LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANS (LGBT) YOUNG PEOPLE IN GREATER MANCHESTER WANT AND NEED

Greater Manchester-based charity The Proud Trust has worked with 42nd Street, Albert Kennedy Trust and LGBT Foundation to undertake focus groups and a survey, to find out more about the perspectives and experiences of a sample of young LGBT people in Greater Manchester. This research aims to equip commissioners, policy makers and professionals with a better understanding of the experiences of LGBT young people, so they can create and maintain inclusive, useful services for young LGBT people in Greater Manchester.

Devolution Manchester, Our Manchester and the Thrive Model all point to integrated, person-centred and needs-led models of support. These ensure people get help and support at the right time, and participate as part of the solution, rather than being seen as a problem (this is also known as the asset-based approach).

www.theproudtrust.org/resources/research-and-guidance/getting-right-lgbt-young-peoples-needresearch/

£134M INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER

The investment – the biggest and most ambitious of its kind in the country – aims not only to put mental health on an equal footing with physical health but to start to deliver Greater Manchester’s vision of making sure that no child who needs mental health support will be turned away.

And with nearly 60 per cent of the cash – £80m – supporting the mental health needs of children, young people and new mums, it also reflects the commitment to increase the proportion of the budget focused towards young people.

For further information regarding this project, please visit the Great Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership website via the following link www.gmhsc.org.uk/category/news/

GM SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DIRECTORY

There is now a new GM Social Enterprise Directory that has been launched. Our Wigan SEN has now been added to the Networks page, plus if you know any Social Enterprises who would like to add their details to the Directory, please pass then the link below where they can register

<https://gmsen.net/networks>

DIAS (DROP IN AND SHARE) DROP IN CENTRE

Now available at Leigh Turnpike Centre for all those affected by domestic violence and abuse

Tuesdays 1.30 – 3.30 pm

No appointment or referral necessary.

Appointments available at other locations in the borough

Please ring 01942 495230 for further details

CHARITY LAUNCHES APPEAL TO SEARCH FOR TEMPORARY HOMES FOR GUIDE DOGS

Guide Dogs are looking to find homes for the canines for up to 26 weeks while they undergo training at the Manchester Mobility Team in Atherton in preparation to care for people who are blind or partially sighted. Boarders must be willing to follow guidelines from the dog’s trainers and drop them off in a vehicle at the Gibfield Park Avenue centre from Monday to Fridays between 7.30am to 9am and collect them from 4.30pm to 6pm. The charity will supply equipment and pay for all veterinary and feeding expenses.

For more information contact Janet on 07780 958873 or e-mail janet.harper@guidedogs.org.uk

NEW 3D PRINTING WORKSHOPS AT PLATT BRIDGE COMMUNITY ZONE

Abram Ward Community Cooperative have launched a new 3d Printing workshop at Platt Bridge Community Zone, in partnership with the Blair Project. The sessions are 10am till 2pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Items will be made and sold via our soon to be launched ‘Made In Wigan’ project.

For more information please contact David Baxter Principal Officer

<http://www.abramwardcooperative.org> Contact: 01942 732022

Address: Platt Bridge Community Zone, 81 Ribble Road, Platt Bridge, WN2 5EG

HEALTH WATCH WIGAN & LEIGH

Health Watch Wigan & Leigh have released two reports following feedback from local residents.

1. Patient Experiences of GP Services: Appointments
2. What do people know about the GP complaints system?

Go to <http://www.healthwatchwiganandleigh.co.uk/> and click on 'Reports'

NEW STYLE CARER'S CAFÉ

Wigan & Leigh Carers Centre, 7 Frederick Street, Hindley, Wigan, WN2 3BD

We are pleased to launch our new Carers Café every Monday morning from 10am – 12 noon

Come along and join us for our Carers breakfast on Monday mornings for snacks and refreshments. Bring along your cared for, everyone welcome, young or old. Meet other Carers and catch up with what's happening at the Centre, you can even have a chat with the staff if you want to! or just relax with a cuppa and a slice of cake.

We look forward to seeing you. Enquiries at, 01942 705959

GM POVERTY ACTION NEWSLETTER

In the latest newsletter from GM Poverty Action they share exciting news about the Greater Manchester Living Wage campaign, GMCVO and 10GM's 10 things you should know about GM's VCSE sector and CUF's map visualising the IMD 2015 data. GM Poverty Action also look at the IFS report on poverty, living standards and inequality, invite the digital community to work with StreetSupport and provide a few quick links to other news. Go to <https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org>

EUROPIA WOMEN'S AWARDS

Europaia proudly presents the very 1st "Europaia Women's Awards". A celebration of all the amazing achievements of the European females (but not only) of Greater Manchester and an opportunity to highlight the contributions of European communities in the local society

For further information, visit:

<http://europaia.org.uk/europaia-womens-awards/categories/#EuropaiaWomensAwards>

The nominations will be open from 12:00 pm, 1st August 2017 until **12:00 pm, 1st October 2017**.

FRESHRB C.I.C.

FreshRB C.I.C. is a video production community interest company based in Manchester that runs video production workshops for young people and young adults (from ages 13 - 30) with life limiting and long term conditions in the Greater Manchester region. Our aim is to be a social prescription that creates therapeutic hot spots geared to raise self-confidence, teach media skills and reduce loneliness in the lives of this selected community through the common love of video production.

<http://www.freshrb.com/> Video Production Website - <http://www.videoproductionworkshop.co.uk/>

COMMUNITY CIRCLES

Community Circles are a national charity and have been commissioned by Wigan Council to work with all care homes across the borough to keep people connected to what really matters to them.

A Community Circle brings two or more people together around someone who want a little help to make a change in their life. That change can be anything – from getting out and about more, to starting a new hobby or restarting an old one, or creating opportunities to spend more time with friends or family. Everyone then works towards making this change happen with the support of a volunteer Community Circles Facilitator. The Facilitator keeps meetings flowing, following a tried-and-tested, step-by-step process that ensures that conversations are focused and lead to actions.

If you have a couple of hours a month to spare and are keen to make a difference in your local community contact Cath on 07979331745/cath@community-circles.co.uk
Take a look at our website to find out more www.community-circles.co.uk

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE COUNSELLING SERVICE

Are you experiencing

- Depression, anxiety, family issues
- relationship difficulties
- bereavement
- feeling lonely
- cultural problems.

Would you like to talk to someone without being judged, share your thoughts and feelings with a professional counsellor. A free service is available, subject to status.

Community Development Initiative works with individuals, couples or families.

To make an appointment ring contact 0161 881 0007, or email: cdi256@gmail.com

FEEDBACK FROM GREATER MANCHESTER MAYORAL DIGITAL AND TECH SUMMIT -

On the 6th July 2017 the Mayor of Greater Manchester Andy Burnham held a landmark summit to stake out the city region's claim to be the UK's tech leader. A summary of the summit has been published online here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1S0GYok6aZuRVIQRDZZb2xmMHc/view>

One of the things that came out of the summit very strongly was the important work being undertaken by the voluntary sector around digital inclusion and how VCSE sector needs to be involved in the digital agenda, particularly with disengaged communities.

For further information about this initiative and to learn more about the events of the day, <https://gmcvodatabases.org.uk/>

THIRD SECTOR TRENDS IN NORTH WEST ENGLAND REPORT PUBLISHED

A major new report on the Third Sector in North West England has been published by Policy&Practice. The study, funded by IPPR North and Garfield Weston Foundation, includes responses from 1,462 third sector organisations in the North West of England. Thank you to everyone in Greater Manchester who participated in the survey which took place last year.

Jack Hunter, Senior Researcher at IPPR North has reviewed the key points from the report in a blog which can be found here: <https://www.ippr.org/blog/state-of-the-third-sector-in-the-north-west>

CLEAN ENERGY CAMPAIGN COMES TO GREATER MANCHESTER

In October, Greater Manchester Combined Authority will launch a campaign to help thousands of residents save money by switching to clean energy.

Average household savings are expected to be in excess of £240/year.

This will be the first campaign of its kind in the UK, and they hope to maximise its impact – and make it an example for other cities to follow – by working with organisations across Greater Manchester to get the word out. They're producing a comms pack with everything you'll need to promote the project, from poster designs to social media posts.

You can see more details in their PDF download: <https://bigcleanswitch.org/170808-joining-the-gm-big-clean-switch-final/>. If you are able to help support the project, please contact the campaign director, Jon Fletcher, directly, by emailing jon@bigcleanswitch.org.

GM POVERTY ACTION NEWSLETTER 6 SEPTEMBER 2017

In the first autumn newsletter you will find an article by Debbie Abrahams MP about the Oldham Fairness Commission, their first regular GM Living Wage Campaign column, a report on the different approaches to employment support in the UK and France, plus information about World Suicide Prevention Day and the support that is available in Greater Manchester.

CATALYST

Catalyst is a dynamic programme for young people between 16 and 26

We provide

- Four days of high quality training
- Access to experienced trainers and inspirational speakers
- Practical skills & knowledge around confidence building, effective communication and leadership
- Opportunity to discuss and critically think about some of the most pressing issues of our time
- Membership on Catalyst Futures
- Opportunity to gain a qualification in the future

For an application form or further info visit our website: www.near-neighbours.org.uk/catalyst or contact us: Wahida Shaffi, Director of Catalyst: 0207 898 1667 Wahida.Shaffi@cuf.org.uk
Becky Brookman, Deputy Director of Catalyst: 0207 898 1667 Becky.Brookman@cuf.org.uk

SPORTING MEMORIES GROUPS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Throughout the summer Sporting Memories have been busy building on the Greater Manchester Sporting Memories Network that they have now established. These groups continue to flourish and go from strength to strength, so much so that they are now able to roll out the beginning of the next phase which will involve establishing new groups tailored for people living with dementia.

These groups will be free to attend, self-referring, and will be delivered in partnership with Lancashire County Cricket Club Foundation / Altrincham FC (Trafford), Trinity House Community Resource Centre (Central Manchester), and St Andrews Church (Salford). To get a flavour of what these groups look like, and what they mean to the participants, you can view a video here <http://sportingmemoriesnetwork.us16.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=cd8d3> from one of the similar groups in Scotland.

For further information regarding these new groups, contact Jason White, Area Project Coordinator (Greater Manchester) on 0751 469 8879 or email: jason.white@sportingmemoriesnetwork.com

PEOPLE POWERED HEALTH - THE RISE OF PEOPLE POWERED APPROACHES ACROSS GREATER MANCHESTER

This brochure was developed to demonstrate the range and impact of people powered health projects across the whole of Greater Manchester.

The stories illustrate a range of approaches that build on the tenets of people powered approaches, but have been developed independently across the 10 boroughs of GM over recent years. They show examples of how local people are addressing local challenges in positive and creative ways.

The examples shared here were recommended by Healthwatch organisations and voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations working at a local level as fantastic examples of people powered approaches.

This Report was developed at the end of Stockport's People Powered Health journey with Nesta, to share learning from across Greater Manchester. Go to <https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org>

GM POVERTY ACTION: SCHOOL READINESS, A NEW GMPA MAP, GM LIVING WAGE, TACKLING FUEL POVERTY, COMMUNITY REPORTERS AND EVENTS

In the latest GMPA newsletter GMPA comment on the Mayor's school readiness plan; GMPA launch their second map – this time featuring household items and repairs; there is an article on how fuel poverty in the region can be tackled, information about a community reporting project and their regular Living Wage column. Go to <https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/>

SEE THINGS DIFFERENT, THINK APPRENTICESHIPS

With more than 200 types of apprenticeships across many industry sectors - from finance to law, engineering to science, retail to healthcare - there is an apprenticeship out there for you.

Apprenticeships are real jobs and real careers with training. As paid employees, apprentices earn a wage and learn on the job while also attending college and working towards nationally recognised qualifications.

For more information on how apprenticeships can benefit your career, visit:

www.theapprenticeshiphub.co.uk