

EVENTS - PLEASE SEE SEPARATE SECTION FOR REGULAR EVENTS

WIGAN & LEIGH SERVICE USER CARER FORUM

13th December 2017 at Leigh Library, Turnpike Centre, Civic Square, Market Street, Leigh

The forum provides an opportunity for service users, carers, their advocates and representatives from third sector organisations to discuss services in Wigan & Leigh and any planned developments. The agenda includes "Take it to the Top" an open question and answer session with senior trust leaders.

There is a buffet lunch at 12.30 and the meeting is 1pm-3.30pm

For further information, please ring 01925 664850 or email dennis.dewar@nwbh.nhs.uk or gemma.currall@nwbh.nhs.uk

FUNDING SURGERIES

Wednesday 13th December 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

AMBITION FOR AGEING SEMINAR: LISTENING TO OLDER LESBIANS: WHAT CAN MARGINALISED VOICES TEACH US ABOUT AGEING?

Wednesday 13th December 1.30 pm – 4 pm

St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester M12 6FZ

This is the third and final seminar in the Autumn/Winter series of MICRA seminars delivered as part of the Ambition for Ageing programme.

Older lesbians have frequently been described as the most invisible members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. This has been put down to a combination of society's attitudes and their own unwillingness to be seen. As a result their voices are not heard as frequently as, for example, those of gay men.

In this seminar, Dr Jane Traies draws on findings from a research project she undertook as part of her PhD studies at the University of Sussex. The project saw her interviewing 400 lesbians aged 60 plus to talk about their lives, experiences and encounters with stigma.

Jane's presentation will discuss the findings and insights of this project, particularly how ageing intersects with sexuality. As she describes the ways her interviewees' past experiences has shaped their current lives, she will be drawing conclusions that are not only relevant to the LGBT community, but to the wider provision of services for older people

To register, please follow this link <https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/civicrm/event/register?id=2492&reset=1> or alternatively contact Juliette on 0161 277 1001 or juliette.orpen@gmcvo.org.uk

'DECK THE HALLS

Wednesday 13th December 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm St Michaels Church, Duke Street, Swinley Wigan

Concert given by Wigan Community Choir an evening of carols and Christmas celebration

Tickets on the door £6, £5 concessionary, £2 children, family ticket (2adults, 2 children @ £14)

Raffle and refreshments In aid of Wigan and Leigh Hospice Contact Jo Hunt 01942824923

BEE HERE NOW

Thursday 14th December 10.30 am – 3.30 pm

The Doubletree Hilton One Piccadilly Place, 1 Auburn Street Manchester M1 3DG

Bee Here Now will bring together people with learning disabilities, autism or both, families, commissioners, managers, support workers, providers, community teams, children's and adult services, community and voluntary sector and the public sector.

Are you interested in playing a part in working together to help GM achieve its ambition to support children and adults with a learning disability, autism or both and their families?

The Greater Manchester Confirm and Challenge Group in partnership with the GM Autism Consortium, the GM Health and Social Care Partnership and the GM Transforming Care Partnership (which includes all of the ten areas' Clinical Commissioning Groups and Local Authorities) invite you to join us for this event

Bee Here Now is our opportunity to really influence and play an active part in the plans in Greater Manchester

Contact: Danielle.johnson@pathwaysassociates.co.uk Phone: 07950617457 – Lunch will be provided FREE

MONTHLY SCULPTURE CLASS

Thursday 14th December 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley
Join Paul for an afternoon of Sculpting, Clay Work, Techniques, Socialising, Free Pot of Tea!
To Book ring 01942 316455

QUESTION TIME WITH THE MAYOR OF GREATER MANCHESTER

Thursday 14th December 7.00pm (live stream to start at 7.30pm) till 9.00pm

Bolton Methodist Mission (Victoria Hall), 37 Knowsley Street, Bolton

Before Andy was elected to the Mayoral role in May, he pledged within his manifesto to – ‘develop new mechanisms to help people hold the Mayor to account and commit to holding at least one Mayoral Question Time in each borough every year.’

So far, four events – each hosted by a member of the local media, have been held across Greater Manchester with over 100 people attending each event – and over 180 questions being put direct to Andy.

This is your chance to raise the questions that matter to you, your family and your community – you can do this either by being part of the live audience or asking a question in advance of the event.

Can't attend but still want to ask a question? Just email questiontime@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk or tweet #AskAndyGM

THE WIGAN COMEDY TRAIN

Thursday, 14 December 7 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

So here we have it - THE WIGAN COMEDY TRAIN finally rolls into town. First and only stop is The Old Courts. Driving the train is host, Compere and superb stand up Clayton Jones. Each show we will bring you not one, not two but, you guessed it, THREE guest comics sandwiched between the wit and charm of Clayton Jones. For our first show, our Christmas special, we have our marvellous opening act, VINCE ATTA "an unstoppable force in comedy" - second up we have RYAN GLEESON "The Bruce Lee Of Comedy" - watch out! Our amazing SURPRISING headliner has appeared on "Live at the Apollo" "The John Bishop show" " The Last leg" Over 18's only Tickets £12 Box office: 01942 834747

LOCAL CHARITIES DAY – 15 DECEMBER 2017

Local Charities Day takes place on 15th December 2017. Led by the Office for Civil Society, the day will celebrate and shine a spotlight on the work of small local charities and community groups. The day will provide local charities with a platform to promote the fantastic work they are doing and the many, varied benefits they bring to people, communities and good causes across the UK

#LocalCharitiesDay

Both the build up and activity on the day will revolve around the #LocalCharitiesDay hashtag, and organisations, partners and supporters are encouraged to use this across their social media in the run up to and during the day.

The BIG DAY! 15 December 2017

Throughout the day small and local charities are encouraged to get involved on social media by posting photos of their team and sharing case studies, links, videos and images about their work and the people/causes they support.

Make the most of Local Charities Day this year with a free digital toolkit provided by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, to help you promote your activities.

For further information, visit: <https://dcmsblog.uk/2017/09/local-charities-day-2017/>

INTRODUCTION TO CROWDFUNDING

Friday 15th December 10 am to 12 noon Wigan Central Library, Believe Square, Wigan

Crowdfunding is an innovative fundraising tool for business start ups or businesses in the early stages of growth.

But it's much more than that - it enables you to reach out and engage with a wide range of people - and if they back or invest in your business they are your evangelists, your ambassadors and your customers.

It's tough raising finance but there are alternatives to the banks. This workshop is for anyone interested in raising finance for their business.

After this workshop you will:

- Understand the three models of crowdfunding - donations, debt and equity
- Know about the different crowdfunding platforms and what they offer
- Know how crowdfunding could help your business
- Learn tips and hear about some case studies

This workshop is delivered on behalf of the Big Ideas Generators project by Anne Strachan.

Anne is a Manchester based crowdfunding expert. She has been working in the sector, running training and supporting business and charities, for three years. She currently works with Manchester City Council to support charities and community groups use crowdfunding. She is also an Associate Partner with BAFI (Business Angel Finance International) to help businesses raise finance. To book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wigan-big-introduction-to-crowdfunding-registration-39950625396?aff=erellivmlt>

U2-2

Friday 15th December 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan.

U2 2 is the world's longest running tribute to U2. Praised by Bono, U2's staff and family members, they are the 'real-deal' when it comes to 'look-a-like/sound-a-likes'. As seen on national TV across many countries, U2 2 has often been mistaken for the real thing, both musically and visually.

Tickets £14 In Advance £15 On The Door Box office: 01942 834747

FNL: THE DEAD SHORES / GRASSROOTS / STE ASHCROFT / ANDY STONIER

Friday, 15 December 8 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

The Dead Shores, a Wigan-based four piece who write about mundane normality and translate it into poetic guitar wonder like an emphatic Half Man Half Biscuit. Grassroots provide main support for the night – although they cover many influences, a strong classic rock influence remains at their core. Acoustic support is provided by the tender vocals and honest and engaging delivery of Ste Ashcroft and Andy Stonier, both playing sets of quality original material and classic covers.

Tickets £3 Box office: 01942 834747

LEADING THE WAY FOR THE WAY!

Saturday 16th December 3pm-8pm

The Way Theatre/Studio, First Floor, Victoria Mill, Bolton Old Road, Atherton, M46 9FD

Stolen Thread Productions CIC presents The Way Theatre and Studio

We will be opening up The Way Theatre/Studio in conjunction with Escape Rooms to the entire public to host our already incredibly sought after event "The Attic Sessions" with a Christmas twist. Including live acoustic music and carol singing from a local choir! We will also have an array of stalls set out, similar to the Christmas markets (but inside!!), from local businesses to champion our amazing talent across the region! It's suitable for all the family with a Santa's grotto if you want to come and meet Father Christmas and finally the chance to win some amazing prizes if you enter our raffle with the chance to win £100 in cash just a week before Christmas, who wouldn't want that!?

Food and drink available all day

For updates on progress of the creation of The Way Theatre please follow us via social media on the following: Facebook - @TheWayTheatre / @StolenThreadProductionsCIC Twitter - @StolenThreadCIC

WIGAN STEAM ART LAB

Saturday 16th December 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

FROZEN SING ALONG

Saturday 16th December 6 pm Leigh Parish Church St Mary's Way, Leigh WN7 5EQ

Presented by Leigh Film Society: A Fund Raising Event: Fancy Dress prizes

Tickets Family £8 (2 Adults & 3 children) Adults £3 Children £1-50

Ring 07969 647466

BRASS BAND & CAROL CONCERT

Saturday 16th December 7.30 pm Atherton Parish Church, Market Street, Atherton

With Wigan Youth Brass Band & Wigan Youth Choir

Tickets £5 including refreshments from Houghton Homes 27 Church Street, Atherton

HEY PIXIES

Saturday, 16 December 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Formed in late 2015 (in Manchester) by four talented musicians. Over 14's with an adult

Tickets £8 in advance / £10 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

DISCO AND SOUL NIGHT WITH THE GROOVE HUSTLERS

Saturday, 16 December 8 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

We welcome purveyors of fine music The Groovehustlers. Bringing you a fantastic array of hit covers ranging from Stevie Wonder, Chic and Jackie Wilson to present day bangers by the like of Bruno Mars and Jessie J, all delivered in the energetic style of this brilliant band.

Tickets £3 in advance / £4 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday 17th December 12 noon – 4 pm Greenslate Community Farm, Greenslate Road, Billinge, Wigan

Fun, Food and Christmas Festivities: Craft, Food & Gift stalls, music, live entertainment, practical Christmas craft demonstrations. Sample festive food and mulled wine

A Christmas Treasure Trail for all the family

CHAPTER ONE CHRISTMAS EVENT

Sunday 17th December 12 noon – 6 pm Hindley Library & Community Centre, First Avenue, Hindley

We cannot wait for the Christmas event and are super excited to have a big sponsor supporting us which means an amazing stage, lighting along with a Jazz Band playing throughout the day.

We have a whole host of stalls from crafts, food including chocolate fountain, roasted chestnuts etc..., drinks and lots of interactive hands on workshops for people to get involved in. There are crafty workshops, a vintage photo point, Frozen characters, Yummy Christmas specials in the tea rooms and of course The Christmas Grotto...yes that's right Father Christmas will be attending!

We even have the author from 'A Greyt Christmas Tail with us throughout the day storytelling, signing and the book will be on sale for people to purchase.

The event is FREE to attend and is open to everyone so please feel free to come along and join the festivities with us!

For further information: info@crispcic.co.uk – 01942 316455

CHRISTMAS LUNCHES AT THE STRAW BALE CAFÉ

Monday 18th December 12 noon – 3 pm

Greenslate Community Farm, Tracks Lane, Billinge WN5 7BG

Three course traditional Christmas lunch with mince pies, coffee and all the trimmings.

Just £15 per person

Bookings must be confirmed by the previous Friday by calling Kath on 07775 877851 or email info@greenslatefarm.org.uk

CRAFT TUESDAYS

Tuesday 19th December 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

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

This week – Xmas Table Centrepiece: To Book Ring 01942 316455 Cost £4 including refreshments

'TREAT TUESDAY'

Tuesday 19th December 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm Greenslate Farm Greenslate Road Billinge

Come and tuck in at The Straw Bale café Lancashire hotpot, bread roll and pickled beetroot, served with instant tea or coffee – Cost £5.00: Please Call And Book in Advance on: 01695 632290

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 20th December 2 pm. Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool

Featuring the children from All Saints Primary School, Bootle, St Margaret Mary Junior School Huyton plus 'Songs We Remember' choir. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Gibberd Room and everyone is most welcome.

Everyone is Welcome especially if you are living with dementia.

For further information please contact the Pastoral Formation Department 0151 522 1046 or m.knight@rcaol.co.uk

CHRISTMAS JUMPER CONCERT

Wednesday 20th December 7p.m -10p.m John Rigby College Gathurst Road, Orrell, Wigan

A chance to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and share in some silly music and cheer. Christmas jumpers are essential or you could even make your own festive outfit. Christmas treats will be available and the event is free. More details from 01942 214797

SLACK ALICE: BLUES N BOOGIE

Thursday 21st December 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street, Wigan.

Come along for a great Christmas BluesnBoogie special and enjoy!

Tickets £10 In Advance £12; on the Door: Box office: 01942 834747

MAD FRIDAY FESTIVAL

Friday, 22 December 7 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Eleven bands across two floors of The Old Courts. Energetic live performances from a variety of local up and coming bands: styles ranging from electro to indie-rock and everything in between.

£4 ADV / £5 OTD Ages 18+ Don't forget your ID. Box office: 01942 834747

SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT WITH THE FUNKSIDE BAND

Friday, 22 December 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Journey through Stevie Wonder, The Supremes, Marvin Gaye and all the wonders of the era with clever selections from present day such as Daft Punk, Bruno Mars and more. Although it isn't written in the rules, it's virtually impossible to remain still during their set. Tickets £10 Box office: 01942 834747

BANDOLIERS (BUDGIE TRIBUTE) WITH SUPPORT FROM GONE SAVAGE

Saturday 23rd December 8 pm. The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Bandoliers are the only tribute to the Welsh band Budgie in the UK. They'll be playing all the classics like Napoleon Bona-Part 1 and 2, Breadfan and Never Turn Your Back on a Stranger. Support is from highly rated and hard touring Gone Savage.

Over 14's with an adult. Tickets £6 in advance / £8 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

NORTHERN SOUL & MOTOWN BOXING DAY SPECIAL

Tuesday 26 December 7.30 pm The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Resident DJ's Deano and Steve Garner bringing you the very best Classic Northern Soul and Motown to dance the night away and celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. Fancy dress is optional, great vibes compulsory. This is always a sell out event so be quick as tickets are strictly limited to 100 and will move quicker than Father Christmas on Job & Knock. See you there!

Tickets £4 in advance: £5 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

BOXING DAY: NORTHERN LIGHTS

Tuesday 26 December 10 pm. The Old Courts Crawford Street Wigan WN1 1NA

Northern Lights is back again this Boxing Day! Original DJs back from in The Lux days bring the long running indie night to The Old Courts. Music from the likes of Arcade Fire, David Bowie, The Libertines, Black Lips, The Jam and much more!

Ages 18+ Don't forget to bring your ID if you're lucky enough to look youthful

Tickets: £4.50 in advance | £5 on the door Box office: 01942 834747

WIGAN JAZZ CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday 28th December, 12.30 pm till 3ish: Whelley Ex-Servicemen's' Club Wigan

The three Wigan youth bands:-

WIGAN SCHOOLS SWING BAND

WIGAN YOUTH BIG BAND

WIGAN YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA

£11 members: £11.50 concessions: £12.00 non members.

Pay at the door, or on line at justadddtickets.co.uk

Information about Wigan Jazz Club including future programme and membership details on

www.wiganjazzclub.co.uk

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Monday 8th January 1p.m – 3p.m Pelican Centre, Castle Street, Tyldesley

Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018

For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoultertosoldier.org.uk

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 9th January 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm "Hut-on-the-hill" on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)

Speaker: Mervyn Saunders: Message in a bottle

There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments visit our regularly updated website: www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh

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

MUSIC & SINGING

Monday 15th January 12.30p.m – 2.30p.m Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley

With Bob Kettle. Join Bob in an all round creative music and singing session.

Learn to play instruments, create songs and socialise in a warm and comfy environment.

For booking ring 01942 316455

GETTING THE MOST FROM COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Monday 15th January 10 am – 4.30 pm LGBT Foundation 5 Richmond Street Manchester

Community fundraising is all about getting people involved, and supporting, assisting, advising and guiding those individuals & organisations who want to help you. Done well, it can be a powerful tool for reaching out and engaging with new supporters, as well as a solid source of long-term income. This hands-on course will help you develop the practical skills and knowledge needed to become an effective community fundraiser as well as build your confidence.

Full details & cost at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/getting-the-most-from-community-fundraising-tickets-39724883195?ref=ebtn>

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 16th January 11.30 am – 1 pm Dorset Road Community Centre, Atherton

Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families, and have a bite to eat with us at The Centre Café. Sessions throughout 2018

For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoulerertosoldier.org.uk

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 16th January 6 pm – 8 pm Community Room, Tesco Leigh

Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018

For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoulerertosoldier.org.uk

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS TO BE GOOD EMPLOYERS - FREE TRAINING FOR CARERS OF ADULTS

Wednesday 17th January, 10am-1pm, Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre, Hindley Wigan

Do you employ a PA to support the adult you care for or are thinking of doing in the future? Then why not come along to this free training

The training covers: How to recruit a PA, Training, Skills and Expectations, Health and Safety, Pension Responsibilities, Insurance, Managing Absence and Performance, Free Toolkits and Templates and further Support Available

Free lunch provided. Places will need to be booked by contacting the Carers Centre on 01942 705959.

Take a look at what else Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre has to offer by visiting <http://www.wiganandleighcarerscentre.org.uk/> or 'Like' our Facebook page to 'Receive Notifications' on updates

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Join Paul for an afternoon of Sculpting, Clay Work, Techniques, Socialising, Free Pot of Tea!

To Book ring 01942 316455

HINDLEY SPEAKS

Monday 22nd January 10.30 am – 12.30 pm Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley
A morning of history, mystery and storytelling as we talk of the town our lives within it and how it's changed over the years With local history writer Julie McKiernan To book ring 01942 316455

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Monday 22nd January 1p.m – 3p.m Pelican Centre, Castle Street, Tyldesley
Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018
For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoultertosoldier.org.uk

AUTISM EDUCATION TRUST IN THE NORTH WEST

Tuesday 23rd January Registration 9:30am for 10am start
Museum of Science & Industry, Manchester, M3 4FP
Come along and find out how the AET can support you in your work with our young people
We offer a nationally recognised 3 tier training programme:

- making sense of autism
- good autism practice
- leading good autism practice

Training is specific to early years, school, & post 16 settings

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-education-trust-in-the-north-west-tickets-39546759422>

Cost £20 per person Subject to VAT and booking fee

PARBOLD NEWBURGH AND DISTRICT U3A

Tuesday 23rd January 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm "Hut-on-the-hill" on Parbold Hill (behind Christ Church)
Speaker: Vivian Clayton & Jackie Brindle "Travel for Life: Drive Safely for Longer"
There are outings on occasional Tuesdays, so if you would like to join us for a chat and refreshments visit our regularly updated website: www.u3asites.org.uk/parbold-newburgh
New members from Wigan, Appley Bridge, Shevington and Standish welcome

HIDDEN SENTENCE TRAINING

Wednesday 24th January 9.30 am – 1 pm
POPS Head Office, 1079 Rochdale Road, Blackley, Manchester, M9 8AJ
Hidden Sentence is for all professionals who work with children, families and offenders including children's centre workers, troubled families workers, school staff, play workers, health visitors, and family intervention teams

The course gives a clear overview of the issues facing prisoners' families, examines in depth the emotional and practical impact of imprisonment on families and explores a range of strategies and resources to help you support them. The training utilises a mixture of taught material, group-work, video content and desk-based activities to engage all learning styles.

Full details, Costs & Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hidden-sentence-training-240118-tickets-39042969573?aff=es2>

'THE STORY OF CINDERELLA'

Wednesday 24th January to Saturday 3rd of February 7-15 pm.
Matinees are Saturday 27th January 12 noon and 4-30pm. Sunday 28th January 2pm and Saturday 3rd February 2pm.
St Joseph's Hall Chapel St Leigh WN7 2PR
Directed by Doreen Johnson and Pauline Nevell

Plenty of song, dance, music and of course an abundance of comedy for all the family.

Tickets are £10 adults and £5 for 16yrs and under. Concessions 24th 25th and 31st January. all tickets £5 Tickets are available from SPECTRUM BLINDS (Stone Carpets) Chapel St Leigh

SUPPORTING CLIENTS WITH HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

Thursday 25th January 9.30 am – 4.30 pm LGBT Foundation, Central Manchester

This one-day training event supports front-line staff and managers to raise their confidence, awareness and skills when working with men and young people who have sexual conviction histories or otherwise have problematic and harmful sexual behaviour.

The course covers: What we mean by 'harmful sexual behaviour' (HSB)

The risks and needs associated with HSB

Understanding what motivates HSB

Our roles in working with these clients within the legal framework

What does support for these clients look like

Safe working practices and personal resilience

This event is designed for front-line staff and their managers in care and support sectors - including housing, mental health, youth work, refugee services, offender services, policing, social care, faith communities CPD certificates are awarded.

Any queries& booking Email training@saferlives.com or call 07476683012

INTRODUCTION TO ACTING

Friday 26th January & 2nd February 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Chapter One Tea Rooms, First Avenue, Hindley

In conjunction with Healthy Arts. For booking ring 01942 316455

GREATER MANCHESTER THIRD SECTOR RESEARCH NETWORK: RESEARCHER POSITIONALITY IN CROSS-CULTURAL RESEARCH WITH BME COMMUNITIES

Friday 26th January 2 pm – 4 pm St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester,

Eva Duda-Mikulin from Manchester Metropolitan University will share her experience of conducting cross-national comparative research with us and reflect on the learning it generates for studying different BME communities in Greater Manchester.

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

More details & booking Susanne Martikke on susanne.martikke@gmcvo.org.uk or 0161 277 1031

OLD MOTHER HUBBARD

Friday 26th January – Sunday 28th January & Friday 2nd February – Saturday 3rd February St John's School Hall, Church Street, Pemberton, Wigan

Performed by St John's Dramatic Society Tickets £7 & £5 from Anne 01942 621701

"A MAN CALLED OVE"

Friday 26th January 7.30pm Turnpike Gallery Civic Square Leigh

This is a Swedish language film with English subtitles.

"Ove, an ill-tempered, isolated retiree who spends his days enforcing block association rules and visiting his wife's grave, has finally given up on life just as an unlikely friendship develops with his boisterous new neighbours.

Full details & Tickets at www.leighfilmsociety.com

SHOULDER TO SOLDIER

Tuesday 30th January 6p.m – 8p.m Community Room, Tesco Leigh

Free drop in sessions offering support & advice for Armed Forces Families: Sessions throughout 2018

For further details ring 07515 892720 or go to www.shoultersoldier.org.uk

CROWDFUNDING FOR SOCIAL CAUSES: A BEGINNERS MEETUP

Wednesday 31st January 2.10 pm – 5 pm

St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester, M12 6FZ

Donation-based crowdfunding is a new way of raising funds and allows you to source money for a project by asking a large number of contributors to donate a small amount, and asking a small number of contributors to donate a large amount. In return, backers may receive token rewards that increase in prestige as the size of the donation increases.

This workshop is hosted by Chuffed.org, one of the leading (free!) global crowdfunding platforms for social causes and Creative Support. During this Workshop, Chuffed.org Community Leader Ruby Whalley will show you how to:

Find your crowd (figure out who is going to support your project and why)

Tell a specific, inspiring story that your supporters care about

Set an achievable target and blow it out of the park

Create a marketing and promotion plan for your campaign

As this is a hands-on workshop, places are limited to max. 12 participants

Full details Costs & Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chuffedorg-crowdfunding-for-social-causes-meetup-manchester-tickets-39951663501>

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