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PRIZE FUND FOR INNOVATION IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE WITHIN VCSE SECTOR

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Does your organisation deliver innovative work in Health and Social Care in Greater Manchester?

Read below to find out details about how you can win a prize for it.

GMCVO, on behalf of the Greater Manchester VCSE Devolution Reference Group, is leading on a project to implement the Memorandum of Understanding that sets out a way for the VCSE sector in Greater Manchester to be better engaged and linked in with the Health and Social Care devolution agenda in GM. As part of the project we have been working with the GM Mayor's Office. The Mayor's Office has identified 4 priorities that link closely with the Health and Social Care agenda. The GM VCSE Devolution Reference Group has also identified 2 areas of focus it would like to hear more about.

The 6 themes are as follows:

GM Mayor's Priorities

- School readiness
- Homelessness
- Work readiness
- Loneliness / ageing well

GM VCSE Devolution Reference Group Priorities

- 5. Equalities
- 6. Participatory Approaches

We hope to gather valuable insight into the contribution of the VCSE sector around these areas in order to better show the public sector within GM what good practice activities are being carried out across GM within our sector.

We would like to encourage and reward organisations to put forward their examples of successful projects and activities that relate to one or more of the above themes by providing a prize fund for the most 'innovative' projects submitted.

Prize Fund details

There will be 1 main prize of £1000 and a runner-up prize of £500 per category.

The Prize Fund panel will be made up of a representative from GMCVO, GM Health and Social Care Partnership, GM VCSE Devolution Reference Group, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GM Mayor's Office). Prizes will be awarded in March 2018.

How to Apply:

Go to <https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/news> and submit the form to GMCVO via kat.rado-barnes@gmcvo.org.uk

Or post to GMCVO, FAO Kat Rado-Barnes, St Thomas Centre, Ardwick Green North, Manchester M12 6FZ

Deadline Please send GMCVO your submissions by **5pm on Friday 9th February 2018**

WIGAN ROTARY CLUB SAY - "HELP US RECYCLE YOUR SURPLUS HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT!"

Do you have any equipment loaned by the hospital that you no longer need? Then please let Rotary help you! Over the years the hospital has loaned equipment to patients to aid their recovery which by now, in many cases, will be surplus to their requirements. So here is a wonderful opportunity to return it to the hospital enabling them to recycle it for reuse!

On Sunday 18th February between 10a.m and 4p.m four of the borough's Rotary Clubs have arranged to use premises in their area to enable the public to return any equipment which is surplus to their needs. Wigan Rotary Club President Gwyneth Millard said 'this appears to be a win - win event where the person creates some more space at home and at the same time gives the hospital the opportunity to use recycled equipment and save money. This is another example of Rotary working with Wigan Council for the benefit of the borough's residents. With NHS budget under so much strain we feel we are doing a little bit to help our local hospital trust but we need the help of the borough's resident to make the day a success.'

Residents can bring any item to the addresses listed below but it would be appreciated if it was clean to reduce the work of the Council in recycling before returning it to the hospital. If the item is too large or heavy telephone one of the numbers and the Rotary Club will arrange with the Council for this to be collected. Please Note - Medicines, Tablets, Bandages etc., cannot be accepted.

Gwyneth continued 'We hope people will really get behind this project and we have rooms full of recyclable equipment by the end of the day'.

The collection centres are:

Sunshine House, - Wellington Street, WIGAN WN1 3SA 07813 471000

Tesco Leigh Extra, -The Loom, Derby Street, LEIGH WN7 4BA 07881 229601

1 Ashton Scout HQ, - Woodedge, ASHTON IN MAKERFIELD WN4 9LH 07546 063931

DRB Photos 153, Elliot Street, TYLDESLEY M29 8FL 07834 584134

DEMENTIA SERVICE USER GROUP

Wigan has recently set up a dementia service user group for people living with dementia to have a voice and we are looking for people living with dementia to join this group.

Within the group, we talk about issues that are important to you enabling people to influence decision making in relation to health and social care provision for people living with dementia so that we can have services that people want and need. Members have said how much they enjoy attending, how it has built their confidence and sometimes even helped members to come to terms with a diagnosis through others in a similar situation to themselves.

In some other groups across Greater Manchester, people with a diagnosis (and sometimes their carers) have been involved in focus groups around particular issues such as support on diagnosis but also some members have also been keen to get involved in media work such as appearing in the local press, being interviewed for BBC radio and also the Alzheimer's Society Magazine. There is a film of YouTube about a recently event we held where we brought people living with dementia from every borough across GM to put challenges to the GM Mayor Andy Burnham as he has lots of power over decisions that impact people's lives such as transport, housing, emergency services, health and social care services. He is also keen to carry on the work of the MP Jo Cox around social isolation and loneliness which many people living with dementia experience. You can find this film if you search for 'Making Greater Manchester Dementia Friendly-a discussion with the Mayor Andy Burnham. Most of those people with a diagnosis that appear in this film are working with me.

If you know if people living with dementia who would be interested in joining the group could you please let me know and I will contact them or please feel free to pass on my contact details: 01942 404251 or liz.fisher@wigan.gov.uk

NEW ELECTRONIC SYSTEM FOR WASTE PERMITS AT RECYCLING CENTRES

Residents who use a trailer or van to take items to one of the three recycling centres across Wigan Borough will soon be able to download and print their own permit within hours under a new online permit scheme. The scheme will launch in April when residents will be able to download a permit at any time of the day.

Currently residents have to apply by phone or email for a permit in advance and wait for it to arrive by post, which can take up to five working days. The printed permit will be scanned at the recycling centre and is being introduced as part of The Deal. To save time at the recycling centre residents are asked to sort their waste before they arrive as this will ensure a smoother passage for everyone.

Currently only those residents who use a twin-axle trailer or van to take items to the centres require a permit - residents who use a car without a trailer don't require one. Residents are allowed one permit per month and it must have on it the address where the waste is coming from. Trade waste is not permitted at any of the recycling centres, including waste from shops, landlords, property developers or businesses.

Paul Barton, assistant director for environment, said: "Our old system was time-consuming so as part of The Deal we want to improve things for our customers and help them to recycle more, recycle right. This new digital offer will mean residents can quickly obtain a permit 24/7 at a time that suits them."

For more information about visiting the household recycling centres visit www.wigan.gov.uk/recycling

LOCAL BANDS BATTLE IT OUT FOR SPOT AT FESTIVAL

Community group, Strike a Chord, are calling for local bands to battle it out for a place in the next RocknStroll festival. The festival will be held in Lilford Park on Saturday 14th July but hopeful bands will need to enter the competition before the deadline on Friday 16th March.

Wigan Council part-funded last year's event, awarding money to Strike a Chord from Brighter Borough and the Community Investment Fund and the local authority is keen to support the festival again this year for its community spirit.

Bevan Thompson and David Dubois, founders of Strike a Chord, are encouraging bands from schools and colleges across the borough to send them videos to enter the competition Successful submissions will then be invited to attend the final, which will take place on Saturday 19th May in the Masonic Hall, Leigh, where bands will perform before the judges choose their favourite to play at the festival.

If you or your child is part of a school or college band, they can submit a video of their band playing to david@rocknstroll.org.uk including the name of the band, where they are based and which school or college the band members attend.

ARTIST'S EXHIBITION INVOLVES THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

If you could create anything at all, how would you make your mark on your town? This is the question asked by Wigan-based artist, Jess Rotherham, who is calling for her whole community to explore their artistic flair as part of a new visual project.

Jess, 25, is one of eight artists-in-residence as part of Wigan Council's Imago programme and is leading on the project 'Ideas for a town', which encourages the local community to take ownership of the places that they live through art.

Members of the public can sculpt, draw or write about their ideas before handing them into their local library or taking a photograph and uploading to the project blog. All submissions will then be included in Jess' open exhibition from 10th March in Wigan Library.

Sculpture packs can be picked up from the Grand Arcade or Wigan Library's mezzanine, which have all the materials needed including a backdrop, clay and figurines. There have been more than 60 submissions so far with ideas such as a tower of pies, a brick maze and even a spaceship. For those who would like to work with Jess directly on their submission, there will be a free drop-in workshop on Monday 19th February suitable for all ages at the Museum of Wigan Life, 11 am-12:30 pm.

Alternatively, visit the project blog at www.ideasfortown.tumblr.com for more information or to submit your ideas.

SCRIPTWRITING COMPETITION OPEN FOR ENTRIES

Budding scriptwriters are being invited to put their creative skills to the test by entering a competition.

Writers in the Leigh, Atherton and Tyldesley area over the age of 16 will be able to send in their 10-15 minute scripts for the ScriptShop Shield contest.

The top six scripts will be performed on stage with cash prizes on offer for the top three. There is a £2 entry fee competition with the deadline for entries set for May 31.

The event is being run by Tyldesley Creative Writers and Leigh and Atherton Writers

For more information and to get an entry form visit www.tyldesleycreativewriters.weebly.com or contact Mary on 07905729819.

Written submissions will not be considered.

A STYLISH FITNESS OFFER FOR ASHTON

Ashton Leisure Centre's £3.2m transformation is nearing completion and it's promising to bring a touch of style to the local leisure and wellbeing scene.

The current building has been extended to accommodate a new first floor, 393 sq metre gym, complete with 80 individual stations. Planned to open early May, the new look leisure centre will be packed with the latest Technogym equipment.

A new group exercise studio, indoor cycling studio, sauna and steam room and ultra-modern changing rooms will complete the modern new look. While outside a new synthetic playing pitch and a multi-use games area ideal for hockey, netball, football and basketball will be available for hire.

To keep up to date with the developments at Ashton Leisure Centre, visit

www.new.ashtonleisurecentre.org

A temporary gym is currently open for business and the swimming pool is not affected by the development. You can join now by visiting www.leisurecentres.org or calling in for a chat

THE HERBERT PROTOCOL SCHEME LAUNCHED IN GREATER MANCHESTER TO HELP PEOPLE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA WHO GO MISSING

A scheme to help protect people living with dementia has been launched in Greater Manchester.

The Herbert Protocol, which is being rolled out across the country, is a form which carers and family members fill in with useful information that could help police officers track a vulnerable person if they go missing. The form, which will be stored in a safe and easily accessible place- either in electronic form or printed- will include locations they are likely to visit, their medication, general routines, a description and recent photo

Marion Coleman, dementia friendly communities co-ordinator for Alzheimer's Society in Greater Manchester, added: "We are delighted that GMP is introducing the Herbert Protocol. "People with dementia are particularly vulnerable if they go missing from a care home or another familiar setting.

"They may be trying to find their way back to their home or somewhere else from their past life that they have happy memories of but can quickly become confused and completely lost. "These new measures will really help police to act quickly to find someone who has gone missing and hopefully minimise the distress this can result in for the individual and their family."

The form, which should be readily available day or night, has proved to be successful in other police forces such as Cheshire.

Anyone interested in filling out a form can visit gmp.police.uk/Herbert
Officers will only ask for the form, or the information on it, if the person is reported missing.

For advice or information about dementia visit www.alzheimers.org.uk or find your nearest office at <http://bit.ly/2zyFZrd>.

CHARITY AWARDS 2018

The Charity Awards provides charities of all shapes and sizes with a window to showcase their efforts and the impact they have made. The Charity Awards is a national scheme that aims to celebrate the achievements and characteristics of charities of all sizes

Awards are given out in the 10 categories below and an overall winner is chosen from the winners of each category.

- Arts, culture and heritage
- Campaigning and advocacy
- Children and youth
- Disability
- Education and training
- Environment and conservation
- Grantmaking and funding
- Healthcare and medical research
- International Aid and development
- Social care, advice and support

Entrants are assessed on 6 hallmarks of excellence:

- Outcomes and effectiveness
- Value for money
- Innovation
- Sustainability

- Replicability and scalability
- Best practice

All UK registered charities are eligible to enter - although they recommend that newer charities should make sure they have a clear track record of the Hallmarks of Excellence before they apply. Partnership projects are also eligible to apply.

For further information and to apply, visit: <https://charityawards.co.uk/2018-awards/>

Application deadline: **Friday 23 February 2018**

IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP THE COUNTRY

The nation's biggest tidy-up, the Great British Spring Clean, is just five weeks away.

Over the weekend of 2-4 March 2018, join thousands of others taking part and help clear up the rubbish that lies around us.

Whether you're planning to go at it alone, or join in with one of the hundreds of organised events across the country, register today for the Great British Spring Clean and together we can make a difference.

Full details at http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean?utm_source=KBT_General&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=GBSC18_260118_KBT_General

FREE FITNESS PASS FOR ARMED FORCES FAMILIES IN FEBRUARY

We have just linked up with the Pelican Centre, Castle Street Tyldesley to offer a free fitness pass there for members of the Armed Forces and their families in February. This is a pilot project for us and if it is successful we would like to make this into a permanent offer.

Referrals only through Shoulder to Soldier at info@shouldertosoldier.org.uk to take advantage of this offer

Any queries contact 07515 892720

DO YOU WANT TO BE CHEERLEADER?

To join our teams who compete around the UK or even just learn how to perform and take part in local events. Gemstone Cheerleading has classes for all ages from 2 years plus.

Whether you're a beginner or advanced we have teams to suit all.

Contact us for more info Head Coach Lydia-07802417516 Gemstonecheerleading@gmail.com

BEYOND WIGAN PIER - THE MUSICAL

This is totally original!!

A World's first.....a fully inclusive, place centred, community musical, written by, performed by, and starring a NORTHERN TOWN - Wigan!!

One night only - 27th April 2018

Take a look at our Facebook page....."Beyond Wigan Pier-the Musical" for more information...

The only way to get a ticket, is to donate to our crowd funding site (Just click on the link below)

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/beyond-wigan-pier-1>

There are only 900 tickets, and they're moving fast....once they are gone....THEY ARE GONE!!

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

ACE Adult Community Education Ltd.

Market Street, Wigan 01942 829321

Lord Street, Leigh 01942 262890

- Convenient town centre locations accessible by public transport and taxis.
- Competitively priced.
- Quality service delivered by qualified tutors and learning support workers.

- Opportunity to achieve ASDAN accredited qualifications - Skills for Life and Skills for Employment.
- Places available across the week: morning / afternoon / full day (9.30am-4pm).
- Person centred service with a range of fun and exciting activities!
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- Competitive pricing
- Fully qualified staff

REIMAGINING COMMUNITY SERVICES:

MAKING THE MOST OF OUR ASSETS - A REPORT BY THE KINGS FUND

The King's Fund have published a report on their research into the current state of community services and to explore how the health and care system needs to change to enable these services to meet the needs of the population now and in the future.

The report states that growing financial and workforce pressures are having an impact on the ability of community service providers to meet the needs of the population and to make a reality of the vision set out in the NHS five year forward view. Community services are often fragmented and poorly co-ordinated, and are frequently not well integrated with other services in the community. This results in duplication as well as gaps between teams delivering care.

The report highlights that there is a great deal of innovative work going on across the NHS and beyond to improve community-based care. This is mainly happening through innovative projects rather than system-wide transformations in care delivery. A radical transformation of community services is needed, making use of all the assets in each local community wherever these are to be found, breaking down silos between services and reducing fragmentation in service delivery.

The report concludes that the most promising possibilities in the short term are through sustainability and transformation partnerships (STPs) and accountable care systems (ACs), where plans have already been developed to strengthen community services and improve population health. More work is needed to ensure that all STPs offer a credible basis for improving care for their populations and strengthening services in the community, drawing on the design principles set out in this report.

Full report at <https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/publications/community-services-assets>

MOVING MORE OFTEN

A training programme for people interested in promoting physical activity

- Do you care for, support or work with people on a paid or voluntary basis?
- Would you like to help people improve their well being and quality of life?
- Could you help motivate people to become more physically active?
- Would you like to assist people in retaining their independence?

Moving More Often is part of a national training programme designed to promote physical activity, independence and well being. Moving More Often training will enable you to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to engage frailer older people or adults with additional support needs to become more physically active.

After completing the training course, you will be supported to provide a range of safe, effective and appropriate activities, games, walking and everyday physical activity opportunities.

The next date for the Moving More Often Course is set for 14th March. It is at Hindley Leisure Centre 9.00am - 3.00pm. If you or anyone else is interested in the training please contact Gill Healey on 01942 886802 or email Gill.Healey@ihlmail.org

INVITATION TO TENDER –

QUANTIFY THE IMPACT OF THE ONSIDE YOUTH ZONE NETWORK ON YOUNG PEOPLE

OnSide's vision is to give all young people somewhere safe and inspiring to go in their leisure time. OnSide provides quality, safe and affordable facilities – Youth Zones – that allow young people to spend their leisure time engaging in fun but productive activities, supported by positive adult role models, which improve their life chances, choices and opportunities.

Established in 2008 OnSide was the creation of Bill Holroyd CBE DL, former Chair of Bolton Lads and Girls Club (BLGC), and Jerry Glover MBE who had been the Chief Executive at BLGC for 32 years. During his time as Chair, Bill realised that other towns and cities would clearly benefit from a first-class facility like BLGC. Bolton has now been joined by Youth Zones in Birkenhead, Blackburn, Carlisle, Manchester, Oldham, Wigan and Wolverhampton.

The established Youth Zones currently serves 30,000 members and receive over 350,000 visits per annum across the network.

As the network of Youth Zones grows, it is becoming more and more important to quantify and articulate the impact of the Youth Zone network. Independently verified information is now required to present to stakeholders at a national level; the primary audiences being Government and local authorities. Secondly, OnSide aims to generate interest and support from private sector patrons and similar stakeholders in order to expand the Youth Zone network into new areas of the UK.

Closing date for receipt of tenders: **Wednesday 14 February 2018**

For further information, visit:

www.onsideyouthzones.org/quantify-impact-onside-youth-zone-network-young-people/

FREE CADDY LINER DELIVERY FOR ALL HOUSEHOLDS

It's now easier for Wigan Borough residents to recycle their food waste as a new free caddy liner delivery is introduced.

From January 2018 caddy liners will be delivered to all households by Wigan Council's waste crews meaning residents no longer need to purchase their own or collect liners from life centres or libraries.

It is hoped this will make it easier for residents to recycle their food waste in the kitchen caddy before putting it in the green bin. Recycling food will also save space in the black bin.

To let the crews know you need a new roll of liners, residents are being asked to tie a caddy liner to the handle of their green bin on their collection day. When the crews come to empty the bins they will leave residents a new set of liners.

Residents are being encouraged to contact the council to order a free kitchen caddy if they do not already have one so they can start to recycle food.

Paul Barton, assistant director for environment, said: "Thank you to residents for recycling more, recycling right as part of The Deal. We have already seen an increase in our recycling rates but we can still do more to reach our targets. "Recycling food and garden waste in the green bin is really important as it is composted and then reused which means it doesn't go to landfill. "Crucially, recycling correctly using all

three recycling bins will save space in your black bin. The black bin should be a last resort for items that cannot be recycled.”

If you don't currently recycle food and would like to start you can order a kitchen caddy via My Account www.wigan.gov.uk/MyAccount Find out more about recycling at www.wigan.gov.uk/recycling

COMMUNITIES IN CHARGE OF ALCOHOL

Residents of Hag Fold are contributing their time as part of a pioneering programme 'Communities in Charge of Alcohol' which launches this week in Wigan. The programme aims get people talking about alcohol and changing their relationship with alcohol.

The champions will work together with others to decide what ways they could involve the wider community in reducing alcohol related harm, including getting involved with licensing decisions if this is important to them in their area.

Being delivered across the ten areas of Greater Manchester, the aim of the programme is to reduce alcohol harm in local communities. The success of the project will be measured over five years and will look at hospital admissions, ambulance call outs and levels of alcohol related crime. The latest statistics from Public Health England show that residents from across all ten areas are consuming more alcohol than the national average, which is putting our emergency services under great strain.

The new programme of work will be led by community volunteers called 'Alcohol Health Champions' who are being trained to talk to family, friends and colleagues about alcohol and health and to let them know what services and information are available, if people want support with cutting down. Wigan Council hopes to recruit a network of around 30 Community Alcohol Champions who live or work in the area to collaborate with the Wigan & Leigh Recovery Partnership who will be the local co-ordinators for the Alcohol Health Champion network in Hag Fold.

WOMAN ZONE

Saturday 23rd June 2018 Leigh Town Hall Square

Are you part of a local Charitable, Voluntary Organisation, Not For Profit Organisation or Community Group, whose main purpose is to improve the lives of Women and Girls or Families?

Leigh & District Soroptimist Club are organising this Woman Zone Event to showcase the wide variety of services available to help Women and Girls and Families in the Leigh area.

To take part in this free event and publicise your services please contact us by email to register your interest: soropleigh@yahoo.co.uk

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2018

Tuesday 6th March 4pm – 8pm Wigan & Leigh College, Parsons Walk, Wigan

The event is an opportunity to promote the housing and construction industry and the employment opportunities available, most importantly via Apprenticeships. We will also be looking for live opportunities to be available for people to apply for, and we will host some CEIAG support for potential candidates. As for last year we will be looking for pledges from partners to offer ongoing support and opportunities and will be tracking the impact of these over the coming year.

We will have a space for an introductory presentation that will run 3 times through the event; a space for interactive practical activity; and a market place.

We will start promoting the event in the next week or with an Eventbrite page to book on, but we need to start collecting details now of who will be hosting stalls etc.

So – my ask to you all is.....

- Confirm if you will require a stall at the event
- If you require a stall, provide any details of your requirements (eg access to power)
- Confirm if you will have live opportunities to apply for on the night – what sector, how many
- Promote the event to partners in your supply chain and encourage them to be part of the marketplace

If you could confirm the above by **Friday 16th February** to Beth Locke on b.locke@wigan.gov.uk we would be very grateful to enable us to plan for numbers.

TIME TO CASH IN OLD TENNERS

Old £10 notes must be spent by 1 March 2018 when they stop being legal tender, this is after the introduction of the polymer version in September 2017. However, the old notes can be ex-changed at the Bank after that date. The £10 banknote, is the first Bank of England note with a tactile feature to help blind and partially-sighted users.

ON YOUR MARKS...GET SET...IT'S LEIGH'S SECOND 10K

MP Jo Platt officially launched the countdown to the 2018 Leigh Community 10k by urging Leigh residents to take up the challenge and help make it an annual event. Last year's inaugural race saw 600 people of all ages and abilities taking part with more than £10,000 raised for chosen charity, Wigan and Leigh Hospice.

This year, organisers are aiming for 1,000 runners. Inspiring healthy lifestyles, FCR Events Ltd, Leigh Harriers, Nectar Creative, Rotary Club of Leigh, Time2Run Events, Wigan and Leigh Hospice and Wigan Council are all working together once again to put on the event with the support of Leigh MP, Jo Platt.

Jo said: "Last year was tremendous; there was a real buzz in the town centre. It would be great to get even more people taking part and cementing Leigh Community 10k as an annual event. "Wigan and Leigh Hospice is a charity close to many of our hearts and a worthy cause to raise money for whether you're running for fun or to beat your personal best."

The Leigh Community 10k, which takes place on **Sunday 12 August** in Leigh town centre, bolsters an already impressive calendar of running events in Leigh including the popular Flash in the Park 10k, Festive Flash Five and parkrun at Pennington Flash. All runners, joggers and walkers of any ability can join in the second Leigh Community 10k as long as you are over 15 years of age on the day of the event.

Standard entry fee is £17 or £15 if you run for a UK Athletics/ARC Running Club.

You can register for a place in the race at www.leigh10k.co.uk

DEVELOPING A MOBILE PHONE APP TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF DEMENTIA

Growing evidence suggests that inflammation in the brain could play an important role in memory loss and dementia. Animal research also suggests that pre-existing drugs developed to reduce inflammation could improve brain function. Manchester University wants to transform this research into better patient care but first a reliable way of studying how inflammation alters brain function over time is needed

As a first step the University of Manchester wants to develop a way of collecting information on changes in memory capacity over time – taking measurements on a frequent basis, beyond the scope of regular clinic

visits. To do this the University of Manchester intends to develop a high quality, robust smart phone app to monitor brain function changes over time using a range of medically approved cognitive tests.

Researchers from The University of Manchester want to make sure that this app is simple and engaging enough for people with mild memory impairments to use on a regular basis, allowing researchers to monitor subtle changes in memory which would otherwise be missed in routine appointments. The University of Manchester wants to recruit a team of 6 public advisors with either experience caring for someone with Alzheimer's, or who are currently living with mild cognitive impairment to advise them on developing this app. Your role will be to help to ensure that the final output is relevant, simple and engaging enough to be used by a whole range of people – including early stage Dementia patients and those with mild memory impairment.

If you choose to take part in this study you will be asked to join for three workshops, all to be held at the University of Manchester, between February 2018 and July 2018.

If you have any further questions or would like to get involved, contact Dr Sarah Fox, on 0792 041 4289, or email: sarah.fox-3@manchester.

AMBITION FOR AGEING SEEKS BIDDERS FOR NEW WORKING POTENTIAL CONTRACT

Do you have good local reach and excellent connections? Have you got the vision and insight to help us understand the journey that carers over 50 undertake on their way to employment? Are you able to identify the barriers and challenges faced and how best to overcome them? If you can answer yes to all these questions, you might be interested in bidding for an exciting new action research project called Working Potential.

Launched by Ambition for Ageing on 8 January 2018, its objective is to gather and collate as much information as possible about getting carers over 50 seeking to go back work in Bolton, Salford and Wigan 'job ready'. At the same time, there is a need to help employers become as age friendly as possible in order to attract and retain an older workforce. Led by GMCVO, Ambition for Ageing will be providing all necessary guidance, ongoing reviews and assistance to help the winning bidder meet the requirements of the project.

To find out more If you are a potential bidder or would like more information, please go to the Working Potential portal where you will be invited to create an account to view all documentation, including FAQs, and to submit any questions via the Q&A function.

A bidding engagement event is also taking place, designed to give prospective applicants the opportunity to learn more about the project principles, the delivery model and the approach we are looking for. This takes place on Friday 26 January 1.30pm – 3.30pm at the Eccles Gateway Centre, 28 Barton Lane, Eccles, Salford M30 0TU. Book your place here

The deadline for receipt of bid applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 20th February 2018 (applications received after this time will not be considered).

DO YOU NEED A SPACE FOR A MEETING?

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

Crisp CIC is offering a welcoming; warm, friendly spaces for

- Community Groups
- Presentations

- Craft Groups
- Exercise Sessions
- One to One's
- Drop In's
- Office Space

All rooms fitted with 50-60" HD TV's fully accessible for HDMI and Laptops
2 Rooms seating 12; 1 seating 6

For more details contact 01942 255287 or email info@crispcic.co.uk

TIME TO TALK ABOUT BEING A DONOR

A campaigner who donated a kidney to a close relative is looking to set up a support group in Wigan.

Mark Fegan is concerned there is no local forum for patients to share their experiences of living with kidney conditions. Now he is looking to gauge interest in staging regular gatherings so affected people can give each other a lift.

Those interested in finding out more about Mark's plans can contact him on 07922 655725 or email mfegana5@yahoo.co.uk

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

The twinning association in Angers organises a photographic contest between its twin towns. It's a good opportunity to show what you like about your city and above all, you can win a trip to Angers between the 25th and 27th May 2018!

Tell a story about your town in 10 pictures. Capture the story in an original or even funny way. PLEASE BE CAREFUL! The aim of the competition isn't to create a touristic documentary! The story must be lively and entertaining.

Young people aged over 18. It is important to underline that participants must be amateur photographers and not professionals. You can however, be a member of a photography club

Period of taking and editing photos and videos:

- From the 1st of December 2017 to the 10th of March 2018.

Photos and videos will be sent to the AAJ, by the 15th of March 2018 at the very latest. Please send all entries to the following email address: asso@angersjumelages.fr

If there are more than 5 entrants (per town), the AAJ will choose the best 5. Photos will be chosen based upon technical criteria and also, the originality of the story. Photos must be copyright free, with a resolution of: 3508x4961x2480x3508 (300DPI).

Full details from Martin Pouvreau Ambassador from Angers Direct line: 01942 489 193

E Mail angers@wigan.gov.uk

FANCY A TRIP TO ANGERS ? THEN PLAN AHEAD AND SAVE THE DATE

Wigan and Angers will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Twinning between the two towns next year. We are proposing to take a trip to France to honour the occasion from

Thursday 6th – Wednesday 12th September 2018 – the same dates as the annual Accroche-coeurs street festival.

If you have never been to our beautiful twin town – please consider registering your interest and joining us on the trip – individuals, groups and organisations welcome. If you have already visited Angers – then maybe you will want to renew your contacts and make a return visit. Also please pass this information on to your friends. Thank you.

Visit our website www.wiganangers.co.uk to find details of the itinerary, cost and booking forms. Or ring Phil Hasler on 01942 215412 – for further information.

ARE YOU A CARER IN THE WIGAN BOROUGH?

Then why not join in the activities that Wigan and Leigh Carers Centre have planned for January 2018.

As well as the regular weekly events and monthly groups, the Carers Centre has a variety of sessions and courses for you to come along to, have fun and learn something new including:

- Paint, Pastel and Palette Knives Six Week Course,
- Mindfulness Six Week Course,
- Stressbuster Session for Male Carers,
- Dementia Medication Awareness session,
- Get Digital; weekly one to one sessions and the Appy team are also in the centre once a month
- Kick off Your Shoes and Dance sessions with Hurst Dance Studios

All of the training is free to registered carers

Visit www.wiganandleighcarerscentre.org.uk; like WLCC's, Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pat.millward.31> and click to receive notifications or email gail@wiganandleighcarerscentre.org.uk

CYBER CRIME

The first link to the National Cyber Security Centre provides a host of downloadable pdfs dealing with things from protecting your passwords, to cyber security for small businesses, to managing information risk:

https://clicktime.symantec.com/a/1/LoOYQ_OuXtF0msWrsH-3dj4qi7zKBvhoostlg2hVcvM=?d=y5ZSZqgdq5oGYQXnlkQu7CnBo5KnDSt2O_ms_rbts84yu8r_q5CQX8vk6ZT_a833Z1tUrieJeVBU_YfQEsRKqTaR-ZUuQq6U0Nng0Qf-eKyaVkv2_X8XF_C1n9hqfheTcMLvxAdL5GoIMA46LpPWxzS9Oe99_s-Tj_30IjB1pNd_EGzZpeNr9beQPVTgYaccqLFx87Tt-Bp_fDNI9Pn4D1kt5zDVfD2CSGQRXULwytr61tHwu43ppVj3CYumwJhJqrylk2SZbwAXVKS03jCgwAxJ3nSe2Yh6tH3TlhZLb_qnqUaLMV--XFmX-dNh2rUphHJMnz0uab00eUxySDTtbBWa5QwqcHdEjQaxGhXTjdgDFS5olegKoDfQd462ZfF8QEh0-zg--HB86YaVnzH0o1uHoFXHPmjGmSE%3D&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ncsc.gov.uk%2Finformation%2Finfograp-hics-ncsc

DATA PROTECTION: GDPR HOTLINE

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has launched a dedicated advice line to help small organisations prepare for a new data protection law.

The phone service is aimed at people running small businesses or charities and recognises the particular problems they face getting ready for the new law, called the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

The GDPR replaces the current Data Protection Act and comes into force on 25th May 2018.

Regulated by the ICO, the GDPR strengthens the rules around personal data and requires organisations to be more accountable and transparent. It also gives people greater control over their own personal data.

There are already resources on the ICO website (<https://ico.org.uk/>) to help organisations employing fewer than 250 people prepare for the GDPR. But the new phone line will offer additional, personal advice to small organisations that still have questions.

People from small organisations should dial the ICO helpline on 0303 123 1113 and select option 4 to be diverted to staff who can offer support.

As well as advice on preparing for the GDPR, callers can also ask questions about current data protection rules and other legislation regulated by the ICO including electronic marketing and Freedom of Information.

In addition to the new phone service, the ICO has also announced plans to simplify its popular “12 steps to take now” graphic in response to calls from small and micro businesses that they need access to targeted information about how to prepare for the GDPR.

And the ICO is revising its simple-to-use SME toolkit – a resource used by around 9,000 businesses a month since January 2016 – into a GDPR resource that will allow businesses themselves to identify gaps in their own preparation for the new law.

Organisations that have yet to begin preparing for the law change can access a range of resources on the ICO’s dedicated data protection reform web pages.

The “12 steps to take now” graphic has been viewed 73,000 times since it was updated in May and is the most downloaded document on the ICO website:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1624219/preparing-for-the-gdpr-12-steps.pdf>

ICO staff have spoken at nearly 100 stakeholder events where “getting ready for the GDPR” has been a key theme and around 10,000 people have viewed sector-specific webinars highlighting GDPR issues. By the end of the year, the ICO will publish a Guide to the GDPR. It expands the content of the current overview to make it a comprehensive guide along the same lines as the current Guide to Data Protection. For further information, visit: <https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/news-and-events/news-and-blogs/2017/10/new-data-protection-advice-service-aimed-at-small-organisations-preparing-for-the-general-data-protection-regulation/>

WIGAN ROTARY CLUB COMMUNITY DAY 2018

Many will know about the Rotary Club of Wigan sponsored Community Day. To be held in Standishgate on Saturday 7th July 2018 this will be the 5th year of this event and is an opportunity for charities and local good causes to promote their cause, recruit volunteers and members, raise funds, sell merchandise to the many thousands of people who will be in Wigan on that date.

All this at no cost to the organisation.

If organisations would like information on the event can they send an email with the words 'CD info reqd' to mervyn.reeves@blueyonder.co.uk

THE “ SILVER LINE “

Silver Line is the only National FREE & CONFIDENTIAL HELPLINE for older people, the number is 0800 470 8090 and it is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week and 365 days per year.

The helpline offers, information, advice & services, there is no question too big, no problem too small and there is now no need for older people to feel alone any more.

More than half of people over the age of 75 live alone with 1 in 10 suffering intense loneliness, the Silver Line offers you someone to talk to, a friendly voice that will treat your call with the strictest confidence and gives you the opportunity to share how you are feeling and this can open the world up for you.

In addition to the HELPLINE, Silver Line offers, Telephone Friendship, regular exchange of letters through their Silver Letters scheme, to join other people of a similar age and become a member of Silver circles, information opportunities through their Silver Line Connects service.

Check the scheme out on www.thesilverline.org.uk

HANDY PERSONS SERVICE FROM AGE UK WIGAN BOROUGH

Need some support doing odd jobs around the house? Our Handy Persons Service may be the place to turn to. With our experienced and helpful staff along with a competitively priced service, no job is too small:-

- Installing grab rails and hand rails
- Making bespoke steps for easier access in and out of your property
- Hanging pictures, blinds, curtain rails etc
- Building flat pack furniture or moving furniture round the house
- Installation of Keysafes
- And much more

Ring our friendly team for further information or call at the office to discuss further
Visit: 68, Market Street, Wigan Call 01942 241972

LEAN ON ME

Is a new independent advocacy service from Wigan Churches Association for Family Welfare
It offers short term support to over 18's.

For more information ring 01942 867888 or visit the office at St Catherine's House in Scholes

BOOK A PLACE ON ANY OF OUR NEW WEEKEND WALKS

We have a variety of walks across the borough, perfect for exploring the amazing green spaces Wigan and Leigh has to offer. Get the exercise and fresh air your body needs. We have a variety of walks across the borough, perfect for exploring the amazing green spaces Wigan and Leigh has to offer. Get the exercise and fresh air your body needs....

Keep an eye on our Facebook page @getactiveoutdoors for all the walks being added in the events section, as we also have a Waggy Tails Walk for you and your four-legged friend on the 3rd December at Pennington Flash. You can book at www.inspiringhealthylifestyles.org or turn up on the day

Lilford Park (fortnightly) Saturday - 9:30 am
Amberswood Nature Reserve (fortnightly) Saturday - 9:30 am
Pennington Flash (fortnightly) Saturday - 9:30 am
Haigh Woodland Park (fortnightly) Saturday - 9:30 am

WORKING BETTER BY WORKING TOGETHER

Progressive policy think tank, IPPR North, has recently published a report on civil society support in the north of England. Based on interviews with a range of VCSE infrastructure organisations – including

GMCVO – the findings are very interesting and conclude there is a need for a more joined up approach across public, private and voluntary sectors.

To read the report in full <https://www.ippr.org/research/publications/civil-society-support-in-the-north-of-england>

INFORMATION FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FW: CHARITY COMMISSION USER RESEARCH

Please could you pass on this request? May also be worth signing up as they do consult over things we care about e.g. coming up now seem to be consultations about their complaints system and their advice on closing charities

The Charity Commission would like to build on its bank of people working in charities who would be willing to be consulted over research/user testing.

If you are willing to take part please complete the Survey with your details.

The contact details in case you want to contact her directly -Rachael SilcockLead User Researcher

t: 0300 065 1724 | e: rachael.silcock@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk w: www.gov.uk/charity-commission

CHARITY PROPERTY MATTERS SURVEY 2018

The Ethical Property Foundation is a UK charity which offers voluntary organisations free property guidance, advice and workshops. It offers a wide range of expert advice on legal issues and premises management working with property professionals.

The Foundation has just launched its bi-annual Charity Property Matters Survey 2018 which takes around 10 minutes to complete. This is the only sector-led property survey about charities' property issues.

You'll need a good understanding of your charity's current property position and any questions about the survey can be emailed to policy@cfg.org.uk

The Charity Commission is a partner in this research and urges charities to take part. To complete the survey, visit: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CPM18

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR QUEEN'S AWARD FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE 2019

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. It is the MBE for volunteer groups.

Nominations for voluntary groups in Greater Manchester reached a new record UK high in September 2017 of 49 groups. These groups have since been visited and assessed by Deputy Lieutenant's. Their reports and citations are in the process of being submitted to the QAVS team in London with a formal announcement of winners on 2nd June 2018.

New nominations for outstanding voluntary groups in Greater Manchester are now being encouraged which can be made at any time between now and midnight on 14th September 2018 for awards to be made in 2019.

The QAVS nominations fall into one of 14 categories and any group doing volunteer work that provides a social, economic or environmental service to the local community can be nominated for the award. Each group is assessed on the benefit it brings to the local community and its standing within that community.

Guidance notes can be found on the government website; <https://qavs.direct.gov.uk>

MINING STATUE GETS BIG BOOST

A local history group passionate about commemorating the borough's mining heritage with a statue have been given a hefty £10,000 cash boost.

Wigan Council presented Wigan Heritage and Mining Monument (WHAMM) with the cheque, bringing them one step closer to their £150,000 target. The money will fund a statue featuring a miner, pit brow lass and a child, which will sit near Wigan Town Hall - the borough's former mining college. The £10,000 donation from the council follows a £7,000 donation in 2017 from councillor's Brighter Borough funds. WHAMM have also been crowdfunding, which encourages the public to donate as much or as little as they can.

WHAMM, which is a branch of Wigan Local History and Heritage Group, commissioned Hull-based sculptor, Steve Winterburn whose recent work locally includes the Billy Boston statue on Believe Square.

Neil Cain, treasurer of WHAMM, said: "Anyone who has a connection with Wigan has likely had an ancestor work in the pits. Mining in Wigan district was first documented in the 1300's so there's a strong history here. "We believe there have been around 3,000 plus deaths through accidents in the pits and some workers have endured long-term health complications as a result. It's because of all these reasons why we need this statue. We want to commemorate the centuries of heritage, the people who suffered and also the incredible contribution Wigan had to the industrial revolution.

"We have had so many generous donations and we are so humbled by the support we've received, however, we still need approximately £40,000. "We can't thank the council enough for their fantastic support since the beginning of this project and the money they have pledged has gone an extremely long way."

GM POVERTY ACTION NEWSLETTER: PRINCIPAL PARTNERS SCHEME; RENTERS FORUM; NEW END CHILD POVERTY FIGURES; FUEL POVERTY AWARENESS; UNIVERSAL CREDIT & GM LIVING WAGE

In the latest newsletter Greater Manchester Poverty Action(GMPA) are asking if your organisation might be interested in joining with their new Principal Partners to support the work of GMPA?

Also in the newsletter is a brief introduction to End Child Poverty's new report and the detailed data they have compiled; information about Citizens Advice Manchester's Fuel Poverty Awareness training; further comment on Universal Credit, the regular GM Living Wage Campaign column and details about a number of forthcoming events including the Manchester Renters' Forum meeting in March.

<https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/sites/manchestercommunitycentral.co.uk/files/GMPA%20Newsletter%20January%2031st%2C%202018.pdf>

END CHILD POVERTY COALITION - MORE THAN HALF OF CHILDREN NOW LIVING IN POVERTY IN SOME PARTS OF THE UK

The End Child Poverty coalition has published figures providing a new child poverty map of the UK. The new figures reveal that there are now constituencies within the UK where more than half of children are growing up in poverty – compared to one in ten, in the areas with the lowest child poverty rates.

The figures also show that some of the most deprived areas of the UK have seen the biggest increases in child poverty since the coalition's last local child poverty figures for December 2015. Increases of 10 percentage points in some areas demonstrate the growing crisis of child poverty in the UK.

As price rises risk pushing ever larger numbers of children below the poverty line, the coalition is calling on the Chancellor to end the freeze on children's benefits – currently in place until the end of the decade – so that families no longer see living standards squeezed as prices rise.

The local child poverty estimates are broken down by parliamentary constituency, local authority and ward. Child poverty is the highest in large cities, particularly in London, Birmingham and Manchester. Among the twenty parliamentary constituencies with the highest levels of childhood poverty, seven are located in London, three in Birmingham, and three in Manchester. The Manchester Gorton constituency has the 5th highest child poverty rate in the UK at 47.97% and Manchester Central has a rate of 47.5% against a UK average of 27%.

Since the introduction of the benefit freeze, the coalition of charities, faith groups and unions has warned that as prices rise, low income families would find it increasingly hard to pay for the same basic essentials. 'It is scandalous that a child born in some parts of the UK now has a greater chance of growing up in poverty, than being in a family above the breadline', said Sam Royston, Chair of End Child Poverty and Director of Policy and Research at the Children's Society. 'There can be little doubt that the Government's policy of maintaining the benefits freeze despite rising prices is a major contributor to the emerging child poverty crisis.'

To read the full report and use the interactive poverty map, visit the End Child Poverty Coalition website

NEW EDITION OF GMCVO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE E-BULLETIN NOW AVAILABLE

The bulletin contains a roundup of all the latest news relating to the Health and Social Care Devolution agenda together with information about related events, reports, funding opportunities and surveys.

To have a copy delivered directly to your inbox every Thursday morning, please subscribe to this mailing via the following link www.gmcvo.org.uk/health-and-social-care-devolution.

Please scroll down to the bottom of the page until you reach the Health and Social Care Mailings section, fill in required details and then tick to receive the Health & Social Care Devolution General Mailing