

# VOLUNTARY ACTION



Voluntary Action North  
East Lincolnshire



## FOCUSING ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT



Last month we shared the news that VANEL had been re-accredited with our NAVCA quality award. Here's **Paula Grant, VANEL Chief Officer** receiving our NAVCA quality award certificate from **Neil Cleeveley, Chief Executive, NAVCA** at Big Lottery HQ in London just before the round table event reported on here.

**Neil Cleeveley**, NAVCA's Chief Executive, and a group of chief officers from across the NAVCA membership met with **Dawn Austwick**, Chief

Executive of the Big Lottery Fund recently in London. They discussed the changing environment local organisations are working in, including welfare benefit changes, devolution and evolving local priorities.

They also discussed how local groups need to remain focused on the things they were set up to do rather than drifting off course by chasing funding. It was an opportunity to highlight to the Big Lottery the valuable work local infrastructure does to help local groups understand and adapt to changes and new needs.

Big Lottery published a Strategic Framework earlier this year which should make interesting reading to any organisation wishing to engage with Big Lottery for support.

Read it in full here: <http://bit.ly/1fkB96l>

## JULY 2015

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### Big Lottery visit

Rob Malyan from the Big Lottery will be back in Grimsby for 1:1 appointments on Monday 3rd August. If your group is applying for Big Lottery funding, has problems with funding, needs advice, guidance and so on, then this is a chance for a quality, focused conversation with Rob. If you would like to have an appointment on that day please contact Karl Elliott at VANEL on 01472 361043, [karl@vanel.org.uk](mailto:karl@vanel.org.uk) to book.

Top photo: VANEL staff focusing on what's important - a picnic in the sun in People's Park

# MEMBER NEWS

## YMCA Beach Festival 11th July

On **Saturday 11th July** there will be an event on Cleethorpes' North Promenade. The event is a collaboration between **YMCA Humber** and **Big Local North Cleethorpes**. Last summer the YMCA hosted a sports event on the south Promenade which was really well received. Big Local North Cleethorpes has a plan to develop the cultural and artistic offer of Cleethorpes focussing around the North Prom area – to raise awareness of the area and inspire interest in the areas residents, businesses and tourists in the hope of developing a local arts panel that can act as a catalyst to developing venues and artistic events in the area. From this, Big Local are hosting a music area with great local bands performing free of charge for the public. The YMCA will be on the beach (past the ferris wheel) hosting various beach sporting events available for the public to join in on for free.

Live music between 12:00 – 18:00. Sporting events will be between 11:00 – 15:00. Just walk past the ferris wheel on the North Prom and you won't be able to miss it!

VANEL are helping out with the organisation too, so for more information on the event, please contact [joe@vanel.org.uk](mailto:joe@vanel.org.uk) for the music or [jenny@vanel.org.uk](mailto:jenny@vanel.org.uk) for the sports. YMCA Humber are tweeting it too @YMCAHumber.

## Assisted Living Centre opens

**The official opening of the Assisted Living Centre (ALC) took place on 18th June 2015.** (story by Vicky Campbell)

This is a project that I first became involved with back in 2012 when the first community steering group was first set up and back then was known as the Transforming Community Equipment Service, and had had a bit of a rocky start.

From a small, but dedicated, group of community representatives the service has been discussed, locations debated and the community needs included.

The one thing that the whole steering group were clear on from the beginning was that this would not be rushed to fit the needs of the Commis-



**YMCA HUMBER**  
**Cleethorpes Beach Festival 2015**

  
  
Local Trust Big Local



**Free event for all ages to enjoy**  
  
**North Promenade, Cleethorpes (After the Big Wheel)**  
**Saturday 11th July**  
**11am-3pm**

**Activities include:**  
Football • Rugby • Basketball  
Volleyball • GHoPA Disc Sports  
Martial Arts Demonstration  
Beach Cricket (pm only)  
Space hopping • Dance  
  
**Sand Castle Building and Beach Art Competition - 1pm-1.30pm - enter at YMCA gazebo**

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

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sioners, but should take the necessary time to find the right location to fit the needs of the community and the needs of the service.

That decision has generated the incredible service that has been launched for the people of North East Lincolnshire today. Based in the Kingsley Grove building, that has been many things over the years and most recently home to podiatry and sexual health services, the service delivers, maintains and stores equipment for the benefit of the community.

**The partnership between Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Trust, North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the community** has seen the investment of £1.2 million into a service that is accessible and will meet the

needs of the community for many years to come and has seen the merger of a number of separate areas into one cohesive unit.

A big congratulations and thanks are owed to Trevor Knight, community representative, and Claire Rockall, Service Manager, Nic McVeigh, CCG Commissioner, and all the staff and community members who have contributed towards the project.

## Victim Support new office hours

**Victim Support in Grimsby** now have new opening hours.

The office at 10 Town Hall Street is now open Monday to Friday 9am until 2pm.

If you require any help or assistance out of these times, please call the Victim Support Regional Care Unit on 0300 303 1971

Or after 8pm please call Victim Support's Support Line on 08 08 16 89 111.

Weeknights Monday to Friday 8pm to 8am Weekends Saturday 5pm to Monday 8am.

The telephone number for the Grimsby office is 01472 356549 Drop in session, **FIRST SATURDAY** of every month from 9 - 12.



### Hold the date for VANEL AGM

Our AGM is coming up - 17th September 2015, and all the details are now being put together for an 'event' and 'activities' to take place before and after the formalities of the AGM proper. So watch out for more news of timings, venue, agenda and so on, but put the date in your diary now! We look forward to seeing as many of our Members and Friends on that day as possible.



# VOLUNTEERING NEWS

## Local Diana Courageous Citizen Awardee

The hard work of volunteers is something that we celebrate throughout the year and not just during volunteers week; this year we are pleased and proud to celebrate the fact that one of the young volunteers that we have recently started working with, **Andy Green**, has been awarded the Diana Courageous Citizen Award. Andy was nominated by staff at Franklin College for his numerous roles within volunteering and his enthusiasm for life. Andy is now one of more than 42,000 young people who has made a positive difference to their life and their community.



*Congratulations Andy and best wishes for future success in your forthcoming new volunteer projects.*



## Paid leave for workers who volunteer

The government is set to go ahead with its plans to give 15 million workers three days paid leave for volunteering. The government has also got plans to improve existing voluntary services such as the National Citizen Service and the Step Up to Serve programme.

You can read more here: <http://bit.ly/1G5aI9D>



**Volunteer Centre**

North East Lincolnshire

**Don't forget you can meet VANEL to talk about volunteering in Immingham, Cleethorpes and Grimsby on the following days and venues:**

### Immingham

**Every Tuesday 9.30 – 5.00**

Various locations around Immingham – We will provide venue details in Immingham when you book an appointment.

### Cleethorpes

**Every Wednesday 9.30 – 12.30**

The Pavilion, Sussex Recreation Ground, Brereton Avenue, Cleethorpes. Make an appointment or just drop in for a chat with a Volunteer Advisor.

### Grimsby

**Every Friday 9.30 – 12.30**

The Minster (St. James Church), St. James Square, Grimsby DN31 1EP. We are based in the Minster, just inside the main door. Pop in while you're shopping or book an appointment with a Volunteer Advisor.

To make an appointment with a Volunteer Advisor by email [liz@vanel.org.uk](mailto:liz@vanel.org.uk) or telephone 01472 231123

## Who can access the Volunteer Service?

### PEOPLE THAT WANT TO VOLUNTEER

We offer free one-to-one confidential appointments for people who want to volunteer at the above venue. Find the venue that suits you! Want your client to find out more about volunteering? If so choose the best venue above and contact us to make an appointment.

### GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS

Need more volunteers or want to develop a volunteer programme? We can help you recruit volunteers and to develop a volunteer programme that meets best practice standards. Have you achieved the Supporting Volunteers Award? We can help your organisation achieve the SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS AWARD which demonstrates that you provide a good quality volunteering experience. Ring and make an appointment to find out how you can achieve SVA. We can come to you or you can come to us.

### GROUPS AND BUSINESSES THAT WANT TO HELP OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY

We provide support, advice and guidance to groups and local businesses that want to do more to help others in the community – contact us to find out how your group or business can get involved. We can match you with those that need support.

[www.vanel.org.uk](http://www.vanel.org.uk)

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## New Trustee? Our workshop can help

We've still got places available on our **"Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees: an Introduction to Trusteeship"** training workshop next week. This is our occasional 2 hour session ideal for new Trustees or Committee Members who want to find out more about what they should do, must do, must not do and so on. If you're new to the role, just starting, need a refresher or, as a board, you need to get your new trustees up to speed, then this is your chance.

Full information on our website here.

<http://vanel.org.uk/va/big-issues/governance-trusteeship/trustees-intro-training/>

**TUESDAY 14th JULY 2015**, 10am – 12noon at VANEL offices, The Willows, 23 Bargate. £10 per person (£20 for non-VANEL members)

To book, give Karl Elliott a call on 01472 361043 or email [karl@vanel.org.uk](mailto:karl@vanel.org.uk)

## Committee members wanted...

The Grimsby and Cleethorpes Branch of the Motor Neurone Association is here to assist local people and their Carers who have received a devastating diagnosis of Motor neurone disease (MND). Grimsby has a higher than average incidence of MND diagnosis than is normal nationally.

**The group is looking for volunteers with spare time to join our group.** We are looking for compassionate people who might want to get involved in raising awareness, fundraising, attending events and a whole host of other methods of supporting people in our area through their journey. In addition to **Committee Members**, we are particularly interested in anyone with an administration background who might like to become **Secretary** for the Branch. Involvement as a Secretary or Committee Member would, as a minimum, mean attending our monthly branch meeting.

As a Committee we meet monthly on the first Monday of every month at St Andrew's Hospice. If you feel you are able to give a few hours per month to helping local people or would like more information then please contact Sally Smith (Chairman) on [sallysmith17797@outlook.com](mailto:sallysmith17797@outlook.com) or 07916272970 (after 6 pm)

## School furniture needs a new home

After the flurry of recent activity with VANEL re-homing old office furniture, comes a request from **Grange Primary School** to find a new home for some school chairs and tables. The table/seating units (4 seats per unit) were previously used in a school dining hall. It's all 3 years old and in good condition. Up to c.20 units (80 seats) available. Available at no cost but receiver needs to organise own collection and transport. Contact Wendy Hanslip, School Business Manager at Grange Primary School at: [sbm@grange.nelcmail.co.uk](mailto:sbm@grange.nelcmail.co.uk)

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## Linkage students power to success

Students at **Linkage College** in Lincolnshire have swept the board for the second year running in a national competition which challenges young people to build motorcycles.

**Seven awards were won in the National Youth Bike**

**Competition 2015**, surpassing last year's triumphant performance, as a result of a trike made by students with learning disabilities who study at **Linkage's Grimsby and Toynton All Saints campuses**. The final of the motorcycle building competition, aimed nationally at schools, colleges and youth groups, took place at Sir William Robertson Academy in Welbourn near Lincoln.

Linkage's battery-powered trike was created out of the front end and forks of a mini-moto, with a go-kart frame, the axle and motor from a mobility scooter and wood from an old set of drawers. It was developed through a project involving areas of Functional Skills such as English and Maths, over the academic year.

They won a wide range of awards including "Best of Show" from the Wolds' Bikers Motorcycle Club.

Members of the victorious team from both campuses will come together to receive individual medals at the Linkage College Graduation at Grimsby Minster on Tuesday 14th July.

The full news release is on the Linkage website here <http://bit.ly/1LUGMpO>



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