

VOLUNTARY ACTION



Voluntary Action North
East Lincolnshire



MONEY FOR LIFE CHALLENGE

Recently our Enfuse team have been getting very enfusiastic about their Money for Life challenge project. It's only a small project but addresses a big issue of helping young people gain necessary skills in money management.

Nearing the end of the project, the team took part in the national 'photo with a politician' challenge and were delighted to take one of the three runner up positions. Great result. Here's their story as told by Phil...

The Money for Life Challenge is a national competition which provides grants for 16 to 24 year olds to run a project to improve money management skills in their communities. The most inspiring and impactful projects progress to the National Finals and the UK Grand Final, with great prizes on offer.

16 to 24 year olds, in further education, training or a community organisation, can set up a team and apply for one of 300 grants to run a money management project in the local community. The Money for Life Challenge



CHALLENGE

has been created in consultation with further education and community partners:

CollegesWales, National Skills Academy for Financial Services, The Wise Group, Youth Cymru, UK Youth, NOW and Young Scot. Partners are instrumental in the delivery and co-ordination of the Challenge.

The Enfuse team, a group of young community development workers who work with local youth groups in the community which was set up as a long term project by Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire (VANEL) to

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influence decisions and impact changes all from a younger person's perspective, took up the Money for Life Challenge. The Enfuse team had succeeded in applying for the Money for Life Challenge in September 2014 and was at a later stage awarded a grant of £500 to run a project around providing younger people with substantial financial information and providing help and skills around budgeting.



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Since starting the project, the team of young community development workers have spoken to 98 young people at a number of events they have attended, about the importance of having a savings account, and of those, 6 have gone on to open an account and make regular monthly deposits into their account.

As part of the Money for Life Challenge, younger people were challenged to engage with their local politicians in order to support them and their project. The Enfuse team were "pleased that **Austin Mitchell MP** was able to show his support for the work that has been done to raise the financial aspirations of young people locally".

Philip Simpson, from Enfuse, had this to say about meeting Austin Mitchell; "It was fantastic meeting such a nice guy. A lot of us have never met Austin before. We had a brilliant experience of discussing matters with him and also taking selfie photo's with him. He's really helpful and you can learn a lot from him."

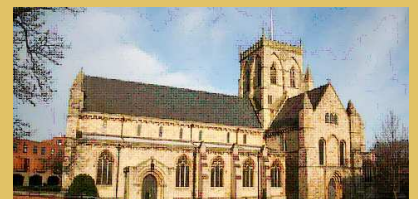
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"TEA & TRUSTEES"

We had a very sociable morning at our February "Tea and Trustees" session, and we'd like to invite Trustees, committee members, board members and prospective trustees to join us on the last Friday of each month at Grimsby Minster café for this informal support session. Come along any time between 9.30am and 12noon to chat with other Trustees, share ideas and experiences, look at useful resources and generally get support on your important (but often unappreciated!) role on the steering group of your organisation. Drop in whenever and for as long as you can. No fee and no refreshments, but you can buy yourself a drink/food from the Minster café. What you talk about is up to you. (Thanks to Rev Andrew Dodd and Grimsby Minster for allowing us to hold our meetings in the café area).



For more info or to tell us you are coming, contact Karl Elliott at VANEL via 01472 361043 or karl@vanel.org.uk. See you on Friday 27th March we hope.

Visit www.vanel.org.uk/teaandtrustees

"Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees" training

This training session will be running again on **Friday 13th March** (10am-12noon, at VANEL offices). If you are a new Trustee, need a basic refresher on the role, or as a board would like to introduce your new Trustees to their role then this would be a good introductory session. Fees apply and booking is essential, so contact us or look online for more details.

More details at www.vanel.org.uk/trusteeoroles





Volunteer Centre

North East Lincolnshire

A ROUND UP OF LOCAL, VOLUNTEER RELATED NEWS FROM US, OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Volunteer Brokerage Service is changing....

Instead of being based in one location, the volunteer service team is coming to a town near you! The new and improved service, **North East Lincolnshire Volunteer Service (NELVS)**, invites organisations that involve volunteers and those that would just like to find out more about the service to join them at their Cleethorpes and Grimsby launch events.

The aim of **NELVS** is to improve accessibility for those who live in Immingham, Cleethorpes and Grimsby, and eventually those who live in rural areas of North East Lincolnshire. We also aim to improve communications between organisations that involve volunteers and organisations that haven't used the volunteer brokerage service in the past but would like to find out more about support available, such as WI's, Neighbourhood Watch Groups, special interest groups and local businesses.

Book your place on one of our events by emailing liz@vanel.org.uk by Friday 20th March 2015 or ring 01472 231123. Places are free and open to anyone who wants to find out more about the NELVS service.

CLEETHORPES LAUNCH

Wednesday 25th March 2015

10am - 12 noon

The Pavilion, Sydney Sussex Recreation Ground,
Brereton Avenue, Cleethorpes DN35 8AB

GRIMSBY LAUNCH

Thursday 26th March 2015

10am - 12 noon

West Marsh Community Centre, Beeson Street,
Grimsby DN31 2QH

Need help with your IT ?

As the digital age develops, and access to funding becomes more challenging, charities and voluntary organisations are slowly becoming more integrated into the digital way of working; not only to save money, but also to connect with a new generation of volunteers who themselves are more tech savvy than their parents.

Having the right digital strategy can often be the key to getting your organisation well known. Recruiting the right volunteers can be a difficult and time consuming task, especially if you are one of the many who are wary of putting things out into cyber space. As a Member or Friend of VANEL we can help with the initial process.

Getting your advert for a volunteer right is one of the most important steps. Having spent some time looking at range of digital volunteering opportunities available already, there are a number for **website/ social media/ graphic design** skills. There are also some looking for out of hours advisors for websites.

Social Media and other web based forms of media mean that volunteering can take place at a time that is more convenient to the volunteer, an added benefit to this is that sites like Facebook allow users to schedule posts – meaning that the posts can be written in the evening and programmed to go live at an appropriate time. These types of opportunities often do not require formal qualifications, but are expressed as having practical knowledge and experience of a range of programmes and websites.

Need to advertise for an IT skilled volunteer? Speak to Karl at VANEL via 01472 361043 or karl@vanel.org.uk.

NEWS

Qualified Counsellors required by Opendoor

Have you been qualified for a while and not been able to practice your hard earned skills? or do you want to be involved in a multidisciplinary environment and gain vital experience to help you pursue a career in counselling? Or simply want to volunteer and haven't found the right placement?

Then why not get involved in the work of **Opendoor**? They already have a number of therapists giving their time to the organisation and due to an increasing volume of clients they would like to offer you the opportunity to get involved and provide a much needed service to their clients.

Anyone interested in volunteering with Opendoor please contact Martin Skelton either by leaving your details with reception on 01472 722 000 or email martin14.skelton@gmail.com

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BIG Lottery visit and 1:1's

Rob Maylan from the Big Lottery was in Grimsby again recently, meeting up with a number of local groups to discuss their potential Reaching Communities and Awards for All funding applications. Each time Rob visits, both he and the groups he meets for 1:1's get great benefit from the sessions.

Rob is back in Grimsby on **Wednesday 15th April** for the day, and we're making appointments with him. So if you are in the process of an application to Big Lottery or would like to just explore the possibilities, then please get in touch and we'll organise an appointment with him for that date.

Contact Karl via karl@vanel.org.uk or 01472 361043

In the meantime, take a look at the latest Big Lottery Fund e-bulletin. Interesting read and some specifics about Awards for All. Read it here online - <http://bit.ly/1BeqU9x> (why not subscribe?)

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NCVO Commercial Masterclasses

NCVO and NAVCA are running a further series of Commercial Masterclasses to help organisations looking at bidding for public service contracts, either alone or as part of a consortium. The next local one is SCUNTHORPE on 28 & 29th April 2015. Full details <http://bit.ly/1KwHr07> and book via VANL via enquires@vanl.org.uk

Autism Awareness

It's World Autism Awareness Week soon, and **Focus Independent Adult Social Work** is holding an **Autism Awareness Day** to celebrate. Held at The Humber Royal Hotel on Thursday 2nd April from 10am to 4pm, they'll have guest speakers Geoff Evans, Head of Autism Practice at Options Group, Jamie Knight + Lion and more. Stands will be offering advice & information and lunch will be provided.

- Guest speakers
- Information and advice stalls
- Lunch provided
- FREE entry for adults with autism & parents of people with autism (booking required)

Book via www.focusadultsocialwork.co.uk/autismday

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And finally - a bit of provocation?

Apparently the Big Society initiative begun back in 2010 has been a great success, we're told this week. Do you think so? There's an article here covering this from both sides. <http://bit.ly/1A3o30s>

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Membership renewals time

Although we have VANEL Members and Friends joining and renewing throughout the year, longer standing members will remember that April used to traditionally always be our renewal month, so for the majority of Members and Friends this is a gentle warning to expect your renewal letters early in April. Watch out for your reminders and help us to help you by getting back to us with your (very good value) fees as quick as you can. Thanks.

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Weekly e-bulletin

Don't forget to check for regular Member and Friend news online (vanel.org.uk) and in our weekly e-bulletin. The e-bulletin goes out Wednesday morning, so our deadline for articles that are time dependant is Tuesday afternoon. Send your news to editor@vanel.org.uk so we can try and get it circulated for you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A brief reminder of some VANEL and Member events coming up over the next month. Visit the website www.vanel.org.uk and check the Calendar for updated events.

(Send us your events to editor@vanel.org.uk)

19 March - Studio 1 have a film showing of "Before I go to sleep". 7.30pm. Tickets £3 each.
At Studio 1, Civic Hall, Immingham. Tickets available on the door or from the library.

23 March - NEL Carers Strategy Partners Advice and Information Workshop about the Care Act.
This morning workshop will be at Centre 4 in Grimsby. See all the details via <http://bit.ly/1NoZGn4>

25 March - VANEL WebClub session
(see this page)

25 March - NELVS Cleethorpes event
(see page 3)

26 March - NELVS Grimsby event
(see page 3)

27 March - VANEL "Tea & Trustees"
(see page 2)

27 March - Grimsby and District Live at Home Scheme are holding a Quiz night on 27th March. Full details and a flyer are online <http://bit.ly/1Fjb3qZ>

APRIL

2 April - Autism Awareness Day
(see page 4)

25 April - Grimsby Philharmonic are holding their "Gems of Gilbert & Sullivan" performance. Full details on our website <http://bit.ly/1wa1bA3>

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Our Big Lottery funding for the IT Network and our technology support services is soon coming to an end. But we've got a few more events during March for you and we'll continue support such as WebClub on an ongoing basis. So if you've got any issues with anything IT or technology related why not contact Karl Elliott on 01472 361043 or karl@vanel.org.uk to see if we can help.

WebClub is **25th March**, 12-2pm at VANEL

WordPress Workshop is **18th March**, 10am-12noon

A "Technology for non-profits" workshop will be on Monday **30th March** to wrap up the project and plan our technology support going forward.

Full details on www.vaneldigital.org.uk

This is VANEL's new mentoring service which offers a structured programme of 1:1

mentoring support for vulnerable people through the help of dedicated volunteers.

The scheme aims to increase community engagement and inclusion by providing vulnerable young people with structured mentoring to help improve their lives.

Our scheme aims to facilitate and help foster desirable and appropriate behaviors in our communities. What is important is that the young person experiences the support and encouragement of positive personal relationships through the mentoring process.

It is a rewarding process which is extremely important to the young people, their families and the communities that they are part of.

Read much more at www.vanel.org.uk/mentoring
You can apply to be a volunteer mentor or make referrals into the programme.



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