

VOLUNTARY ACTION



Voluntary Action North
East Lincolnshire



THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE VANEL AGM

We've just got a brief newsletter for you this month relating to the **VANEL Annual General Meeting (AGM)** that took place last week at the Sidney Sussex Pavilion in Cleethorpes. Look out for a full, bumper edition of our newsletter in a few weeks at the start of October.

A big thanks to all our Members and Friends (and potential Members and Friends) who joined us on Thursday 17th for our AGM. Before the formalities of the meeting there was a chance for everyone to network, meet our staff, meet each other and catch up. There was a great buzz in the room and hopefully everyone attending got something out of the meetup.



Our venue was great too. Sidney Sussex Pavilion in Cleethorpes has recently been refurbished using Big Lottery money via the Big Local North Cleethorpes programme, which means the facilities were excellent for our needs for our AGM. Thanks for hosting us. (01472 601315 or enquiries@sidneysussexpavilion.org.uk)

If you've not yet looked through the VANEL Annual Report for 2014-15 you can still access it online via www.vanel.org.uk/report. Each of our Annual Reports are usually posted electronically these days so whether you are a Member/Friend or not, take a look through all the varied activities VANEL was involved with during the year April 2014 to March 2015.

VANEL continues to be here to support our Members and Friends in a variety of ways. We're here to help you, so please let us know how. At the moment we're re-focusing our efforts on meeting up with Members and Friends one-to-one to carry out organisational 'healthchecks', review your volunteering arrangements and so on. You may have already had your healthcheck or we'll be in touch soon. If you'd like to contact us to arrange to meet up then please feel free to call Peter on 01472 231123.



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WHAT'S INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- A ROUNDUP FROM OUR AGM
- SOME UPCOMING EVENTS
- AND NOT A LOT MORE !



From our Chair of Trustees...

An extract from our Annual Report from the VANEL Chair, Mandy Johnson:

“ Over this year (April 2014 – March 2015), Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire's priorities continued to be about coping with changes both within our own organisation and those of our members and friends who support us. The team was constantly reviewing its services provision to ensure we meet our members' current needs. We are also now developing new approaches to meet the changing needs of our members to ensure that both our organisation and those we support remain operational.

Based on the VANEL Trustees' knowledge and experience of the sector they have this year identified the following priorities for action: broadening volunteering opportunities and the people we recruit to volunteer; a focus on organisational development support to our smallest groups, including helping trustees with governance and IT; widening the range of fundraising options for our groups; networking and influencing local partnerships to include more young people in our local community work: all with a view to achieving our three overarching organisational outcomes, namely:

- 1) To contribute to the development and maintenance of a quality assured and accountable voluntary and community sector within North East Lincolnshire.
- 2) To support a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector comprising valued volunteers, development workers and suitably qualified paid staff.
- 3) To positively contribute to effective local partnerships alongside public and private sector partners and raise awareness of the value of the sector. “

Moving Forward - extract from Annual Report

Whilst our mission and aims remain the same, the way we deliver our services is constantly evolving. For example, our relocation from two places to one with smaller office premises has enabled the team to get out and about much more and focus on direct support to our members and volunteers .

We have also maintained our drive to undertake organisational health checks/ diagnostics for all new members and are busy extending and promoting this approach with all existing members. We all need to ensure that we are fit for purpose in this ever-changing environment, therefore our team and trustees are fully supporting our work, however it is funded, to reach out to individual groups. We encourage all our members to take advantage of this support if not already done so.

We are also very keen to meet our groups and organisations at their premises to provide tailor-made support for their paid staff team members, volunteers and trustees for a small negotiable charge.

Our service will continue to evolve over the next six months of the current financial year as we all rise to the challenge of meeting the ever changing needs of our member groups and volunteers.

Read these complete articles and our story for the year April 2014 to March 2015 online in our full Annual Report - www.vanel.org.uk/report



Some dates for your diary



A couple of events taking place in the next week or so from VANEL:

The next **Volunteer Manager's Network meeting** will take place on **Wednesday 23rd September from 9.30am – 12noon at Sidney Sussex Pavilion in Cleethorpes**. Read all the details and agenda online on our website here <http://bit.ly/1KGp73h> and contact Liz on 01472 231123 to book your place. As well as an update from the Network we'll be looking at good practice in volunteer management, volunteer recruitment and asking the question “are we prepared for employer supported volunteers?”.

Also **at Sidney Sussex Pavilion** will be our next **Digital Mapping meetup on Wednesday 30th September which will be from 10am – 11.30am**. For anyone interested to volunteer as a ‘digital mapper’ to help us improve the mapping of North East Lincolnshire. You read more about this and what this project is all about on the website at www.vanel.org.uk/maps

Finally, our monthly “Tea and Trustees” session will be at **Grimsby Minster café on Friday 25th September** (it's always the last Friday of the month). Drop in any time **between 9.30am and 11.30am** for a chat about trusteeship, good governance or committee skills. These sessions are very informal but a way for anyone involved with local charity or non-profit leadership and governance to talk with other people. Read more: <http://bit.ly/1YuNhnc> and contact Karl via karl@vanel.org.uk if you are intending to come along.

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