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VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

time to say thank you

VANEL'S PLANS FOR VOLUNTEERS WEEK

The contribution of volunteers to the voluntary and community sector, public services and to society as a whole is invaluable. Volunteering cannot be simplistically measured by numbers and statistics, it is much more about the positive difference volunteers make to people's lives or where they live.

We define volunteering as any activity that involves spending time, unpaid, doing something that aims to benefit individuals or groups or the environment. Central to this definition is the fact that volunteering must be a choice freely made by each individual participating in it. Volunteering can include formal activity undertaken through public, private and voluntary organisations as well as community participation and social action. Everyone can take the opportunity to volunteer and volunteering can have significant benefits for individuals. **Volunteers Week** is an annual event which takes place on **1-7 June**. It celebrates the contribution made by millions of volunteers across the UK.

This year the whole VANEL staff team will be showing their ongoing support by volunteering with our members and friends during the first week in June. We will volunteer in Grimsby, Cleethorpes and Immingham offering our time to support our groups and find out even more about them and as well as sharing how we can work better to support our groups' volunteering needs in the future.

Each staff member will be encouraged to find a volunteering opportunity offered by one of our volunteer host organisations. They will then follow the same process as the volunteers who present themselves to our Volunteer Centre. Although the number of hours volunteering will only be around 20 per staff member during the week: multiplied by the whole team that will be **600** hours donated.

We will keep you informed with our preparations for Volunteers Week 2014 on our website and in our April and May newsletters...let us know what you are doing and maybe we could join together? We look forward to hearing your plans. Contact: Kelly Bryant by email: kelly@vanel.org.uk or telephone: 01472 231123 or call in to see us in the Volunteer Centre at 14 Town Hall Street Grimsby.

VANEL'S VIEWS



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

FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCE EXPLAINED

A family group conference is a process led by family members to plan and make decisions for a child who is at risk. Children and young people are normally involved in their own family group conference, although often with support from an advocate. It is a voluntary process and families cannot be forced to have a family group conference.

Family group conferences are now recognised in law in New Zealand as being the key process by which families make informed and responsible decisions, recommendations and plans for their children and young people. (The Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989) In fact it is a requirement that before any child can be taken into state care, a referral for a family group conference must be made. They also form part of decision making in New Zealand's youth justice system.

They are now being used in the UK in all areas of child welfare including in: Preventative service, Safeguarding work, Court proceedings, both private and public law, looked after children and planning for leaving care, education (truancy and exclusions), anti-social behaviour and youth justice including restorative justice and domestic violence

The aim of the family group conference is to support families to find their own solutions to problems, the family members are the decision-makers rather than the professionals, the 'family' is the primary planning group. Family group conferences are effective in making safe plans for children, enabling many to stay within their family network as an alternative to going into care and are very cost effective.

The Family Group Conference team, are based at VANEL at 22 Abbey Road, The Elms, Grimsby. The team comprises of Family Group Conference Co-Ordinator Sarah Hannar; two Family Group Conference Practitioners, Emma Clough and Natalie O'Keefe, and a member of the Enfuse team, Mike Hobbins who is the apprentice for the Family Group Conference team. To get in touch with the team call them directly on 01472 326660.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Daily Bread Food Larder helps many residents of North East Lincolnshire, who find themselves experiencing poverty, hardship and distress, in spite of a statutory system that in general supports them.

To help those who experience emergency, temporary financial need, **Churches Together** and **Christian Action Resource Enterprise (CARE)** are working in partnership to provide short term relief of food poverty in the area and we think it's a great opportunity to all pull together and help a cause that is affecting hundreds of families in our local area. At VANEL we have food donation boxes which we are encouraging all members of staff to donate to. If you would like to help get involved then why not start your own at your place of work? It's easy to do and would really help out families in need.

For more details of what you can donate then visit

www.carenelincs.co.uk/daily-bread.htm



"There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way"

WELCOME HOME SOPHIE!

My three weeks as a flash quote reporter for the Olympic News Service was the most valuable, fantastic, memorable experience I could have asked for. From interviewing world class athletes to journalists from around the world using my quotes in their articles to broadcast the Winter Olympic Games and being part of the games, it was simply an honour. I have gained a great amount of knowledge from the experienced journalists I worked with in Speed Skating. From knowing nothing on neither speed skating nor journalism, and after three weeks of intense work I feel I could perform the job anywhere. It was great to interact with others to hear about their experience at the games and you never know who you will get speaking to. I was in the queue for a shop in the Olympic Park and was waiting for two hours but during that time I got speaking to the GB ladies ice hockey referee, a curling volunteer and the figure skating judge!

Through this experience I have met a lot of professionals; journalists, press supervisors who have worked at the majority of the Olympic Games and these are great contacts to have as you never know what can happen, as I am a big believer of 'it's who you know and being there at the right time'. I am now hoping to apply for a job position to work at Rio 2016, I have got the Olympic feeling now, I just want it to carry on further more and have even better experiences!



TRUSTEE?

IS IT FOR ME?

As a young person, one of the most stressful things can be the feeling that people aren't taking you seriously. If you want to change something and make a difference to an organisation that is close to your home or heart, then maybe trustee-ship is for you!

Trustees look at the core roots of a charity and organisation and help shape the way it plans to move forward, to deal with any problems and to help shape the future of any charity/organisations. We at Enfuse and Voluntary Action are looking to get young people aged 18+ into positions where they can make a difference to their community, by offering training support. Even if you don't have a position in mind we can even help you find a position just to get the experience of being a trustee.

Holding trustee positions can look incredibly professional and sought after when applying for jobs.

If you have an interest please contact the team via trustee@vanel.org.uk



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Hello, my name is **Anneliese Hannar** and I am part of the Enfuse Team. I specialise in Housing and Employment; which includes offering support to people with any housing or employment issues. I am supported in this role by Shoreline and I will endeavour to support anyone with any housing problems that they need. I am involved with Trouble Families working with young people in a Mentoring Scheme; I find this really enjoyable and it is really rewarding to see the young people making progress through the work I am doing with them. If you would require me to help with anyone that you think may have housing or employment issues then please get in touch with me on anneliese@vanel.org.uk or give me a call on :

01472 315437.



IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE ENFUSE TEAM OR WANT US TO HELP YOU THEN CONTACT US

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MEMBERS MOMENTS

This is an area for our members to share their stories and events. If you want to have your story here then why not email our editor at editor@vanel.org.uk to get your spot ready for next issue?



CLINICAL RESEARCH - CAN YOU HELP OUT?

The North and East Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire Comprehensive Clinical Research Network are currently one of 25 local

research networks dedicated to promoting and expanding NHS research so that all patients and healthcare professionals in our region are able to participate in, and benefit from, clinical research in all areas of disease and healthcare.

The NEYNLCCRN are enlisting the support of numerous organisations both locally and nationally to help forward information regarding how patients and members of the public in our area can become involved in clinical research. Not as part of clinical trials, although they are more than welcome to, but more in the context of supporting researchers in the development of new studies.

The NEYNLCCRN send out regular newsletters and opportunities for involvement and they would very much like as many people as possible within our region to have access to the information they distribute and, more importantly, have the opportunity to become involved. For more information then please contact **Diane Robertson** on **01904 721132** or email diane.robertson@york.nhs.uk

ESF COMMUNITY GRANTS: A NEW ROUND

Humber Learning Consortium are pleased to announce the launch of the **Community Grants 3 Programme**, HLC are distributing £4.29 million in small grants in the Yorkshire and Humber region. Grants of between £2,000 and £13,000 are available to apply for now.

The deadline for the first round is Friday 14th March 2014 at 4.00pm.

For application details, deadlines and eligibility please go to www.hlc-vol.org



ARTS SPEAK: EAST COAST 7

The next in Abbey Walk Gallery's series of Second Saturday talks. East Coast 7 are a group of professional artists working in the Lincolnshire area and currently exhibiting at Abbey Walk Gallery. They will discuss their varied methodologies and practice all with the central theme of landscape. Come down and get involved. Tickets are only £5 including tea or coffee & a selection of yummy cakes.

**Please book tickets in advance T:01472 241007
E:art@abbeywalkgallery.com**

8 Abbey Walk Grimsby

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Open Tues to Sat 9 to 5pm

www.abbeywalkgallery.com

TECH TROUBLES?

DO YOU NEED SUPPORT WITH YOUR WEBSITE?

Our next WebClub sessions are Wed 19th March 2014, Tue 1st April 2014 and Wed 30th April 2014.

Come along to get support with your website. More information on www.vanel.org.uk/webclub or speak with Karl Elliott (karl@vanel.org.uk) 01472 235311.

One of our "Cooking up a website" training sessions is also now scheduled for Friday 4th April (1pm-3pm). This is an introduction to all the tools, techniques and terminology you need to know about when building, re-building or supporting a website for your group. It's introductory and designed to help you plan your web development properly. Free for Members and Friends (1 attendee per organisation) or £20 for non-members or further attendees. Booking essential. Contact Karl to discuss or more information at www.vanel.org.uk/cookingupawebsite.

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SNAPRATS SUCCESS!!

With the help from VANEL Snaprats Basketball have just been awarded over £8,000 of funding from the Releasing Community Capacity programme. This money will go towards putting young people through their referee and coaching qualifications as well as sustaining the day to day running of the groups.

Snaprats basketball was started three years ago supported by Rob Allinson of Sports Development who had known Robin and his basketball career in the past. At present the club has a number of different squads: The Snaprats and The Lightnings, who are the junior squad. Both these teams play in the same league and are at present clashing in cup matches, with the winner never being the same squad from one match to the next. They also have a Lightning Ladies squad who play competitions as well, and sometimes play in mixed squads with the men's team.

As the popularity of Snaprats is rising they have a large interest from 9+ years olds and are starting to form a Rugrats section now, something the recent successful funding will further help with. Visit www.grimsbysnaprats.com for more information on sessions and games!



Community Development Worker Post

Salary: £25,000 per annum pro rata Hours of Work: 30 per week

Communities Together are looking for a dynamic and vibrant person to work as part of a well-established team of enthusiastic and highly motivated volunteers. The post holder will need to be capable of actively engaging with BAME people across North East Lincolnshire to ensure they have opportunity to access and fully participate in all relevant local consultation initiatives and processes. The successful candidate will also need to ensure BAME people are encouraged to fully participate in identifying and expressing their relevant needs regarding the provision of local services.

For more information about this exciting new opportunity then contact Richard Wendel-Jones at VANEL by telephone: 01472 503192 or email: richard@vanel.org.uk for more information.

A more complete job advert is online here <http://bit.ly/1jYZH11>



MENISCUS FILMS

Meniscus Community Film Society is serving North East Lincolnshire by promoting cultural diversity and education through media of film and it will be starting a new season of film screening on every third Thursday 7.15pm at Oasis Academy Wintringham.

The first film, on 20th March 2014, will be Woody Allen's Oscar winning "Annie Hall" - one of the best comedy films ever

Yearly membership costs only £40 and there are more details on www.meniscusfilms.co.uk

GOVERNANCE TRAINING

Our next training session for Trustees is coming up.

Developing your Board

Friday 28th March 2014 9.30am-12.30pm

This training session is aimed specifically at Chairs or other Trustees who want to learn about how to develop their board/governance. The session will help you to understand how to develop your board further to make it more effective and efficient and able to achieve more and serve your charity better.

Although this session is mostly aimed at charity trustees, it's about general governance approaches so will be suitable for other committees (non-charities).

We'll cover the toolkits and frameworks you could use for your board development. Dispel some of the myths about board development. Look at how to manage your development approach, resources, timescales, approaches, tips and techniques.

We'll be looking for practical approaches so that you and your board can form a plan of action of what to tackle first and how to improve your governance.

£20 per person (£30 non-members). Limited space so please book quickly. Contact Karl Elliott via karl@vanel.org.uk / 01472 235311 or look at <http://bit.ly/1f5TNLQ> for more details.

VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW

The local authority have just announced the above review, full details of which can be found on the NELC website.

Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire (VANEL) welcomes this review, which comes at a critical time for both the public sector with its ever reducing budgets and the voluntary and community sector with the ever increasing demands for its services. We have been making the point for some time that the public sector needs to develop a clear, robust and effective strategy for its relationship with the local voluntary sector and its volunteers. Equally, the voluntary sector needs to develop a clearer and more effective response to the rapidly changing circumstances that we all face. We are hopeful that this review will assist in achieving these two mutually beneficial aims and we intend to participate fully and would encourage our members and friends to do the same.

Allen Young, VANEL Chair commented that *"it's great to hear that the council and its partners are interested in "co-production" and the provision of a "total service" as that is exactly what our organisation has been delivering as it has adapted itself to meet the changing needs of both its clients and funding partners"*. Paula Grant, VANEL Chief Officer added *"we have a great track record in developing nationally recognised locally focussed programmes in partnership with our members and friends and having our work accredited to meet national quality standards of which we are all very proud."*

More information on VANEL website <http://bit.ly/1f5UHYs>

THANKS FOR READING

As this is our first issue with a brand new look, we are really excited to hear your feedback.

So please email thomas@vanel.org.uk with your comments and queries.

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North East Lincolnshire



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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY OF THE MONTH

The Studio 1 Community Cinema in Immingham is looking for some new helpers to help run their community cinema sessions. Studio 1 has all the latest releases of films and is a really great way to meet new people within Immingham.

So if you are a tech whizz and love films why not come down on a wednesday afternoon or a thursday evening and give your time to help out.

Get in touch with the Volunteer Centre today on 01472 231123 or visit www.do-it.org.uk to apply



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We are open Monday—Thursday
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