

Voluntary Action

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Valuing Volunteers

The 2nd North East Lincolnshire Volunteer Manager's Meeting took place in Cleethorpes at the end of September, was well attended and appreciated by all. You can read more about the meeting and other aspects of what VANEL is currently involved with in volunteering later in this newsletter.

It's something we focus on a lot at VANEL – **the value of volunteering** and how to make the experience great for everyone involved. And so I was reminded of a speech made last September by Andrew Haslane, Chief Economist of the Bank of England on the “social value of volunteering”.

You can [download the speech here](#) to read yourself. But some of the headlines still make interesting reading. Andrew Haslane, unsurprisingly as an economist, takes a numerical approach to volunteering.

* The economic value of volunteering (the value of all those hours spent) probably equates to £50bn per year. Or roughly 3.5% of GDP. It's a significant part of our economy.

* The private benefits to individuals he puts at nearly £40bn per year. That's what might need to be spent to replace the personal wellbeing or health benefits to the individual volunteers if they were not to be involved with

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from the Editor

Welcome to our October 2015 e-newsletter which, as you can see, has changed format. We hope you like it (but we'd welcome ANY feedback to editor@vanel.org.uk). All our editorial work at VANEL is essentially handled part-time by me and part-time by Vicky Campbell, so we are trying to become even more efficient in the

volunteering.

* The actual health benefits (to the health service and so on) he puts at £23bn per year.

And he can't even put a value on the total social value that volunteering brings to others and communities (for example in reducing homelessness).

So his conclusion is that the true social value of volunteering in the UK can be well over £120bn per year. This 'value of volunteering', he says, needs to be in the open and shouted about.

It's of course just one take on volunteering – one that puts a monetary 'value' to it. But it's worth thinking about. We know that volunteers are well valued across North East Lincolnshire and we hope we at VANEL play our part in supporting well all the individuals who volunteer and the organisations that host them. We'd value your feedback – so perhaps we can see even more people at our **Volunteer Managers Network on 8th December?**

way we collect and share news - especially news from our Member and Friend groups.

So we want to make this monthly e-briefing, our weekly e-bulletin, our website, blogs and social media channels work even better for us and for you. Please take a moment to read this longer article online on how you can help us to help you share your news. Thank you for reading.

Karl Elliott, Editor
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01 News update

various general pieces of news, ideas, stories and thoughts we've picked up this month.

Hard Times

There's no doubt that nationally, charities have been having a hard time in the media recently (think Kids Company or chugging!) Of course it's clear from feedback from our Members and Friends locally that we don't recognise the picture painted by the national media. Our local charities and organisations generally work in a very different way to national charities of the size that get national exposure. But it's always a concern for our sector to continue to operate well, openly and transparently and to safeguard our reputations and keep the trust of our partners, beneficiaries and the public.

Most local charities in North East Lincolnshire will fundraise in some manner. So the recently completed review of fundraising regulation should be a matter of interest to everyone. Stuart Etherington of NCVO, who chaired the review, recognises the challenges for our sector but also outlines that changes need to be made. [His blog outlines the results of the review here](#) and you can [download the review](#) itself from there. It is probably something that every manager, director, committee member and Trustee across our sector should be reading and thinking about - whether or not they engage with fundraising in the manners covered in the review. After all, safeguarding the reputation of your organisation is something that all committees and trustee boards should take seriously as part of their 'stewardship' role.

Perhaps this fundraising review is a topic that will come up for discussion at our ["Trustee Network" event in November?](#) Perhaps there are other external factors that your committee or board would like the opportunity to discuss with others? If so, why not come along to our meeting?

The meeting will be a half-day event during National Trustee's Week (2-8 Nov). We've not fixed the day or venue just yet (keep an eye on www.vanel.org.uk/trusteesweek for updates or call us) but it will be an opportunity to get together and discuss trusteeship, governance and leadership issues together as a group. We'll be sharing ideas and resources around board development, trustee recruitment, effective governance practices and more. We'll have short facilitated discussions on a range of leadership and governance topics - which can also be suggested by the group on the day. If you'd like to speak to other committee or board members from organisations other than you own, then this may be a good opportunity. Much more detail on this very soon. Watch our website, follow [@vaneltalk](https://twitter.com/vaneltalk) or wait for our e-bulletins to keep you updated.

Now seems to be a really good time to take a look at how we all do things. Hope to see some of you at our November event.

It's Stoptober

Stoptober is back, only this time there is new legislation in place around smoking and e-cigarettes. Effective from 1st October 2015 it is now illegal to:-

- Sell cigarettes and e-liquids to under 18's
- Buy tobacco or e-cigarette products for under 18's, and
- To smoke in a private vehicle carrying under 18's.

Do you know what the legislation is regarding e-cigarettes? What about your own internal policy regarding e-cigarettes?

The answer to the first question depends on where in the UK you are. England, Scotland and Wales all have different rules, with the most stringent in Wales and the least stringent in England. Then various national chains of businesses have implemented their own rules regarding the use of e-cigarettes on their premises.

The arguments for and against the use of e-cigarettes are wide and varied, with some saying that they are useful tools in the process of stopping smoking and others vehemently opposed as the long term effects with their use are still unknown.

Take a few minutes to find out about the

The VANEL Annual Report 2014-15

A final thank you to all our Members and Friends who attended the VANEL AGM in Cleethorpes in September. It was very valuable to catch up with everyone and we look forward to continuing to speak with our Members and Friends as our staff meet you to carry out Healthchecks or otherwise discuss how we can help.

A reminder to everyone that our Annual Report (for 2014-15) will remain online at www.vanel.org.uk/report as a record of the work we got up to during that financial year. If you haven't seen it yet why not take a look.

rules if you use, or know someone who does, e-cigarettes. What better time to get involved than Stoptober. If you want to give up smoking contact Live Well NELincs on 325500.



02 Volunteering Support

North East Lincolnshire Volunteer Managers Network

The 2nd **North East Lincolnshire Volunteer Managers Network** meeting took place on Wednesday 23rd Sept at The Pavilion, Sidney Sussex Recreation Ground in Cleethorpes. We had a great turnout of 15 volunteer involving organisations and a full agenda to discuss a number of volunteer related topics.

Our first discussion covered equality and diversity; how do we ensure that everyone that wants to volunteer can find a role that suits them regardless of their circumstances and background. We considered how we could break down barriers to offer flexible opportunities, and how we could build new roles around someone offering new skills to our organisation. For our second discussion we considered the Government's pledge to release employee's from larger companies to do up to 3 days volunteering per year to support local charities. A high number of attendee's said that the Open Forum agenda item was very useful to them. This gave each organisation an opportunity to discuss any volunteer issue concerning them. We talked about volunteer expenses, recruiting volunteers for one off events and the need to recruit more volunteers across the board.

Many organisations are really struggling to find enough volunteers therefore **a subgroup has been set up** to consider how volunteers can be shared across organisations and how we can advertise special events to attract volunteers for one off occasions. If you are interested in joining the subgroup, we will be meeting on **Monday 2nd November** at VANEL office, 23 Bargate, Grimsby DN34 4SS, from 10am – 12noon.

Findings of the sub group will be reported back to the **next Volunteer Managers Network meeting on Tuesday 8th December 2015**. The meeting will be held at Rock Foundation, 39-41 Heneage Road, Grimsby, DN32 9ES from 9.30am to 12.30pm. If you would like to attend this meeting or the sub group meeting above, please email Liz Dugard at liz@vanel.org.uk, or call 01472 231123.

Minutes of the Volunteer Managers Network meetings will be posted on the VANEL website soon.

Winter Wonderland volunteers wanted

Event Show Support CIC needs volunteers to help with its Winter Wonderland event which will take place at Cleethorpes Meridian Park from 10th-13th December. Lots of opportunities for people to help over the 4 days of the event in many capacities. Spread the word.

[Full details on Do-it.](#)

Lots more opportunities on Do-it...



Visit the North East Lincolnshire Volunteer Centre Facebook page for up to date news...

www.facebook.com/volunteergy

Don't forget you can meet VANEL to talk about volunteering in Immingham, Cleethorpes and Grimsby...

To make an appointment with a Volunteer Advisor: email liz@vanel.org.uk or call 01472 231123

[facebook/volunteergy](https://www.facebook.com/volunteergy)

Do you need technical volunteers?

We have a number of volunteers on our books now who have a range of IT and technical skills.

However, we need more local opportunities for them to help out with. We know that our Members and Friends have IT needs - either minor and occasional or more significant or ongoing projects - and some of these are already listed as opportunities on Do-it. But we think there are more opportunities out there and we'd like to get them offered via Do-it so that some of our digital volunteers can be matched to them.

Do you think you could use help with your IT issues? [Contact Karl Elliott](#) to discuss and he can help you to define what your needs are.

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.

03 Member News

New VANEL Members

We'd like to welcome on board a few new Members and Friends that have joined in recent months:

St Peter's Childrens Centre

St Peter's is based in Cleethorpes and aims to advance the education, care and development of children under school age by providing a range of educational opportunities. St Peter's have been using the VANEL Payroll service for over 10 years now and are grateful that the service has always catered well for the needs of such a small

Climb 4 Create Arts Holiday Club

Climb 4 is holding a Holiday Club in Grimsby on 26th, 27th and 28th October to get young people involved in Singing, Dance, Drama, Arts and Crafts. There's lots of details about this [included online here](#) so check out [the flyer](#) and investigate if you or anyone you know could use some holiday activities!

BBC ANTIQUES SERIES “FLOG IT “ COMES TO GRIMSBY MINSTER

charitable nursery. [website](#)

Child Dynamix

Child Dynamix provides relief to children, young people and families within the Humber sub-region who have need due to age, mental or physical disability, poverty and addiction. [website](#)

One Way UK Ltd

One Way is an inter-denominational children's ministry specialising in equipping and training children's and youth workers. It sells online and provides training events – largely around puppets and puppet ministry. [website](#)

New Chief Executive for Linkage

The Lincolnshire-based learning disability charity, **Linkage Community Trust**, has announced that Valerie Waby is to become its new chief executive and will take up her new role in January 2016.

Valerie, who has led the Gainsborough-based regional housing association, Acis Group, since 2006, will succeed Ges Roulstone who retires in October after three years. Valerie has worked for Acis for 15 years, joining as company accountant in 2000 then progressing to Finance Director before being promoted to Chief Executive. In her current role, she has been credited with leading Acis through housing acquisitions and setting up joint venture partnerships, delivering huge company growth.

Of her appointment, Valerie says: *"This is an exciting opportunity to lead an ambitious charity as it approaches its 40th anniversary and to help steer the organisation towards developing its services for more people with learning disabilities."*

Outside of work, she has served as a trustee of the Samaritans nationally and is currently a listening volunteer for the charity. Valerie is also a trustee of the Cory Environmental Trust (Lincoln) and a governor of Gainsborough Academy.

Linkage chairman Michael Oliver says: "Valerie brings a track record of successful people and financial management to this charity. It's an important task to ensure Linkage remains financially stable despite the economic climate in the public sector, and delivers high-quality education, care and support while expanding our range of services. We look forward to working with Valerie as we celebrate a special milestone and beyond."

www.linkage.org.uk

The popular BBC One antiques programme Flog It presented by Paul Martin, is set to visit Grimsby on Thursday 29th October 2015. Flog It – the BBC antiques show is now on its fifteenth series and this time around, **Grimsby Minster** will be hosting the Flog It valuation day.

Canon Andrew Dodd, Rector of Grimsby Minster said *"Grimsby Minster is really looking forward to Flog it coming to our beautiful church. Grimsby folk will get a warm welcome at the valuation day and we hope you've got some great antiques to bring along"*

The BBC plan to transmit the four editions of Flog It featuring Grimsby Minster within a year of recording. Flog It will be at Grimsby Minster, St James Square, Grimsby, DN31 1EP on Thursday 29th October 2015 between 09.30 am and 4.00 pm. The items selected at the valuation day will go under the hammer at Golding, Young and Mawer Auctioneers, The Lincoln Auction Rooms, Dunston House, Portland Street, Lincoln, LN5 7NN on Wednesday 18th November 2015.

There's [more information about how the Flog It visit will work on our website](#) or download a [full description from the Minster](#).



"The Best Start in Life"

is the first Annual Report from the Director of Public Health for North East Lincolnshire. It's a comprehensive review of the state of health in North East Lincolnshire from conception to 2 years old. We've [added it to our news pages here](#) (it's a .pdf download) and it's worth a read.

Help shape new NELC website

North East Lincolnshire Council is asking people for their views to help shape its website. Feedback will be used to help make the website more simple and easy to use. Cllr Terry Walker, portfolio holder for Leisure, Citizens and Public Protection at NELC, said:

"As more and more services have moved online, our website has become the first port of call for thousands of people when dealing with the Council. It's much cheaper and more convenient for customers to use the website instead of



Communities Together is a charity that works towards equality and inclusion for all who live in North East Lincolnshire. At our forum we wish to gather your opinions on how this can be best achieved. Please come along and tell us what is good about living here and, what is not so good! All information is confidential and helps to inform us and other agencies about issues that effect you!

If you can't be there, be heard in another way, email your thoughts to Jill Wilson, Project Manager, via jill@nelcommunitiestogether.co.uk Come join us and have your say. Thursday 29th October 6PM-7.45PM. The Islamic Centre Weelsby Rd Grimsby

World Mental Health Day

10th October is World Mental Health Day. Navigo and Tukes have an event at The Floral Hall from 10am-4pm. Take a look at their [poster online here](#).

calling or visiting in person. You know which websites you like the most and which work best for you, so we'd like to hear how our website could be improved. We're asking residents to complete this survey and help us make our website as simple and effective as it can be". [Go here to complete the survey](#).

Newsletter round up

Each month VANEL receives a range of newsletters – both national and local. Each comes in a different format. Some are easy to share via our website but for some this is not possible. And of course a lot of people will already be receiving these emails themselves directly.

So from now on we'll be sharing newsletters differently online. You've probably already seen the first of our ["newsletter roundup" articles online](#), but if you've got a newsletter you'd like us to 'share' with our membership, why not add editor@vanel.org.uk to your mailing list.

With a small editorial team at VANEL we don't have time to re-edit your newsletters to select particular news and reformat for our own distribution. And we wouldn't want to – that's why you wrote the newsletter in the first place. So we hope that by regularly doing a round-up (with hyperlinks) online, we'll do justice to your own news.

And on **Tuesday 20th October**, our **"Tech Tuesday" session will be on "e-newsletters and Mailchimp"**. So if you want to discuss ways to start producing e-newsletters, or improving the way you create yours now, then this might be of interest. More details elsewhere in this issue or online via www.vaneldigital.org.uk.

04 Market Place

A place for our Members and Friends to make or request offers from others...

Vacancies

See [more jobs online here](#). Got a job to advertise? [email the Editor](#)

YMCA have a vacancy for a Local History Project Manager

An exciting opportunity has arisen to lead a Heritage Lottery project engaging young people, aged 16-25 in researching and sharing the history of YMCA Humber in the local area especially in the periods of the two World Wars. YMCA are now advertising a part-time post for a Project Manager to lead this new project.

Applicants must have experience of delivering heritage projects that engage the local community along

with a good understanding of heritage research methods and the interpretation of local heritage. Experience of working with young people would be an added advantage. There's [more information on our website here](#) and contact YMCA direct for more information or to apply: Priyanka.gupta@ymca-humber.com or 01472 693388. [Advert is here](#). **Closing date is 19th October 2015.**

Are you looking for Trustees?

Next month it is **National Trustees' Week**. And as part of the VANEL e-newsletter for November we'll have a special "Trustees wanted" column!

So if your charity is looking for new Trustees, then let us know (via editor@vanel.org.uk). If you're not a charity but are still looking for new committee members, let us know too. Board members, directors, governors etc – we'll try and let people know the opportunities are out there.

Wanted / Offered

Got something you need to dispose of? In need of something in particular? [Email the Editor...](#)

Monitors need a new home

Just to start things off: VANEL still has around a dozen TFT (flat screen) monitors that are surplus to requirements. Each is 15", works, has power cable and VGA cable, but might need to be PAT tested by yourself as necessary. A £5 donation for each would be appreciated. If you are interested, contact [Karl Elliott](#) or [Andy Mason](#) at VANEL via 01472 231123.

05 Funding news

There are still a lot of grants and funding opportunities out there. Somewhere like [Funding Central](#) is of course a great place to start your search. Each month we'll list here a number of the opportunities that we've come across recently. Although we can't write your funding applications for you, if you are a Member or Friend then we at VANEL can always act as a 'critical friend', so please do get in touch (office@vanel.org.uk or 01472 231123). Check [online](#) for even more funding news.

Big Lottery support changes

For a while now **Rob Malyan** has been the local Big Lottery representative covering Northern Lincolnshire and quite a number of you will have met him during one of his regular visits to Grimsby. Rob has recently started a secondment to the Funding Development Team within Big Lottery, so until October 2016 it won't be Rob dealing with local funding support. At VANEL we wish Rob well in his new role. Big Lottery have just advertised for a new local support post ([see here](#)) so as soon as we know who is here to support you with your funding bids we'll share the news.

In the meantime visit the [Big Lottery site](#) to obtain support.

Big Lottery

ERDF indicators guidance now out

Not interesting, but if your organisation is looking at ERDF funding then you might want to check out this new information. [Here's the link](#).

Starbucks Youth Action Invites Applications from across Great Britain

UK Youth and Starbucks are inviting groups in England, Scotland and Wales who are working with young people not in education or employment to apply for grants of up to £1,000. Now in its fifth year, Starbucks Youth Action aims to inspire and support 16 to 24 year olds who want to make a positive impact in their community.

newsletters

Do you receive their e-newsletters? If not, it might be well worth subscribing. [Here's the link to their latest edition.](#)

Power to Change

The Power to Change Initial Grants Programme offers grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 to help existing community businesses in England that are in a position to significantly improve their long-term sustainability within six months of receiving a grant. Deadline is 22 October. [Full details here.](#)

Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

The Trust aims to help disabled people to play tennis through the purchase of wheelchairs, tennis equipment and grants for coaching. Grants of up to £1,500 for a group, club or project are available. Disability groups and programmes, clubs, schools and associations in the UK are eligible to apply. Items considered as luxury items, such as electrical equipment, clothing or individual transport costs will not be considered. The deadline for applications is the 3rd November. www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk

EN:Able Community Investment Fund open for applications

Efficiency North's EN:Able Community Investment Fund (formerly the 4 Good Fund) has been created to support small scale projects which will benefit local communities within the Yorkshire and Humber area. The maximum amount that can be applied for is £5,000 per project. The closing date for applications is 4pm on Friday 30 October 2015.

Applications submitted by organisations in NEL must be endorsed by Shoreline Housing Partnership who is an Efficiency North member. Contact details for SHP are included in the application pack. The Community Investment Fund Panel evaluates all applications submitted against an agreed framework that reflects

Young people in England, Scotland and Wales aged between 16 and 24 years who are not in full time education or employment can apply. The funding is to be used by the young people to develop and run projects in their local community. Projects should provide a positive benefit to the local community and look to enhance the young leaders employability and leadership skills. Two young people need to lead the project and engage a further 50 young people throughout the course of the project. The young people will need to have a youth worker/training organisation able to support them throughout the project.

To support the project, young people will be given access to a specially designed App. Once downloaded, the app will help them keep track of their milestones and achievements while supporting them with the planning and delivery of their social action project.

All workers supporting young people will receive a copy of an employability toolkit to run through employment ready sessions and the QCF Unit Leadership pack, which will provide activities and recording documents for the young person to complete to gain their QCF unit in Leadership. In addition, young people will have access to job and apprenticeship vacancies within the Starbucks Coffee Chain.

This year's Starbucks Youth Action is a rolling programme running with monthly deadlines.

The remaining deadlines are: 5 October 2015, 2 November 2015, 1 December 2015, 4 January 2016, 1 February 2016 and 7 March 2016.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome within two weeks of the deadline for the month in which they submitted their application. An online application form and full details can be found on the [Starbucks Youth Action website](#) here.

Sainsbury's Local

Sainsbury's is expanding its Local Food Donation programme and aims to have a local food donation partner for every store

Efficiency North's vision i.e. the consortium's four core workstreams which add social value. Projects are evaluated on:

- their efficiency
- provision of opportunities for employment and skills development
- encouragement of self-sufficiency to support social and economic regeneration
- sustainability to provide long term benefits for their community.

Projects meeting these requirements are then recommended to the Framework Management Board for their final decision.

[Full details on Efficiency North's website.](#)

in the UK. Food partners are sought primarily to collect fresh food donated by Sainsbury's and some stores are also looking for partners to collect dry and tinned goods donated by customers. If you would like to know more about becoming a local food partner please email sainsburys@ccworks.co.uk.

06 You and Technology

There's usually something in our monthly newsletter about technology, but starting now I'm going to make it a regular feature. After all, the Digital Revolution is now over – as a society we're "digital by default" (whether we like it or not). Yet at VANEL, as we work with our Members and Friends, we're often very aware of how difficult it is for everyone to understand and embrace technology in an effective way. At VANEL we're here to help you and your organisation to find the knowledge, encouragement and support you need to make the most of essential technologies in your organisation. Please talk to us.

The website www.vaneldigital.org.uk is live again with a new 'all things technology' blog and there's plenty of new information about our support on there too. You can also follow us on Twitter via [@vaneldigital](https://twitter.com/vaneldigital). Or you can simply contact Karl Elliott at VANEL via karl@vanel.org.uk (01472 361043) to discuss your digital issues.

Websites

Every organisation really needs to be online. Usually that means a website. (Being *just* on social media may not be enough). And as we move to "mobile by default", those websites need to work on phones and tablets. And your website needs to be accurate and up to date. I've noticed increasingly that funders ask for your website details so they can review what you do from looking through your site. *How well would your website reflect your organisation to a funder?*

If you have no real idea how a website works and how to make one (or get one made for you) then "**Cooking up a website**" is a 2hr introduction to all the technologies behind websites. What do you need in terms of skills, time, money, technologies, tools, support, approach and more.

Our next training session is Friday 13th November, from 10am-12noon at the Willows and you can read all the details here www.vaneldigital.org.uk/cooking

If you're already working on building or improving a website, then **WebClub** is here to support you. WebClub is now into its fourth year, but is changing as needs from our groups change. So face-to-face support sessions are probably every 4-6 weeks now but will still give a chance for those working on websites to meet, discuss, get support and encourage each other. But support is now online too for WebClub members and also direct via Karl who can help you keep on the right path through your development and solve your problems and issues. **You're doing the work, but who are you turning to for support? That would be WebClub.** All for just £2 per month (actually £25 per year).

Lots more here: www.vaneldigital.org.uk/webclub including information about our first, new format meeting on Tue 27th October, 4-6pm at VANEL.

There's more ways we support groups with websites too. Groups with existing sites that they need ongoing technical support with can buy into our WebClub Gold remote administration service (www.vaneldigital.org.uk/webclubgold). And many groups have purchased bespoke website development work from VANEL to design, plan or build their website, train their team or support their existing efforts. Talk to Karl for bespoke support services.

Other technology

Technology is of course not just websites. What about Social Media or other cloud based services and tools? Hardware, software, media, storage, backups, anti-virus, databases and more?

We're pretty skilled and experienced at VANEL in all forms of technology, so we're more than happy to give any of our Member or Friend organisations a **free technology review** so that you can talk through your issues and plans, and we can suggest what you could tackle and how. Obviously a free review can't dive too deep or produce detailed, fully costed reports, but for many groups who we've worked with it is more than enough to give you some expert guidance on your options. Talk to Karl Elliott if you'd like to arrange a discussion.

Or what about coming to a **"Tech Tuesday"** briefing/workshop? Each month we'll cover one topic in some detail but quickly and clearly. A focused 1.5hr lunchtime session to help you understand enough about a subject to plan your next steps. Lots more at www.vaneldigital.org.uk/techtuesdays

Our next session is Tue 20th October when we'll look at "e-newsletters and Mailchimp". E-newsletters have lots of benefits and can be easy to do when you know how. But how should a good e-newsletter work, and what does a poor approach look like? At VANEL we've been doing e-newsletters for a long time and also, as part of our editorial work, we receive a lot of them too! Some groups have already embraced e-newsletters effectively, but some are so poor we're not even technically able to forward them on. So this session should be helpful to anyone wanting to contact their beneficiaries or audience more effectively. (Mailchimp by the way is an excellent free tool to manage your newsletters, so we'll look at this in some detail during the session). Contact Karl or Peter at VANEL to book onto this session.

Future "Tech Tuesdays" will include an "iPad masterclass" in November and a "Effective Online Funding Applications" in December. Full details on the website. We'll also have an extra session – "Why Technology should matter to Trustees" on the 3rd November as part of National Trustees' Week (see more about this elsewhere in this issue).

More support

We're also working on ways to match technically competent volunteers up with groups that have an IT project or issue to address. This "digital volunteering" programme is an ongoing part of our volunteering support work at VANEL and we're looking to find those IT issues that you have that could require some support. If you think you've got an issue that could be helped with an IT skilled volunteer, then please let us know and we'll help you define as a clear volunteering opportunity and then look for volunteers to support you. Contact Karl Elliott to start with.

Interested in any of this? Sign up for our **free IT Supporters Network** so we can mail you direct with info. You can also join in our online discussions to get support from each other.

Upcoming Tech Dates

Tue 20th **October**: Tech Tuesday on e-newsletters and Mailchimp. 12.30-2pm. £5pp (or free to WebClub members)

Tue 27th **October**: WebClub meeting, 4-6pm at VANEL

Tue 3rd **November**: Tech Tuesday special – "Why Technology should matter to Trustees" (as part of National Trustees' Week 2015). 12.30-2pm. Session free to any Member or Friend of VANEL.

Wed 11th **November**: a Digital Mapping workshop, 10-11.30am at Sidney Sussex Pavilion in Cleethorpes (see www.vanel.org.uk/maps for information about this digital mapping volunteering initiative)

Fri 13th **November**: "Cooking up a website" training session. 10am-12noon

Tue 27th November: Tech Tuesday on "iPad masterclass". 12.30-2pm. £5pp (or free to WebClub)
Tue 8th December: WebClub meeting

07 Governance news

The first week in November (2-8th) is National Trustees' Week. As last year, VANEL will be actively participating by hosting a number of events during the week to help our Member and Friend organisations to actively consider their governance and trusteeship situations to consider whether there are improvements to be had.

We're just finalising details of a programme for the week now, so visit www.vanel.org.uk/trusteesweek to keep an eye on news of our plans.

But we will definitely be hosting:

- A **free to attend "Trustee Network" half-day workshop** on Monday 2nd Nov, pm in Grimsby. This will be an opportunity for anyone interested in governance and trusteeship to consider the issues around governance that affect them, look at resources and approaches available, and take part in discussions around a range of key issues.
- A **"Technology and Trustees" free workshop** as part of our "Tech Tuesdays" programme (so Tue 3rd Nov, 12.30-2pm).
- A **"Roles and Responsibilities of Trustees" training session**. 2 hours long and suitable for any new trustees or committee members who would like to understand more about the role. There will be a small charge for this session.

More information will be [online here](#) and also will appear in next week's e-bulletin. If you are particularly interested in this topic or these events then please feel free to talk with Karl Elliott at VANEL who is managing the week and our governance support work (01472 361043, karl@vanel.org.uk).

[More information about Trustees' Week in general is online here.](#)

08 VANEL news and Services

Celebrating our staff

This month we have four members of staff who are sharing good news with us.

Vicky and Angela have been expanding their skills over the past year at Grimsby Institute and both are pleased to announce that they have successfully received qualifications from their studies. Angela has received her AAT Level 2 certificate and Vicky has received her Supporting Teaching and Learning Level 2 certificate. Congratulations on your hard work.



Following receiving her qualification Vicky has also successfully gained a part time job in a local primary school and is now splitting her time between the two jobs. You can still contact her at VANEL as before. Kelly Smaller, who has been on maternity leave, has spent her time with us on secondment to Youth Offending Service is fortunate to return from maternity leave and be offered a permanent job with Youth Offending Service. Congratulations on your success and all the best for the future.

Safeguarding Training Level 1

Does anyone in your group need their Child Safeguarding Level 1 training? We have a small number of people who have registered their interest, but not enough to run a full course. If anyone is interested please email peter@vanel.org.uk and when there are sufficient numbers dates and times will be confirmed.

Payroll Service

Payroll has become a more complex and specialised task in recent years due to Real Time Information (RTI) reporting, and further complexities will follow with the introduction of workplace pensions.

Our Payroll team offers a complete service. We offer: Real Time Information (RTI) reporting + A Year End service, which includes reports printed and submissions to HMRC + P60 Reports + Weekly or Monthly pay schedules, to meet your needs + Competitive rates + Assistance with the Workplace Pension scheme and ongoing requirements + Help for new employers with HMRC set up if required

[read more online](#) or contact [Angela Barker](#)

[More of VANEL services online](#)

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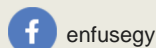
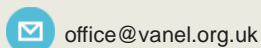
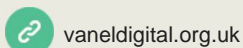
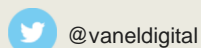
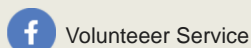
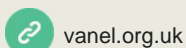
We offer the facility here at VANEL for you to have your staff/volunteers DBS checked. We are a registered umbrella body for DBS which means that we are able to provide you with the relevant application forms and are authorised to confirm and sign off applicant's identification.

VANEL offers this service to all organisations whose staff/ volunteers meet the eligibility criteria for a DBS check. It is good practice to have all staff/volunteers DBS checked if they come into contact with children and young people or vulnerable adults in order to minimise the possibility of employing somebody who is unsuitable.

[read more about our DBS service online](#) or contact us via 01472 231123 or [Peter Hewson](#) to discuss your needs.

Have you got news or events that you'd like to share through this newsletter? If you're a Member or Friend organisation then just get in touch via editor@vanel.org.uk and we'll look to get your news online and perhaps into an edition of this newsletter. ([more notes here](#))

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