# VOLUNTARY ACTION





## **VOLUNTARY ACTION GOES SHOPPING**

#### COME AND SEE US AT OUR "POP-UP" IN GRIMSBY TOWN CENTRE!

Following our hugely successful whole team volunteers' week experience in June, we embarked upon our next 'big challenge'! From mid-July to mid-August we have taken over the empty *Extreme Clothing* Store next to Top Town Market entrance in Grimsby's Freshney Place Shopping Centre. At time of going to press, we're three weeks into this challenge! We have successfully promoted our recycling work during the first week and achieved useful press coverage thanks to the Grimsby Telegraph, attracted new volunteers, new members and made new friends. We have also promoted our current partners' programmes who we work with including Anglian Water who have received a joint national award this week for our Keep It Clear Campaign working with local communities via organisations like ours across the country.

Read on to find out what happened in our first few weeks, look at the pictures in this special shop edition newsletter then pop down to Freshney Place, pop in our shop and join in the fun with our team

Whatever will we do next month?! Read our September news bulletin to find out.



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# enfuse

**Enfuse Quote of the Month** 

"If you can dream it, you can do it"

### FRESHNEY FRENZY!

The first week in our shop was a huge success, and the leader of "Green Week", Phillip Simpson took time to write down just what he thought about this first week in the enfuse shop.

"There is so much unnecessary waste in the world and especially in our country, so I have been brought up to believe that it is important to recycle as much as possible. We have limited resources in our world and some of them are fast running out. I have been involved with a community recycling project at VANEL for over one year now and I am really pleased to be given the opportunity to promote my passion at our Freshney Place Pop-up Shop. I have been involved with making new products out of old ones that people were going to throw away and then selling them at community events, auctions and on E-bay to raise funds to help cover my salary costs. So, I used the pop-up

shop to launch and test an event idea that will involve the recycling of clothes at The Grimsby University Centre Freshers' Week on 11<sup>th</sup> September. The idea is for young people to bring some old clothes they no longer want and swap them with someone else's clothes that they do want and not throwing them away in landfill sites which are already overflowing! The clothes that are brought in by young people will be placed on rails and then whoever has donated the clothes will be permitted to take the same number of items of clothing from another rail depending on what quantity of clothing they donated. It will appeal to younger people by mixing music, fashion and fun as there will also be a disco hence us calling it a "Trashion Show". We will be recruiting volunteers to take part in roles which will be fun, exciting, and unique and aim to give young people more confidence and valuable experience. These volunteer roles include event organisers, DJs, "fashionistas", report writers and photographers.



#### Summer Bash at Freshney Place

Thursday - Saturday

Sunday

Green Week

Upcycling Workshops Handmade Crafts Volunteer Opport<u>unities</u>

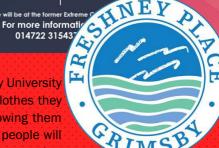
Lifestyle Week

Music and Jam Sessions Lifestyle Workshops Mario Kart Tournament

Jobs Week 28th July - 3rd August CV Workshops Job Opportunities Employability Advice

Family Week
4th August - 10th August

National Play Day Events Peppa Pig and Batman Sports and Activities







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# ENFUSE IS COMING AT YOU WITH ITS LIFESTYLE WEEK!

THE SECOND WEEK OF OUR "POP UP SHOP" KICKED OFF WITH A
LIFESTYLE THEME, WHICH HELPED INCREASE THE NUMBER OF YOUNG
PEOPLE VOLUNTEERING IN OUR AREA

Week 2 in the enfuse shop saw the team offering a variety of activities alongside a wide range of volunteering opportunities and guidance on how to get involved with a huge array of projects within North East Lincolnshire.

The <u>Lifestyle week</u> held at the former Extreme Clothing store in Freshney Place included activities such as hourly music jams, a Mario Kart tournament projected onto the wall, rapping workshop, playlist chooser, a balloon pit and even a prop photo booth disguised as a camper van.



Community development worker Joe Mager said:
"What a week it has been, we really had the opportunity to engage with people our own age and listen to their views on various issues."

"The main goal of Enfuse is to help young people, we want to take their views on board and actually do something about them, assisting them in setting up projects to fulfil their aspirations and giving them skills and experience in whatever it may be that they are passionate about.

"Lifestyle Week was about showing young people that there is a large variety of ways to engage with their community.

"By creating a fun environment where people came in and not felt intimidated or pushed into anything, we thoughtthat they all naturally connected with one of the activities we're offering and many asked how they can get more involved with volunteering projects on offer in the area."

Bayard Tarpley, another community development worker at Enfuse said: "Lifestyle week is a really good opportunity to connect with young people and find out what they think is lacking in the North East Lincolnshire area or just in their lives so that we can figure out how to help. We put on events with the assistance of young volunteers, help organisations find young volunteers, and help young people get involved in their community."

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#### **EMPLOYMENT WEEK** has just

completed as we go to press with this special shop edition of your newsletter. Employment week stripped away the activites and focused on getting young people into education, employment or training.

The week promoted the latest job opportunities and the enfuse team were on hand offering their support to help young people apply and support them throughout the job application process. CV writing advice was available all throughout the week—an opportunity for young people to bring in old CVs to have the team jazz it up and make it sparkle for those employers that are out there.

Local organisations like Princes Trust, Alcrest, JobCentre Plus, Army Careers and so much more attended during the week promoting to everyone the jobs and training they have to offer. With exciting opportunities to get involved with and develop your skills, there was something for everyone.

The lead members for this week were Sophie Wilson and Thomas Plaskitt and they can be contacted on 01472 503191 or via enfuse@vanel.org.uk.

Keep an eye on the VANEL website, on the Enfuse Facebook page and be patient for the September newsletter when we'll be sharing even more stories with you from our weeks in the enfuse pop-up shop.

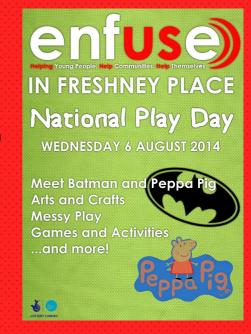


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### AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST

To end enfuses' month full of fun and activities we will be running <u>Family Week</u>. Natonal Play Day is an event that takes place up and down the country and we here at enfuse are doing our bit! With loads of fun activities and the chance to meet Batman and Peppa Pig I'm sure there will be something that entertains all the family! After Play Day is over the fun doesn't stop, as there are loads more fun and cool things for you and the family to get involved with up until the 10th August With activities to do like arts and crafts, sports activities as well as organisations like Athlefit, Get Hooked on Positive Activities, Grimsby Lesuire Centre, Children Centres, Single Point and Red Cross, Climb4 and England Athletics. So make sure you bring the family down to see us at our shop from Wednesday 6th until Sunday 10th August! It'll be loads of fun!

MORE ABOUT OUR ENTIRE MONTH IN THE POP-UP SHOP IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE VANEL NEWSLETTER ...



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