# VOLUNTARY ACTION





# No economic recovery for charities - New Report

Charities have not seen the recovery experienced by the economy overall, a recent report concludes.

If you are operating within the non-profit, charitable and voluntary sector, then you should spare the time to read this report from NCVO,

"A financial sustainability review: Change and adaptation in the voluntary sector as the economy recovers". (read it in full via <a href="http://bit.ly/vanel0001">http://bit.ly/vanel0001</a>)

It outlines that while the rest of the economy has grown, the charity sector's income has flat-lined since 2009. On current projections, charities will be

faced with a £4.6bn shortfall in income by 2018/19 - the result of cuts to government contract and grant income, tepid growth in donations from the public, and inflation.

Small and medium-sized organisations have been hardest hit, with charities with incomes between £100,000 and £1m seeing the biggest falls in their income and assets. Such charities saw an overall fall of 38% in their income from government sources between 2007/8 and 2012/13. The report outlines a range of other findings including:

- Almost all of the growth in charities' income from individuals has been earned rather than donated, as charities seek to commercialise their services in order to sustain their funds while donations flat-line.
- Many charities are experiencing a 'capacity crunch', with cuts to back-office and management capacity limiting their ability to access even familiar sources of funding, compromising their long-term sustainability.

Sir Stuart Etherington, chief executive of NCVO and chair of the financial sustainability review panel, said: "This report is a sharp reminder of the scale of the challenge facing charities at the moment. While the headline figures show the charity sector as a whole keeping its head above water, they mask the crushing blows that many small and medium-sized charities have sustained in recent years. There is an urgent need for the government to solve the problems of public service commissioning. Too many contracts exclude smaller organisations, being designed in such a way as to privilege national and international commercial outsourcing providers. Many charities have demonstrated considerable success in growing their earned income from individuals, and we should celebrate this. But we also have to remember that charging fees for services is by no means a practical or sustainable option for all. Quite simply, cuts to public service contracts mean that charities can do less for those they exist to support."

What does this mean to you, your organisation and how you are planning for the future?

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# **MEMBER NEWS**

#### **Grimsby Central Hall**

Grimsby Central Hall has published it's August newsletter packed with details of events coming up in the coming months.

View the newsletter on our website at bit.ly/1JOKVJp or visit their website at www.grimsbycentralhall.org.

If you're looking for a venue then The Central Hall has rooms available from committee meetings to conferences,

from 7 to 700 people at competitive prices. Car Park attended each evening. Contact the manager for details: 01472 349300, enquiries@grimsbycentralhall.org.

### NAViGO's Floral Hall at People's Park Receives a Generous Donation of Toys and Equipment from the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes

A presentation was held at the Floral Hall in People's Park, Grimsby on Wednesday 29th July 2015. NAViGO and The Floral Hall Team would like to say a big thank you to the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes GLE - Pegasus Lodge 10691 for their kind donation of children's toys and equipment following the recent spate of break-ins; during which toys and equipment were damaged beyond repair.

Jack Kinsman, a volunteer at the Floral Hall, made the Buffaloes aware of the break-ins and they kindly agreed to make a donation to replace the toys and equipment that had been damaged. Philip Briscall, Certified Primo of the local Pegasus Lodge 10691, presented the toys and equipment to Jane Wilson - Assistant Manager at the Floral Hall, and a small group of very appreciative children who couldn't wait to open the packages.

Jane Wilson had this to say:

"These children use the site regularly and were incredibly upset when they found out about the break-ins. It's fantastic to see happy faces again and we owe a giant thank you to Philip and the rest of the Buffaloes for their kindness".

The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB) is one of the largest fraternal organisations in the UK. They work together to support members, their families and charitable organisations in any way they can.

NAViGO Health and Social Care Community Interest Company provide NHS mental health and social care services free to the residents of North East Lincolnshire. Our main objective is to deliver the highest quality care and to work to our mission to provide services that we would be happy for our own family to use. The way NAViGO works is completely unique as an NHS service provider. Our voting membership provides our community membership (service users, carers and people with an interest in mental health) with equal voting rights to staff members and our Community Representatives have an active involvement with the running and development of our services. NAViGO has previously won six national awards for care and the organisations involvement of staff, service users and carers.

www.navigocare.co.uk





Communities Together are holding a Multi Cultural Fun Day on Sunday 23 August, 11-5 at Oasis Academy Wintringham. With Special Guest Star Frank Bruno! See poster for details or email Jill Wilson at Communities Together via

iill@nelcommunitiestogether.co.uk. (Note: please use their .co.uk email address and website rather than .org.uk as advertised on the poster). www.nelcommunitiestogether.co.uk

#### RAALI becomes RALY

RALY (Residents Association of Laceby) is the new name for RAALI. And their Summer newsletter is out now. Take a read on their website just here: http://bit.ly/1eXvEJQ



#### Healthwatch and others are moving offices

A number of groups are moving venues over the summer months. At the beginning of this month Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire completed a move to Unit G5, Enterprise Village, Prince Albert Gardens, Grimsby, **DN313AT** 

NEL Credit Union are closing their office in St James House on 14th August and will re-open on 18th August from 4 Town Hall Street, Grims-

We have been informed that a number of other groups are also moving premises over the summer months, however, as yet we have not received confirmation of their new addresses. If you find any difficulties finding groups over the next few weeks check their websites, social media or give them a call. Any other changes of address we are notified of we will share on our website.

# **GENERAL NEWS**

#### Keeping the Wheels in Motion: have a say on patient transport

NHS funded Patient Transport is there so people can get to appointments that their GP or Consultant has referred them to when they are too poorly or are physically unable to get there otherwise.

There are national criteria about who is eligible. These are medical criteria and not about how much people can afford to pay. People on certain benefits are able to claim back travel costs. Out of 100,000 journeys in North and North East Lincolnshire every year, approximately half of these are transporting patients who do not meet the national criteria.

To ensure the service is sustainable and can continue for those people who have no alternative, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) must look again at how to apply the national criteria. This will mean that some who have been able to get transport previously may no longer be able to. The CCGs are asking for the public to get involved in the way they decide how to do this, to ensure it is fair for all.

Have a say by completing the online survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHSPatientTransport">www.surveymonkey.com/r/NHSPatientTransport</a>

The survey should be answered before 15th September, and in conjunction with this background leaflet: bit.ly/1KVaRVq

#### **Funding news**

Rob Malyan from Big Lottery was back in Grimsby last week for a number of 1:1's with groups organised by VANEL. We know that local groups value Rob's face to face discus-

sions, so he'll be back in a few months' time for yet more appointments. If anyone should need to contact Rob directly, his email is Rob.Malyan@biglotteryfund.org.uk.

Don't forget that there is a huge amount of information about Big Lottery and their funding streams on their website at <a href="https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk">www.biglotteryfund.org.uk</a>.

# Heritage Lottery Fund - Small Grants Workshop from £3k to £100k

The Heritage Lottery Fund are keen to see more applications for their small grant programmes. Therefore they are hosting a workshop on Thursday 20 August in the Leeds office to help groups apply. The workshop will explain the small grant programmes and the application process.

The morning session 10am -12noon is almost full but there are more spaces in the newly added afternoon session which will be from 1pm-3pm. Contact them direct via york-

<u>shireandthehumber@hlf.org.uk</u>. See their website at www.hlf.org.uk.



#### Looking for funding?

If you or your project are looking for sources of funding, have you tried Funding Central? <a href="www.fundingcentral.org.uk">www.fundingcentral.org.uk</a>. It's a free and simple way to look for funding that might work for you. In the meantime, here are a few funding opportunities we've come across recently:

#### Starbucks Youth Action programme

The Starbucks Youth Action programme provides funding of up to £1,000 to organisations working with young people (aged 16-24). They are looking for projects that provide a positive benefit to the local community and look to enhance the young leaders' employability and leadership skills. This is a rolling programme up to March 2016 with decisions being published monthly.

#### Inter Faith Youth Trust offers small grants

See http://bit.ly/1M9Zbgv

The Inter Faith Youth Trust offers grants to organisations throughout the UK for projects taking place during the annual Inter Faith week each year. UK based organisations are eligible to apply, although priority will be given to projects that are run by non-statutory organisations, including youth clubs, scout and guide groups, and local voluntary and community organisations. See http://www.ifyouthtrust.org.uk/?page\_id=8

#### **Santander Foundation**

The Santander Foundation has three grants programmes to help disadvantaged people in the UK - Community Plus (up to £5,000); Learn and Grow (up to £10,000); Money Skills (up to £10,000). There are no deadlines for any of the grants programmes.  $\frac{\text{http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/}}{\text{the Santander Santande$ 

#### **BUPA UK Foundation**

The Bupa UK Foundation welcomes expressions of interest from practical projects or initiatives which have a direct impact on people's health and wellbeing, fall clearly into theme of mid-life mental health, and focus on prevention, early intervention or integration. Deadline is 4 September

http://www.bupaukfoundation.org/page/Funding Programmes/ Bernard Matthews Youth Awards

The Bernard Matthews Youth Awards are made up of eight categories; food and farming, sport, community, charity, bravery, arts and education. Each category winner receives £1,000. Deadline 21 August. <a href="http://bmyouthawards.com/">http://bmyouthawards.com/</a>

#### **Cash for Clubs**

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports fund aiming to support grassroots sports clubs. They will be awarding a total of £30,000 to sports clubs up and down the country. Deadline is 17 August.

http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/

#### **BBC Children in Need**

BBC Children in Need's Small Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for any amount up to and including £10,000 for one year only. Deadline is 1 September.

http://bbc.in/1MRIZCO



This month we've included a summary of a range of volunteering opportunities that VANEL is coordinating. You can see all the opportunities we manage on Do-It at <a href="bit.ly/ouropps">bit.ly/ouropps</a>. If you're interested in these opportunities, give us a call. Speak to the Volunteer Centre to get your own opportunities listed.

#### Community mapmakers wanted.

OpenStreetMap (OSM) is a map of the world (similar to the idea of Google Maps) that anyone can edit and contribute to. We're

looking for volunteers to help us improve the mapping of North East Lincolnshire on OSM (it's pretty poor at the moment), so that the local map becomes a valuable resource and source of knowledge. This is a great microvolunteering opportunity for people with local knowledge or IT skills (or both). Volunteers can do as little or as much as they want, and we're trying to coordinate a pool of community mappers to improve the local information.

We've got a blog to help explain to volunteers (and others) what the project is about at <a href="www.vanel.org.uk/maps">www.vanel.org.uk/maps</a>, and we're planning monthly 'mapping workshops' to help induct, train and support anyone interested in the mapping exercise. (Next is Wed 19th August at the Pavilion in Cleethorpes – see details on the website). Any questions or to get involved, contact Karl Elliott at VANEL via 01472 361043 or <a href="karl@vanel.org.uk">karl@vanel.org.uk</a>. View the opportunity at <a href="bit.ly/volmapmakers">bit.ly/volmapmakers</a>.

#### Community digital volunteers still needed.

We're also still looking for volunteers with IT skills. Particularly we need volunteers with experience editing and managing websites, familiar with tablets, able to use social media or adept with various Office tools, but Volunteers with any IT skills at all can contact us via the Volunteer Centre on 01472 231123 or contact Karl Elliott direct via <a href="mailto:karl@vanel.org.uk">karl@vanel.org.uk</a> or 361043.

We also need new IT opportunities for these volunteers to help with. Some organisations already have technical and IT related opportunities listed on Do-it, but perhaps you've not realised you need support? Or perhaps you don't know how to describe your technical problems or needs properly? Contact Karl Elliott at VANEL who can help you to clarify your technical needs and then to promote it to our pool of IT and digital volunteers. Get in touch with Karl.

#### **Community Health Champions**

We are looking for ordinary, everyday people to become Community Health Champions; we offer a range of training to help transform you into a Health Champion.



As a Health Champion you would not be expected to take on the Goliaths alone, what we ask you to do is something that we all do every day – talk! Talk to your friends and neighbours about their health related issues and direct them to someone who can help. Come with us to community events and talk to people there.

Conversations are not just about one way traffic, so help us make conversations about health services two way and share comments and feedback with service commissioners and deliverers.

With as little or as much time to commit as you can, all we ask is that you commit an hour a week and record any conversation that you have with anyone this role is flexible and varied.

To find out more view the opportunity on do-it at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/volcomhealth">bit.ly/volcomhealth</a> and email Jacky Birkett at VANEL via <a href="mailto:jacky@vanel.org.uk">jacky@vanel.org.uk</a>

#### Video Volunteers wanted to help Enfuse

This new opportunity is for any person with an interest in media and who would enjoy using a video camera to film people being interviewed. The purpose of the role is to capture people's personal experiences of volunteering on video to promote how diverse volunteering is to encourage other people into volunteering.

We're putting together a series of videos promoting volunteering and we'd like younger people with video capture, editing and interviewing skills to help us out.

See more about the opportunity via do-it at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/volenfvideo">bit.ly/volenfvideo</a>. Contact we cre...

Enfuse via 01472 315437 if you'd like more information.



Don't forget you can meet VANEL to talk about volunteering in Immingham, Cleethorpes and Grimsby on the following days and venues:

Immingham: Every Tuesday 9.30 - 5.00

Cleethorpes: Every Wednesday 9.30 - 12.30

Grimsby: Every Friday 9.30 - 12.30

To make an appointment with a Volunteer Advisor by email <u>liz@vanel.org.uk</u> or telephone 01472 231123



**Local Diana Courageous** 

## **Volunteering Videos from Enfuse**

Our Enfuse team have been putting together some videos showcasing great reasons to volunteer. If you've not seen them yet, pop over to www.vanel.org.uk/youtube to check them out!



#### Services from VANEL





Are you familiar with all the services that VANEL can offer you as Members or Friends? From our volunteering services, payroll, bespoke training, consultancy, governance or technology support, equipment hire, to our specialist projects such as our Enfuse community development team or our community health champions programme. Check out our Services page on the website www.vanel.org.uk. or speak to any of our staff.

#### **Farewell**

We at VANEL would like to say a fond farewell to Joyce Pearson whom a number of our staff knew well. Joyce sadly passed away in July aged 82. She had been involved with a number of local organisations, particularly Chatterbox social club, had been Inspirational woman of the year in 2011, and volunteer of the year in 2013. The tributes in the Grimsby Telegraph say it well - bit.ly/1JQMmY1. Goodbye Joyce from us at VANEL.

# **Draft VCS Infrastructure Commissioning Brief**

As part of the ongoing local VCS review, NELC have just circulated information about the infrastructure commissioning process due to start in April 2016.

The full announcement plus attached documents are now posted on the VANEL website and can be read in full here:

bit.ly/1gPcfww

# **Building Better Opportunities Humber**

VANEL were one of four partners submitting a first round application to the Big Lottery Building Better Opportunities Humber (BBOH) programme in July. (The partners being ERVAS as lead partner, VANEL, VANL and HWRCC).

Thank you to everyone who submitted an expression of interest in becoming a partner in the submission. Should our application be successful in the first stage then we will commencing further negotiations with identified partners to agree delivery targets and costs that fit within the parameters of the fund and our joint approach to the delivery.

If you have been involved at the Eofl stage then you will hear in due course from VANEL and the partnership. Thank you.

#### Hold the date for VANEL AGM

Our AGM is coming up - 17th September 2015, and all the details are now being put together for an 'event' and 'activities' to take place before the formalities of the AGM proper. Formal invitation will go out to Members shortly. But put it in your diary:

> Thursday 17th September 2015 Sidney Sussex Pavilion, Cleethorpes AGM at 4pm

Other activities will take place before hand between 2pm and 4pm



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