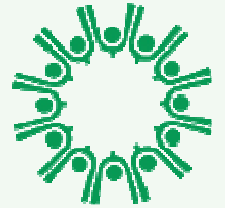


We've got lots to report this month on what our enfuse team members have been up to, but also lots more news for and from the sector.

And don't forget to tell us your news too so we can share it with others (editor@vanel.org.uk)

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TLI update: Making Co-location work for you

We're continuing our retrospective look this month at the work VANEL did via the Transforming Local Infrastructure (TLI) project last year. This month: community asset co-location case studies.

In TLI, we tasked ourselves to examine local, real-world examples of how voluntary and community groups used buildings/assets in different models of co-location with other groups, businesses or services. These real-world "case studies" then supported our community assets manager in working with a wider range of organisations using the lessons learned (both positive and negative) from the case studies.

Using buildings to help voluntary sector groups to survive or grow sustainably is a common theme. One of the ways this can work well is through co-location with others - so that collectively each can support each other financially or through delivery of better services. Our case studies demonstrated numerous ways this works and numerous challenges. We did case studies on a community centre, a village hall, ourselves (at the Elms), a town council, tourist site and rural village.

The case studies were useful, in-depth and certainly helped VANEL to support other groups through development to better utilisation of their own buildings.

Unfortunately this aspect of TLI - supporting groups develop their assets, essentially concluded at the end of TLI. But VANEL still holds plenty of expertise in the role of co-location for groups, so if you would like to learn more, please contact Karl Elliott at VANEL.

New: Training for Trustees

We've got three new training sessions now scheduled to support Trustees and their boards.

VANEL continues to champion effective governance for charities and community groups, so we've put on these cost effective courses to help you to proactively support your own trustees. Each course will be held at VANEL's offices at the Elms. Each session is £20 per person (£30 non-members) and places will be very limited, so early booking is recommended.

Full details of each session can be found online via www.vanel.org.uk/governance. To book or for more details, contact Karl Elliott via karl@vanel.org.uk or 01472 235311

"An Introduction to Trusteeship"

Friday 28th February. 9.30am-12.30pm

For new trustees or for those seeking a refresher to the basics of what being a Trustee is all about.

www.vanel.org.uk/28feb14

"Board development"

Friday 28th March. 9.30am-12.30pm

For boards wanting to learn how to become more effective or to raise their game. This session covers the approaches and tools that you can use to develop the way you work as a board. www.vanel.org.uk/28mar14

"Technology for Trustees"

Friday 2nd May. 9.30am-12.30pm

Technology cannot be ignored. So in a non-technical way, we'll help you address, what after all, it really is a strategic issue for groups these days!

www.vanel.org.uk/2may14



NEWS from Members and Friends...

All Members and Friends have the opportunity to share their news and events with the rest of our membership via our online news or through this newsletter. Visit www.vanel.org.uk/news and check out the Member News section to read more from the articles below and from the rest of our members. If you have news of your own that you'd like to share, just let us know via editor@vanel.org.uk

Next film from Meniscus

Meniscus Community Film Society will be screening "A Royal Affair", an Danish film with English subtitles, on Thursday 27th February 2014 at 8.30pm in Parkway Cinema Cleethorpes.

An English princess who became a Danish queen had an affair with the royal physician. It is a very interesting film - a must see.

Meniscus Community Film Society in partnership with Oasis Academy Witheringham opens a next season of old classics and world films (every third Thursday at Oasis Academy Witheringham at 7.15pm) on 20th March 2014 with a screening of "Annie Hall".

For membership detail visit www.meniscusfilms.co.uk

"East Coast 7"

Abbey Walk Gallery have a new exhibition from 12th Feb to 22nd March - "East Coast 7". A group of seven professional fine artists from the Lincolnshire region bound by a common goal to bring our unique rural and urban landscape to life. Preview evening on Tuesday 11th February from 6pm-8pm.

Gallery open Tue-Sat, 9am-5pm. Visit the website www.abbeywalkgallery.com



Churches Together Food Fair

There is a wealth of activity in our community where food is being used to respond to human need through loving service.



Churches Together in North East Lincolnshire is hosting a food themed event at Grimsby Minster on 1st March to showcase these projects and ask you to think about how you can get involved.

11am - 1pm at the Minster. Poster and further details in the VANEL news here www.vanel.org.uk/news

Or more information via Andrew Dodd 358610 or admin@grimsbyminster.co.uk

Humber Skills Pledge

VANEL just signed up for the **Humber Skills Pledge**. We're joining other local and regional businesses and organisations who believe that skills play a vital part in our local communities and economy.

If you'd like to find out much more about what this means, read full details on the Humber LEP website here www.humberlep.org/skillspledge.

HealthWatch Survey

A quick reminder that you still have time to participate in the survey for **Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire**, as the deadline has now been extended to 28th February. You can have your say on local health and social care services by completing the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QXDRG9B>.

Contact them on 01472 269666 for further information.

Healthy Lives, Healthy Futures



Various roadshows and public events are taking place during February and March to ensure that everyone has their say regarding the review of Health and Care services across North East Lincolnshire.

There are events in Immingham (17th Feb), Cleethorpes (21st Feb) and Grimsby (25th Feb), with other roadshows during Feb and March.

Full information is available online at www.healthyliveshealthyfutures.nhs.uk - just click on Events to find out how to have your say.

Talent Match Humber update

Talent Match Humber has a number of Roadshows coming up to share information about the project delivery and tendering opportunities.

Talent Match is a Big Lottery Fund programme aimed at helping young people into employment in England's worst hit areas.

The overall aim of Talent Match Humber is "to improve the lives of 1,455 long-term unemployed young people living in the Humber LEP area".

The roadshow in North East Lincolnshire is Friday 21st February, 1.30pm-3.30pm. The roadshow is also in Hull (17th), North Lincolnshire (20th) and East Riding (19th).

Much more information about the project and opportunities is on the website

www.hlc-vol.org/partner/talent-match-humber. The site includes all the details for booking on the Roadshows.

CERT community learning

CERT are continuing to offer a full programme of training and learning to support people not in paid work or education. If you engage with such people, take the time to look through CERT's full catalogue of courses. You can read them all online on VANEL's news pages or have a good look at www.certtraining.co.uk.



Get Trashed Car Boot Disco

This is a funky and fresh event that brings young people together to swap their clothes. enfuse are now going to bring Get Trashed to the local area! Get Trashed launched with the Car Boot Disco at Ministry of Sound nightclub in London on Sunday 24 November 2013. By mixing music, fashion and fun, this was helping to save the planet! On the day, hundreds of items were saved from landfill. Our local goal is to deliver this event to the students of the Grimsby Institute at the University Centre on the Thursday of Freshers Week in September in a very similar way.

In the UK, 10,000 items of clothing are thrown away every 5 minutes. That's 2 billion items of clothing wasted every year. By mixing music, fashion and fun we can do our bit to save the planet.

The event will be held on September 11th 2014 at Grimsby Institute and will be running from 4pm until 7pm.

The event is set to be a unique event to the area and we are looking for fashion enthusiasts and up and coming DJ's to come and help us make this event something we can run every year.

Contact Phil on 01472 315437 or email him Philip@vanel.org.uk.

Meet enfuse: Thomas Plaskitt

- digital Tech and social media

Hello newsletter readers! From each month now we will be introducing a new member of the enfuse team to you, and I have the pleasure of going first!



I am leading on all things digital and techy here in the enfuse team. Along with this comes a lot of design work which I really enjoy and I have had produced loads of various flyers and posters for different organisations over the 9 months I have been with the team. I'm always looking to help with any design work so get in touch! I also work closely with One Voice in Immingham and the YPSS Youth Voice section, working with the greatest bunch of young people at the Council for Young People and Young Advisors. Make sure to follow us on Twitter @enfusegy and on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/enfusegy. Any more info on anything you'd like to know about me and the work I do then feel free to call me (tom@vanel.org.uk or 01482 315437). Look forward to meeting some of you soon!

Pancake day in Cleethorpes

With the help of enfuse there will be a Pancake Day Event on March 4th down the Cleethorpes Sea Front. Entry is only £1.00 and the unique pancake race starts at 1 pm. Oh and don't forget to bring your own frying pan. We are helping organise this event in aid of YMCA Community Games activities. Thank you to the kind generosity of local businesses Twinkles and Kingsway Kiosk for supporting the event. There will be loads of fun activities going on throughout the day down the beach including the infamous pancake derby on space hoppers!! One not to be missed! For more information or to help get involved on this event then please contact Jenny Hodson at jenny@vanel.org.uk

Family Group Conferencing Mentors wanted

The Family Group Conferencing group and the enfuse team are working together to develop and recruit people as mentors. We work with a range of different individuals with a diverse range of needs. We are still currently on the lookout for more mentors.

This provides an exciting opportunity for anyone within the local area who can support other people and wants to help not only develop themselves, but help develop the lives of others in their local area.

Two members of our team are currently mentoring two young people and are finding the experience very rewarding.

More of the team are going to follow and mentor some more young people over the next few months. You too could sign up to be a mentor. Call us on 01472 326660 or 01472 315437 to discuss.

Are you feeling musical?

Through constant contact with Grimsby Institute, Joe Mager and Sophie Johnson have set up a good relationship with the music students at the college and have managed to establish a 'music committee' where the students work alongside enfuse on delivering and organising events that they would like to see in their area.

"These students are really talented and proactive; it's a shame that there is no platform given for them to showcase their talents. The committee is an excellent idea as it gives the students a direct voice in the area of work they want to go into. We really do believe that listening to people and collaborating together is the way forward. It's an example of what people can do if we all club together and collaborate" - Joe Mager

Joe is the lead on this project, so for anything musical then point your questions his way at joe@vanel.org.uk or call him on 01472 315437.

You can contact enfuse on 01472 315437, via email on enfuse@vanel.org.uk, look at the webpage www.enfusegy.org.uk or follow on Twitter @enfusegy

and finally...SleepEasy

Well done to members of **enfuse** who slept rough recently as part of YMCA's Sleep Easy fundraising campaign. Phil, Bayard and Anneliese were in Grimsby's Freshney Place car park for the night with Jenny taking part over in Hull.

Another successful SleepEasy with over 260 sleepers taking part across the Humber region - "sleeping rough, so others don't have to". Each year, the scheme raises money and awareness of youth homelessness. Well done to everyone who took part. See you next year?

WebClub

The next **WebClub** sessions will be **Wed 19th Feb, Tue 4th and Wed 19th March**. Our group has grown, but there's always room for more. If you and your group need to understand how to develop or support websites, come along.

Our new blog is at www.vanel.org.uk/webclub. We're (occasionally) on Twitter @vaneldigital or you can speak to Karl Elliott via karl@vanel.org.uk or 01472 235311.

Promotional Opportunities

Don't forget that Members and Friends can get their news and events promoted via our website news (www.vanel.org.uk/news) or in this newsletter. Just make sure you email information to Karl Elliott (editor@vanel.org.uk) or get in touch with your account manager or main reception.

We now have space in our window at our 14 Town Hall Street office to promote your news or service. These adverts are in plain sight of waiting bus passengers and can help promote your service. Any adverts will also appear in our rolling advert of our services on our screen inside reception. For further information about this 'advertising space', give Peter Hewson a call on 01472 231123.

Volunteering really does matter

Staff & volunteers at VANEL would like to offer congratulations to **Patrick Setterfield**, who after ten months of volunteering with VANEL has now attained full time employment at Age UK – well done Patrick...

Patrick became a volunteer in April 2013 and with his hard work and dedication he supported the team with the ongoing development and delivery of our Supporting Volunteers Award (SVA) which recognises the value of support provided to volunteers by our voluntary and community groups.

His interview success initially secured one day per week of paid employment locally at Age UK, and this then progressed from one to three days.

We are pleased to say he has now gained full time employment with Age UK and although, we already miss him very much at the Volunteer Centre, we wish him every success for the future.

Patrick says *"The welcome I received as a volunteer at VANEL was all out of proportion to my value. I would like to think that the line drawn under my spell there is pencilled in only and I will be working to promote a strong partnership between our organisations. Thank you all for a good experience and good company!"*

We all know the value that volunteering brings - not just to the individual, but also to the host organisations they volunteer with.

At the Volunteer Centre, we offer a quality assured volunteer brokerage service to ensure that individuals ready to volunteer and host organisations with opportunities to offer get the introductions and support they need.

If you and your organisation have not yet taken advantage of the Volunteer Centre service, or would like to advertise vacancies, learn more about SVA, or generally find out how we could support you with your volunteers, just **call Kelly Bryant on 01472 231123** for a chat.



The VANEL Mission

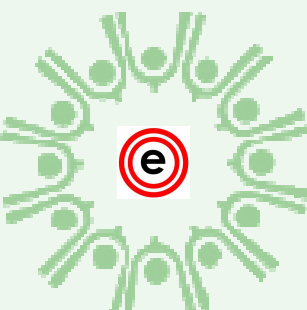
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