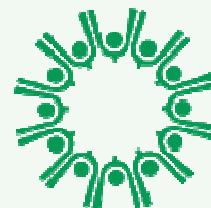


Happy New Year. Wishing a good 2014 to all our Members and Friends. It's the time for resolutions, so what does your organisation plan to do differently or better in 2014? And **can we help?** Whatever you are planning to tackle, why not give VANEL a call and see if there is anything we can do to help you.



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The TRANSFORM Common Leadership Programme

Each month we're updating you on components of the Transforming Local Infrastructure (TLI) programme which concluded late in 2013. This month the focus is our common leadership development programme - known as Transform, which has successfully continued self-sustainingly beyond the end of the TLI project.



Transform was developed in partnership with local strategic partners and was launched back in March 2012 by Lord Haskins, chair of the Humber LEP. Around 30 participants from frontline community organisations, from statutory organisations and from local businesses are enrolled in the programme, which to date has held 10 bi-monthly programme days. Transform is about developing a network for future leaders for North East Lincolnshire through a programme of joint activity and learning.

At each themed day, participants hear from current leaders, undertake visits, hear about shared priorities for the area, debate topical issues and take on a specific challenge to support a key shared priority area. Transform shares venues, travel and other costs across the participants, and together with shared ownership of the programme, this has ensured the continuation of the programme this past year and into 2014. The steering group comprising local leaders continued to advise and support with future development. Together NELC and VANEL provide administrative support functions to ensure smooth running of the programme.

Specific benefits of Transform include helping with the development of a joined-up thinking process when it comes to future strategy as it feeds into the local area partnership forum to add a different dimension to their agenda for change.

Transform has been a great success and will continue to run throughout 2014 with the next theme days being planned at the moment.

Transform themes tackled so far

- Doing Business
- Image and Media
- Learning
- Community
- Police and Crime
- Healthier Communities
- Arts and Culture
- Jobs and Economy
- Housing
- Personal Development

Read much more about Transform including reports from each theme day on the VANEL website.

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

HealthWatch NEL are after your feedback

Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire is carrying out a survey to help identify issues that concern users of health and social care services. They would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to complete the online survey. The completed survey will provide useful data to compare with the issues that have already been logged in regular discussions with local people. It will also play an important role in finding out what is working, what is not working so well and where work is needed to dig a little deeper to evidence local needs.

The survey is online here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QXDRG9B>

(read this article online to follow the link). If you would prefer a paper based copy to complete or need help in completing this survey, please contact Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire on 01472 269666.

North East Lincolnshire Community Advice Network

The North East Lincolnshire Community Advice Network (CAN or NELCAN) is a Big Lottery funded partnership project between local advice providers, providing support and guidance to the local community in accessing the many services available to help them with their problems. The partnership is led by Grimsby CAB in partnership with Harbour Place and Community Advice Services. The project has three Community Mentors and operates currently from a Hub at the CAB offices.

The Community Mentors provide help to those who want it, face to face at the main hub or by referral and outreach and via any of the network members throughout the community.

You can download a .pdf describing the project via the VANEL news pages or visit their website www.communityadvice.net.

Tukes Table Top Sales

Tukes hold an indoor table top sale every last Sunday of the month (next is 26th January 10am-2pm). This helps Tukes raise money but is also a great social and anyone can have a stall for just £5. Contact Sally Smith at Tukes via sally.smith16@nhs.net / 01472 342172

YMCA Humber is named YMCA of the year

The December 2013 edition of the **YMCA Humber** newsletter is packed full of news. Read more about their award, about Sleep Easy 2014 and about other trips and local initiatives.

Read this article on in Member News and follow the link to download their newsletter. Or visit www.gcymca.com

Volunteering Opportunities within Youth Offending

The North East Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service (YOS) are committed to providing excellent support and development for all volunteers and this is reflected in the fact that for, 2 years running, they have been awarded the highly coveted 'Investing In Volunteers award'.

YOS are always looking for people from all backgrounds to join their growing team of volunteers. Volunteers must have an interest in supporting young people within the criminal justice system and have a good understanding of the issues that affect young people today. Other Skills would be reliability, enthusiasm, confidence and the ability to be non judgemental.

Opportunities include: **Appropriate Adult:** Responsible for safeguarding the welfare of a young person who has been held for questioning at a Police Station. Their role is to observe whether the police interview is being conducted fairly and properly as well as facilitating communication between the interviewer and the young person being interviewed. Also responsible for ensuring that the young person is aware of their rights and to help promote the young person's physical and mental well being whilst in Custody.

Community Panel Member: They are required to be present at a Youth Offending Panel for all young people who have been received a referral order disposal by the courts. This is a chance to take a lead in reducing offending by challenging young people who commit crime to take responsibility for their actions and behaviour. Everyone present at the panel will discuss the young person's case with a view to devising individual and imaginative programmes of work to address young people's offending behaviour and to help the young person look at how they can make amends to the victim and the community.

Want to know more? Contact Karen Meadows , Team Leader, North East Lincolnshire via 01472 325252 karen.meadows@nelincs.gov.uk



Winter Wonderland

In December Team enfuse were involved in a two day Winter Wonderland event held at West Marsh Community Centre to encourage young people to get involved in physical activity and to learn about healthy living. At the event we had sport activities taking place as well as arts and crafts for festive creations and also for the participants to make healthy festive treats.

Overall the event was a success encouraging healthy eating with the young people in the West Marsh area who participated in the Christmas food decorating: a fruit, healthy alternatives and the sport relays we created. It was also great engaging young people in creating Christmas Cards, Christmas Foods, Paper Sculptures, Christmas themed relays and forming awareness of the Enfuse team.

We are always on the look out to help at events and supply some great volunteers, so if you need any assistance then contact the team today on 01472 315437.

Money Management

Sophie Wilson and Anneliese Hannar have recently been on a money management course. The course will have enabled them to be qualified to teach people on how to manage their money, and finding their ability on money, which then we can update them to a higher understanding, i.e. debit/credit cards, different types of payment, saving accounts etc. If you would like to find out more about the information that they have learnt on the course, or to set up a workshop call 01472 315437 or email sophiew@vanel.org.uk or anneliese@vanel.org.uk

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

Sleep Easy 2014 - ready for the challenge?

Some of the enfuse team are going to be braving the cold on the 31st January and sleeping rough in aid of the YMCA so we sleep rough so the homeless won't have to. We are really looking forward to helping out and sleeping in our cardboard boxes! If you and your organisations want to get involved then visit sleepeasy.gcymca.com and get your team signed up and help out a truly good cause. If you don't want to get involved but want to sponsor some of our team then get in touch with us at enfuse@vanel.org.uk so we can arrange something.

World Record Attempt !

Team enfuse are organising a Guinness World Record event held at the King George Stadium located in Grimsby in April. Team GB Hammer thrower Alex Smith is attempting the longest throw of a space hopper world record so keep your eyes peeled for more information about this Guinness World Record attempt!

As well as Alex Smith attempting to achieve the record it'll also be a fun day to encourage families and individuals to participate in physical activity, how to live a healthy lifestyle and to try new activities out during the day. We have activities like inflatable football fields, skate parks and a climbing wall so there is something to suit everyone! For more information about this upcoming event email Sophie Johnson at sophiej@vanel.org.uk or call 01472 315437

Youth Trusteeship - missing a trick?

One of our team ran a Trustee training course to highlight the importance of having a young person's presence on your trustee boards. The workshop was really interactive and was a great way to engage more young people and make it seem more appealing to them as well as highlighting what being a trustee actually entails. Mike will be looking to repeat this workshop again throughout the up and coming months so if you want to book a space then get in touch with Mike Hobbins at mike@vanel.org.uk or call 01472 315437 to see if we could help you enhance your trustee board.

enfuse and counselling

Later on in January Thomas, Mike, Sophie Wilson, Sophie Johnson and Anneliese from the enfuse team will all be heading off to Northern College to start their Counselling for Beginners course. The course will help expand the team knowledge and this is something that we can begin to roll out to the community. After we have completed the course we will share the good news and start to arrange some sessions later in the year.



Big Local

Big Local invites residents of Cleethorpes to come along to an open session on Saturday 18th January (10am-2pm) at Cleethorpes Memorial Hall.

What the team want to know is "have we got it right?". Come and tell the team what you think of the process so far and add your comments to the information already gathered.

Big Local in North Cleethorpes is all about the people in the area leading the process. So this is a chance to have your say and perhaps get more involved.

Article and flyer on the VANEL news pages or contact John Mooney at VANEL for more information (john@vanel.org.uk)

The role of Victims Champion

In December 2013, **Martin George** retired from VANEL after three years in the role of our local Victims Champion. Thank you Martin and very best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

Martin played a critical role locally, in ensuring victims of crime were properly represented. The effects of repeat incidents of ASB, low level crime and hate crime can lead to a life of misery both for an individual and a family, sometimes with tragic consequences. There is no provision within the government's agenda for these victims and they are often left with no voice and nowhere to turn. Martin worked tirelessly far longer than his contracted hours to ensure that the victim's voice was heard within North East Lincolnshire and that the right support was put in place. Agencies are held to account for their actions and all cases are taken seriously from the outset to resolve the matter at the earliest opportunity.

Martin helped setup Victim Panels where past and present victims meet under safe conditions to discuss their issues and give support to other victims. The ambition locally has been to create a Neighbourhood Watch style of support mechanism where victims have the ability to speak to other victims. This will help to reinforce to them that they are not alone and that support is there for them both through the network and the various agencies which Martin has opened the door to. Without Martin's achievements North East Lincolnshire would not have the current victim focus it has and life would be so much worse for many residents.

We have just received confirmation that this work will continue to be funded up to 30th September 2014 therefore we will be identifying a new Victims Champion shortly.

Amongst other things, Martin also delivered Safeguarding Training courses on behalf of VANEL. Our most recent session was delivered to the Islamic Association who had this to say "On behalf of the Islamic Association of Grimsby, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved in constructing and delivering the Safeguarding training course. Every one has enjoyed it so much and it was so useful for their role in the society".

VANEL Staff Changes

In December we said goodbye to no less than three members of the VANEL staff team.

Martin George retired after three years in the role as Victims Champion (see article). **Sheila Baldock** also left us after over three years working with our various health and children related projects and latterly supporting the Volunteer Centre. And **Sue Turvey** left after over 10 years helping us keep the offices clean at VANEL.

All of them will be missed. Thanks to them all from the rest of the team and best wishes for their future retirement.

At the same time we were joined by Rob Bryant and Emma Clough. Rob joins the enfuse team of young development workers, whilst Emma has joined the Family Group Conferencing team as a practitioner. Emma will work with various families throughout the area supporting them to draw up positive plans moving forward.

Emma will also be looking at supporting young offenders who are due to leave custody in order to help them relocate back to their families or to be supported by the families in alternative accommodation. Next month we'll be focusing more on the work of the Family Group Conferencing team.

The VANEL Mission

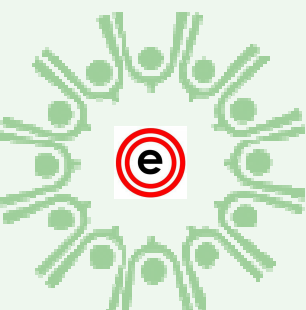
"VANEL promotes, encourages and supports individuals, groups and organisations within the voluntary, community and wider third sector to enable them to meet the needs and aspirations of communities within North East Lincolnshire."

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