

VOLUNTARY ACTION



Voluntary Action North
East Lincolnshire

HELPING COMMUNITY GROUPS. HELP COMMUNITIES. HELP THEMSELVES.



ENFUSE EXCELS

We did it! We delivered our first programme year targets on time, on budget and over achieved. We are so proud of everyone involved and are really excited for what year two will bring.

We believe that our team has made an excellent start on their programme of activities to develop young people as community development workers. The team members themselves have inspired and motivated wider involvement by young people in their respective communities by encouraging them to volunteer alongside them. The team has worked with existing groups of young people and enabled these groups to be even more active and helped them access funding to support their work.

The Enfuse team quickly established a strong work ethos amongst themselves and integrated exceptionally well within an already established team of experienced community based workers. They also worked very well with service providers in the voluntary sector who had a track record of delivering programmes to young people.

Team members are already being encouraged to look at their long term future within community development and we have been successful in getting some of the team to interview level for community development posts within the area. At present this is seen as a success as the feedback we get is "more experience needed" but "some really good forward thinking ideas".

The team have already started some of their next big ideas for the following year which includes some very exciting projects like establishing a unit in Freshney Place Shopping Centre as a hub to further engage more young people in their work. The team are already working on mentoring schemes and developing these to even higher levels to engage more challenging young people.

For ways to get involved with the team then contact their main office on 01472 315437 or email the team at enfuse@vanel.org.uk. Check their Facebook page out at www.facebook.com/enfusegy or follow them on twitter @enfusegy



THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF FLOW TO THE TRAFFIC FOLLOWING ON FROM THE REGENERATION OF THE BUS STATION SO PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN DRIVING AROUND TOWN HALL STREET.



Volunteer Centre

North East Lincolnshire

A ROUND UP OF EXCITING LOCAL NEWS FROM US, OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND THE COMMUNITY.

Volunteer Opportunity Of The Month



HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A VOLUNTEER MENTOR?

Become a part of a young persons life and help encourage them, through positive activities, to make better choices in the future. The rewards for this role are huge so why not get in touch with the Family Group Conferencing Service team today to start your journey to becoming a volunteer mentor.

Contact the team on 01472 326660 for more details and how to apply.



What's it all about?

During **Volunteers' Week** hundreds of events will be taking place across the country to say thank you to volunteers, recognising the important contribution they make within our local communities.

This year also marks **30 years** since the campaign was first established in 1984.

The whole staff team at VANEL will be taking part in employer supported volunteering with our member groups.

Read all about it in our special edition newsletter to be circulated on 1st June 2014 to launch our **Volunteers Week**

**HELPING YOU TO CARE;
A WHISTLE STOP TOUR
Awareness and Information
Event**

for Carers of people with dementia/memory problems

Tues 10th June 9.30 coffee and registration
10am start finish 2.30
Millfields Hotel Bargate, Grimsby

Book a place:
Call in to The Carers Support Service Town Hall Square
Or Tel: 01472 242277

ADVICE AND INFORMATION STANDS
DISCUSSION TABLES HEADED BY DEMENTIA PROFESSIONALS
Q&A SESSION WITH DEMENTIA SPECIALIST
TIME TO MIX WITH HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS
TIME TO MEET WITH OTHER CARERS
LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS

Leading the fight against dementia
Alzheimer's Society

The Carers' Support Service
Working with Carers in North East Lincolnshire
NAVIGO

NHS

NAVIGO **NHS**

Memory Matters
Celebrating National Dementia Awareness Week!

Friday May 23
10am - 4pm
Ross Sports Ground,
Peaks Lane

All ages welcome!
Free entry and refreshments*

Free carousel, face-painting,
ice cream, cuppa' and cake,
free raffle, storytelling, Punch
and Judy Show, and more!

Fun for all the family!

*Some rides and refreshments will incur a small charge.

LIFEHOUSE
more than a place to stay

The Booth Lifehouse, Grimsby

We are holding an
Open Day
On
Wednesday 7th May 2014

From 11.00am until 3.00pm
(Including Information Stalls, Centre Guided Tours
BBQ & other refreshments, live Music.)

Followed by
A Service of Celebration at 7.00pm
(attended by the Mayor of North East Lincolnshire,
Councillor Peggy Elliott & Consort Mr. Steve Elliott)

All Welcome

GOT SOMETHING TO ADVERTISE? Why not use our prime location at Town Hall Street to advertise your event, group, job or meeting in our dedicated window space for groups like yourself. For £25 a month this could be your chance to spread the word and get yourself noticed. Call us on 01472 231123 to book your space.

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Enfuse Quote of the Month

"Food for the body is not enough. There must be food for the soul."

DID WE BREAK IT?

Last month we organised a jam packed sports fun day at King George. We were hoping to break a Guinness World Record for the fastest 100m Space Hopper Race, so the big question is did we break it? Despite our best efforts we couldn't manage to beat the 32 second time already set, however the day was a great success! Over 700 people attended the day and took part in a wide range of different local activities. Just want to say a massive thank you to all the organisations that helped on the day and made it a real success! To read the full article from the Grimsby Telegraph visit <http://bit.ly/1nG53Ak> and see all the photos and videos from the day!



ENFUSES NEXT BIG THING

The enfuse team will be taking over an empty shop within Freshney Place for 7 weeks from June 22nd. In a collaboration between Freshney Place and social enterprise organisations, we see this as a huge opportunity as it gives us a public facing opportunity during the busiest time of the year. This will allow us to showcase to the public not only what enfuse do, but the huge skillset of the volunteers who work alongside us. We will have a programme of various events and workshops to engage younger people from all walks of life. We believe in making the shop a desirable place to be through appropriate decoration and themes. We plan on having the shop open to the public for the final 2 weeks of the project, being 28 July – 11 August. We are extremely excited about having an opportunity like this and if you would like to get behind us and help support this project then please contact the project lead, Joe Mager on joe@vanel.org.uk

FACE THE CHALLENGE'S FUTURE

After a successful week programme in Immingham with 18 young people in the Easter Holiday we are delighted to announce that Face The Challenge will be continuing and running more programmes over the coming school holidays. With help from Troubled Families we are going to expand the project and run more varied workshops and interactive sessions to help engage young people in the area of Immingham. If you would like to get involved in this expanding project then please get in touch with Sophie Johnson on sophiej@vanel.org.uk or call her on 01472 315437.

TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

My name is Sophie Johnson and I am a community development worker for Enfuse specialising in Sports, Art and Culture. Within my role I have designed sport programmes to increase participation within North East Lincolnshire as well as organising events for Community Games. I also liaise with Troubled Families and England Athletics assisting with delivery of activities. I also support



volunteers by recruiting them into sports and art organisations to ensure they gain the best experience and update them with any upcoming opportunities we may have. To get in touch with me then email

sophiej@vanel.org.uk or ring me on 01472 315437.

ATHLEFIT SPEEDS AHEAD

The enfuse team are now running regular athlefit sessions which are aimed at getting more people into physical activity and the feedback so far has been awesome! For more information on this exciting project then contact Sophie or Rob on 01472 315437.

IF YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH THE ENFUSE TEAM OR WANT US TO HELP YOU THEN CONTACT US

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A WINTER WARMER

As this edition of the newsletter reaches you spring will have sprung, meaning that the Winter Planning Campaign has gone into hibernation for another summer. This winter has been mild, giving the volunteers and co-ordinators a quiet time in terms of snow.

During this summer's hibernation period there will be a number of background activities taking place, one of which is that VANEL with a small number of winter planning volunteers will be attending the Care Plus Fun Day on 3rd May at People's Park. The main piece of work planned is to look at what other winter related campaigns are out there and to make sure that duplication is kept to a minimum, so if you know of any other campaigns that are specifically winter related, would like to volunteer for the campaign, or are interested in joining the steering group, then please email vicky@vanel.org.uk.



Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire (HWNEL) is now one year old. Click the link below to look back at their first year, their achievements, their goals and what they are planning for the future.

[http://issuu.com/hwnel/docs/
year_one_newsletter](http://issuu.com/hwnel/docs/year_one_newsletter)



The team at Harbour Place are looking for a chest of drawers. They urgently need some for use by their clients at the group.

If you have any you can donate them please contact Dave by calling 01472 344118.



Also CARE are looking for some office swivel chairs so if you have any lying about then why not help them out by calling them on 01472 268795

Don't forget we are always looking for more stories and news.

So if you have anything to share, why not tell us?

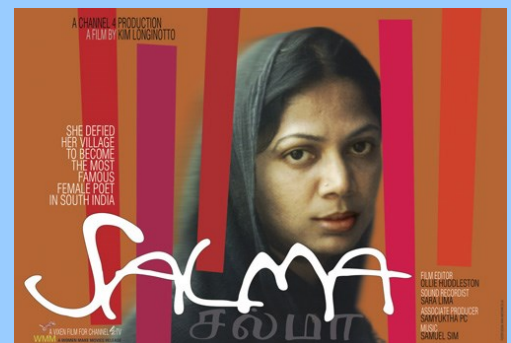
Email your news to thomas@vanel.org.uk so we can get it ready for the next issue!

MENISCUS

OUR MAY MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Meniscus Community Film Society was set up by a group of North East Lincolnshire Filmmakers after they attended a film festival and competition in Manchester. Meniscus Community Film Society have screened 2 film premieres, held 4 meet the filmmaker nights with film screenings followed by talks by the cast and crew, screened over 60 independent or non-mainstream films, had one award of lottery funding and funded the production of one short film and successfully contributed to the local cultural calendar with a variety of film and film related events.

The team at VANEL will be supporting Meniscus this month by promoting and attending a screening of the film, Salma. Why not join us? Salma will be screened on the **3rd June at 7pm** at Oasis Academy Wintringham so please come along to this FREE screening and help a local film society. There will be food available. To learn more about meniscus then visit their website meniscusfilms.co.uk



DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A COMMON TREASURY THAT OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS HAVE ACCESS TO? GET IN TOUCH WITH US TODAY ON 01472 231123 TO SEE WHAT WE HAVE THAT COULD HELP YOU!

WHAT IS THE CAN?



The North East Lincolnshire Community Advice Network (CAN) is a partnership project which works to help people throughout the local area to deal with their problems.

Through information, referrals, support and training the Community Mentors, Fiona Easter, Michelle Blastland and Sarah Davidson will work with individuals, to find them the help they need with the issues they face.

The CAN works closely with a number of local agencies including those offering help, advice and support with debt, housing, benefits, mental health, careers, work, consumer and many more issues. For information on our network member organisations see our website www.communityadvice.net.

Together we CAN help. By offering a network of advice and support, on whatever issues local people might face. This partnership working enables us to ensure that clients get, the right help, from the right place, as quickly as possible.

Contact the team :

For more information on our drop in sessions please visit:

www.communityadvice.net | www.twitter.com/thenelcan | www.facebook.com/communityadvicenetwork

Alternatively you can contact us by telephone on (01472) 252512 or Email mentors@communityadvice.net.

GOVERNMENT GRANT GIVES GREEN LIGHT TO LINKAGE COMMUNITY TRUST



A new, £430,000 development at Linkage College in Grimsby will widen access to further education for young people with learning difficulties who also have physical disabilities.

A two-storey building extension to the main MacKenzie Building at Linkage's Weelsby Road campus will offer a large physiotherapy room, extensive changing/wet room areas and flexible spaces to create personal tutorial and counselling rooms at the longest-established specialist further education college in the country, operated by the learning disability charity, Linkage Community Trust.

The Grimsby proposals have received full planning permission and Linkage hopes the building will be operational in 2015. It comes at an exciting time for Linkage College, which Ofsted stated in its 2013 inspection "offers outstanding outcomes for students".



GREAT NEWS FOR COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Communities Together were invited to a reception at Lincoln Cathedral Centre on Thursday 1st May as they were nominated to receive The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2014 by the Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire.

Surinder Khurana, Chair of Communities Together paid tribute to all their group members: *"I feel very proud that our voluntary work is being recognised at the highest level and thank all you for your tremendous support and teamwork in aiming to achieve the charity's objectives"*

Communities Together is delighted to be one of 3 charities chosen from the region to go forward to the national awards - the outcome of which will be officially announced in June so watch this space and fingers crossed!

Also Communities Together will be running the MELA on Sunday 3rd August this year at Meridian Park, last years event was a huge success and we are sure this years will be as well. To find out more keep your eyes peeled on the VANEL and Communities Together websites.

The spring edition of Communities Together's Newsletter is now out!

To read visit www.vanel.org.uk and download from there.



SKILL UP YOUR TEAM

CERT are running a course which could be useful to you and your team.

"Introduction to committee skills - planning for effective meetings"

A relaxed, fun and informative short course aimed at members of small voluntary or community groups who aim to become more efficient in all aspects of planning and running meets to achieve their goals.

It is a two day course, Day 1 is the 23rd May and the 2nd day is 30th May. Places are fully funded for attendees aged 19+ who aren't in paid employment for more than 8 hours a week.

To reserve places call Becky on 07775028473

DID YOU KNOW EACH WARD IN GRIMSBY, CLEETHORPES AND IMMINGHAM HAS ITS OWN WEBSITE? VISIT WWW.NEL.INANDAROUND.ORG.UK TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND YOUR WARD.

IT SUPPORT NETWORK

Our IT Supporters Network activity programme is getting underway properly now, so there are a number of upcoming dates for your diary. Unless your organisation has all your technology issues completely under control, we think something or other from our new programme will be useful to you. Visit www.vaneldigital.org.uk for more info.

Involved in web development and need support?

WebClub sessions on Tue 6th, Wed 21st May and Tue 3rd June could help you out. **Webclub** is a great place to come to learn and openly discuss the support you feel you and your organisation needs.

Not got a clue how websites work or how your group can get started building or improving your site?

Our "**Cooking up a website**" training session is on Tue 13th May (12noon-2pm)
So come and have a cookery lesson!

We're experimenting with an all-morning **Technology Conference & Workshop** on Wed 21st May, entitled "Digital by default. Are you?" which we hope will be of interest to everyone. Venue and agenda are just about to be confirmed as we go to press so keep an eye on the website

If you are a Trustee or committee member of your organisation, then how in control of Technology are you. Is technology ignored, a risk or an enabler for your organisation? We've got a "**Technology for Trustees**" training session on Fri 16th May (10am-12) which can help you understand technology and the impact on your organisation better.

Simply got an issue with your computers, your network, with software, or use of an internet programme? We're starting regular "**Technical Surgeries**"
The first is Mon 9th June. Book an appointment and we'll try and sort you out.

As you can see we have a lot planned and there's more being arranged for the future. All details and further information about everything can be found on the new project website at

www.vaneldigital.org.uk

or contact Karl Elliott via karl@vanel.org.uk for information or help.



Don't forget to visit www.vanel.org.uk for all the latest news and information on what's going on in North East Lincolnshire.

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