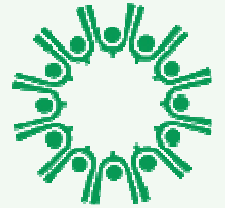


As always there is plenty going on at VANEL, across our support programmes, out in our community and throughout our sector.

This month's newsletter is full of news, but don't forget we also share it all online at vanel.org.uk and if you are a Member or Friend then we want to share your news too – please get in touch...

September 2013



voluntary action

Supporting Volunteers Award (SVA) - where are we now?

Over the past twelve months, our **Supporting Volunteers Award (SVA)** has grown and grown. In the past couple of weeks even more groups have gained their first SVA Level 1 accreditation or moved on further to meet the requirements of Level 2 (see box below).

We now have nearly a hundred organisations accredited at Level 1 and dozens at Level 2. Dozens more local volunteer hosting organisations have committed to gaining their first accreditation and are working through paperwork and evidence gathering in order to achieve SVA.

Over the past month SVA has also now expanded into North Lincolnshire. Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (VANL) are supporting us with the further development and evolution of the award scheme and have launched it in their area to their own local groups. SVA continues to evolve as a localised, highly focused and useful accreditation tool for volunteer hosts, in order to both demonstrate commitment to good volunteer management practices whilst supporting implementation of good practices in the first place.

We're really pleased with the development of SVA today, and many of the accredited organisations help us champion the value of the award scheme. VANEL hopes that in due course, every single local organisation that hosts volunteers will be SVA accredited as a way of ensuring everyone demonstrates to volunteers themselves the quality of their hosting support.

SVA continues to evolve now. The more organisations we work with, the more we're fine tuning the system. We're changing accreditation materials, developing a "good to go" package of materials to help smaller or newer groups quickly get to grips with volunteer management good practices, and we continue to evolve the scheme in light of changes to volunteer management nationally.

Our SVA website is about to be reworked so be sure to keep visiting it, and if you need to know more about SVA for your organisation get in touch with VANEL.



Congratulations to...

- Salvation Army for achieving Levels 1 and 2.
- To all the Children's Centres in North East Lincolnshire (11 of them) for achieving their Level 2 SVA to follow on from the Level 1 they recently achieved.
- Eleven different Brownies, Rangers and Guides groups across North East Lincolnshire also achieved their Level 1 SVA successfully.

The Supporting Volunteer Award website is now undergoing a refresh, and all the details of all the groups accredited with SVA Levels 1 and 2 will be on there very soon.

Visit <http://vanel.supportingvolunteersaward.org.uk> to get the full picture of SVA across North East Lincolnshire.

Contact VANEL on 01472 231123 or email sva@vanel.org.uk

NEWS from Members and VANEL...

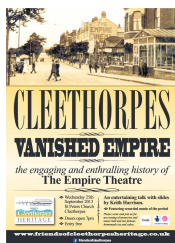
A small selection of news from VANEL and our members. Visit the VANEL website to read much more news relevant to our sector. If your organisation is a VANEL Member or Friend then you can advertise any news you have via our website. editor@vanel.org.uk

Ghosts of our past

Friends of Cleethorpes Heritage are holding an event on 14th September at the Memorial Hall in Cleethorpes with images of Cleethorpes history. Full details are online <http://bit.ly/14pourD>

Vanished Empire

An evening talk is being hosted by **Friends of Cleethorpes Heritage** on 25th September to recall the history of the Empire Theatre. Poster and details of the event are online here <http://bit.ly/1dLUGZt>



Veggie Box Cookery Scheme

A chance to learn cookery by making best use of the contents of a **Green Future's** veggie box. The session will be on Wed 18th September at Second Avenue Resource Centre. Details in VANEL news online <http://bit.ly/17cNznL>

Heritage Open Days

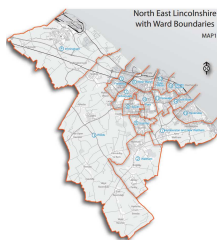
From the 12th-15th September there are a number of historic buildings open across Grimsby and Cleethorpes. These include Cleethorpes Town Hall and St Mary on the Sea Church in East Marsh. There are a few more details on our website at <http://bit.ly/1abRK4j> or visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk to find out much more.

External Funding Bulletin

North East Lincolnshire Council has issued the August edition of their External Funding Bulletin which can be downloaded from here <http://bit.ly/17DscbV>

Tidy up together campaign

The **North East Lincolnshire** campaign to **Tidy up together** will start on 23rd September in Humberston, ending six months later in Haverstoe. The campaign will encourage residents, community groups and partners to work together on a deep clean of the borough, tackling things such as weeds, fly tipping, gully cleansing, grounds maintenance, potholes, street sign replacement and more.



Residents are encouraged to contact Street Care on 324500 or customer.requests@nelincs.gov.uk. Lots more information is on the Council website here <http://bit.ly/17VaOFR>. Get involved.

World Mental Health Day

10th October 2013 is World Mental Health Day. As part of the day, the Mental Health Foundation are organising Tea and Talk sessions across the country.

From 12-1pm on 10th October VANEL will be holding a cake sale at The Elms and talking about mental health. All members and friends are welcome to join us to take part in the conversation.

Ready to Switch?

The **"Ready to Switch"** scheme, which enables residents to collectively get a better price for their gas and electricity supplies. The latest round opened on 6th August and closes on 15th October. This is one worth sharing with your clients or beneficiaries. For more information visit: www.nelincs.gov.uk/readytoswitch

The VANEL AGM 7th Nov



The VANEL AGM will take place on Thursday 7th November 2013.

Further details of the day are being prepared, but we encourage all VANEL Members to send a representative of the AGM itself and all Members and Friends are encouraged to attend the other sessions that we will be providing on the day.

Further details will be released in due course (keep an eye on www.vanel.org.uk/agm), but for now please keep the date clear in your diary. (The AGM itself will be at 2pm).

WebClub news

Our next **WebClub** sessions are Tue 17th September, 2nd and 15th October.

The 17th September session is a special session looking at **"technology and funding applications"**, and even non-members of WebClub are invited to attend (please book). Online funding applications are now the norm, but the technical issues of completing online forms etc can often get in the way of thinking through the applications themselves. The session on the 17th will focus on helping groups prepare technically to do online applications without problems.

And 14-20th October is **national Get Online week**. We have a WebClub session that week but there will be a number of other workshops and training sessions that week too, to help support our Members and Friends to embrace and use technology effectively and efficiently. Look at www.vanel.org.uk/getonline2013 for information as we put the plans together for the week.

And if you have any questions at all about how we can help support you with your web projects please call Karl at VANEL on 01472 235311 or email karl@vanel.org.uk.

The Enfuse page...

Latest from Enfuse

Yet again it's been another busy month for the **Enfuse** team!

We have been at various events spread over North East Lincolnshire since we last wrote so we'll give you a quick overview of the kind of things we have been up to. Shoreline held a couple of Ministry of Saving events and we went along and showed off the skills we've been doing with transforming old clothes into works of beauty!! Some of the team have been helping tell people what they should and what they shouldn't be putting down their sinks and down their loo's on behalf of Anglian Water. We are working alongside Anglian Water to help them reduce blockages across the Heneage, Park and Yarborough wards.

The team have just been heavily engaged with the Fresher's Fair at Grimsby Institute, and we are now really looking forward to the Lincolnshire Food Festival on the 21st and 22nd September.

Why not give us a cheeky follow on our twitter @enfusegy for up to date news and upcoming events?

The Transformation Project

The Transformation Project is a recycling project for people to create items from old materials and clothes. Using the old materials and clothes, they could be transformed into something new. Such as a new piece of clothing, accessories, home ware, the list is endless.

VANEL and Enfuse are working alongside Shoreline Housing Partnership as part of their Ministry of Saving events to encourage this recycling initiative.

We want to get you involved too. We want to come to you and show you what we can do!

This is a 'FREE' project, and we can assure you that you will never look at a piece of clothing in the same way again. FREE, FASHIONABLE, and ECONOMIC.

For information contact us by email

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or by phone on 07939 820338.

If anyone has any clothes, material, accessories or even home decorations that they are about to throw away or send to charity, we are accepting and asking for donations, and would greatly appreciate it!



Immingham Summer of Sports

Summer of Sports was a three day programme aimed at young people in the Immingham area aged 8 and above. The programme was a combination of Sports and Dance aiming to signpost participants into local positive activities. The programme was also designed to educate the participants on how to live a healthy lifestyle using materials from Change4Life and showing how to adapt current lifestyles to become healthier. Enfuse were involved in supporting the event, which was a great success.



The aim for the programme was to offer free taster sessions of different activities that people could potentially enjoy, which we could then assist the local community to develop further. It also was to reduce anti-social behaviour by engaging young people in positive activities and increasing their health and wellbeing. Over the event, we aimed to work with up to 60 young people giving them opportunity to access and try out new sporting activities, reduce anti-social behaviour and by raising aspirations. The event itself was a success as the weather was great to take part in a range of activities over the three days outside. The activities included football, rounders', kick-ball rounders', quick cricket and dodge ball. Indoors, dancing took place teaching participants different routines including cheer dance. Both of the sports and dance were effective with all of participants taking part in them and keeping up their enthusiasm over the three day programme.

Overall, the children thoroughly enjoyed the programme, and the Enfuse team can truly say it was a success. With a great help from coaches Lee and Anneliese and the staff from VANEL assisting, the day wouldn't have been possible.

After Immingham, Summer for Sports moved onto Sidney Sussex Recreation Ground in late August and will now be planning for another event back in Immingham in 2014.

You can **contact the Enfuse team** on 01472 315437 via email on enfuse@vanel.org.uk, look at the webpage www.vanel.org.uk/enfuse (our new website is coming soon) or follow on Twitter [@enfusegy](https://twitter.com/enfusegy)



Britain's Personal Best

Britain's Personal Best is an Olympic Legacy project funded by the Big Lottery that looks for people to give their 'personal best' in an activity - it does not need to be a sporting activity. It can be any activity that someone already takes part in or something totally new.



As part of the campaign nationally there is a big Personal Best weekend, running 4th-6th October 2013. The campaign is a way to foster local voluntary action and might be a great way for your organisation to connect with new individuals.

Full information is on www.whatsyours.org (also @BritainsPB) and both individuals and organisations are encouraged to register. The initiative is supported across our sector by NAVCA, vinspired and others, so why not see how you can get involved with your own personal best.

Stoptober

Local smokers are being urged to "beat the rush" and quit the habit in advance of **Stoptober campaign** which the Department of Health have announced will run again this year.



The campaign, first run in 2012 encourages smokers to give up smoking for the whole of the month October is due to be launched during September with national and local publicity efforts. The campaign is run on the premise that if someone is able to give up for one months, they will be well on the way to stopping for good.

Smoking is still the single biggest cause of premature death and serious illness in the UK and research shows that half of all smokers will die as a result of a smoking related disease.

"Smoking has also become an expensive habit with an average pack of 20 cigarettes costing up to £7, so someone quitting could look forward to quite a bit of spare cash as they plan for Christmas" added David Hardy, Stop Smoking Service Manager.

Thousands of people across the area can testify to the success of seeking help from the Stop Smoking Service and it is hoped that this national and local effort will see even more seek help to stop.

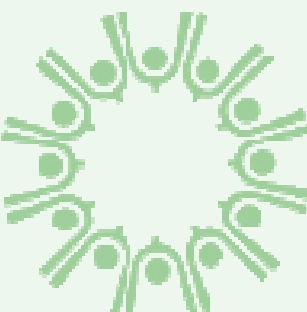
To gain a Stoptober pack to support promotion and encourage your workforce to stop smoking contact Mike May (Stop Smoking Service) on 07768 123082 or email mike.may1@nelincs.gov.uk

"Surviving and Thriving" - a Voluntary Sector Summit

Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire (VANL) is hosting "Surviving and Thriving", a Voluntary Sector Summit on Wednesday 25th September in Scunthorpe. This exciting new event will be opened by Key Note Speaker, Kevin Curley CBE and will consist of six strategically focused workshops as well as an overall chance to network together.

Workshops will be: *Surviving and Thriving, Consortia and Networking, Projects and Volunteers, Income Funding and Finances, Payment by Results and Social Investment Bonds*. The event fee is £20 each (discounts for smaller organisations or multiple delegates). Bookings via VANL please on 01724 845155. The event will be 9am-4pm at Hesham Park Rugby Club in Scunthorpe.

A flyer and details are available on the VANL website <http://bit.ly/1dYPF0P>.



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