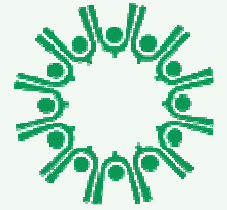


This month we start looking back over our TLI programme of the past 18 months, keep you updated on news from within VANEL and from across our membership, and ensure we keep you informed of events and activities relevant to your own organisations.

Don't forget that if you are a Member or Friend your news could be included here too...



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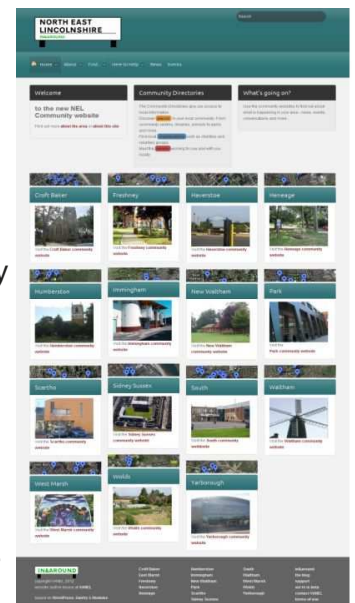
Looking back at TLI: Mapping our community assets

VANEL has now come to the end of our **Transforming Local Infrastructure (TLI) programme**, and over the next few issues of our newsletter we'll be sharing with you our reports on what we did, how well it worked and what we expect to see next as a result of this programme. This month we'll focus on the community assets mapping and knowledgebase components of TLI which resulted primarily in the creation of our family of INandAROUND community websites. (<http://nel.inandaround.org.uk>)

Our project outcome was to develop ways to enable more efficient use of community assets (buildings primarily) used by frontline organisations across the borough. We originally developed an 'asset map' as a detailed, informative pdf, but, after feedback, this evolved and through a number of shared pilot versions it became what now exists as INandAROUND. Our assets knowledgebase within INandAROUND now maps every community building and open space in each ward, along with all community based or community focused organisations and much more.

The family of websites has evolved into an ever more capable community communication tool for each ward, with more and more data being populated. They exist as a resource now for community members, local voluntary/community organisations and service providers to all explore and understand what is offered and available across the entire borough.

Our biggest challenge has been getting the deep involvement of those in the community who could help us to develop, improve and support the sites. One identified challenge has been lack of website/digital technology skills and capabilities within the community or within organisations. We've tackled this too by growing our support for 'all things digital' via our popular WebClub initiative (see back page). And we're continuing to develop INandAROUND using our new team of enfuse apprentice youth community development workers as well as other volunteers they recruit.



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Through TLI we developed the assets, mapping and knowledgebase further (for example through a number of detailed case studies too), and you can read much more in the full report on our website.



This article and a more complete report can be downloaded from the VANEL website. Each of our TLI reviews and reports will be added to the website each month. Visit www.vanel.org.uk/tli

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

New CEO at YMCA

The **Trustees of Grimsby Cleethorpes and Humber Region YMCA** are pleased to announce the appointment of Malcolm Smith as the new Chief Executive Officer.

Following a rigorous recruitment process, which included two panels made of trustees, staff and young people and additional local representation, it was very clear to all that Malcolm was the outstanding candidate.

The past year has seen many improvements to the service at YMCA and also the strengthening of many partnerships between many organisations; and I know it is Malcolm's intention to continue these improvements for the benefit of all associated with the YMCA.

YMCA are excited about the future and look forward to what it may hold for ourselves but more importantly for the young people we serve.

Thank you for all you do in aiding us in our work and trust that you will continue to offer your support as we move into this new era.

On behalf of the Trustees of Grimsby Cleethorpes and Humber Region YMCA.

More on YMCA website: www.gcymca.com

Do you need some help?

Does your organisation have a project that could do with some help? For a start you should make sure that it's registered with the **North East Lincolnshire Volunteer Centre** so that we can match your needs up with local volunteers. Our Volunteer Centre is quality accredited and can support you to ensure your opportunities are filled.

In any month we have 50+ new volunteers come forward, amounting to nearly 800 each year. Those volunteers are looking for opportunities, so if you have something that needs doing please contact the centre on 01472 231123 to talk it through with us.



In addition, the **Youth Offending Service (YOS)** are seeking winter projects that their young offenders can be involved with as part of their reparation work. If you have work that could help your community then you might want to talk to the Youth Offending Service about it (01472 325252, Lynne Macpherson).

Members & Friends Update

At the last VANEL executive meeting, the following organisations were confirmed as new **Members** and **Friends** of VANEL:

North East Lincolnshire Healthwatch (member)
Crimestoppers (member)
Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher Education (member)
Meniscus Film Society (member)
The Ice House Christian Centre (member)
Franklin College (friend)
Grimsby Food Kitchen (friend)
Waltham Community Football Club (friend)

Good to have you onboard. Keep an eye on our website for profiles of new members as they appear. If you are an existing Member or Friend why not have us do a short profile about you on our website.

Contact editor@vanel.org.uk if you've got some words you'd like us to share.

Hate Crime National Awareness Week 2013

For the second year running, the national **Hate Crime Awareness Week** has been announced to take place from 12th-18th October. Tackling hate crime locally remains a priority for **Safer and Stronger Communities** and we are committed to ensuring that individuals and communities are safe from abuse based on prejudice and discrimination. For more information on what constitutes a hate crime, please visit our website: www.nelincs.gov.uk/resident/safer-and-stronger-communities/hate-crime

Communities and organisations across the country will be marking Hate Crime Awareness Week through events, meetings and vigils. If you would like to organise a hate crime awareness event in North East Lincolnshire and require resources or more information, then contact Usman Nawaz (Community Safety Officer) by email usman.nawaz@nelincs.gov.uk or call 324968.

National Hate Crime Week is organised by the No To Hate Crime campaign. More details about the week and the organisation can be found via their website visit: <http://bit.ly/18K6Duu>

Tukes Fundraising

Tukes hold a Table Top Sale on the last Sunday of every month (12noon-4pm) at Tukes Café and Conference Centre on Brighowgate, Grimsby. All welcome & tables £5 a pitch. All to raise money for Tukes activities. Contact Sally Smith at Tukes via 342172

A bit more news...

VANEL Staff Focus

Eddie Weeks has retired again! Back in May 2012 Eddie went down to one day a week with VANEL, but he's now retired fully and is off to pursue other interests. After thirteen years at VANEL he deserves a change! Thanks Eddie.



We've also had no less than four new starters with the **enfuse** youth team. **Bayard Tarpley** and **Phil Simpson** will be the new recycling specialists, and **Claire Lilliman** and **Anneliese Hannar** are working alongside Shoreline. Each of them have been with us a matter of days or weeks so are still getting used to their new roles. Again, good to have them onboard. More about them and from them in future newsletters.

Winter Planning

Entering its third year the Winter Planning Campaign is once more poised and ready to support elderly and vulnerable people during extreme weather conditions.

The official re-launch of the campaign will take place on Friday 18th October, 10am-2pm at Age UK, Osbourne Street, Grimsby. Why not come along and meet the partners and the campaign. It's an excellent opportunity to come and check out the Age UK office and cafe.

If you have a group that would like to hear about the campaign then please contact the email address below.

If you would like to offer your support to the campaign then please email vicky@vanel.org.uk or check out the website www.winterplanning.org.uk.

Please be aware that the volunteer role does require a DBS check.

Latest from Big Local

At the recent Cleethorpes Food festival, over 800 people gave us their opinion on how we should invest the million pounds given to North Cleethorpes to make the resort from the Kingsway to Ramsdens a better place to live work and visit.

Overall, it was a very successful day and the Big Local steering group is now going to pull together all of those opinions and send a newsletter to everyone who lives in the area to see whether they feel we are going in the right direction.

In the New Year there will be a public meeting called to hear what people have to say and to vote for the formation of the partnership group that will prepare the investment plan.

<http://cleethorpes.inandaround.org.uk>



Latest from the enfuse team

It is that time of month again to let you all know what the **enfuse** team have been up and about to. First things first are that we have 4 brand new, shiny members to the team! So please give a big warm welcome to Bayard, Claire, Phil and Anneliese. Bayard and Phil will be the new recycling specialists and Claire and Anneliese are working alongside Shoreline. We hope they are settling in well and enjoying life in the wonderful world of **enfuse**.

We worked at The Fresher's Fairs, at Grimsby Institute and Franklin College and the success we had was really amazing. This was our first big recruitment drive as such and over the 3 days we had over 100 people signed up. We are really happy with the results and are looking at engaging them over the coming weeks.

The next big event we are working on as a group is the Local Democracy Conference, which we are helping the Council for Young People and Young Advisors. The event is aimed at school leavers, helping them get ready for work. Something which we feel ties in perfectly with the work our team does.

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)



Children in Need

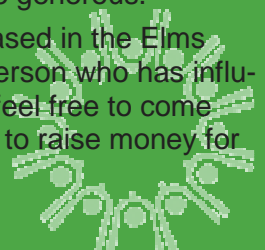
Children in Need is on 15th November. Many organisations across the borough will be fundraising on or around that day, and VANEL is no exception.

VANEL, our **enfuse** team and **Communities Together** have all teamed up to organise an afternoon of activities at The Elms (22 Abbey Road) under the title, "**Times Past**".

We start off with a cake sale. We are holding our very own Bake Off competition. If you are interested in taking part then either complete the application form or drop an email to vicky@vanel.org.uk or thomas@vanel.org.uk registering your interest and if you would like to bake something sweet or savoury. These will then be sold in our cake sale *to benefit Children in Need*. Even if you do not want to enter the competition we would appreciate a selection of cakes and savouries to sell.

Other activities we have planned for the day include parlour games, quizzes and dancing. Donation buckets will be located at the events so please be generous.

As part of our theme, VANEL staff based in the Elms have been invited to dress up as a person who has influenced them from their past. Please feel free to come across and join the team at the Elms to raise money for Children in Need.



VANEL Support for your Technology issues

At VANEL, we encourage all voluntary and community groups, charities and social enterprises to make the most of technology, so we're coinciding with this year's national Get Online week (14-20 October) to help groups to make the most of online technology. We have a number of training sessions, workshops, surgeries and discussions running that week, to which all Members and Friends are invited to attend. Full information is on the website (www.vanel.org.uk/getonline2013) but here's the agenda for the week:

Tuesday 15th: 9.30am-10.15am "The Voluntary and Community Sector and the Digital by Default Environment" – keynote introduction and discussion.

10.30am – 11.30am "Good Ideas Workshop". We'll share our tech tips and ideas and hopefully you can share what you've been trying too.

11.30-1pm A variety of 1:1 **Technical surgeries** – about the web, hardware, software, social media, raspberry Pi's, Chromebooks and lots more. Check the flyer online for more details, but drop in and get your questions answered.

Come along on Tuesday for the whole morning or just pop in for one or more of these sessions:

Tuesday afternoon: 2pm-2.30pm "CTX Master-class". For any registered charity to understand how to get super-cheap software via the CTX scheme.

4pm-6pm is our normal, scheduled **"WebClub"** session. Members welcome, but anyone else is encouraged to try it out for free.

Wednesday 16th: 9.30am-11.30am "Cooking up a Website" training session for absolute web beginners.

1pm-3pm "WordPress for Beginners" training session (£5 per head)

Places on all sessions will be very limited, so please let us know if you are coming. Book via Karl Elliott (karl@vanel.org.uk or 01472 235311).



➔ www.vanel.org.uk/getonline2013

VANEL AGM 7th November

The **VANEL Annual General Meeting** will take place on **7th November 2013** at The Grimsby University Centre Board Room. The AGM itself will take place at 2pm and all Members are invited to attend for this formal part of our yearly calendar.

Directly after the AGM (2.30pm – 4pm approx) there will be a **keynote presentation by Dr Peter Melton, Clinical Chief Officer of the NEL Clinical Commissioning Group – "Healthy Lives, Healthy Futures"**. All Members and Friends are invited to attend this session to complete the afternoon.

Prior to the AGM, VANEL will also be hosting **three workshops and 1:1 surgery sessions**. The sessions will run between 9.30am and 12.30pm on three key topics: Funding, Pensions and Technology.

More details of these sessions will be available soon, and for information about any part of the AGM day please keep an eye on the VANEL website at www.vanel.org.uk/agm.



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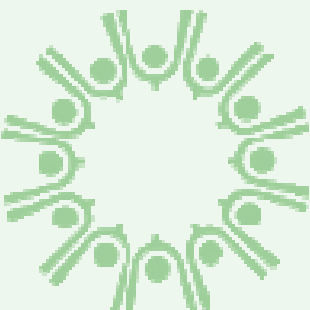
VANEL continues to offer a wide range of services and support to Members and Friends organisations. If you need a reminder of how we might be able to help, visit the website www.vanel.org.uk, or take a look at our Services and Contact flyer (www.vanel.org.uk/servicesheet).

If in any doubt, just give us a call on 01472 231123 to speak to reception or ask for your Account Manager.



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