

# Cyber Security Training for Small Charities and Voluntary or Community Groups

- Do you know how to protect your organisation against a cyber-attack?
- Do you even know what a cyber-attack looks like?
- Have you thought about the risks to your business if you were hacked, phished or your online presence was taken down?
- Did you know that the average cost to a charity of a cyber security breach has been calculated to be around £1030?

**VANEL** are here to help with a series of free, half-day training sessions in Nov/Dec 2019.

No matter how big or small your charity or voluntary group is, I can guarantee you have money in the bank, fundraise, hold important information about people and play an important role in your community. It goes without saying that all this needs to be kept safe - you don't want to lose money to fraud, lose data and fall foul of tough GDPR rules, or break any Charity Commission rules about doing the best for your charity.

Yet if you use computers, email, a website, social media or the internet then there are some very real risks these days. Big problems hit the news (NHS chaos as a result of the WannaCry virus) and it's easy to think it doesn't mean us. But a 'phishing' email can very easily fool your inexperienced staff or volunteers to risking money or data. Technology opens up new problems and risks for smaller organisations and if you're not technically minded then this can be a problem to tackle.

We're all trying to do our best and reduce risks, so "Cyber Security" is the term applied to taking steps to make your organisation more secure against cyber crime. In the 'real' world you might fit better locks, a CCTV, an alarm system or have processes in place to keep your money and assets and people secure. Cyber Security is the same approach in the world of technology. Taking simple steps to reduce your risk of attack and make sure you're able to recover is the key.

So, we recommend "**Cyber Security for Small Charities and Voluntary or Community Groups**" - a half-day course that VANEL is running several times during Nov/Dec 2019.

**VANEL** are delivering this **free** training course which has been created by the **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)** specifically to explain Cyber Security to small charities and community or voluntary groups.

## Practicalities

3 opportunities coming up...

When: **Wed 27<sup>th</sup> November. Running 1.30pm – 5pm.** Registration from 1pm  
Where: **The Community Hub in Freshney Place Shopping Centre, Grimsby**

When: **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Running 1pm – 4.30pm.** Registration from 12.30pm  
Where: **Big Local North Cleethorpes offices, 82 Grimsby Road, Cleethorpes**

When: **Tue 10<sup>th</sup> December. Running 1pm – 4.30pm.** Registration from 12.30pm  
Where: **VANEL Offices, 23 Bargate, Grimsby**

These sessions are supported directly by **NCSC** and by the National Association for Voluntary Community Action (**NAVCA**) and are being delivered locally by **VANEL**. Each session is fully subsidised by NCSC funding but places are limited, are restricted to the non-profit sector and a returnable deposit of £10 will be required to secure your place.

Places are limited. Booking is essential. Restricted to 2 people per organisation. A £10 deposit is required per person to secure a place but this is returned to you when you attend. Book as below. The session will be delivered by Karl Elliott from VANEL.

## **So, what will the session cover?**

The session will be broken into three main parts;

- What cyber attacks could a small charity fall victim to?
- What simple steps can you take to enhance your cyber security?
- What should we do if we suffer a cyber attack?

Throughout the session, we will help you understand the content through real life examples, videos and most importantly by removing the jargon that can make cyber security seem difficult to understand.

## **What will the session enable me to do?**

The training aims to provide you with an understanding of the basics of cyber security in a small charity, and what steps you should be taking to protect your organisation. After the session you will be provided with NCSC's Cyber Security: Small Charity Guide, and Actions Checklist to help you put your new knowledge into practice.

## **Who should attend?**

The person who attends does NOT need to know about Cyber Security in advance. In fact, they might not be very technical at all! But they do need to be able to feed back in such a way that changes can be made in your organisation. There might need to be changes to your IT, your staff and volunteer training or to your policies, procedures and processes. Someone like a manager, Trustee, IT lead or similar might be the best person to attend (bearing in mind how flexible these roles and job titles are in our sector!).

## **Booking or more information**

If you are interested in booking a place then please contact:

Karl Elliott, Development Manager at VANEL

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Speak to Karl if you would like more information before you book.

If you can't make any session or are not a member then please still do get in touch because we can add you to our "interested in Cyber security" list and we'll keep you informed about future training or other Cyber support.

Further information will be updated on the VANEL website or in the VANEL weekly e-bulletin