



Our Lancashire Newsletter 14/09/2020

As I had the day off on Friday, my newsletter is slightly late! However, it gives me the opportunity to mention that while some communities are still subject to strict local lockdown rules, other communities and families are now readjusting to the new Rule of 6 that starts today. The complex and ever-changing response to Coronavirus continues, and with it, community groups and organisations each reflect on what is the safest option for them, their members and volunteers.

Last week I was asked the question “what youth groups are active in my local area at the moment”. Of course my first response it so to advise visiting the Our Lancashire website www.ourlancashire.org.uk, but I know our website is still growing and new groups are joining all the time, so I reached out to my network to answer the question too. I have had a few responses which were really helpful. Some groups are running limited activities, others are closed and have no idea of a potential date when they plan to restart. I had planned on sharing a spreadsheet, however, the groups that have responded are all on our website so it would just be duplicating information! I would urge all groups to log in to their Our Lancashire account and check their “group” is up to date with current information, if you need assistance with this, please get in touch.

Bid Writing Basics – closing date for registrations 15/09/2020

Lancaster District CVS are working in partnership with Lancaster University's 'ImaginationLancaster' on delivering a number of bid writing training courses.

The first course, Bid Writing Basics, is aimed at those starting off bid writing and will be taking place online next Thursday 17th September, 10.45am-12.15pm.

The deadline for registering is Tuesday 15th September.

Please note this course is for beginners and is aimed primarily at voluntary and community groups. There are limited places to ensure a good learning experience and allow for Q&As.

There will be another Bid Writing Basics course later in the year. In addition, a more advanced bid writing course has been arranged for October 2020 and we will be in touch with further details on both of these courses.

To confirm your interest, please email me with your name, email and contact number no later than Tuesday 15th September. A further link will be sent after you have registered.

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The attachments

Foodbank Poster

Our Food Bank supports individuals and families in North Hyndburn by delivering food parcels, they have sent in their poster which includes contact details for those that need it.

They deliver two days per week, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons as well as emergency parcels as and when required.

Clients can self refer in the first instance by ringing the number on the poster or by email to the address on the poster.

New You Digital

I was sent a copy of a digital timetable for Change Grow Live <https://www.changegrowlive.org/> with various events taking place online, so have a look and see if there is something you wish to take part in!

Children's Literature Festival

Blackburn Library have sent me information about the 2020 Blackburn Children's Literature Festival that starts in just a few days' time. It will be a virtual festival this year, with sessions for schools on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September. Saturday 19th September is a families and communities day for anyone who wants to dial in. Please read the attachment for further information.

Bringing Volunteers Back Safely Thursday 1st October 2pm – 3pm

Gail, the Engagement Officer for Our Lancashire that covers Pendle and Ribble Valley will be hosting an online event discussing idea on bringing volunteers back safely.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of many different organizations. As we begin to resume normal society activities, local charities and community groups are exploring what they need to do to protect and support their volunteers so they have confidence to resume their valuable work.

In this session we will;

- Understand what our legal responsibilities are.
- Look at the guidance and support available to groups and charities.
- Hear how some local organisations have already resumed their activity.
- Consider which strategies are easy to implement, and what aspects have been trickier to facilitate.

A Zoom link to access the session will be sent to you prior to the meeting start time. Register via Eventbrite; <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bringing-volunteers-back-safely-tickets-119242825501>

This session is aimed to support any Lancashire based community group, charity or non-profit organisation.

If you have any additional needs that we should know about in order to support you accessing the content of this session, please contact gail.barton@lancashire.pnn.police.uk beforehand.

Carers Men's Group Quiz Night and the suppers on us!!

Thursday 1st October 6:30pm – 8:30pm

A get together and chance to get competitive with a quiz hosted by the Carers Service, there is a chance to win a £20 Voucher.

To complete the night buy yourself a takeaway and we will reimburse the cost up to £10, on production of a receipt.

To register email kulsum.chishti@bwdcarers.org.uk

Please provide an email address so we can send you the blank sheets to write your answers on during the quiz

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Learning in the community Our Lancashire Online Chat Wednesday 16th September 2pm – 3pm

Join Our Lancashire and Lancashire Adult Learning plus guests, for the next in our series of online events to support local community groups and organisations.

On Wednesday 16th September we'll be having a conversation about learning in the community, whether that's joining a fun course running at your local library, to collaborating with a training provider like LAL to deliver a bespoke course for your volunteers or participants.

A Zoom link to access the session will be sent to you prior to the meeting start time. Register via Eventbrite; <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/learning-in-the-community-tickets-119236945915>

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Blackburn Libraries Update (document titled 9 September)

The latest newsletter for Blackburn Libraries for you to find out about what is going on over the next month in addition to the Children's Literature Festival mentioned earlier!

A useful link

Please find below a useful link for I was sent in relation to Mental health support resources in Lancashire and South Cumbria:

<https://healthierlsc.co.uk/MentalHealthSupport>

Blackburn with Darwen Community Centres

New just in, in relation to Community Centres across Blackburn with Darwen. The community centres have started to set back up again, but they are doing the groups in stages. Currently none of the lunch clubs or groups for the elderly isolated are up and running yet, as most of their clients are shielding.

Sliding doors is open at Mill Hill

The craft group is open at Greenfields

Youth club is open at Ivy Street.

New targeted youth group opening at the end of Sept in Darwen C.C.

And Finally

National Hate Crime Awareness Week will be running from 10th-17th October 2020. If you are planning any activities to promote this, please let me know. I sit on the Pennine Lancashire Hate Crime Board who are very keen to hear of activities, experiences and feedback in relation to hate crime, direct from the community. So if you have any information that I can feedback, please let me know.

<https://nationalhcaw.uk/>

If you have been bullied, assaulted, harassed or verbally abused because you are different, then you may have been a victim of hate crime.

A Hate Crime is any criminal offence which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; person's disability or perceived disability or against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender.

A Hate Incident is any non-crime incident which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; person's disability or perceived disability or against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender

<https://www.lancashire.police.uk/contact-us/how-do-i-report-a-crime/report-a-hate-crime/>