



Newsletter and Update No. 27 - 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### **Message from Cath Witherington - CEO**

Hopefully you enjoyed some extra days off around last week's Easter weekend and are looking forward to the reopening of non-essential retail and public buildings such as libraries and community centres from next week. Dr Rupert Suckling, Doncaster's Director of Public Health has [written a letter](#) giving an update on the changes that come into effect next week. This is being circulated with this edition of our newsletter and is also available on our website.

In the last newsletter I invited you to complete our [Capacity and Capability survey](#). Thank you to those of you who have already done so. To give even more people the opportunity to share their views and needs, I am going to keep the survey open throughout April. So if you have not yet had the opportunity to take a look - please do so. We are really keen for the results to be totally representative of the sector. By completing the survey, you will also have the opportunity for your organisation to be included in a new online directory of the organisations and services available through the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector in Doncaster.

### **PPE Packs Available**

As our economy and communities start to open up, we will need to continue to make sure our community buildings and any community events follow Covid safety protocols. To support local community groups, the local authority can help provide PPE supplies. Please contact Kerry Hughes via email at [Kerry.Hughes@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:Kerry.Hughes@doncaster.gov.uk) or by phone on 01302 737433 / 07971 955519 to discuss.

### **Covid-19 Vaccination Survey**

Are you going to get a Covid-19 jab or have you had one already? Local health and care organisations, Primary Care Doncaster and Healthwatch Doncaster want to hear about your thoughts and feelings about getting the Covid-19 vaccination.

Share your views in their [local Covid-19 vaccination survey](#).

Getting vaccinated is crucial this year because we all want to save lives and protect ourselves, our loved ones and NHS and Social Care organisations.

We have all changed the way in which we think about the world as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and your voice is more important than ever.

This survey gives you the opportunity to share your experience of getting the vaccine, tell us about where you think would be good places for future vaccine hubs or sessions and you can tell us why you might not be getting vaccinated.

Your views and your voice is important – have your say by completing the survey.

Please share the link and this email with your friends, family and local networks.

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Thank you for your support and thank you for taking part.

### **Doncaster VCFS Fund**

You may recall that we launched this fund towards the end of 2020 and have been pleased to see many organisations and groups submit applications. The large grant is now closed. We are no longer able to consider applications for grants above £5000. The General and Micro grants remain open and we continue to welcome applications.

Guidance on the fund and how to apply is available on our [website](#).

### **Sir Lenny Henry Publishes Open Letter to Black Britons**

Sir Lenny Henry has published an open letter to encourage Black Britons to take the COVID-19 vaccine. The letter has been signed by some of the most high-profile names in the UK and turned into a powerful short film by BAFTA award-winning director Amma Asante.

Please share this letter and video with your networks and through your social media channels if possible.

- The film can be viewed here - <https://vimeo.com/showcase/8294691>
- The latest [weekly NHS data](#) on vaccination uptake by ethnicity shows that over 466,000 and 24,000 Black or Black British adults have taken the first and second COVID-19 vaccine doses respectively.

You can read the letter in full on the Government [website](#).

## **Transport to Covid-19 Vaccination Appointments**

If you or anyone you know is struggling to get to their Covid-19 vaccination appointment due to lack of finances or problems with mobility, North Doncaster Development Trust can help!

NDDT are able to offer free and safe transport for residents of North Doncaster to get to and from their vaccination appointments.

To refer yourself or someone you know to this service, please contact NDDT via email at [transport@northdoncaster.org.uk](mailto:transport@northdoncaster.org.uk) or by phone on 01302 874587

## **Project 6 Upcoming Schedule**

Project 6 have released their [schedule](#) for week commencing the 12th April.

If you know any individuals who could benefit from any of these sessions, then please get in contact with Project 6 to arrange a simple sign-up either over the phone or as a 1 to 1 appointment, to see how they can best support that individual. They offer groups, either within their service or via Zoom sessions.

Sessions in Sober Social are limited to 6 people within Covid guidance. They also offer 1 to 1 support, free counselling service for 6 sessions and their Pathways Project supporting individuals in many areas.

Contact Project 6 on 01302 360090 to find out more or if you want to enquire about any of the other services on offer.

## **DCMS Publishes 'Volunteering During Coronavirus' Guide**

DCMS has published a new [GOV.UK](#) guide - [Volunteering during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) - aimed at members of the public who are currently, or are interested in, volunteering during the pandemic. It sets out clearly, in chapters, everything people need to know to be able to volunteer safely. It includes advice on:

- how restrictions affect volunteering
- travelling safely as a volunteer
- volunteering safely with other people
- finding volunteering opportunities with organisations and groups
- helping others 'informally' in your local area
- accessing testing and vaccinations

## **Health Secretary's Thank You Letter for Volunteers, Employers and Voluntary Organisations**

Health Secretary Matt Hancock MP thanks volunteers, employers and voluntary organisations in a new letter.

In the letter Matt Hancock says: "Thank you too to all those volunteers and organisations from the voluntary sector who continue to provide unique levels of support to health and social care. Voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and NHS organisations do so much to provide training, coordination and support to volunteers. They have been invaluable during the past year."

The full letter can be read on [LinkedIn](#).

## **Cancer Support Survey**

Weston Park Cancer Charity have partnered with a local social enterprise, called Viewpoint, to help them capture the thoughts and opinions of those facing cancer, those who support them and the people who make their work possible.

The Covid-19 outbreak has disrupted so much of the treatment and support that cancer patients and families rely on. With less people visiting GPs there has been a significant drop in cancer referrals, so they know that patients and families need our help and support now more than ever.

Since the first lockdown Weston Park have adapted quickly; moving services online, introducing new services like hardship grants and running their telephone helpline. But now, as we emerge from lockdown they're looking to the months and years ahead, at the changes they'll need to make and how they can help cancer services recover, so that they can continue to be there at every step for people affected by cancer.

Emma Clarke, director of services and grant-giving at Weston Park Cancer Charity has said; "Covid-19 has had a huge impact on cancer diagnosis and treatment; we're particularly concerned about people being diagnosed with a later-stage cancer as they did not contact their GP during the pandemic, despite being worried about signs and symptoms of cancer.

"We want to ensure we focus our efforts and resources on what matters most to people affected by cancer, so we'll be asking a range of our existing clients and supporters what is most important to them and how we can best support them, every step of the way. We would however also like to hear from people affected by cancer

and their loved ones who haven't used our services to better understand why and what we need to do differently to best reach more people with our support.”

Today, one in two of us will develop cancer – it will affect every one of us, directly or indirectly, at some point. So Weston Park really need you to help by [completing their survey](#).

## **The Sleep Charity - Doncaster Practitioner Support**

The Sleep Charity has an exciting opportunity for community-based practitioners who support vulnerable adults in the Doncaster area.

Thanks to support from DCLT, SYHA and DMBC, they can offer 25 fully-funded places on their Sleep Supporters course.

To apply, you must have regular contact with clients who would benefit from receiving information to support them to get a better night's sleep. You will be contacted every 8 weeks following the course until 31st December 2021, to find out how you have used the information provided.

To apply you must be able to complete the pre-recorded training by **14th June 2021**, and attend an online training session on Zoom on either **15th June** at 1pm or **16th June** at 6pm

It is important that you can use the sleep information within your everyday work, with a commitment to continuing to share sleep information in Doncaster after the project has ended.

This is an application process. Please complete the [application form](#) as fully as possible and submit it by **29th April 2021**. All successful applicants will be informed by email by **3rd May 2021**.

## **Local Trust - A Year of The Pandemic**

In 2020, throughout the first lockdown and into early autumn, Local Trust spoke to workers and volunteers in England who had stepped up to lead COVID-19 response work in their communities.

Drawing on first-hand accounts of residents and support workers on the front line, their report uncovers why communities were able to respond to the pandemic so effectively and what they will need in order to maintain this resilience in a post-pandemic world.

All those interviewed were working in areas ranking in the 20 percent most deprived in the country on the Index of Multiple Deprivation – areas often considered [‘left behind’](#).

You can read the full report via the Local Trust [website](#).

## **Amparo Support After Suicide - Briefing for Those Needing to Refer a Client/Patient for Support**

Amparo offers support to anyone who has been affected by suicide in South Yorkshire.

Amparo are hosting a number of Zoom briefings, which will cover their role and how to refer to them - designed for anyone who may encounter someone who has been affected by suicide so that they can be confident to refer them to the service. The sessions will also include a chance to raise any questions you may have. Amparo are particularly keen to support community organisations and those who may need to know more before they are confident to refer their clients/ patients to the service, including those who may have concerns about cultural awareness etc.

Sessions are currently planned for:

Tues 13th April - 3pm

Tues 20th April - 1.30pm

Thurs 29th April - 5pm

Wed 19th May - 12.30pm

Tues 25th May - 2pm

Thurs 27th May - 4pm

Fri 4th June - 12.30pm

Tues 8th June - 2.30pm

Mon 14th June - 9.30pm

Wed 23rd June - 2.30pm

Tues 29th June - 12pm

The Zoom briefings will be repeated sessions, each lasting around 40 minutes (so people only need to attend once). Anyone wishing to book should email [paul.etherington@listening-ear.co.uk](mailto:paul.etherington@listening-ear.co.uk).

Please note: **These sessions are not for the public**, they are for anyone who may come into contact with a patient or client who needs referring on to post-suicide support.

## **Funding Opportunities**

DMBC's latest [funding newsletter](#) is now available.

### **The Co-op Local Community Fund**

The Co-op Local Community Fund supports projects that Co-op members care about. Could your cause be eligible? Applications are opening on **5 May 2021**.

To find out how the Co-op could help your cause, visit their [website](#) or contact Dorothy Miller at [dorothy.miller@coop.co.uk](mailto:dorothy.miller@coop.co.uk)

### **Job Opportunities**

DMBC's latest [Vacancy Bulletin](#) is now available to read.

#### **Chief Executive - Light Peer Support**

Light Peer Support are recruiting a new Chief Executive and they're looking for a driven and engaging individual. As Chief Executive you will be accountable for all operational activity, including staff management, volunteer engagement, quality and compliance and financial management. The role also has significant focus on development work to help the charity grow sustainably, which will include sourcing and securing relevant funding, raising awareness of Light, managing external relationships, whilst ensuring all funding contract obligations are met. You will work closely with the Trustees to develop the long-term growth strategy, set the annual budget and monitor progress against objectives.

You can find the full job description and application form on the Light Peer Support [website](#). Applications close on **Friday 16th April**.

#### **Peer Support Workers (Doncaster & Rotherham) - Light Peer Support**

Do you have lived experience of mental health difficulties around the time of having a baby? Light Peer Support are also seeking two new Perinatal Peer Support Workers to join their team, one focused on support in Rotherham and one on support in Doncaster.

This role will involve providing perinatal mental health peer support through offering structured one to one peer support as well as facilitation of Light Support Groups to ensure they run smoothly either virtually or in person (Covid-19 restrictions permitting). As this role is peer support, you must have lived experience of mental health problems associated with pregnancy/childbirth, it is important that you feel well enough to be able to offer support to families who are struggling with such feelings now. This role also involves working with and supervising volunteers to help us continue to offer dedicated services to women and their families, continuing to support each family effectively.

One of these posts is focused on Rotherham & the other on Doncaster although there will also be times when you are required to work across South Yorkshire as necessary to meet the needs of the charity.

For further information about the role and how to apply, head to their [website](#). The deadline for applications is **Friday 23rd April**.

### **Trainer/Mentor - Citizens Advice**

Citizens Advice Doncaster have an exciting opportunity to join their thriving team as Trainer/Mentor, to support them to develop their charity, people and services, working across all 4 of their offices in Doncaster.

You will share their commitment to deliver high quality services to make an impact and improve the lives of their service users and the community they live in. You will have experience in supporting people to learn new skills and reach their full potential, and will be organised and enthusiastic.

The ability to work on your own initiative and as an integral part of their team is essential and you will be fully committed to the aims and values of the Citizens Advice service and GDPR requirements. You will be able to travel to different locations.

This role will be an important part of their volunteer and work experience programme, reporting directly to the Operations Manager. You will provide support to volunteers and recruits to their Kickstart programme to meet the charity's aims and team development plans.

You can find out more about the role via the [Job Pack](#) and the Citizens Advice [website](#). The closing date for applications is **Friday 23rd April**.

### **Community Connectors - Live Inclusive**

Would you like to be part of a vibrant and committed staff team who provide a comprehensive range of services aimed at maximising, achieving and maintaining independence for Disabled People and those living with Long Term Health conditions? Do you get a kick out of meeting and making connections with people? Are you excited by the idea of working in your local community and want to make a positive difference, particularly in light of COVID-19?

Live Inclusive is recruiting 2 Community Connectors for Doncaster. Ideally we would like one of these Community Connectors to be someone who would enjoy engaging and connecting with young disabled people.

20 hours per week £17,893.20 pro rata, fixed term until 31 March 2022

Live Inclusive has successfully gained Grant funding from the Public Health Team at DMBC for this exciting new opportunity. These positions will work across the Doncaster Borough.

DMBC has secured funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to fund 10 Community Connectors across the Borough. This is to support targeted community groups overcome the challenges faced as a result of COVID-19. These Community Connectors will be hosted by Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) Organisations and Live Inclusive is delighted to be part of this great community initiative.

We are currently providing support for our customers; making 'check-in and chat' calls to ensure our customers are not feeling lonely in their isolation. As restrictions ease we're now able to resume garden visits and go for walks to encourage people out of doors once more. Community Connectors will work alongside these services and help to make connections and learn how we can best support our disabled community's needs as we progress through this Global Pandemic.

The role is varied and includes: Partnership working; increasing Outreach and Engagement within our Community. Using informal networks, local connections and knowledge to reach disabled people/those with long term health conditions; in workplaces, communities, neighbourhoods and local social hubs. Linking with existing groups and organisations who are active in the heart of their communities and supporting disabled people to participate. We want to reach more disabled people who are isolated and disconnected from their community. **Never has this been more important for a large proportion of our community who have been required to shield due to COVID-19.**

Selection will be based on Live Inclusive's values: We are looking for candidates with some form of 'lived experience of disability/health conditions'; who are passionate about supporting individuals/carers to increase their level of independence; build confidence and self-esteem.

We are seeking individuals with excellent interpersonal and strong organisational skills; a sound understanding of ways in which to engage and communicate with people (with organisations, groups and individuals); and can do so with energy and enthusiasm.

You can find out more about the role and how to apply via Live Inclusive's [Job Advertisement](#), [Job Specification](#) and [Recruitment Pack](#).

### **Public Health Improvement Officer - DMBC**

Doncaster Council's Public Health team are looking for a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual with a passion for Public Health to be part of their Wider

Determinants Team. The link between health and the environment has a strong evidence base and this post will be at the forefront of assisting in the development of sustainable and innovative approaches to provide the right conditions for residents to lead healthy and fulfilling lives. The post-holder will work with different council departments, communities and external partners to identify opportunities that will reduce health inequalities in Doncaster by developing healthy places and tackling the wider determinants of health.

The post-holder will work on specific key elements with the opportunity to contribute to other areas of a varied portfolio and therefore will be comfortable working in an agile, responsive and flexible environment.

This is a temporary (full-time) position until 31st March 2022. The deadline for applications is **Sunday 11th April**. You can find out more and apply via the [DMBC website](#).

### **Barnsley Funding Development Worker - South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB)**

South Yorkshire's Community Foundation (SYCF) is currently seeking a Barnsley Funding Development Worker to work in its SYFAB service. The position is for 28 hours a week. The post has been funded since 2017 and funding is subject to annual review on the current contract that ends in June 2022. This specific post reports to the Head of SYFAB and will be based and working in Barnsley.

We are specifically looking for a motivated and experienced individual who is able to continue a successful project and manage and prioritise a demanding workload. You should have excellent oral and written communication skills and be experienced in the use of IT. You should have an up to date knowledge of the fundraising landscape and to be able to provide advice to a wide range of stakeholders.

If you have an interest in working within local communities by supporting a wide range of community groups and would like to use your skills in this field, we would like to hear from you.

We are based in Sheffield Brightside and were established in 1986. SYCF are a local registered charity working to build an endowment fund to benefit the people of South Yorkshire. Income from our fund is distributed in grants to community groups. We are working to tackle disadvantage, build stronger communities and to enhance the quality of life of communities in South Yorkshire. We also distribute funds on behalf of local, regional and national Government agencies, public sector bodies and individuals, through a variety of grant making programmes. Funding advice and training to local community groups is provided through South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB)

The salary being offered for this post is £17,920pa based on 28 hours a week (£24,000 fte). To apply, go to [www.sycf.org.uk/news/vacancies/](http://www.sycf.org.uk/news/vacancies/) for the full job description and application form. We will not accept CVs. All application forms should be returned by email to [jreid@sycf.org](mailto:jreid@sycf.org) or posted to Jo Reid, South Yorkshire's Community Foundation, Riverside Works, Unit 9-12, Jessops Riverside, 800 Brightside Lane, Sheffield S9 2RX.

In the event of any queries please telephone 0114 242 4857.

More information about SYFAB is available on our [website](#) or on Twitter [@SYFAB](#) / [@SYCF1986](#) or our Facebook page.

Closing date: **9am Monday 12th April**

Interviews to take place on Wednesday 28th April

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