



Voluntary Community and Faith Sector Newsletter and Update No. 40 - 8th October 2021

Message from Cath Witherington - CEO



This week I have been away for a few days. It felt lovely being away from home for the first time in over 2 years, and even better to take some quality time with family members, some of whom I had not seen since before the pandemic. Of course the week has not been without some anxiety... not least because of the uncertainty over whether I would have enough fuel to drive to the South Coast and back again. The weather was so much better than I was expecting, and now I am hoping that the Indian Summer will continue over the weekend! I'm now happily home and trying to catch up with what I've missed in the office.

This afternoon I spent some time with I [Doncaster Housing for Young People](#) (DHYP) and found out a bit more about their work and met some of the team. If you have not heard of them before - DHYP does some amazing work in supporting young people who are at risk of homelessness. They provide accommodation, health support and life skills to get young people into education, training and employment. Everything they do is specifically tailored to the needs of each individual. It's no exaggeration to say **their work transforms lives and even saves lives**. Yet I know that is true of so many of the people, groups and organisations within our local voluntary, community and faith sector. I always feel so privileged to be able to work with so many dedicated people who make such a powerful difference within our communities. As a result of the conversations I have had this afternoon, I am thinking about what more Voluntary Action Doncaster can do to shout louder about all the great things our sector does and how collectively save and transform lives for the better.

Volunteering Opportunities

Community Safety Volunteer - South Yorkshire Police

Locations: Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham & Sheffield
Hours: Variable Hours per week working

For the role of a Community Safety Volunteer you will support and assist Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, Support Staff and fellow volunteers in the dissemination of crime prevention information and associated Community Safety initiatives.

You do not need any particular qualifications to apply for this role and we are seeking individuals with excellent communication skills, enthusiasm and a professional attitude, as well as a desire to support South Yorkshire Police in serving the public

For more information or to apply, visit the [SYP website](#).

Non Executive Director Doncaster Chamber of Commerce

Doncaster Chamber is currently inviting expressions of interest for members to put themselves forward as a candidate to be a non-executive director on our board. They are particularly keen to ensure that the board is as diverse as possible, bringing a range of perspectives and experiences to drive the organisation forward.

Non-Executive Directors bring a range of general and specialist skills to their role and it is important that the Board is aware of these so that best use can be made of them. Directors are expected to share this information with the Board. A range of skills and experience among Directors helps to ensure that a diversity of views and experiences being brought to Board discussions.

Non-Executive Directors should be capable of seeing company and business issues in a broad perspective and have previous director or principal-level experience.

Of the utmost importance is their independence of the management of the company and any of its “interested parties”, meaning they can bring a degree of objectivity to the Board’s deliberations, and play a valuable role in monitoring senior executive management.

Expressions of interest need to be submitted by 5pm on 18th October to dfell@doncaster-chamber.co.uk and then there will be a voting process for candidates leading to 3 appointments at the AGM in December.

Vital Signs Report 2021

The South Yorkshire’s Community Foundation has recently published its forth [South Yorkshire Vital Signs Report](#). This report is a consolidated snapshot of the trends and issues affecting the quality of life in South Yorkshire, local residents took part in the research, which included focus groups, a South Yorkshire wide survey and an extensive number of existing reports and papers were analysed. The following four themes have been identified as main priorities for our region for the year ahead.

1. Crime & Safety
2. Disadvantage & Inequality
3. Work and the Local Economy
4. Mental Health

Details of South Yorkshire’s performance against those four themes can be found in the report.

NCVO Almanac

Last week, NCVO launched its Almanac (which you can read in all its glory [here](#)).

Or you can click [here](#) to read Anya Martin from NCVO discussing some of the key findings of the Almanac 2021 and the insights they provide about the UK's voluntary sector.

Vaccination Pop-up at Hexthorpe Primary

A vaccination pop-up is being held at Hexthorpe Primary, Urban Road, Hexthorpe DN4 0HH from 12.00pm – 4:00pm, Friday 15th October 2021.

When entering and leaving please use Greenfield Lane Entrance and if parking a car, please utilise local on street parking.

This is available to ALL Doncaster residents.

AZ and Pfizer first and second doses are available, however boosters are not being provided at this current time.

COVID-19 communications toolkit

Please click [here](#) for the latest version of the communications toolkit for you to use to share COVID-19 information with your communities and networks.

This week's key messages are:

- A new £500 million fund has been launched to help vulnerable families.
- Children aged 12 to 15 are being offered one jab of the vaccine.
- The vaccine booster programme has started for those people at greatest risk.

Opportunity to collaborate with Shine Health Academy

Doncaster Council's Public Health team is looking for a physical activity provider to work collaboratively with Shine Health Academy to deliver physical activity sessions with young people over a 12-week programme. The provider must be Doncaster-based and have previous experience delivering physical activity instruction to young people. More information on the programme and how to submit your idea and quotation can be found [here](#). **The deadline for submissions is Monday 8th November 2021, at 17:00 (GMT+1)**. Please contact holly.campbell@doncaster.gov.uk with any questions.

White Rose Beauty Free Courses

Since White Rose Beauty College was established in 1996, we have grown to become the largest and most prestigious beauty therapy training provider in the UK with 9 colleges across the North West, Yorkshire and East Midlands and we were proud to be recognized as an 'Outstanding' provider by Ofsted in 2019. We work with all major awarding bodies and are a "Centre of Excellence" with ITEC, a "Flagship centre" with VTCT and a Habia "Centre of Expertise".

We are pleased to be offering a wide and exciting selection of funded and accredited qualifications in a range of beauty areas including nails, makeup, beauty therapy, massage and health and wellbeing and anyone unemployed will be entitled to free training and a starter kit and uniform (subject to eligibility checks and qualification) when enrolling with our Doncaster centre. We are currently offering our Level 2 courses in beauty therapy, nails, makeup and complementary therapies which covers wellbeing, massage and relaxation techniques. All courses are fully accredited so anyone enrolling will receive a recognized, industry relevant and insurable qualification at the end of their studies.

For more information you ring White Rose Beauty at [01302 367434](tel:01302367434)

Multi-skills Course: St Leger Homes World of Work Scheme

St Leger Homes will be running a new support and learn Multi skills course starting on November 1st 2021. The course is open to any Participant on the St Leger Homes World of Work Scheme who is aged 19+, in receipt of a suitable qualifying benefit and who has not done the course before or worked on our WOW scheme in the last 12 months. Qualifying benefits include Universal Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance and Employment Support Allowance. Other benefits may also allow a person to qualify and so please check.

The course will be run at Doncaster College in conjunction with the College and the Job centre and Participants will continue to receive their benefits throughout the course; if eligible, the Job Centre can even cover travel costs. The majority of the course will take place at the main College site in Doncaster although they have advised that part of the course may take place at their new site in Stainforth. This will be confirmed in due course.

The course is 4 weeks long and will cover ground working, brickwork & other trades, and Health & Safety. At the end they will gain a recognised qualification.

In respect of dates, the College course will begin on Monday November 1st. Days at College start at 9.30am and tend to finish around 4.30pm at the latest. The course will end at the end of November and interviews will be held the week after. Successful candidates will then start working for us in the second week of January.

An information / registration morning is planned at Doncaster College for Wednesday October 20th at 10am, where they can come along, meet Kevin and Catherine, and the tutor and then decide if they want to join the course. This induction morning lasts a maximum of two hours, often a lot less.

National Lottery Heritage Fund's £3-10k grant webinars

The National Lottery Heritage Fund in the North wants to support heritage projects of £3-10k and have set up a webinar to help you find out more about us and the funding. These will be running on every Wednesday up until the 8th December.

These free online sessions will show you:

- how heritage can be used to transform places and change lives
- what a well-planned project looks like
- how to write a strong funding application

You will also have the opportunity to share your project ideas and ask any questions you may have of our friendly team.

For more information and to book your tickets, click [here](#).

Doncaster Lifelong Learning Programme on Wednesdays

There are currently spaces available in Purple Patch Arts' Lifelong Learning Programme in Doncaster on Wednesdays. The Lifelong Learning Programmes run from 10am-3pm during term time. The day is broken up into three one-hour sessions, with regular breaks. The programmes cost £40 per day, however two free taster sessions are offered so that people can find out if Purple Patch is right for them!

If anyone is interested, they can find out more [here](#).

Bentley Urban Farm Autumn 2021 Events

Bentley Urban Farm are hosting FREE WEA Family learning events in partnership with Sports England as part of the Families Get Active project that is running here in Doncaster until March 2022. All the following events are held at:

Bentley Urban Farm
High Street, Bentley
Doncaster
DN5 0AA

To book a free Limited place for your family please ring or go onto the WEA website and quote the unique reference code to the event you are wanting to attend.

[Enrol online](#) or ring
0300 303 3464

Autumn Family 'Fairy' Nature Walk

Collect wild treasures... things like shiny rocks, conkers, acorns, pinecones, leaves, moss, twigs, small sticks and feathers to work together as a family to build and create a woodland fairy house.

The walk is being held on the 20th October 2021 starting from 10am. The walk will last about 50 minutes weather permitting.

Reference: C3680050

The Hungry Caterpillar Bug Hunt & Crafts

On the 18th October, from 1:00pm-3:00pm, you and the family can learn about creepy-crawlers and look for them in our bug hunt!

Reference: C3680047

The Tiger That Came to Tea

A story and tiger themed activities will be held on the 22nd October at 1:00pm and will last for two hours.

Reference: C3680048

Gardening With Your Gang

Plant a mini garden of spring bulbs in your very own hand painted/decorated pot. Suitable for parents, carers and their children aged 4-14

This event is being held on the 19th October at 10am till noon.

Reference: C3680049

Young Carers Champion Training

The Doncaster Council are looking for interested parties to join a network of Young Carers Champions across the Doncaster area. Do you work with young people, some of whom are looking after parents, siblings, relatives or friends? Would you like to learn more about how you could support them in these roles or just be able to understand the impact of being a Young Carer?

If you are interested or would like to know more about becoming a Young Carers Champion, we would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our first Young Carers Champion Training. The training will take place over Microsoft Teams on the 11th of October between 13:00 and 15:30. If you could please let us know as early as possible if you are able to attend this training as we have limited the places to 12 participants.

For more information contact Chris Clark at 07855 176 149 or email:

chris.clark2@doncaster.gov.uk

Funding webinar with Easyfundraising

easyfundraising is a free to use fundraising platform which enables UK voluntary groups, CICs, social enterprises and charities to benefit from free donations from leading retailers.

The funding webinar, which will be held on the 18th October at 12:30pm is free and will explain how easyfundraising works, how to get started and how to make the most of it.

[You can book your place on the workshop here.](#)

Doncaster Advice Network - Debt Support

Sprotbrough Community Library and Doncaster Carers Reach Out Service are working in partnership to produce a wellbeing showcase event of services located in Doncaster.

This is being held on 20th October 2021 (1pm - 4pm).

We will be joined by various services able to offer information & advice to the general public and support family/unpaid carers.

If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us on: 01302 986900 or DoncasterCarers@makingspace.co.uk

Funding Opportunities

2nd round of Local Solutions Community Investment Fund

DMBC is launching the second round of funding for the Local Solutions Community Investment Fund with applications going live from 11 October 2021 until midnight on 24 October 2021. Would you please be able to include it in the next copy of your newsletter/through your network?

The Community Investment Fund is to support up to thirty community organisations with up to £25,000 grant funding, across two rounds of funding, for the delivery of new or existing services or support that is addressing health, economic, social and environmental challenges identified in their communities.

The guidance pack and application documents can be found on the Community Wealth Builder website: [2nd Round of Local Solutions Community Investment Fund - Community Wealth Builder](#)

Applications are welcomed online

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wCoeBPMz3k-4qTOnH35ssj29LRSGUYtLqcYshCz84XpUNDRBU1BTOFpQWVRSQkRIT0s2M0swUUwwTC4u>

Northern Cultural Regeneration Fund

Delivered by the Key Fund, this aims to support the development and growth of creative and cultural businesses across the North that deliver social impact.

It will support incorporated business that works in the creative and cultural sector (from games design to theatres) that delivers and can evidence social impact as a by-product of its core work.

The fund offers:

- Investments up to £150k.
- Up to 33% of total investment can be granted, but grants can only be used for capital expenditure (equipment, refurbishment, purchase of buildings/land).
- Loans can only be used flexibly for capital or working capital.

You will find full details [here](#).

Art Fund: Reimagine Grants Scheme

Small grants of between £5,000 and £15,000, and large grants of between £15,000 and £50,000 will be awarded to museums, galleries, historic houses, archives, libraries, agencies and festivals across the UK to help them as they reimagine their activities following the pandemic, and build expertise, capacity and connections within and outside the sector.

Applicants must address at least one of the Fund's four priority areas for support:

- collections;
- digital;
- engagement;
- workforce.

Click [here](#) to find out more. Deadline is 11th October 2021

Loneliness Engagement Fund

The Loneliness Engagement Fund provides small grants between £15,000 and £50,000 to organisations who can engage with target groups at high risk of loneliness. The fund will give out up to £260,000 of grants in total.

The objective of the Loneliness Engagement Fund is to reach the groups in England most affected by loneliness during COVID-19 with communications and engagement activity that will help reduce feelings of stigma, and encourage people to take steps to help themselves and others.

The deadline for this fund is the 13th October. For more information, eligibility and how to apply, click [here](#).

Faith New Deal Pilot Fund

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government recently launched the new £1 million Faith New Deal Pilot Fund to support faith-based organisations who are working alongside local authorities and other local partners to support their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the recovery phase.

The pilot scheme will provide up to £975,000 for faith groups working on community projects which support one or more of the following COVID-19 recovery objectives:

- Mental wellbeing and loneliness
- Debt advice
- Employability
- Food poverty
- Increasing community engagement through volunteering

The fund will provide up to a maximum of 50% of the project's delivery Costs.

Applications will be accepted from faith-based organisations, either as individual organisations or as a consortium in a partnership arrangement with a local service such as a local authority, public institution or other non-faith based Voluntary Community Sector and Enterprise (VCSE).

Both newly formed and existing partnerships can apply. For more information and how to apply, click [here](#).

The deadline for applications is 23:59 on Thursday, 14th October, 2021.

National Emergencies Trust

This match fund of up to £10,000 per project has been launched by the National Emergencies Trust as part of its Coronavirus Appeal. It offers support to voluntary and community organisations in the UK by helping them to counter financial challenges created by the pandemic, including the inability to fundraise in the usual ways, reductions in staff and volunteers, and increased demand on their services.

You can see the eligibility and how to apply [here](#).

Applications for the Local Action Fund open on 22 September 2021 and close on 22 October 2021. If eligible, successful organisations will be required to set up a crowdfunding campaign with an aim to raise money to either launch new local initiatives or to enable them to continue existing services. The National Emergencies Trust will match donations, pound for pound, up to a total of £10,000.

Comic Relief Community Fund Invites 2021 Applications

Not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to be used for projects that fit with one of Comic Relief's four strategic themes:

- Children Survive and Thrive – ensuring every child has the best start in life.
- Fighting for Gender Justice – tackling gender-based violence, inequality and exploitation.

- A Safe Place to Be – supporting those who have been displaced to access secure housing and feel settled in their new homes.
- Mental Health Matters – helping people experiencing poor mental health to access appropriate support and live free from stigma and discrimination.

You can find more information and how to apply [here](#).

The deadline is 29th November, 2021, but the fund may close earlier if enough applications are received.

Co-Op Bank Customer Donation Fund

The Co-operative Bank offers all their Community Directplus account holders the opportunity to apply for funding through their unique Customer Donation Fund.

They promise to allocate at least £5,000 twice a year to deserving organisations, it's their way of giving something back to you and your local community.

As an account holder you're entitled to apply for The Co-operative Bank's Customer Donation Fund to support your organisation. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to Community Directplus customers to deliver projects that will enhance the community.

You can find more information and the application form on the [website](#).

Deadline: The closing dates for applications are March and September, and they will then be assessed in April and October.

Job Opportunities

Please see this week's [Vacancy Bulletin](#) with a range of roles based within Doncaster.

Sessional Tutor Vacancies - WEA Yorkshire

Hourly Rate: £26.27

Closing Date: 18 October 2021

WEA Yorkshire and Humber Region is looking for qualified and experienced adult education tutors to deliver in the following curriculum areas across South Yorkshire: Employability Skills, English and Maths, Essential Digital Skills, Health and Social Care, Local History, Schools and Parenting, Sewing Skills. Where appropriate you will have experience of delivery and assessment of accredited programmes and be keen to engage with students from different backgrounds. You will help to rekindle their love of learning, and you will share our passion for equality, social justice and Empowerment.

WEA delivers a variety of blended learning in community venues and online. We

assume that you will be excited by using digital technology both in the classroom with the student and to manage course administration. The ideal candidate will be able to deliver through a blended learning approach including the use of Zoom, and Canvas, our Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), although training will be provided if appropriate.

For further information about the role, including the Job Description and Person Specification, please visit the [WEA website](#).

Physical Activity Provider - SHINE Health Academy

We are looking for a physical activity provider to work collaboratively with Shine Health Academy to deliver physical activity sessions with their programme participants. The provider must be Doncaster-based and have previous experience delivering physical activity instruction to young people. The maximum total value of this contract is £1500.

More information about the role can be found [here](#). The deadline for submissions is Monday 8th November 2021, at 17:00 (GMT+1). Please contact holly.campbell@doncaster.gov.uk with any questions.

Contribute to our Next Newsletter!

If you have an article, job opportunity or funding opportunity you would like to see featured in the next edition of this newsletter, please send it to us at info@voluntaryactiondoncaster.org.uk by **1pm on Wednesday 20th October**.