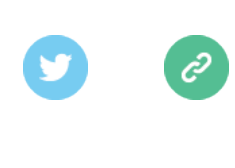


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Warren's Words

Warren Escadale, CEO VSNW

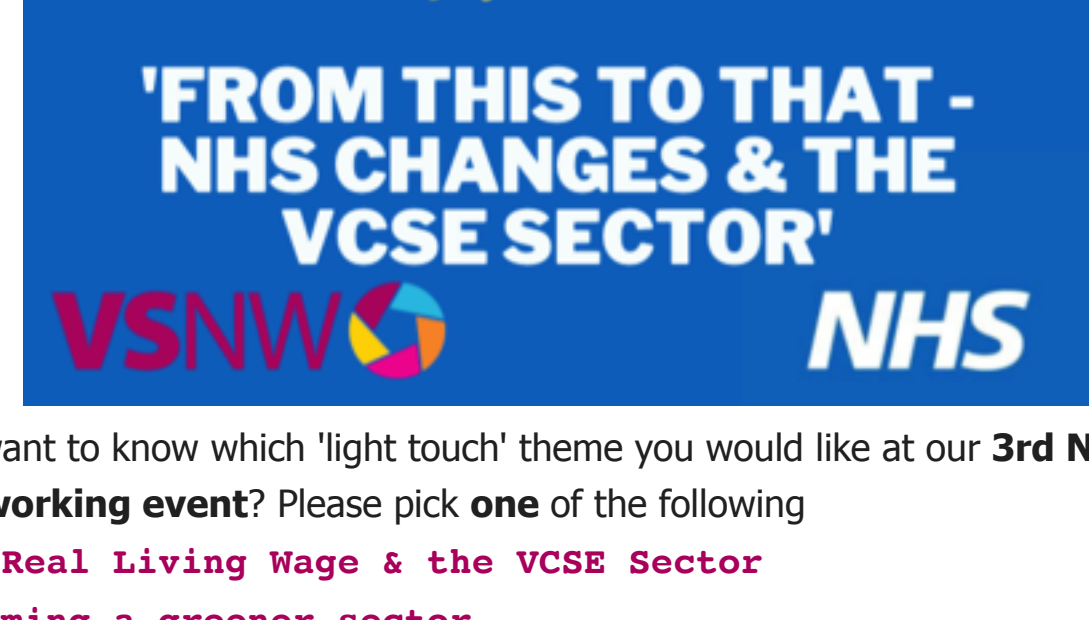
So-called 'freedom day' was on the 19th July, whereby most of England's coronavirus restrictions were lifted. Whilst this was a joyous day for many individuals and establishments that have been closed, the rate of the virus is still increasing, despite many being double vaccinated. We must work together to remain safe and support the vulnerable in order to protect the NHS and our VCSE sector from becoming overwhelmed. The VCSE sector has been working tirelessly to support our communities during the pandemic and must continue to do so, bearing in mind the lessons we have learnt as a sector.

We hope to see as many as you as possible at our 2nd Networking event (more details below) and please vote for your preferred theme at our 3rd.

VSNW News

- **July 29th** VCSE North West Networking Series #2 From this to that: From This to That - NHS Changes & the VCSE Sector. **Register here.**

We have also produced a **resource** which tracks the changes affecting the VCSE sector.



- We want to know which 'light touch' theme you would like at our **3rd North West Networking event?** Please pick **one** of the following:
 - The Real Living Wage & the VCSE Sector**
 - Becoming a greener sector**
 - VCSE Digital Inclusion**
 - Measuring Social Impact in the VCSE Sector**



Are you interested in signing up to our bi-monthly Social Prescribing bulletin? Get the latest info regarding events, job opportunities, news etc from across the North West.

[Social Prescribing Bulletin Sign up here.](#)

Cheshire

- VSNW are in the early stages of developing a website for the Cheshire and Warrington Infrastructure Partnership (CWIP). To find out more about CWIP, click the image below.



- Cheshire Community Action have a **survey open** about mental health for those who live in Cheshire West and Chester.
- **The Diamond Awards** nominations are open until the 17th September. Cheshire East Council and its partners have launched the awards to recognise individuals and organisations who support children and families and prevent them from entering crisis.

Cumbria

- Eden Animal Rescue and Cumbria CVS are hosting a **Volunteer Info session** on 4th August 12-1pm.
- Volunteer Tutor vacancies to help students from disadvantaged backgrounds. **More info.**

Greater Manchester

- Nominations for the Greater Manchester Health and Care Champion Awards are now open. Organised by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, with support from the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham. **More info.**
- The GM VCSE Mental Health Leadership Group is inviting Expressions of Interest to join. The vacant posts are :
 - Locality leads for Bolton, Manchester, Rochdale, Tameside & Glossop and Trafford
 - Priority Leads for Equalities and System Change**More info.**
- **One GM Community Fund** (up to £1,000) available for community groups focussing on food poverty, homelessness, mental health and well-being.
- **Gaydio's** Work Club – a free radio skills course! If you want to learn new skills and meet new people. Starts in August. Email emma.goswell@gaydio.co.uk to register and more info.

Lancashire

- **Lancashire Mind launch survey** to shape services for young people. For young people aged between 16 and 25.
- Lancashire BME Network are hosting online seminars which will discuss info and guidance on the Comic Relief Global Majority Fund Micro Grants. **More info.**
- **LOCAL** is busy writing up the FINAL draft of the Lancashire VCSE Manifesto, based on over 6 months of input across the county (including Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen). Read the **first draft here.**

Liverpool City Region

- **Community Foundation for Merseyside** (CFM), a VS6 partner, launched the LCR Cares Covid-19 Community Support Fund in partnership with LCR's Metro Mayor, Steve Rotherham. Since its launch last year, the fund has raised £2,238,630 which has helped 405,620 beneficiaries (as of February 2021). On behalf of VS6, we would like to congratulate Community Foundation for Merseyside for this fantastic achievement. **More info on how to donate.**
- **High Sheriff and Merseyside Police Charitable Fund** £500-£2500 available. The fund aims to work with voluntary bodies and community groups in Merseyside to support community safety, crime prevention and security initiatives in their locality.
- **VS6** have produced an explanation video to promote both their **Assembly Reports**, and highlight the effectiveness of the assembly format as a way to engage with the sector at such a crucial time, despite social distancing barriers. See below.



Sector News

- Why survey (charity) staff? nfpSynergy have released a **brief review** of research on employee surveys.
- The Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is appointing a Chair for the Committee on Fuel Poverty. North West representation would be great. **More info.** Deadline: 1st August.
- **Guide to Best Practice in Ethical Digital Marketing and Comms Practices** from Charities Against Hate.
- Covid-19 Response Summer 2021- **Resources**
- Rummymede 'England Civil Society' Submission to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination' report and recommendations is **now available.**
- NAVCA have a **funding section** on their website, which captures funding opportunities for local charities across England.

Sector Events

- **'Community Ownership Fund Webinar'** hosted by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. 29th July 12-1pm.
- Media Trust's Digital Summer School 2021 2nd-20th August. **More info.**
- **'Research Network Meeting: How to do community research that gets taken seriously'** 17th September 2-4pm.
- **'How to Lead a Team in a Remote First World'** Webinar 29th July 3pm.

Surveys

- **Care Farming and Green Care: Annual Survey 2021.**
- IMPACT is a new centre that aims to support best use of evidence in adult social care. They want to hear from anyone involved with or connected to adult social care. **A 10-minute survey.**

Are you interested in becoming a member of VSNW and joining a strategic network of organisations across the North West?

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Thank you & stay healthy,
From the VSNW Team

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