

Voluntary Sector NW



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Warren's Words

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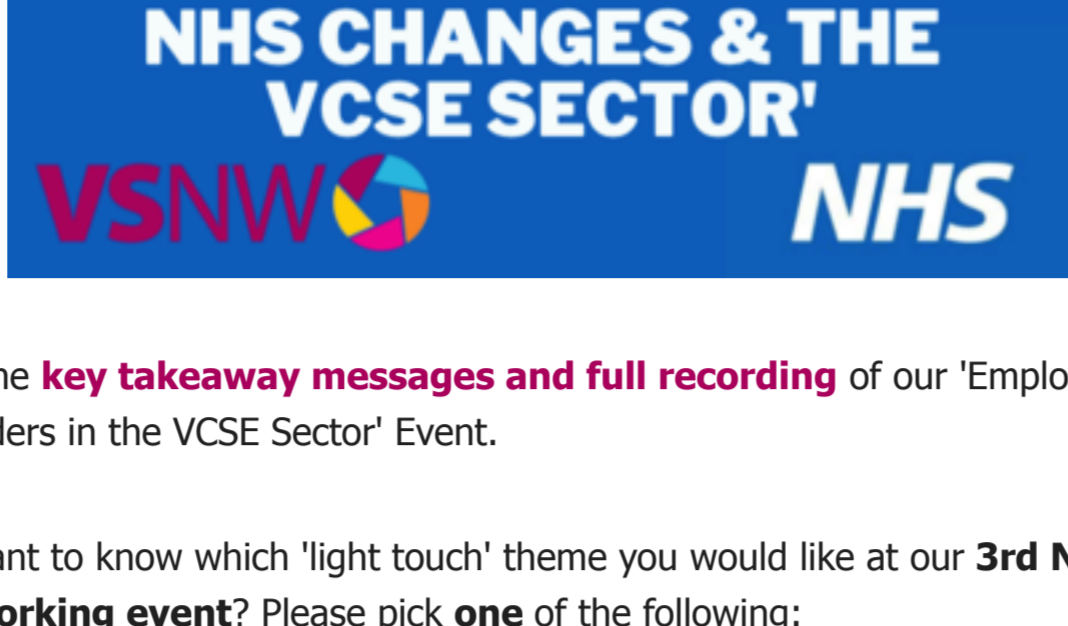
Dear colleagues,

June has hosted 'Volunteers Week', 'Small Charity Week' and 'Pride Month' to name a few of the awareness days. We have celebrated volunteers who act as a key component to the VCSE sector across the North West; without them we could not support our communities as efficiently as we do. Small charities across the region are also vital and despite their size, their impact is far-reaching and effective; it is imperative that their causes are supported adequately. Pride Month celebrates the LGBTQ+ community and highlights the importance of tolerance and equality for all the different communities that contribute to diversity in the North West. Below please find updates, events and news from across the sector across the North West and nationally.

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.



- Find the **key takeaway messages and full recording** of our 'Employing Ex-Offenders in the VCSE Sector' Event.
- 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**

Cheshire

CWIP have developed a monthly data dashboard for the benefit of the LEP, funders and local councils to provide information and trend analysis on key areas for the Sector including information around Volunteers, Food Banks, Community Centre activity and data from local Citizen Advice services. **Click on the image below for the latest data.**



Cumbria

Cumbria will be co-hosting NCVO's Members Assembly on the 7th July 9.30-12.00pm. **Register here.** This will be an opportunity to:

- **Hear** the latest on public policy and other current issues facing the sector, and how both NCVO and Cumbria CVS are working on these.
- **Meet and network** with other (voluntary) organisations in Cumbria.
- **Share** best practice, experiences and ideas.

Greater Manchester

- Skills for Growth- SME is a fully funded service aimed at helping to upskill VCSE employees in Greater Manchester. **More info**
- 'Developing Trauma Responsive Communities' VCSE Grants will soon be launched. An online information and support event is on Tues 29th June to help organisations apply. Register for the event **here.**
- GM Poverty Action are hosting the GM Living Wage Campaign Meeting (GMLWC) 24th June 2pm. **Sign up.**
- Ambition for Ageing have launched a podcast series. **More info.**

Lancashire

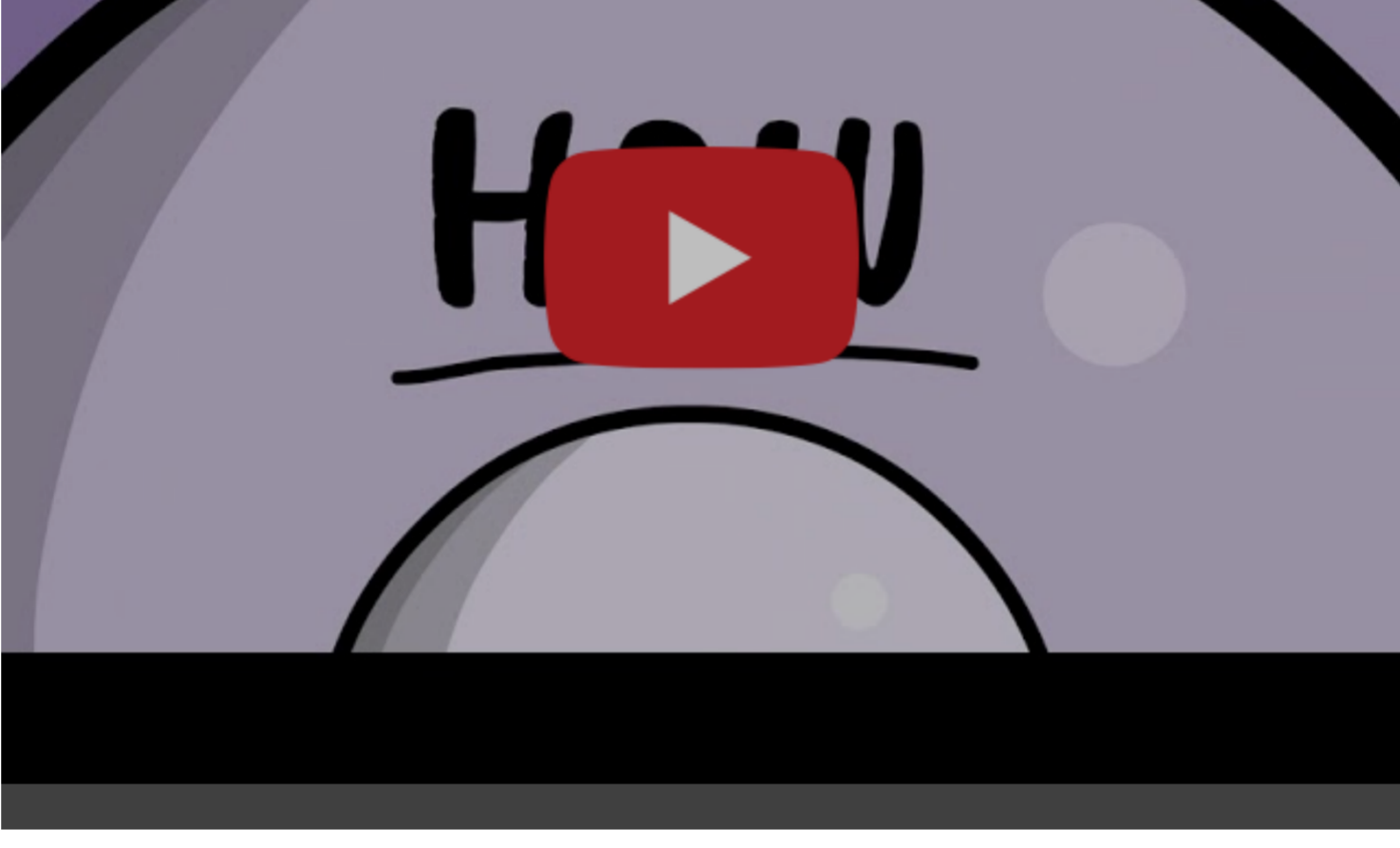
- Locally Organised Communities Across Lancashire (LOCAL) will be hosting their 'VCFSE Draft Manifesto Assembly' on the 29th June 2pm. This is an invaluable opportunity for VCFSE organisations across Lancashire (including Blackburn w/ Darwen & Blackpool). **Register Now.**



- The University of Central Lancashire are offering a two year 'Community Leadership' course starting this September.

Liverpool City Region

- Barbers No.1 **Academy Dates** St Helens & Kirkby
- Big Help Group have launched the Community Impact Fund and offer funding between £500-£2,500 to people and organisations, based within the Liverpool City Region, with an innovative project idea that will support their area. **More info.**
- Cradle to Careers (C2C) have created a new **community fund** worth £15,000 in North Birkenhead called '#OurNorthEnd Community Seed Fund'.
- **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

- The Women's Resource Centre have launched the **Black and Minoritised Women's Fund**: £5000 grants available.
- IPPR Report: ' **No Longer Managing: The rise of working poverty and fixing Britain's broken social settlement**'.
- The Poundland Foundation **Kits 4 Kids** funding is now open.
- The King's Fund has produced some resources and guidance based on: '**Leading through Covid-19: supporting health and care leaders in unprecedented times**'
- **Leap** are offering free training in new skills for people whose lives have been impacted by the pandemic. The aim is to help them enter digital and creative jobs. **More info.**
- The **latest Pulse Report** carried out by VCSEP is available, which focuses on how the new covid-19 strain has affected communities and the capacity for the sector to function.
- Research Network Open Session: '**Top tips and tools for the voluntary sector research**' 2nd July 2pm-4pm.
- IPPR Progressive Review 'Producing Injustice: Institutional Racism in the UK'

Sector Events

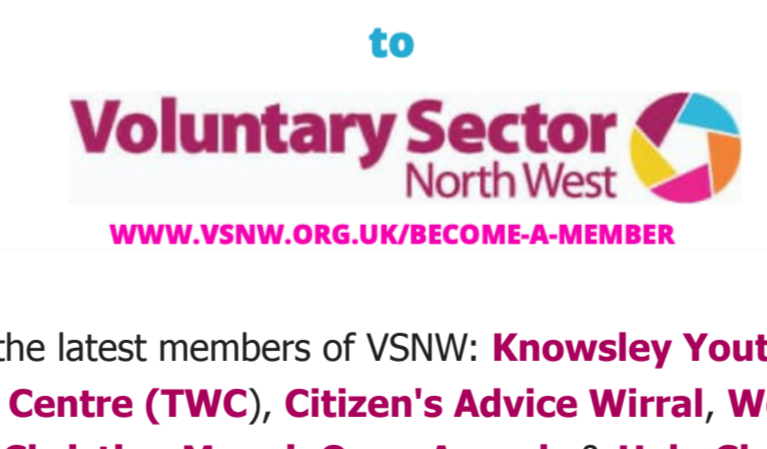
- **Clinks** 'Time to act: the role of the voluntary sector and trusts and foundations in tackling race inequality in the criminal justice system' 7th July 11am-12.30pm **Sign up.**
- **Community Matters** Training: 'Employing the Right People' 24th June 10am-11am **Sign up.**
- Community Matters Training: 'Governance: What's the Right Structure?' 5th July **Sign up**
- **Healing Justice London** 29th June 8pm-9pm 'Men of Colour Healing Circle: Creative Medicine' **Sign up.**
- Open University Virtual Seminar Series: Digital Futures Agenda- IT and Connectivity 13th July 11am-12.30pm **Sign up.**
- June is Pride Month 2021. **Pearn Kandola**, a business psychology consultancy firm have organised a series of events with the aim of exploring equality for the LGBTQ+ community. **Sign up.**



Surveys

- **VCSEP** 10-minute survey: '**Food Insecurity and the Impact of Local Delivery in the North**
- **IMPACT** a new centre that aims to support best use of evidence in adult social care and improve outcomes for service users and carers. They are calling on anyone who works in adult social care to help them with their by taking their **survey**. This will shape how **IMPACT** works.
- **ACEVO** want to better understand what the biggest hurdles have been for recruitment in the charity sector through their **survey**.

New Members



A warm welcome to the latest members of VSNW: **Knowsley Youth Mutual/Vibe, Toxeth's Women's Centre (TWC), Citizen's Advice Wirral, Women with Wings, Foundation Mama Christine Mongi, Open Awards & Help Close By.**

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

[Join Here](#)



If you would like VSNW to promote anything via our website or Twitter for your organisation such as job vacancies, funding, reports etc please email alana.tucker@vsnw.org.uk.

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