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Sector Connector 58 will be taking place on the 15th March on
Zoom 10am-11:15am.





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Notices

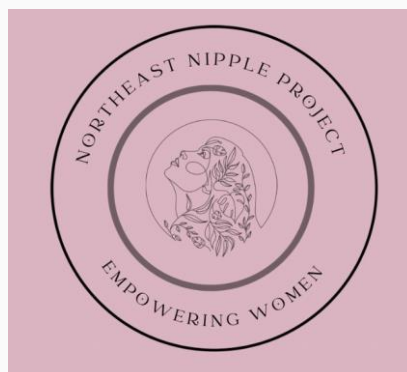
This March HartlePower are taking part in The National Lottery Open Week 2022!

Opening up Greenbank to anyone and everyone with a National Lottery ticket (old or new) for Hub 2 tours on the 22nd - 24th March 10am - 2pm; Free tea, coffee and cake will be provided 🍰☕😊... So whether you have history here, have always wondered what it's like inside or have always what we do here at HartlePower we are opening ourselves up to you!

The National Lottery are huge supporters to us for the charitable work we do in our community, so we jumped at the chance to join the celebration!

For more information about #TheNationalLotteryOpenWeek and other organisations taking part please

visit: <https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/.../national-lottery...>



The Northeast Nipple Project, is a not profit organisation, created by Megan Jones and Amanda Patterson. Our aim is to provide Areola tattooing for women

who have undergone a mastectomy and breast reconstruction as a result of breast cancer, this service will be provided free of charge in order to achieve this we are going to spend the next few months starting our fundraising which will also include applying for funding. Initially the funds will be spent on additional training to ensure that we can perform the Areola Tattooing treatment to the highest of standards. When we both became aware that this type of service is not easily accessible by women who have had breast surgery which could potentially improve their confidence and help them move forward to the next chapter of their life.

To find out more about the NorthEast Nipple Project check the links below:

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNENProject/>

<https://www.instagram.com/northeastnippleproject/?hl=en>



1st March/8th March: Women's Wellbeing Club, The Arches, 6-8:00pm

10th March: GP Accesibility Consultation 'Have Your Say', Community Room, South Hub, 10-12:00pm

15th March: Sector Connector 58 Zoom, 10-11:15am.

22nd-24th March: National Lottery Open Week at Hartlepower

5th April: Sector Connector 69 Live at Greenbank, 10-11:15am



GP Accessibility Consultation
Your opportunity to tell us about your experiences

HAVE YOUR SAY

Thursday 10th March
Community Room, South Hub (Wynyard Road)
10.00 -12.00

Free Tea/Coffee & Cake

Contact Tracie.bestford@hartlepoolcarers.org.uk
Tel - 01429 283095
Or stephen@healthwatchhartlepool.co.uk
Tel - 01429 288146 to confirm your place

If you could also fill out our short survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GPMarch22>

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

A BSL INTERPRETER WILL BE PRESENT AT THIS SESSION



Room Availability

We have plenty of rooms available for functions and new spaces available in *Hartlepower Hubs 1 & 2*. If you are interested in finding out more information, please get in touch with Clair Gilbraith via: ClairGilbraith@hartlepower.co.uk or call 01429 806400 and select option 2.



Sector Connector Notes

Dawn Watson - Financial Inclusion Partnership Coordinator

Dawn has been bringing together organisations within the voluntary, community sector local authority, advice and guidance sectors throughout Hartlepool to support the full administration and coordinate the partnership to enable collaborative working. Her main project is to explore the opportunities to bring a credit union to Hartlepool, which could be a brand new Credit Union or a branch of an existing Credit Union.

Get in touch: DawnWatson@hartlepower.co.uk

Trevor Sherwood - LilyAnne's

LilyAnne's have continued their excellent work, especially since celebrating their first year of being a CIC. They have been working together with the Hartlepool Action Lab to run an adults Arts and Crafts group, which will be painting and placing stones with inspirational quotes around the town. Their 'Forget Me Not' scheme is also live where socially isolated people can gather on Wednesday mornings and meet new people.

Get in touch: Trevor@lilyannes.co.uk

Craig & Bonny - Sensory Spot CIC

The Sensory Spot have opened in the town recently, they have previously worked with Catcote School to be able to offer sensory rooms to children. This has now been extended to community use within Bovis House. These are open sessions anyone is welcomed to attend for £5 for 2 hours which doesn't require a booking. Check out their Facebook here every Sunday to find out their weekly schedule.

Get in touch: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Sensory-Spot-103605711402166/>

Anne Heaton - Kilmarnock Road Centre

A centre for all ages, Kilmarnock Road Centre has two separate youth groups for ages 5-11 and 11-17. Each able to take on roughly 60 children. They have also been accommodating children who are transitioning from Grange School to Manor School by offering them the support and stability to make the move. Over 55's have groups on too, with aerobics classes and bingo groups. On Fridays, a parent-led group runs in association with Joseph Rowntree Foundation, anyone can come along to these between the hours of 12-2:30, for

£1.

Get in touch: 01429 868008

Harry Morton - Cornerstone

Cornerstone's main aim is to help people off the streets in Hartlepool and connect to the homeless community. They reside in Park Road and between 11-1 on a Monday, offer a drop in service. This consists of coffee and pizza while they help the individuals the correct services to get them back on their feet. They also offer a sit-up service where between 10:30pm and 9:30am, on a Monday and Tuesday, people on the street can come in, use services like washing machines, showers, meals and drinks while getting housing referrals, free of charge. When possible, the team will endeavor to sweep hotspots of homelessness within Hartlepool to get help to the people that need it.

Get in touch: 01429 266703

Julie Collins - Food Council Coordinator

Julie coordinates food provision projects within Hartlepool, recently this can be seen with her work in the Bread & Butter Project and Foodcycle. She is also part of the steering group for HAF, which is funding from central government split to local authorities and running for the next 3 years and allows kids on free school meals to have activities and food during the holidays. Grants are available to groups that can facilitate both of these assets into a package during the Easter summer and Christmas holidays. Foodcycle has been running for 5 months from the Kilmarnock Road Centre and gives out food that supermarkets would throw away. This is a free, 3 course meal on a Monday, 6:45-9pm, they would like to find more guests, and volunteers to help run the project. The Happy Health Hub have also started up their own 4 week Chinese cooking course, every Saturday until the 19th, for those on jobseekers or unemployed to learn new skills. Finally, the Thirteen Group are launching a 5 year community resilience plan, for the areas of Dyke House and Owton Manor. They have

asked for feedback from the residents on what issues they currently see, which have been identified as; crime, environmental and social behavior. They are hoping to find organisations which can collaborate on helping surrounding these areas.

Get in touch: JulieCollin@hartlepower.co.uk

Rachael Wanley - [Community Engagement Officer Victoria Ward](#)

Rachael has continued her work meeting with residents of the [Victoria Ward](#) and finding out what is wanted by them. The team has organised events one day a month for the parents and children of the ward. These have been extremely well attended and are free to all. Through this work, the [Hartlepool Huskies](#) have been set up full time. The team are also CST's so they liaise with individuals in the ward and signpost and assist them with accessing local services, which they hope will in turn bridge gaps and foster a tight-knit community.


Get in touch: Rachael.Wanley@changingfuturesne.co.uk

Jackie Gettings - [Epilepsy Outlook](#)

[Epilepsy Outlook](#) have been continuing on their policy of sustainability with a 95% reuse/recycle/resell rate on their donations. They have also been providing epilepsy related equipment to individuals who have been referred to their services. These could ordinarily cost over £250 and are delivered alongside training in how to operate them. Jackie supplies epilepsy training to companies for free to those who enquire. This is a service backed from her experiences with their own workforce, who's staff consists of 10% of individuals with epilepsy themselves. Jackie is also a member of the '[Friends of Ward Jackson Park](#)', who are having a family Easter egg hunt event on Easter Sunday, the majority of activities are free including an egg hunt where every child will get a chocolate egg. This event takes place between 1-3pm.

Get in touch: info@epilepsyoutlook.org.uk

Featuring...



Support available:

- Budgeting Advice
- Healthy Eating
- Digital Access
- Benefit Checks
- Utility Bills
- Volunteering

Plus many more

Save Money Hartlepool

March 23rd

@Corporation club (Clippy Club) 10:30am - 1:30 pm

If, like most of us, you are being pressured into doing more with less with regards to your finances. We will bring local money experts to your community to help you.

Save Money Hartlepool will be popping up in different community venues each month. Bringing along local financial experts and support services all who want to help you take control of your financial future.

If you would like to attend, or to find out more, please contact Darren Leighton on 07989 207804 or email Darren.Leighton@JRHT.org.uk.

Darren Leighton - Hartlepool Action Lab & Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Due to their goals of changing perceptions of poverty, Darren and his team have been helping tie VCS organisations together through their Save Money Hartlepool campaign. This will take place once a month, with the next being held at the Clippy Club March 23rd. These events go hand-in-hand with the Good Help movement, which consists of identifying what help is considered good and bad and focuses on how to change ways of working to promote good help. With one of the key features being identified as communication, they are putting on an event to discuss key issues on the 22nd March at the F.E. College.

Get in touch: Darren.Leighton@jrht.org.uk

Clair Gilbraith - [Hartlepower](#) & [Advice@Hart](#)

Clair runs both the business rental and room hire for Hartlepower. In addition, she does great work with [Advice@Hart](#) which includes representing people at benefits disputes. On Tuesdays and Fridays, they work with the [Foodbank](#) as distributors of family food parcels for those at crisis point. They also provide other services such as home visits as social prescribers to offer everyday support like OT assessments, blue badges, fuel vouchers, divorces, small claims court assistance and immigration issues.

Get in touch: ClairGilbraith@hartlepower.co.uk

Kathy Dales - [Something Positive Solutions](#)

Something Positive have been hard at work alongside Hogg Global Logistics as one of the main points of contact for donations to Ukraine from Hartlepool. If you are wanting to donate, they are welcoming donations of first aid and medical supplies, with any enquiries going to Kathy. This will conclude on the 14th of March. They ordinarily offer mental health therapies for clients, These can include, reiki, counselling, and generally a more holistic approach to mental health wellbeing, to create a whole person approach to wellbeing. They are currently running reiki shares, confidence courses, mental health, first aid training which are open to all and free.

Get in touch: kathy@somethingpositive.me

Juli Simons – [Hartlepower](#) VCS Officer

Juli continues to offer funding application bids training and introductions to governance for new organisations. The team will also be running their Introduction to the Hartlepool VCS course which aims to tackle issues facing people which may not be too familiar to the town. This is a commissioned service which was implemented when it became apparent

there was the need to assist newcomers to the town in aiding their knowledge surrounding services the town has as well as what is currently occurring around the town as well as bringing information sources together.

Get in touch: JuliSimons@hartlepower.co.uk

Vacancies – paid & voluntary

North of England Refugee Service is looking to recruit a NE RISE Refugee Integration Manager to be based in Newcastle and working across Tyne and Wear. The role is full time (35 hours per week; fixed term contract until 30th September 2023). To arrange for an informal conversation about the role, please contact the Director, Dr Mohamed Nasreldin, at mn@refugee.org.uk. To apply please download and complete the application form from: <https://refugee.org.uk/2022/02/23/vacancy-refugee-integration-manager/> Closing date for applications is **5 pm Friday 11th March** with interviews being held on week commencing 14th March.

About North of England Refugee Service (NERS):

The North of England Refugee Service was established 1989. It is an independent and charitable organisation that exists to meet the needs and promote the interests of asylum seekers and refugees who have arrived or have settled in the North of England.

About North East RISE (NERISE)

NERISE is an innovative new partnership between the Home Office, North East Migration Partnership (NEMP), Local Authorities, charities supporting refugees and Bridges Outcomes Partnership. The aim is to improve the initial financial

inclusion, housing, employment and wider integration needs of newly granted refugees in the North East region

The key aims of NERISE are:

- Enable innovative and place-based approaches to supporting newly recognised refugees in selected local areas.
- Improve employment, housing and wider integration needs for newly recognised refugees in the selected local areas and to increase refugee self-sufficiency.
- Generate evidence about what works, to be able to evaluate the impact of funded projects on refugee integration and refugee self-sufficiency.
- Generate cross-government savings.
- Provide evidence to inform future policy, programming and mainstream service delivery.

Your views: consultation & feedback

Given the highest priority in Healthwatch Hartlepool's town wide survey in 2021 highlighted GP access as residents' number one priority we have launched a specific GP survey to drill down on people's first hand experiences that we are hoping to share with the CCG and Health Scrutiny as well as the Health & Wellbeing Board. Healthwatch Hartlepool wants to hear about all experiences of accessing GP's. Their views will be essential for helping us understand what works well and what could be improved. We can then make the views known and recommend improvements. Would it be possible for you to promote the

below on-line survey across your network of key contacts and really encourage every organisation to promote and participate please? Hard copies can be provided upon request too.

The link for the survey is below:

[GP Accessibility Consultation Survey](#)

VCSE Health Inequalities summit – request for case studies

VONNE (Voluntary Organisations Network North East) is the north east region's infrastructure support organisation – supporting local infrastructure organisations (such as Hartlepower VCS Development Team and Stockton Catalyst). VONNE is organising region-wide VCS engagement with the latest NHS reorganisation – in which, for example, Clinical Commissioning Groups will be replaced by Integrated Care Systems. The general intention is reflected in the choice of new name.

On **June 28th** a summit will be held focussing on VCS services that address health inequalities, to promote how the sector designs and provides innovative services that support shared VCS & NHS desired outcomes. The summit will showcase:

- Smaller organisations that aren't necessarily on the NHS radar.
- Services working in partnership with the NHS.
- Preventative services.
- Organisations that provide several services that address health inequalities in one locality.

If you or your organisation deliver a service that meets one of the above criteria and you would like it to be considered for inclusion in the regional summit, please complete [this brief form](#) and send it to sara.toal@vonne.org.uk by **Monday, March 28th**.

How to get involved in the VCSE Partnership Programme

If you would like to receive VONNE's regular bulletin for its VCSE Partnership Programme updates & health news, or to join the Partnership Forum or sub-groups, complete this [online form](#).

For questions about the ICS changes taking place and the work VONNE is doing with the ICS through its VCSE Partnership Programme, contact lisa.taylor@vonne.org.uk or siobhan.flynn@vonne.org.uk.

A selection of funding opportunities



A Forum of Funders for Hartlepool

10am–12pm, Wednesday 30th March @ Greenbank, Stranton

Join representatives from the following funders of voluntary and community sector organisations to hear about their grant giving practice:

National Lottery Community Fund (Lorraine McConnell)

Sir James Knott Trust (Jo Curry)

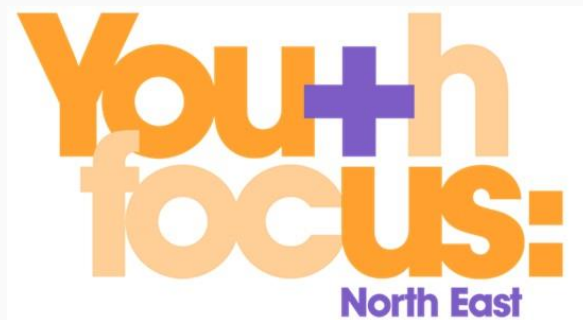
PFC Trust (Joe Dunne)

Greggs Foundation (Justine Massingham)

The Teesside Charity (Diane Williams)

Hartlepool Borough Council (Gemma Ptak)

Whilst our meeting room in Greenbank is fairly large we do need to know who intends to come – so please contact JamesIrvin@hartlepower.co.uk to reserve a place.



DCMS Youth Investment Fund Briefing - Online

Mon 21st March - 2.00 pm

The aim of the Youth Investment Fund (YIF) is to create, expand and improve local youth facilities and their services, in order to drive positive outcomes for young people, including improved health and wellbeing, and skills for work, employability and life. The YIF will level up 'left-behind' areas where youth need is high and provision is low, creating a level playing field for young people to have equal access to youth services, trusted youth workers, and dedicated youth facilities that deliver positive outcomes. The eligible areas have been identified and have been ranked by a combination of youth need and low provision. DCMS has developed a detailed methodology underpinning the selection of areas.

Paul Schofield Senior Policy Adviser: Youth Investment: People and Places at DCMS will be joining the briefing to give a presentation and take questions.

Funding Sign Ups

A new fund created by Steve Turner, local Police & Crime Commissioner, is now open to local charities in the Tees Valley (including Hartlepool) to help tackle “*antisocial behaviour*”.

Applicants are able to apply for a maximum of **£5,000** per project which must be delivered during the period April 2022 – September 2022. The **deadline for applications is 11th March 5:00pm** and *only charities* can apply. See:

If any assistance with applying for this funding is needed **contact Sarah Wilson** of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner on either sarah.wilson@cleveland.police.uk or pcc@cleveland.pnn.police.uk

Antisocial Behaviour Funding

Training opportunities

Hartlepool Borough Council

New courses are being ran by the Hartlepool Borough Council to help people gain employability skills. more will be put on over the course of the year. Check

the link below to see what's on, and message Barbara for more information

Barbara Hind: Barbara.Hind@Hartlepool.Gov.uk

[Hartlepool Borough Council Training Courses](#)

Current Events



Ukraine invasion – an update from the VCS Emergencies partnership

<https://vcsep.org.uk/>

Surplus donated goods are already becoming a problem – wherever possible, please encourage people to make financial donations to existing,

support funds – including the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), Red Cross or other grass roots organisations.

British Red Cross observations:

- Issues being seen – welfare needs, trauma, medical supplies, capacity challenges on the ground delivering support.
- Preparation for receiving Ukraine refugees - lessons being learned from the Afghan refugee response last year. There are multiple methods for people to enter from the EU – so mapping is taking place to understand the Ukraine diaspora in UK. Currently, East London has the largest contingent.
- Coordination between agencies and organisations is crucial to avoid duplication.
- Understanding how this activity can scale over either months or years – many unknowns.

Muslim Charities Forum (MCF) – Concerns about the treatment of black, Asian and other individuals being blocked from leaving Ukraine. Call from MCF for all colleagues to highlight the unacceptability of this situation.

The **Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain** have been inundated by financial donations from the public and offers of help. They are compiling a pack of information for signposting and redirecting resources around the country.

This **NCVO blog** is useful <https://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2022/03/02/charities-civil-society-ukraine>.

*"There is no act that is not the coronation of an infinite series of causes
and the source of an infinite series of effects"*

Jorge Luis Borges

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