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If you'd like to promote an event or service that your organisation is running, contact CiaraPurnell@hartlepower.co.uk and get in touch about using our noticeboard. Located right outside Greenbank, this is a perfect free opportunity to promote your organisation!



Events

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HartlePower LIVE @ Greenbank

SECTOR CONNECTOR

EMAIL: julieinors@hartlepower.co.uk

Create new relationships, celebrate, collaborate!

First Tuesday of each month at Greenbank (9.45 for a 10am start)

- CONTINUE RICH AND OPEN CONVERSATION AROUND CURRENT ISSUES AND IDEAS
- MAKE AND HEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS ON NEW INITIATIVES, FUNDING STREAMS ETC
- OPEN TO ANY VES GROUPS, PUBLIC SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES, SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

7th June: Sector Connector 63 Live in Greenbank

Add event to calendar by selecting your calendar option below:



Crossing The Tees book festival commits to hybrid for 2022.

Crossing The Tees, Teesside's biggest literary festival, returns from 11th June with a hybrid programme designed to appeal to audiences both at-home and in-person.

Festival co-ordinator Kirsten Luckins says "The whole team were very keen that we lived up to our festival theme (*We Hope This Finds You Well*) by considering the wellbeing and access requirements of book lovers who are shielding, disabled, or otherwise wary of in-person events."

Plus, taking it from the comfort and safety of their homes can enjoy live Zoom interviews with novelist Kate Healey, disabled cricket and tennis coach James George, or nature writer and mental health advocate Emma Mitchell.

On Thursday 10th, our Zoom chat stream will see fiction writers and screenwriters meet to discuss their new authors in different genres, plus longer video's with Tim Clax & Hannah Jane Walker and Ian Rowan & Jonathan Dingle in conversation. Throughout the week audio recordings of interviews from our in-real-life event. Story Connectors will be moderated by BBC Radio Tees.

Angling sessions can afford a whole range of online workshops... Zoom in for a masterclass on writing your first column with author Wendy Pratt, or hop on to our Fun Flash/Word re-arrangement or write 'half fiction' and be published in a digital anthology by the end of festival week!

Major theatre performance by local word novelist Salma Gordiner and our final evening will feature an introduction by Ian McMillan and an editorial comment by Lucy Holden will be live streamed.

To make sure that the festival is accessible to everyone, there are three options for past events which you can see on our YouTube channel below. Look at the [Crossing The Tees website](#), and subscribe to their [YouTube channel](#) now for video releases in June.

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Discover more about the event by clicking the image on the right, or the link below:
<https://www.crossingthetees.org/>



21st June: Sector Connector 64 on Zoom

Add event to calendar by selecting your calendar option below:





21st June: 1pm-2:30pm [HartlePower](#)s Introduction to Organisational Governance

A great fundamentals course outlining what a new organisation should have in place with regards to it's governance structure. Please get in touch with Juli, JuliSimons@hartlepower.co.uk, prior to the event as spaces may be limited. Add event to calendar by selecting your calendar option below:



Room Availability

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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

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Ollie Watt - [Hartlepool Borough Council](#), Community Navigator

Ollie and his team work out of all the [Hubs](#) around the town. Ollie's role involves him signposting people towards services that would benefit them. Currently in the Central Hub, where Ollie is based, are services such as; digital support, family history, social groups, exercises, bingo, Housing advice and social inclusion. If a service in one of the hubs can't help the individual, Ollie has an extensive network of contacts to direct people to the help they need.

Get in touch: helping@hartlepool.gov.uk

Stephen Picton - [Fibro-connect TS](#)

Stephen set up Fibro-connect after he discovered he had fibromyalgia. They are here to provide support to people with the condition and in only 5 months have helped over 200 people. There, Fibro-connect aim to have 1-1 chats and group work where they help support and inform one another. They're located at 79 Park Rd, Hartlepool TS24 7PW. Come along and say hi!

Get in touch: st@fibroconnect.co.uk

Michelle Horsfall - [Cleveland Police Engagement team](#)

Michelle as a community and diversity worker, aims to help the people of Hartlepool, Redcar, Middlesbrough, Stockton. Her aim is to reduce barriers diverse groups face when contacting the police. Additionally, seeing which areas of crime disproportionately affect these communities and discovering how to prevent them. If you would like to have a police presence at an event, or would like to put somebody in touch, her contact details are below.

Get in touch:

Michelle.Horsfall@cleveland.pnn.police.uk

Darren Leighton- [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#), [Hartlepool Action Lab](#)

Darren's team is focused around [JRF](#)'s main goal of solving UK poverty. To this end, they have introduced Community Cuppa's, the event allows people to come in to an environment for a cuppa and some cake, where organisations will also be there, but as individuals rather than as authority figures. They can then use this time to give out advice to event goers while signposting them to other services which could help.

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

Rachael & Stephanie - [Victoria Ward Community Engagement Team](#)

In a busy month for the Victoria Ward community engagement team, Steph and Rachel have been hosting successful events and going door-to-door to build relations and find out what people think could be improved in their area. This has arisen due to a sense of disconnect for families in the area. It is hoped that this will help to build trust.

Get in touch:

Rachael.Wanley@changingfuturesne.co.uk

Steph.Bailey-Minton@changingfuturesne.co.uk

Judith Chatfield - [Clinical Commissioning Group](#)

Judith aims to raise cancer awareness around the Tees Valley. She offers this in the forms of staff education/training, going to events and bringing resources. To this end, she is offering her presence at events as well as bringing resources and would love to connect with people who are disadvantaged in order to better prepare them with information.

Get in touch: Judith.Chatfield@nhs.net

Juli Simons - [Hartlepower](#)

Juli gave a round up of the teams going on, helping to develop organisations to reduce strain on adult social care services, future Sector Connectors will have a chance at the end for organisations to connect with one another and to give responses to answer consultation and feedback requests.

Get in touch: JuliSimons@hartlepower.co.uk

Vacancies

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[Cleveland Fire Brigade - Befriending Service Volunteer](#)

This is a fantastic opportunity to give something back to your community and support people who may struggle to access social groups on their own.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.hartlepoolnow.co.uk/opportunities/75887-befriending-service-volunteer>

Community Volunteering in Hartlepool

If you have some time to spare and would like to help people in our community, then we'd love to hear.




Please get in touch here:


Community.Volunteering@hartlepool.gov.uk

or check out their Facebook for any recent volunteer vacancies [here](#).

Your Views: Consultation and Feedback




**Hartfields
Medical Centre**



**NHS
Tees Valley
Clinical Commissioning Group**

Tell us your views!

How should services be developed to best meet your needs?



McKenzie Group and NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group are exploring the future provision of services from Hartfields Medical Centre, located at Hartfields Extra Care Village.

Following previous public engagement in July/August 2021 an additional 8-week period of engagement will run from **9th May 2022 until midnight on 3rd July 2022**. This is to look more closely at the impact of a possible permanent closure, whilst also exploring alternatives to Hartfields being fully open or closed.

Survey

You may have received a survey through the post. If you have not received a survey and would like to share your feedback please visit <https://necs.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hartfields>.

Paper copies of the survey are available at any McKenzie Group practice or can be requested by emailing necu.engagement@nhs.net. For support in completing the survey please call Healthwatch Hartlepool on 01429 288 146.

Events

Thurs 12th May - 10am - 12noon
Grayfields Sports Pavilion, Jesmond Gardens, Hartlepool, TS24 8PJ

Sat 21st May - 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Hartfields Retirement Village, Bishop Cuthbert, Hartlepool, TS26 0US

Wed 25th May - 2pm - 4pm
Online Meeting

Tues 14th June - 2pm - 4pm
Grayfields Sports Pavilion, Jesmond Gardens, Hartlepool, TS24 8PJ

Wed 29th June - 6pm - 8pm
High Throston Golf Club, Worset Ln Hartlepool TS26 0UG

Register your interest
To register your interest for an event, and to help us manage room capacity please visit <http://Hartfields.eventbrite.com>

For more information
Visit www.mckenziegrouppractice.co.uk or email necu.engagement@nhs.net.

Supported by **healthwatch** Hartlepool

Hartfields Medical Centre - tell us your views!

The [NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group \(CCG\)](#) and [McKenzie Group](#) are working collaboratively to carry out an eight-week period of public engagement regarding the provision of services from Hartfields Medical Centre, which is located at Hartfields Extra Care Village in Hartlepool.

Complete the online survey via this link - <https://necs.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hartfields> and/or attend the Focus Groups or engagement sessions to be held during May and June, to register for events/sessions via go to: <http://Hartfields.eventbrite.com>

With the start of the new municipal year, the Council's Audit and Governance Committee will be continuing its investigating in to the accessibility of Hartlepool Borough Council Services.

We are keen to hear from anyone with long-term conditions, disabilities or chronic health issues and those who provide care and support for them (individuals and organisations) to find out:

- How easy it is to find out about and use Council services;
- Where there are things that we do well and where there are things that we could do better;
- How can we improve access to our services; and
- Any barriers that make using our services difficult so "reasonable adjustments" can be made.

There will be a number of ways to contribute experiences and views:

- Complete our surveys either online:
 - Public / individual (via <https://yoursay.hartlepool.gov.uk/services-accessibility/yoursay.hartlepool.gov.uk/services-accessibility>)
 - Organisations (via - <https://yoursay.hartlepool.gov.uk/services-accessibility-orgs>)
- Use the "How can we do better?" ideas board to share your ideas about how we can improve access to our services (via <https://yoursay.hartlepool.gov.uk/services-accessibility/brainstormers/how-do-you-think-we-can-make-council-services-easier-to-use>)
- Vote in our quick poll (via - <https://yoursay.hartlepool.gov.uk/embeds/projects/14377/quick-poll/14801>)
- Join a focus group workshop - We are looking for people to join a focus group workshop to talk about the issues raised in the consultation. The workshop will be held during June at a time to be confirmed. Once the details of the workshop have been confirmed we will post them here. In the meantime, if you might be interested in joining the group you can:
 - Complete the survey and add your details in the "add your details if you are willing to be contacted" box at the end of the survey and we will contact you with an invitation;
 - Click the "subscribe" button on the Stay Informed widget on this page, follow the instructions to add your details and we will email you an invitation
 - Look out for details of how to book on this page and in the local press/social media later this month

I would be really grateful if you could please complete the survey (if relevant to your experiences in accessing Council services) and encourage other relevant individuals and organisations to also participate.

Council's Audit and Governance Committee - [Hartlepool Borough Council](#)

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Click the image to check out how you can join the focus group workshop. Contact:

Joan.Stevens@hartlepool.gov.uk for more information.

Do you use Adult Hearing Services? Give NHS Tees Valley CCG your thoughts

NHS Tees Valley CCG is currently reviewing non-complex, age-related adult hearing services across the Tees Valley. These services are provided for people usually aged 55+ who have a non-complex hearing need that can be met by a service often delivered in their community. They offer comprehensive support following a referral from their GP, such as a Hearing Needs Assessment, fitting of hearing aids, follow-up assessments and more.

These services are commissioned using an 'Any Qualified Provider' model, meaning there are multiple options for patients as to where they receive their care. Across the Tees Valley, there are six providers:

- County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (CDDFT)
- Minor Ops
- North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust (NTHFT)
- Outside Clinic (domiciliary care only)
- Scrivens
- Specsavers

In order to ensure that these services meet the needs of local people, NHS Tees Valley CCG is capturing the views and experiences of patients regarding their referral, making an appointment, treatment and follow-up care. If you have used Adult Hearing Services in the Tees Valley, please consider completing an online survey by clicking [here](#). This survey is anonymous and will help to highlight what is working well within these services, as well as what could be improved.

In addition, focus groups are also being planned with partner organisations across the Tees Valley, where participants will have an opportunity to provide their thoughts and feedback on Adult Hearing Services in greater detail. If you would like to take part in a focus group, please get in touch with the relevant organisation for your Local Authority area:

- **Darlington - Healthwatch Darlington:**
 - Email: info@healthwatchdarlington.co.uk
 - Phone: 01325 380145
- **Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees - Catalyst Stockton:**
 - Email: enquiries@catalyststockton.org
 - Phone: 01642 733908
- **Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland – Healthwatch South Tees:**
 - Email: healthwatchsouthtees@npsp.uk.net
 - Phone: 0800 118 1691
 - Text only: 07451 28879

The survey can be made available in different languages and formats on request. If you have any questions about this engagement, please get in touch with NHS Tees Valley CCG via email or phone:

- Email: hycog.enquiries@nhs.net
- Phone: 01642 263030

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[Hadrian Trust](#)

The Hadrian Trust is a small Charitable Trust that aims to improve people's lives and work in the North East of England by awarding grants of between £500 and £2,000 every quarter to charities and groups working across Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and Durham, including Hartlepool. Applications are considered for running costs, project costs, part salaries and basic equipment under Social welfare, Youth, Disabled and Elderly, Women, Ethnic minorities, Education, Arts, The environment. Click [here](#) to find out more.



[Red Gap Community Fund](#)

Grants of up to £60,000 available in Hartlepool for:

- **Community activities and services.** For example: projects addressing health and wellbeing, social isolation, family poverty, community safety, access to amenities, young and old people's projects, and projects providing support for local clubs and groups.
- **Community buildings and facilities.** For example: capital improvement works to village halls, community centres, museums, heritage centres and community cafes.
- **Environmental and public open space projects.** For example: projects involving parks, nature reserves, community growing schemes, and habitat/species conservation.
- **Sports, recreation and play.** For example: playgrounds, skate parks, indoor climbing walls, sports equipment and sports field drainage projects.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



[National Lottery Awards for All England](#)

A quick way to apply for smaller amounts of funding between £300 and £10,000.

Suitable for voluntary or community organisations.

Funding size £300 to £10,000, for up to one year.

Training Opportunities



[Hartlepool Borough Council](#) Training Courses

A wide variety of training courses are available at locations around the town. These are perfect to enhance your employability skills as well as being good refresher courses. Click [here](#) to find out more about available courses, dates and times.

[The Tees Valley Pathways & Routeways Programmes YEI Initiative](#)



The Tees Valley Pathways & Routeways Programmes support young people aged 15-29 across the Tees Valley who are unemployed and/or not in education, employment or training through:

- A range of innovative and interesting activities and courses.
 - Programmes using sport, culture and creative arts.
- Activities to improve confidence and build employability skills.
 - A dedicated advisor who will provide you with 1:1 help.
 - Support to pay for items such as travel expenses.
 - Routeways with employers into growth sectors.

If you are interested in finding out more then please contact the YEI Project Team on 01429 857080 or YEI@hartlepool.gov.uk



National Skills Fund

The National Skills Fund is a learning initiative, set up by the government, that provides fully-funded courses to adult learners up to Level 3.

Any adult aged 19 and over, who does not already have a level 3 qualification (equivalent to an advanced technical certificate or diploma, or A levels) or higher, can access hundreds of fully funded level 3 courses.

These qualifications have been identified to help adults improve their job prospects. They have good wage outcomes and can address skills needs in the economy, delivering a wide range of skills in many jobs and sectors.

"Ideas are easy. Implementation is hard."

Guy Kawasaki



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