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Have Your Say

Are you wanting to promote an event, course or vacancy?

If you would like a space in the Hartlepower Newsletter, please get in touch with: JamesIrvin@hartlepower.co.uk.



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Covid Champions Update

Just an update in regards to the Covid Champion programme going forward. Our role of Covid Engagement Officer is coming to an end next month.

The Covid Champion programme has been a great success in keeping the residents of Hartlepool up to date with the latest Covid guidance. There is huge potential in developing this programme and we would like to know your thoughts.

The Champion role could potentially evolve covering Covid information, Public Health messages and raising awareness of health issues. If this is something you may be interested

in going forward, please let us know.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, help and time during this really difficult period. You have made such a huge difference in getting messages out to your families, friends & communities.

Take care & thanks once again

Hannah & Julie

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22nd-24th March: [National Lottery Open Week at Hartlepower](#)



31st March: Autism Awareness Event, [Community Hub Central](#), 2-4:30pm

5th April: Sector Connector 59 Live at Greenbank, 10-11:15am

13th April: Social justice Research in the North East 10-12am,
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/social-justice-research> for more information.

19th April: Sector Connector 60 Live on Zoom, 10-11:15am

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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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Jan Grocott - [Alice House Hospice](#)

Jan has been focusing on the two services Alice House Hospice provide, Bereavement Counseling and Holistic Wellbeing. The counselling they offer is for all ages dealing with bereavement, around the East Durham and Hartlepool Areas, this can either be in the form of 1-1 or group sessions, with self or agency referrals being the norm. [Hartlepool Holistic Wellbeing](#) offers multiple therapies like Reiki, meditation, mindfulness, acupuncture and much more. This has become an extremely relevant service with growing lockdown and Ukrainian anxieties.

There is a parent + child mindfulness group running Tuesday evenings which values resocialising and wellbeing through holistic crafts.

Get in touch: JGrocott@alicehousehospice.co.uk

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

Ollie has recently been hard at work as part of his team of 6, who are there as the first point of access for people with needs, to be signposted and assessed. They then provide a handholding approach to allow the individual to access services.

In the [Hartlepool Community Hub 1](#), there are also plenty of events, like Digital support groups, occupational therapy, outreach groups for children, The FabLab and many others. A young men's mental health group has also been setup for 18-35's between 1:30-3:30pm.

Get in touch: Oliver.Watt@hartlepool.gov.uk

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HartlePower Sustainable Warmth Project Officer

Person Specification

The Sustainable Warmth Support Officer must be able to demonstrate knowledge and if possible experience from the energy industry working for an installer or provider. You would need to be knowledgeable and experienced with most of the common energy efficiency measures and generation technologies and be able to demonstrate their application which will include external wall, loft, heat pumps and solar panels. The role will involve speaking to potential customers over the phone and in person so experience of dealing and working with customers will be essential. Reporting and administration of the project is crucial as the project is KPI driven and reporting on progress is a very important part of your monthly duties. You will need to have good IT and digital skills with experience working with all forms of PC applications including (but not exclusive to) MS Word, Excel, Outlook. Presentations on a monthly basis will be required which will involve a meeting with the steering group to discuss progress and the project overall. A full driving licence will be essential, transport will be provided in the form of an electric vehicle.

Corporate Responsibility

All employees are expected to:

- Recognise and respect the diversity of internal and external customers and assist accordingly.
- Ensure the values of Hartlepower are reflected in their work and that all services provided are delivered in line with the Vision, Mission and Core Values.
- Assist in the development of a 'Continuous Improvement' culture.
- Ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements.
- Manage risks and health and safety to protect customers, staff and other stakeholders.
- Attend such training courses, seminars, conferences and other learning and development events as the organisation may require.
- Act as an ambassador for Hartlepower and Our Power.
- Maintain confidentiality at all times.
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Flexibility

The nature of this business means that from time to time you may be asked to perform roles outside your original job description on an ad hoc basis. This allows the organisation to utilise its people in the best possible way at all times and helps employees to make their contribution in a changing environment.

Equal Opportunities

Hartlepower CIC is an equal opportunities employer committed to eliminating discrimination and encouraging diversity amongst our workforce.

To apply:

Please send a covering letter to tell us why you would like to take on the role and an up to date C.V.

Please send this via email to info@hartlepower.co.uk

Closing date: 31st March 2022

Following a review of applications, we will invite candidates for interview

If you have not heard from us please assume you have been unsuccessful on this occasion.

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GET INVOLVED - HELP SHAPE PHARMACY SERVICES

Following feedback from our recent survey, a draft report assessing Hartlepool's pharmacy needs and services has been produced



We invite you to read the draft report and tell us:

- Does the report reflect local pharmacy needs and the range of pharmacy services available?
- Are there any pharmacy services currently provided which are not included?
- Are there any unmet needs for pharmacy services which are missing from the report?
- Is there any other information you feel should be included?

Read the report and complete the survey online at www.hartlepool.gov.uk/PNA-second-consultation

For more details or to request a paper copy of the survey, contact Joan Stevens, Statutory Scrutiny Manager, on 01429 284142



Your Say our Future, [Hartlepool Borough Council](http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk) invite you to help shape pharmacy services in the town, to get involved please click the link below:

<https://yoursay.hartlepool.gov.uk/hbc21-pna>

MMR vaccine take-up – can you help?

As part of a campaign to improve uptake in MMR vaccination across the region, NHS England & NHS Improvement have designed a survey for parents of children aged 5 and under - to establish **how much is known about measles, mumps & rubella and the MMR vaccine**. The survey also aims to understand anything that may be preventing parents from having their children vaccinated.

Please share the survey link below amongst your contacts – and do what you can to encourage parents of children aged 5 and under to complete the survey.

[MMR Survey for Parents of Children aged 5 and Under](#)

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New Lloyds Bank Foundation Funding Application



Lloyds Bank Foundation is open to applications from charities in Hartlepool

Before its funding programme closes on 29 July 2022, Lloyds Bank Foundation is open for applications for funding and support, with grants of £50,000 of unrestricted funding over two years plus additional support to develop your charity. There is no deadline for applications.

In 2022, the Foundation is looking to award grants to around 16 small and medium sized charities in the North East and Cumbria, with an income of between £25k and £1m. To manage demand for its grants, it is continuing its policy of setting out 'regional priorities' to make sure that its portfolio of grants is equitably distributed across its complex social issue priority areas and its racial equity strand, so that charities don't spend time in applying if they stand little chance of being awarded funding. Whether your charity can apply to the Foundation this year depends on which local authority you do the majority of your work in, and the complex social issue you are working to address.

In Hartlepool, these are the following issues the Foundation is funding at the moment:

- Addiction and dependency
- Care leavers
- Domestic Abuse
- Homelessness
- Mental health
- Offending, prison or community service
- Racial equity (charities led by and for people from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities)
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Sexual abuse and exploitation
- Trafficking and modern slavery
- Young parents

You can apply and find the Foundation's full eligibility guidance at <https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/we-fund> and if you'd like to discuss a possible application please contact Neil Shashoua, the Foundation's Manager in the North East & Cumbria at nshashoua@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk

Neil Shashoua, Manager, North East and Cumbria

15 March 2022

www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/we-fund

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.

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Calling community group leaders

Sign up for a free interactive workshop, online or in person, where your [UK Parliament](#) Outreach Officer will show your group: how to campaign for change, how to get their voices heard, and how UK Parliament works.

Click the picture on your right to find out more.

FREE DRIVING THEORY SUPPORT COURSE

Free provisional licence and theory test (Paid for).....

Start learning to drive in 2022 with our FREE driving theory prep course.

Starting Monday 28th March 2022 at the Belle Vue Community & Sports Centre in Hartlepool.

Through our 1 week course (Mon to Fri -9.30am till 2.30pm) you will cover topics such as :

- Hazard awareness
- Road signs
- Vehicle safety
- Maths and English Skills

PLUS get your provisional licence and theory test for FREE..

Please contact Katrina on 07944153095 or email katrina@edentrainingacademy.org.uk

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[Eden Academy's](#) Free Driving Theory Support Course 28th March 2022 for 1 week (Mon-Fri 9:30-2:30pm)

NEW LEVEL 2 COURSES

Call 01429 868616 or apply online at www.hartlepoollearningandskills.com

- L2 Adverse Childhood Experiences
- L2 Workplace Violence & Harassment
- L2 LEU+ Inclusion in the Workplace
- L2 Understanding Domestic Abuse

Hartlepool Learning and Skills
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[Hartlepool Borough Council](#) have again increased their current Distance Learning offer and from today have added another three qualifications to our offer;

- Level 2 Adverse Childhood Experiences
 - Level 2 Domestic Violence Awareness
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- Level 2 Workplace Violence and Harassment

All three of these courses are fully funded!

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Ethnic inequalities in NHS healthcare

Health research body **The NHS Race and Health Observatory** ensures that the best possible evidence is available to support the NHS to tackle ethnic health inequity. Its recent report – *Ethnic Inequalities in Healthcare: A Rapid Evidence Review* (February 2022) – presents findings and recommendations regarding ethnic inequalities in healthcare and within the NHS workforce. The work was conducted by academics from the Universities of Manchester, Sheffield and Sussex.

The Observatory acknowledges that ethnic inequalities in access to, experiences of, & outcomes of healthcare are longstanding problems in the NHS and that these are rooted in experiences of structural, institutional and interpersonal racism. It notes that the health of ethnic minority people has been negatively impacted by:

- lack of appropriate treatment for health problems by the NHS;
 - poor quality or discriminatory treatment from healthcare staff;
 - a lack of high quality ethnic monitoring data recorded in NHS systems;
 - lack of appropriate interpreting services for people who do not speak English confidently and
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- delays in, or avoidance of, seeking help for health problems due to fear of racist treatment from NHS healthcare professionals.

Based on a review of academic research evidence spanning 10 years (2011-21) alongside the findings from stakeholder engagement with academics, clinicians & people working with ethnic minorities in the community – the report authors concluded that ethnic inequalities are evident in each of:

- access to, experiences of, and outcomes of, mental healthcare;
- access to, experiences of, and outcomes of, maternal and neonatal healthcare;
- digital access to healthcare;
- genetic testing and genomic medicine;
- the NHS workforce.

The researchers noted that there were differences between individual ethnic minority groups – suggesting that some groups have particularly poor access, experiences and outcomes.

Read the full report here: [Publications Archives - NHS - Race and Health Observatory](https://publications.archives.nhs.uk/publications/2022/04/race-and-health-observatory)
[NHS - Race and Health Observatory \(nhsrho.org\)](https://publications.archives.nhs.uk/publications/2022/04/race-and-health-observatory)

"The quality of our vision depends entirely on the extent our consciousness permeates and resonates within [reality's] magical realm. In this respect, there is complete symmetry between science and art. Both are creative acts of the most intimate communion with reality."

M-W Ho (geneticist)
