



Newsletter

26 July 2024

Welcome to the Power of Communities newsletter. Our [Power of Communities Programme](#) works with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors (VCSE), acting as a catalyst for change, facilitating new opportunities for VCSE organisations to better engage in shaping services and decision making, and challenging the ways we work in health and care to ensure greater inclusivity and accessibility in commissioning and service provision within the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership.

If you have a question or comments about anything included in this newsletter, please get in touch with the team via email: wyicb-wak.hpoc.program@nhs.net

Hearing the voice of the VCSE Sector

In this section we have a list of surveys, information requests or workshops that are happening across the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership and we want to ensure the voice of the VCSE sector and communities you support are fully represented



Developing our WY Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Strategy



We are creating a West Yorkshire Equality, Diversity and Inclusion [EDI] Strategy for health and care, and we need your help. Many of you have a wealth of experience in providing equity in services, with diversity in teams and offers and may have links to other groups and colleagues who have knowledge about projects, programmes, successes and challenges. We would love you, especially those with lived experience of using health and care services, to come and share your experiences and knowledge with us.

Sessions with West Yorkshire Voice

West Yorkshire Voice are supporting this work by running several focus groups in person and online.

- 29th July, 2pm to 3.30pm: Kirklees focus group at Huddersfield Mission.
- 31st July, 10.30am to 12pm: Calderdale focus group at The King's Centre, Halifax.

To book or ask any questions, contact George via info@westyorkshirehealthwatch.co.uk / Call 0113 8980035 / Text 07496403341

Please see below for more information and to promote the sessions.



Online Surveys

We now have our online surveys live so you can go to them through the links below. The questions in these surveys mirror the ones we are asking in the focus groups so we can analyse all responses in the same way, so please take the time to complete them and share them with your networks far and wide as we are keen to hear from as many voices as possible. Feel free to complete them on behalf of others too.

EDI Strategy Survey Professionals: <https://re-url.uk/WICD>

EDI Strategy Survey Public: <https://re-url.uk/WICX>

West Yorkshire Community Leaders Programme

Submission date for applications: Sun 28 July 2024

[Click here to find out more and apply](#) (as well the forms below)

The first West Yorkshire Community Leaders programme was launched earlier this year in a skills development training opportunity. The West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) has offered this Institute of Leadership Management recognised programme to support ongoing community work.



The space will help participants develop their unique voluntary and charity sector leadership style and is being delivered by leadership coaching agency Jones Consulting. For more information, please see below:



Have your say on the Mass Transit Phase One: Route options consultation survey

[Click here to find out more and complete the survey](#)



Trams are on the way. Time to have your say.

Even with all the improvements we have planned for our trains, buses, walking and cycling routes, we still won't have completed the transport network our region wants, needs and deserves. Not without the addition of something new, ambitious and transformative. That's why we're exploring Mass Transit options: new forms of transport, not currently used in West Yorkshire, that could transform our public transport network and make it even more accessible for everyone.

Our aim is to eventually connect the whole of West Yorkshire, but for phase one we are proposing two lines: The Leeds Line and the Bradford Line. During this consultation, we are asking for your feedback on route options for both lines.

Until 30 Sept, we want to hear your feedback on three things:

- Which one of our potential routes for a tram line from Bradford to Leeds you support.
- Which one of our potential routes for a tram line across Leeds you support.
- Our proposals for how we will deliver a Mass Transit network whilst balancing the long-term needs of the environment, society, and the economy – what we call our sustainability strategy.

Have your say by completing [our survey](#). (It should take you 20-30 minutes to complete the whole survey. If you want, you can choose which parts of the survey to complete)

If there are any VCSE events taking place where you think it would be helpful for someone from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority to attend and support conversations, please get in touch via masstransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk

#TellTracy about Policing and Crime

Consultation on the new Police and Crime Plan has now begun and will run until October 2024. We want to ensure that as many people and organisations as possible are able to provide feedback during this consultation, so we have a range of different ways your organisation can be involved and share your views with us, either online, in person, at events, or over the phone.



We want to ensure this is fully inclusive so welcome conversations with you/ your organisation on how we can best support this. You can find more information about the consultation and how we can engage with you on our website [here](#).

A call for evidence on Serious Violence has been launched alongside the Police and Crime Plan consultation and will run until 10 September. [Find out more about the call for evidence](#)

We will also be running a series of online consultation sessions which you are invited to attend:

- **Tuesday 30th July, 1200-1330**
- **Wednesday 7th August, 1600-1730**
- **Thursday 5th September 1830-2000**
- **Friday 20th September, 1400-1530**
- **Saturday 5th October, 1030-1200**
- **Monday 7th October, 1000-1130**

You can access the public and the partner surveys [here](#), we are really looking forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions about the consultation, you can email our team with any views or comments at consultation.pc@westyorks-ca.gov.uk (please reference #Tell Tracy about Policing and Crime).

Older people's mental health inpatient services consultation update

Date: Fri 23 Aug 2024, 10:00-12:30 via MS Team)

[Click here to find out more and sign up](#)

South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) have now received the independent report of findings from the older people's mental health inpatient services consultation. You can read the [report of findings](#) and the [updated EIA](#) on our [website](#).

Following the publication of the report, we would like to invite you to a workshop attended by a wide range of our key stakeholders and will be used to consider the findings from the consultation and the updated equality impact assessment (EIA). We will deliver a summary presentation of the impact and what people

told us, followed by a discussion. This is with a view to having a final set of considerations that we will take forward into our deliberations.

[Please register for the workshop using this Eventbrite link.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us at opsconsultation@swyt.nhs.uk

Livin' La Vida Local: Wakefield District's Community Anchor Network Conference 2024

Date: Weds 18 Sept, 09:30am-1pm

Venue: St Catherine's Community Centre, Wakefield

[Click here to find out more and sign up](#)

The Community Anchor Network (CAN) invites you join them on Wednesday 18 September to:

- **Celebrate the work of CAN** to enable community-based organisations to be the best they can be
- **Reflect on the significant redevelopment of CAN** and what this looks like
- **Look to the future of CAN** as an integral part of the system to reduce health inequalities and empower residents in finding support for themselves

Community Anchors are trusted organisations that meet the needs of their local community, delivering activities, services and a host base for other groups and services such as a credit union and Citizens Advice. This means that local residents can easily access all sorts of support in one place – from tackling money concerns to finding friendship – and build confidence to continue this independently. Hear from key note speakers and get involved in a Q&A to learn more. 9.30am to 1pm at St Catherine's Community Centre, Doncaster Road, Wakefield, WF1 5HL. **The conference is open to colleagues from the VCSE and public sectors.** [RSVP here.](#)

Carbon Literacy Training

We are pleased to continue to offer **FREE Carbon Literacy training** to anyone within West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership. Before attending you'll need to complete [three hours of self-directed learning available on the NHS elearning for healthcare hub](#). If you do not have an NHS email address, [please get in touch](#).

For more information about Carbon Literacy and their partnership with Greener NHS see the [NHS elearning for healthcare hub](#). Once you've completed the e-learning you can take part in a three-hour MS Teams workshop where you will focus on actions that you can implement as well as learn from others. Click on your preferred date to send an email to your trainer:

- [16 September](#) 9:30 till 12:30
 - [14 November](#) 1 till 4
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Good conversations training Free webinar for the VCSE workforce

Various dates between Sept-Dec 2024

[Click here to find out more and sign up](#)

Build the confidence, knowledge and skills required to 'Make Every Contact Count' (MECC) and to support people to take better care of their health and wellbeing. These sessions will:

- Enable you to reflect on and share opportunistic conversations
- Reflect on what you do well, what skills make for a good conversation, and challenges / opportunities



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Yorkshire and Humber
Public Health Network

- Review skills like being person-centred; collaborative; using open questions, active listening, focussing on strengths, and helpful summaries; and working within the 3As model (Ask-Advise-Assist)
- Introduce resources that support good conversations, including basic advice and signposting
- With its strong emphasis on core communication skills, the course also provides excellent foundation-level training for staff who plan to engage the health of their community.

Courses are online, highly interactive and last 1.5 hours. You can find the dates, timings and registration links to all webinars here:

[Good conversations training – Free webinar for the VCSE workforce \(yhphnetwork.co.uk\).](https://www.yhphnetwork.co.uk)



Health Anchors Learning Network: Anchor Exchange Connect and Learn Open Sessions

At the [Health Anchors Learning Network](https://www.healthanchorslearningnetwork.co.uk) (HALN), we support people to reduce inequalities and improve health outcomes by becoming effective anchor organisations. As a learning network, we know how important it is to provide spaces for people to come together, share ideas and collectively problem solve to support anchor practice. That's why we are hosting a new peer learning opportunity - join us for an upcoming 'Anchor Exchange' session. Offering a space for reflection, peer learning and discussion, these sessions are designed to support HALN participants to explore common themes, share ideas and overcome challenges in their work in creating effective anchor organisations.

These sessions are free to join, and open to anyone who is interested in or working to develop the impact of their anchor organisation. Sign up today by clicking the links below!

- [Wednesday, 9 October 2024, 12.30 – 1:30pm](#)
- [Monday, 25 November 2024, 12.30 – 1:30pm](#)
- [Wednesday, 8 January 2025, 12.30 – 1:30pm](#)

Funding opportunities for VCSE Sector

In this section we have a list of funding opportunities available via the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership and wider



Wave 2 of West Yorkshire & Harrogate Cancer Alliance Innovation VCSE Award Scheme 2024/25: Apply for a grant from £2,500-£15,000

Closing Date: Mon 29 July, 5pm

Email to find out more and get the application form wycb-wak.wyandhcanceralliance@nhs.net

We are pleased to announce Wave 2 of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Cancer Alliance Innovation VCSE Award Scheme for 2024/25. It is a **non-recurrent, revenue-only, financial awards scheme** which seeks to:

- Improve access to personalised support services via single point of contact to improve co-ordination and reduce duplication.
- Signpost and navigating to community-based support for health and wellbeing information and support ensuring it is in various formats and languages.
- Improve access to psychosocial support, shared care pathways and personalised care and well being
- Extend access to pre and post rehabilitation support groups for patients, carers, and their families with lived experience of cancer.

We have a dedicated grant funding for the VCSE sector of grants between £2,500-£15,000 focusing on innovations within:

- Living With and Beyond Cancer (LWBC) Community Support
- Improving Cancer patients and carers quality of life in any part of the cancer journey

We encourage applications from micro and small VCSE organisations. We would be happy to talk to you to explore ideas, developing a high quality submission or answer any other questions. To do so, email wycb-wak.wyandhcanceralliance@nhs.net

Application form & guidance note below:



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Allan Lane Foundation: Funding to Raise Awareness of Issues Faced by Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities

Closing Date: By the end of July/early August for consideration in Oct 2024

[Click here to find out more and apply](#)

The Foundation has announced that it is keen to receive applications that 'support work that raises awareness of the issues Gypsy and Traveller communities face, and work to combat hate crime, stigma, discrimination and inequalities, including the lack of appropriate accommodation or other service provision'.

Previously funded grants towards providing advice and advocacy; building the capacity of community groups; supporting victims of domestic abuse; law and policy reform; inclusion projects and work aimed at changing attitudes. Groups who have other ideas are welcome to contact the funder to discuss their proposed project. Applicants working locally should have an income of below £100,000 per year. Those working nationally should have an income of around £250,000 per year.

Organisational Development Support for charities helping refugees & asylum seekers

Closing Date: 01 August 2024, 5pm

[Click here to find out more and apply](#)



This is not a funding programme and there is no cash grant. This is a two-year development support programme, for charities that help asylum seekers and refugees and have an income between £25k - £500k.

Lloyds Bank Foundation wants to share our organisational development support offers with charities that we're not able to fund. This will include the full range of tailored support offers alongside the guidance of our Regional Managers. Through this programme we will help charities to identify and prioritise their development goals, building on what they are already great at and how to respond to and overcome challenges.

This year we'll be supporting 60 charities that help refugees and asylum seekers through this Organisational Development Support programme. This is only available to charities with an income between £25k and £500k so that we can focus our support on charities that can't often access organisational development support.

The King's Fund > GSK IMPACT Awards

The GSK Impact Awards for 2025 are now open. These prestigious national awards by GSK are managed in partnership with The King's Fund. There are two programmes of unrestricted funding, between £4,000 to

£50,000, aimed at charities working in a health-related field. Find out more about each [GSK IMPACT Award on the Kings Fund website](#). Both awards focus on recognising ambitious work and building organisational capacity with training and leadership development:

- GSK Community Health programme, for small charities that are at least 1 year old, with income between £20,000 and £150,000. Deadline 5.00pm on **Monday 12 August 2024**
- GSK IMPACT Award, for charities that are at least three years old, with income between £150,000 and £3 million. Deadline 5.00pm on **Friday 30 August 2024**

Deaf and Disabled people's organisations

Closing Date: 28 August 2024

[Click here to find out more and apply](#)

This programme is aimed at registered charities and CICs with an income between £25,000 to £500,000 which are led by and working for Deaf and Disabled people. Your organisation will work directly with Deaf and Disabled people over the long term to support them to have more choice and control over their lives, access their rights and entitlements and challenge the barriers they face.

Your work will be based on a social model of disability and you will be able to show how this understanding shapes the work that you do, and enables people to have their voices heard.

Successful applicants will receive a grant of £75,000, over three years (£25,000 per year). The grant will be unrestricted, so organisations awarded funding will be able to use the grant to support any costs that further your organisation's social purpose.



Vacancies

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Manager

Agenda for Change Band 7, £43,742 - £50,056 pa/pro rata

37 hours per week



Touchstone is a multi-award-winning mental health and wellbeing charity operating in communities across Yorkshire. Touchstone understands that we can only deliver excellence to the people we serve if the people we recruit are happy, empowered, supported to reach their potential and trusted to lead.

The Leeds Mental Wellbeing Service (LMWS) and its partners are committed to ensuring that all service provision is accessible and fairly meets the diverse needs of all people who use the service. All partners in the LMWS recognise the underlying inequalities that exist in the health system and wider society. Addressing health inequalities is a priority for the service and this is directed by a service-wide Health Inequalities Action Plan which is owned by the LMWS Partnership Board. This role will provide leadership and effective management of all equality, diversity, inclusion, and co-production activity enabling improved accessibility and equality of opportunity for all stakeholders across the LMWS service.

CLOSING DATE: Sunday 28 July 2024

Interviews will be held on: Thursday 08 August 2024

Contact details: Dave Pickard (Operations Director Quality & Performance):

davep@touchstonesupport.org.uk



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Healthy Minds (Calderdale Wellbeing) is recruiting for a Safespace Service Manager & Safespace Project Workers

To find out more and apply go to: www.healthymindscalderdale.co.uk/jobs.html

Safespace offers 1-1 emotional support for people in distress. The service operates every day, including weekends, with a blend of in-person, telephone, text and email support. As well as running from our main premises in Halifax Town Centre, Safespace also holds outreach sessions across the borough, working alongside community partners. The service supports visitors and callers to consider, agree and arrange appropriate support for people's immediate and longer-term emotional health and wellbeing.

Safespace has become an essential service within Calderdale's mental health crisis offer, working in conjunction with other services in the statutory and voluntary sector, including other Healthy Minds services.

Project Workers: Safespace (2 posts)

Closing date: Wednesday 31st July 2024 9.00am

Hours: 14 hours per week, includes weekend cover

Salary: £15 per hour (£29,250 per annum pro rata: £10,920 actual)

Fixed-term to 31st March 2025; continuation subject to funding

This is a busy and demanding role. You will be supporting people who are distressed and may be in crisis for all sorts of reasons. The aim is to make sure that people can have immediate support and be kept safe, with time and space to talk through what is happening and find ways through.

As part of a project based in the centre of Halifax you will work in a team to provide a point of access for people aged 16+ who are experiencing emotional distress. The initial intervention/contact may provide an alternative option for people who may otherwise come under NHS, the Police or other statutory services duty of care. Project Workers support Safespace callers and visitors to consider, agree and arrange appropriate support for people's immediate and longer-term emotional health and wellbeing.

Service Manager: Safespace

Closing date: Wednesday 14th August 2024 5.00pm

Hours: 30 hours per week, includes some weekend cover

Salary: £17 per hour (£33,150 per annum pro rata: £26,520 actual)

Fixed-term to 31st March 2025; continuation subject to funding

The Service manager will support the development of Safespace, particularly with regard to 7 day

opening. This is a new role in the service, working alongside the current Safespace Service Manager, Operational Manager and the team of Safespace Project Workers and Relief Workers.

Volunteer Support Coordinator

(Inclusive Volunteering) – 18 hours per week/ 3 days

Salary scale 8 SPC point 20

£30,296 (actual £15,148) + 5 % pension

Fixed term – 3 years – subject to future funding



BRADFORD

"An inclusive volunteering service"

A key role in the delivery of Volunteering Bradford's inclusive volunteering service, enabling people with additional support needs (learning disabilities, mental health problems/physical or sensory impairments) who are often isolated and socially excluded, to take full advantage of the opportunities offered through volunteering.

- Recruit, train and manage a team of volunteer support assistants.
- Experience of working/volunteering with people with additional support needs and previous experience of voluntary / community work is desirable.

*** All disabled applicants who meet the essential criteria will be offered an interview.**

This post is subject to an enhanced DBS disclosure.

Closing date for applications Friday 23rd August 2024. To request an application pack please email info@volunteeringbradford.org

If you have any queries regarding the nature of this post contact Steve Blackman on 07904953864/ steve@volunteeringbradford.org. Interviews Friday 30th August 2024.



DaizyBell Homes CIO Housing Service Manager

Starting salary: £37,336 SPC 29 + annual enhancements £1000-£4500 (Permanent)

Hours: 35 hours per week, with evening and occasional weekend work

Location: BRC&SASS offices in Bradford, with possibility of some remote working.

Closing date: 27 August, 9am

[To find out more and apply, please click here](#)

We would love to hear from you if you believe that every woman deserves a safe and decent home in which they can reach their full potential and if you have the knowledge, skills and experience to support the staff, CEO, Trustees and ultimately the women on their tenancy journey.

You will be able to:

- To manage residential properties on behalf of DaizyBell Homes CIO and support vulnerable tenants escaping domestic and sexual violence and abuse to maintain tenancies and live independently.
- To provide support and supervision to housing and DA service workers via case work review and performance management alongside providing day to day leadership.



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Other opportunities locally, regionally or nationally



Research Study for Dementia Carers: Volunteers Needed for iACT4CARERS wellbeing tool

Are you currently supporting a family member living with dementia? Are you experiencing worries or distress and interested in receiving online support?

You may be eligible for a large trial testing if internet-delivered self-help Acceptance and Commitment Therapy for family carers of people with dementia (iACT4CARERS) is helpful in improving psychological well-being.

iACT4CARERS focuses on helping people to manage difficult or troubling thoughts and feelings, while still trying to do activities that really matter to them.

- **Visit our website:** iact4carers.com
- **Email us:** iact4carers.study@uea.ac.uk



Genes and Health study

Genes and Health is a huge long-term study of 100,000 people of Bangladeshi and Pakistani origin. This important study will look at how genes influence disease.

By looking more closely at how genes work and how diseases develop, it will be possible to identify better treatments to cure or help prevent them.

In the UK individuals from Bangladeshi and Pakistani origin are five times more likely to suffer from diabetes than the rest of the population and suffer poorer health by several other measures including cardiovascular disease and mental health.

How can I get involved?

Taking part is easy and quick and involves providing a saliva (spit) sample and completing two short forms. We are here to provide advice and support at every stage of your journey. If you want to know more, email research@swyt.nhs.uk or call 01924 316289.