



## Newsletter

**02 August 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](mailto: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: Survey**



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.

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>

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

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



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)

**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](mailto:masstransit@westyorks-ca.gov.uk)**

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## #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:

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1600-1730**
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1830-2000**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1400-1530**
- **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 1030-1200**
- **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:consultation.pc@westyorks-ca.gov.uk) (please reference #Tell Tracy about Policing and Crime).

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# 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](mailto:opsconsultation@swyt.nhs.uk)

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## Free Mental Health First Aid and Cultural Competence Training West Yorkshire



Funded by West Yorkshire Wellbeing Hub

**Day 1-Friday 6th Sept 1230-430**

**Day 2-Monday 9th Sept 9-5**

**Day 3-Monday 16th Sept 9-430**

**Where: Voluntary Action Leeds**

**Stringer House, 34 Lupton St, Hunslet,  
Leeds LS10 2QW**



To apply use the Qr code to fill in your application



# Exploring the Impact of Racial Trauma: The Foundation

**Dates:** 17 Sept 2024, 09:30-16:30 at New Mill Victoria Rd, Saltaire, Shipley BD18 3LD  
20 Sept 2024, 09:30-16:30 at Scorex House, 1 Commercial Street, BD1 4AS

**Email** [wylhubstaffsupport@bdct.nhs.uk](mailto:wylhubstaffsupport@bdct.nhs.uk) to sign up

The West Yorkshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub supports staff and volunteers who are experiencing difficulties with their wellbeing at work. To provide further support, we are offering one off training sessions to staff and volunteers within West Yorkshire (NHS, local authorities and VCSE).

The training will be on racial trauma as we recognise this still exists today and can negatively impact a person's wellbeing. The training aims to develop your understanding of what racial trauma is and the impact this can have on individuals.

In order to support people who are affected by this, it is important to develop our understanding on racial trauma and the impact it may have had on ourselves. Witness people who are affected by racial trauma may have had an impact on you and may bring up difficult emotions.

The training highlights that there is not a 'right' way of reacting to racial trauma, but the first step is recognising it and learning about it – and in doing so be empowered to deal with racial trauma where you work. It will cover topics such as the importance of language, intersectionality, micro/macro-aggressions, racial trauma in the workplace and lived experience.

*The session will be delivered by Carlyn Boyce (Clinical Lead) and trained assistant psychologists.*



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## 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 to 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.](#)

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## 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

## Online Lunch and Learn Session – Amplifying Survivor Voices

**Date: Thurs 30 Sept, 12-1pm (via MS Teams)**

[Click here to sign up via Eventbrite](#)

Join RASAC Therapeutic Team and Service Development Manager, Heather Conboy to find out more about this important research, funded by NHS England.



The banner features a light blue background with a white horizontal line. On the left is the TSL Kirklees Training logo. In the center, the text 'LUNCH AND LEARN' is in red, and 'Amplifying Survivor Voices' is in large white font. On the right is the RASAC logo. Below the main text, it says 'Opening doors, connecting people, supporting you'. At the bottom left, there is small text: 'Third Sector Leaders Kirklees is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation Charity number: 1162592'. At the bottom right, it says 'THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER, 12PM-1PM ONLINE BOOK NOW AT TSLKIRKLEES.ORG.UK/EVENTS'.

In the UK, more than 1 in 4 adult women, 1 in 18 adult men and 1 in 6 children have experienced rape or sexual abuse (ONS, 2023 and NSPCC 2011). These figures, however, likely underestimate the true extent of rape and sexual abuse in the UK, as many survivors do not disclose their experiences.

This RASAC study explores the experiences and perspectives of adult survivors of rape and sexual abuse in West Yorkshire who are living with complex trauma-related mental health needs and the insights of the professionals dedicated to supporting them. The session will highlight some critical areas for improvement in both statutory and VCSE support services and professional attitudes within our community.

**This lunch and learn session will be relevant to anyone working in statutory services or the VCSE sector across West Yorkshire.**

*Please note, some of the content of the session may be challenging, it is important to share these narratives to encourage meaningful change and break cycles of silencing. Please prioritise your self-care and well-being; support services will be signposted to within the session.*

*This event is organised by TSL Kirklees - a local charity that gives free support, advice and training to any charity, community group or social enterprise in Kirklees - and is only open to any workers, trustees or volunteers from third sector organisations based or working in Kirklees. Our events and services are free because, like any other charity, we rely on grants and funding. If you have booked a place and then cannot make it, please cancel your place via Eventbrite or by emailing [comms@tslkirklees.org.uk](mailto:comms@tslkirklees.org.uk), so that we can offer that place to someone else and so that our funding isn't wasted.*

## 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
- 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 \(yphphnetwork.co.uk\)](https://yphphnetwork.co.uk)



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

At the [Health Anchors Learning Network](#) (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*



### TheKingsFund > 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.



## Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities Fund for Wakefield District

**Closing date:** 30 August, 5pm

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

Grants of £500 to £10,000 are available to VCSE organisations to support their involvement and active contribution to Building Healthy and Sustainable Communities in Wakefield. This is a programme building on the 'Big Conversation' with residents, using workshops and other forms of local engagement to: improve health and wellbeing; connect with communities; and reduce health inequalities.

This fund is focused on organisations working in the following areas of Wakefield District:

- **Delivery Area 1:** South Kirkby and Moorthorpe
- **Delivery Area 2:** Wakefield City Centre (including Portobello, Agbrigg & Belle Vue)

Funding will be allocated through participatory grant-making, giving local VCSE organisations the power to decide who and what to fund.

**To find out more, click the links to sign up for our information sessions: [14 August](#) or [20 August](#)**

## WISHH Community Partnership Small Grants for Shipley, Windhill & Wrose, Baildon or Idle and Thackley

**Closing date:** 30th September

**Contact for more information & an application pack:** Maca Yunge ([macarena.yg@haleproject.org.uk](mailto:macarena.yg@haleproject.org.uk))

The WISHH Community Partnership have recently opened their latest small grants funding round. They have £20,000 to allocate in grants of a minimum of £500.

They are looking for projects based or operating in Shipley, Windhill & Wrose, Baildon or Idle and Thackley that align with their priorities to tackle and reduce health inequalities. These priorities are:

- *resilience and recovery within our communities* (more specifically, promoting kind and friendly communities, attracting and retaining volunteers and reducing social isolation in young adults)
- *reducing and preventing cardiovascular and respiratory conditions* (promoting a healthy lifestyle – physical activity, healthy eating, weight management, etc.).

**Please contact Maca Yunge ([macarena.yg@haleproject.org.uk](mailto:macarena.yg@haleproject.org.uk))**

Do you have a great idea for a project that could support people's health and wellbeing?

Are you based or operating in Shipley, Windhill & Wrose, Baildon or Idle & Thackley?

Does your work align with our priorities to tackle and reduce health inequalities?

1) Projects that work on **resilience and recovery within our communities**, especially promoting **kind and friendly communities**, attracting and retaining volunteers and reducing social isolation in young adults.

2) Projects that contribute to **reducing cardiovascular and respiratory conditions**, promoting a healthy lifestyle - physical activity, healthy eating, weight management, etc.

The WISHH Community Partnership has £20,000 to allocate as small grants for a minimum of **£500**. The deadline to apply is **September 30th**.

Please get in touch with us to find out more and get an application pack:

Macarena Yunge  
macarena.yg@haleproject.org.uk  
07903 908665



## **Vacancies**

### **Healthy Minds (Calderdale Wellbeing) is recruiting a Safespace Service Manager**



**To find out more and apply go to:** [www.healthymindscalderdale.co.uk/jobs.html](http://www.healthymindscalderdale.co.uk/jobs.html)

**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**

**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.

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.

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### **Membership and Networks Coordinator**

**Closing date:** Wednesday 21 August at 12pm

**For more details and how to apply, please go to:**

<https://www.nova-wd.org.uk/jobs/membership-and-networks-coordinator>

**Contact details:** [jobs@nova-wd.org.uk](mailto:jobs@nova-wd.org.uk) or 01924 367418



**Salary:** £30,906 per year

**Hours:** 37.5 hours per week

**Location:** Wakefield District & Working From Home

**Contract:** Permanent

If you're passionate about creating a supportive and resilient VCSE community and have a knack for fostering connections, this is the role for you.

Building connections and relationships is the foundation of a lot of Nova's work. We're a local charity that provides a range of services to support, grow and empower a vibrant Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in Wakefield District, with everything from specialist advice to funding.

The Coordinator will be the go-to person for our members, helping to build strong networks, share best practices, and make sure everyone's voice is heard.

This is a brand new role in the Nova team, so there's lots of room to get stuck in and make it your own. We're a friendly bunch to work with (100% of staff said they enjoy working at Nova in our latest staff survey!) and you'll get a range of brilliant benefits.

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## 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](mailto:info@volunteeringbradford.org)

If you have any queries regarding the nature of this post contact Steve Blackman on 07904953864/[steve@volunteeringbradford.org](mailto: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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