**NEW! VCFSE Family Hub weekly bulletin – 11.07.25**

Hi everyone,

Here’s this week’s weekly VCFSE (voluntary, community and faith-based groups, and social enterprise organisations) Family Hub bulletin which covers family/Family Hub relevant information, including: Sector 3/VCFSE updates, One Stockport Family Hub updates, Training, Funding opportunities and any other information such as events promotion, activities, requests, etc.

If there’s anything you would like me to share in a future bulletin, please let me know and I’ll add it in :)

[**Sector 3/VCFSE updates**](https://www.sector3sk.org/)**:**

* **Have your say on funding decisions in Stockport - Refugee Welcome Programme Grant**

As Stockport's charity infrastructure support organisation we facilitate different Stockport based funds and grants for the local voluntary & community sector. To ensure funding decisions are fair, ethical and include the voices of those with lived experience, we draw from a pool of volunteer independent grant panellists with experience relevant to the fund in question.

[We are looking for a volunteer](https://sector3sk.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e43c0e3192230055e13179362&id=471dc8a602&e=63368a5f1a) to join the grant panel for the Stockport Refugee Welcome Programme Fund. You do not need any experience in grant management, however we are looking for someone who has:

- Experience working with refugees OR has their own lived experience as a refugee / migrant / asylum seeker

- Lives in Stockport

- Has a proficient understanding of English as you will be required to read through grant applications

You will need to be **available on Thursday 31 July**for the grant panel meeting and also have time during the week prior to read through and mark the applications. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

[**One Stockport Family Hubs**](https://www.stockport.gov.uk/your-local-family-hub) **updates:**

* **Stockport Local have created the online directory,** which provides details of statutory services, local and national organisations and community groups in Stockport. We would like to encourage groups and organisations to sign-up to the directory using the following online form - <https://forms.stockport.gov.uk/request-to-add-a-directory-entry/category>
* **All Stockport residents and people working in Stockport have continued free access to The Solihull Approach course library** at [www.inourplace.co.uk](https://www.inourplace.co.uk/) with access code REDROCK. Use postcode SK1 3XE if you work in Stockport, but don't live here. You can also register for a free account with Essential Parent via [Family Hubs - Stockport Council](https://email.mailer.conesso-app.com/c/eJwsj8sK2zAURL_memMipCvZlhZalBhTCu0vBEW-fuCHjCTH5O9L2mwHzsyc3vY4OF2QFY1oKq1qqYvJKln1xN1QYU_DIIwSRqM2zjeVcLV3xWyRo-I1rwSvuETGlW6MGUiTaLgZOCi-uXmlyHzYKaVwc8fBfNiK1U45HwnkD8AOsLuui6Uc_HKEmNkYXuxcALs0hcu7RIDd4LZ5fd-m85lAdt--xzrvyyO7EWQrlJFktKwB6zNvD--2w83jDrLt_rHlz_OZyj90pZVyplj-dm_A7te5U_kR-XIb9fO5gWzp8_0bpnBGTyDb-__hIlo_ubiGnIn5aV5fFBMonsjnEGVaWIhjka3hgHchmkoB3nnxsvg3AAD__0WadJU)
* **Family Hubs App -** One Stockport Family Hubs have launched a new free app offering an easier way for parents, parents-to-be, and carers to access expert advice, local information, and personalised support. Read more about the app (in attached pdf). To get started downloading the app, visit [Family Hubs](https://www.stockport.gov.uk/landing/family-hubs).
* **Read the latest One Stockport Family Hubs newsletter** - Please take 5 minutes to read the [May 2025 Family Hubs newsletter](https://emails.conesso.io/30e76beb/viewinbrowser?conesso_link_tag=aa9eb3a35&utm_campaign=Family+Hubs+Newsletter+-+May&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Conesso&token=eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJjb250YWN0SWQiOiI2NjI3ZWY3OTdiMWE1N2I4NTY1NjRiMjAwMzAyNWE1NiIsImVtYWlsSWQiOiIyNzE3YWE4MWIiLCJiYXRjaElkIjoxNTIxNSwidmVyc2lvbklkIjo1ODQ4LCJ0ZXN0IjpmYWxzZSwiaWF0IjoxNzQ3MjM1MTM0fQ.SaFmKHUvrVWwHgAld7z-46TazV9rTTvZmpzEQGaXMZs). This newsletter is intended for people who work with or are involved with families, not for families themselves. [Sign up](https://forms.stockport.gov.uk/list-subscription/signup?topic_id=736) for the newsletter to connect with Family Hubs and stay informed about network developments and new support offers.
* **Dad Matters Stockport -** Join the Dad Matters team to gain an insight into why and how Dad Matters works with dads in the perinatal period.​ This training includes ways that you as a professional can support dads and increase engagement in the perinatal period.
	+ Friday 10th October – Stopford House 3A – 9.30-12.30

You book your place on Learning Pool [here](https://stockport.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=1432)

* Live Well is here, and Stockport Council Live Well Workforce Team are delighted to introduce to you the workforce offer we have created with you in mind. Welcome to Live Well is a fun, insightful and informative training session where you can find out about what Live Well is, connect with colleagues old and new, and gain really useful tools which will help you to support our residents even better.

**What is Live Well?**

* + Live Well is all about happy healthy lives for everyone. Our shared vision is for Stockport to be a place where:
	+ It’s easy for people to get help at the right time, in the right place
	+ All of us have a relentless focus on prevention - preventing problems before they escalate
	+ There is a resilient and connected community and VCFSE sector, collaborating with local people on things that are important to them in their neighbourhood
	+ We all work together, providing a consistent everyday support

**What is the training offer?**

* + Lots of useful content over a 3 hour session that you can use in your role, without adding to the to-do list, along with time to connect with colleagues over a brew
	+ Locally delivered. We recognise the strengths of each of our neighbourhoods, a locally delivered programme builds on these strengths, brings people together, and reminds us the difference we can make when we work together
	+ Build relationships: Connect and form relationships across our collective workforce across all sectors including VCFSE, Businesses and public sector who work within the neighbourhoods
	+ Explore Strengths: Explore the strengths and assets of your neighbourhood
	+ Gain knowledge: Acquire tools and knowledge to help you in your work
	+ Making Every Contact Count: Gain understanding and confidence to Make Every Contact Count - a really quick, easy and useful way to support the people of Stockport

**How to book on**

Places are available now!

I am actively encouraging participation and want as many colleagues as possible to attend this training, particularly those who deliver directly to residents. Please prioritise this to ensure Live Well is integrated into all areas of our work. Please speak to your line manager if you experience any barriers to doing this.

Here’s the link to see when and where sessions are happening: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stockport-communities-and-inclusion-team-17765145578>

Sessions are delivered locally in neighbourhoods so choose which ever venue suits you best. Dates are constantly being added so check back regularly for more dates.

Spread the word - The success of Live Well lies with all of us so tell everyone you know that Live Well is here!

* **NEW! Summer holidays: support for children and young people with SEND** - One Stockport SEND Local Offer have pulled together a summary of support available over the holidays for families of children and young people with SEND. Please share this information, which is attached as a pdf.
* **NEW! As part of the School Readiness Programmes’ support** of collaborative working with VCFSE organisations and promoting positive outcomes for babies, toddlers, and children from pregnancy and from birth to five, the below Early Grants are now open for application. More details and how to apply for the Early Years grants can be found via these links:

[GM Early Years Nurture Network Microgrant | Action Together](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/gm-early-years-nurture-network-microgrant)

[GM Early Years Nurture Network Participation Grant | Action Together](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/gm-early-years-nurture-network-participation-grant)

[GM Early Years Safe Start Baby Bank Delivery Grant | Action Together](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/gm-early-years-safe-start-baby-bank-delivery-grant)

**Sector 3 Training:**

Our free workshops are aimed at those working, volunteering, or starting out in the VCFSE sector in Stockport:

* [**Introduction to Bid writing [In-Person]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intro-to-bid-writing-in-person-tickets-1407578678719?aff=oddtdtcreator) - 21.07.25 from 10am - 1pm. Are you interested in gaining bid-writing skills or refreshing your knowledge? Our three-hour interactive workshop aims to help you improve your confidence and increase your chances of successful funding bids.
* [**The Income Club [Online]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-income-club-tickets-1454953608409?aff=oddtdtcreator) - 23.07.25 from 10 - 11am. An informal opportunity for Stockport's VCFSE sector to find out about new funds, share information and network.
* [**Your Methods and Getting Creative about Communicating Your Impact**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/your-methods-and-getting-creative-about-communicating-your-impact-tickets-1388312493039?aff=oddtdtcreator)- 23.07.25 from 1 - 2:30pm. Shona Boyle, Lead Analyst at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Greater Manchester Policy Fellow, will be joining Sector 3 Impact Lead, Sophie Cochrane-Powell to deliver a session on developing a theory of change, data collection methods and creative approaches to reporting and evaluating. Shona works supporting the Safer and Stronger Communities directorate and will be using her skills and expertise to equip groups with information around planning, monitoring, reporting and evaluation. Most importantly, she will be looking at why we use data and how we incorporate participatory approaches to communicating the vital work the VCFSE sector do with stakeholders, funders and across sectors.
* **NEW!** [**AI and Bid writing [In-person]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ai-and-bid-writing-in-person-tickets-1407592369669?aff=oddtdtcreator) - 29.07.25 from 10am - 11:30am. Join us for a focused 90-minute training session exploring how Artificial Intelligence can support and enhance your bid-writing process.
* **NEW!** [**Being a Better Ally: Practical Inclusion for the LGBT+ Community**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/being-a-better-ally-practical-inclusion-for-the-lgbt-community-tickets-1430329316489?aff=oddtdtcreator)- 05.08.25 from 10am - 12:30pm. Want to make your organisation truly inclusive for LGBT+ people — but not sure where to start? This interactive and informative session is for you. Led by Stockport organisation, [Forward](https://forwardlgbt.org.uk/), who will walk you through the foundations of good allyship, from inclusive language and pronouns to a brief history of LGBT+ rights in the UK — helping you understand the "why" as well as the "how". It's a chance to ask questions, challenge assumptions, and explore what real-world support looks like — both as an individual and within your organisation. This workshop has tiered pricing for VCFSE organisations or private businesses.

**Other training opportunities:**

* **Are you working with volunteers in physical activity or movement across Greater Manchester?** Join us for the next GM Moving Volunteering Community of Practice — a space to connect, share learning, and explore challenges and opportunities with others across the system on 15.07.25 from 9:30–12:45 at St Thomas Centre, Manchester.

**Register here:**[**GM Moving Volunteering Community of Practice Meeting Tickets, Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gm-moving-volunteering-community-of-practice-meeting-tickets-1398133016489)
We've got a really engaging agenda planned including:

* + using digital tools and technology to support volunteer recruitment, involvement and connection/community
	+ updates from funded projects who've been testing out new approaches in volunteering
	+ exploring the new Active Lives data on volunteering

Whether you’re part of a local group, VCSE organisation, public service or wider movement system — everyone is welcome.

* **NEW! We are offering new dates for the popular Stockport Council Suicide Awareness for Professionals training, which is free of charge for anyone working or volunteering in Stockport. Course Details:**

Delivery Time: 2.5 hours

Develops understanding and compassion.

Tackles myths, stigma, and barriers

Introduces concept that suicide is not inevitable – people can be helped, and module includes the latest research and evidence.

Helps delegates understand how distress develops and how people can be best supported.

Develops common language between community, services, and those in distress.

Gives delegates the confidence and the skills practice of talking to someone in distress.

Develops a compassionate approach for demanding and time-pressured environments.

Equips the delegate with the knowledge of how to use [www.StayingSafe.net](http://www.stayingsafe.net/) to make their own Safety Plan

No prior experience required.

To book a place for any of the sessions, please CTRL & click on the following link: [SUICIDE AWARENESS FOR PROFESSIONALS BOOKING FORM](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nvZeoElhuk-kDN8ziBD2RFjPQX7eWpNJmMOwfylaJ2pUNDc5UjFSRVgwWUlLSjQ4WTdNSTlCUkw1RC4u)

**Funding opportunities:**

**(Please note, these are added to every week but kept in order of upcoming deadlines).** [**Also, click here for Sector 3’s Funding page for more grants, and for those with rolling deadlines**](https://www.sector3sk.org/funding)**.**

* [Northern’s Customer and Community Improvement Fund](https://www.northernrailway.co.uk/about-us/customer-and-community-improvement-fund) supports incredible projects across the North, delivering long-lasting benefits to customers and communities around the network. This year, Northern are focusing on two things that really matter: connectivity and social isolation. Grants with values of up to £2,500, £10,000 or £20,000 are available. Deadline 18.07.25
* **NEW!** [GM Early Years Safe Start Baby Bank Delivery Grant](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/gm-early-years-safe-start-baby-bank-delivery-grant) - The Safe Start Baby Bank Delivery Grant aims to strengthen the capacity of Baby Banks and increase the sustainability of their delivery to ensure every baby born has their essential needs met and can start life well in GM. The fund is designed to enable GM Baby Banks to effectively deliver the Moses Basket Bundles to families via a referral process. Deadline 18.07.25
* [Refugee Welcome Programme Fund](https://www.sector3sk.org/stockport-refugee-welcome-programe-fund?utm_source=Sector3&utm_campaign=59cd84488d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_06_30_10_50&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-59cd84488d-519576612) - Grants of up to £15,000 per year, for 2 years (totalling £30,000) are available for VCFSE organisations with experience of managing grants over £10,000 and actively delivering support for a minimum of 12 months in Stockport. £5,000 per year, for 2 years (totalling £10,000) is available for unincorporated groups. Funded projects should aim to meet at least one or more of the following priorities:
	+ Build English language skills
	+ Gain confidence, wellbeing and community connections as a route to employability and skills development
	+ Improve digital literacy and inclusion
	+ Access to vocational, numeracy and/or literacy training and progressing into suitable and sustainable employment

A Meet the Funder session will take place on Thurs 10th July, 121 support sessions are available 7th, 14th and 15th July. Deadline midnight on 20.07.25

* **NEW!** [Asda - Food Bank Fundamentals](https://asdafoundation.org/our-grants/foodbank-fundamentals-fund/) - Providing UK non profit food distributors with essential provisions and equipment necessary to sustain and enhance their services. Total fund £400,000. Grants £750. Deadline 10am on 29.07.25
* [The Ford Britain Trust](https://www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford/news/ford-britain-trust) offers small grants up to £250 and large grants up to £3,000 for UK-based community projects focusing on education, environment, youth, and disabilities. The next deadlines for large grants is 31.07.25
* [GM Early Years Nurture Network Microgrant](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/gm-early-years-nurture-network-microgrant). The Nurture Microgrant fund aims to promote, connect and develop the early years family support offer across Greater Manchester and supports the overarching aims:
	+ Supporting VCFSE capacity to develop the family support and peer support offer aimed at families and young children (0-5) in GM – with a particular focus on addressing inequalities and inequities that impact health, wellbeing and development
	+ Strengthening collaboration between the VCFSE organisations, who support children to start well in GM, and the wider system.

The priority of the Nurture Microgrant fund is to support the wellbeing and development of children from conception 0-5 and / or benefits children 0-5 by supporting their families. Applications are welcome for projects which provide direct support for families with a focus on one or more of the following: Children experiencing adversity; Communication, speech and language; Play and development; and Positive Parent Infant relationships. Deadline 01.08.25

* **NEW!** [GM Early Years Nurture Network Participation Grant](https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/gm-early-years-nurture-network-participation-grant) - The GM VCFSE Early Years Network aims to promote, connect and develop the early years family support offer across Greater Manchester and supports the overarching aims: Building VCFSE capacity to develop the family and peer support offer aimed at families and young children (0-5) in GM – with a particular focus on addressing inequalities and inequities that impact health, wellbeing and development; Strengthening collaboration between the VCFSE organisations who support GM children to have the best start in life. Convening a GM VCFSE Early Years Network will place a focus on the importance of the VCFSE contribution to the first 1001 days, Start Well, Family Hubs, School Readiness, Perinatal and Parent Infant Mental Health agendas. It will also connect and strengthen links with relevant strategic locality boards and wider GM activity e.g. Live Well. Deadline 01.08.25
* [The Strategic Legal Fund](https://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/about/) supports strategic legal work in the UK which benefits asylum seekers, refugees and migrants which are defined by SLF as those: Who are living in poverty and; Who face significant disadvantage or discrimination in connection with their immigration status. The SLF funds strategic legal work in any area of law where migrant groups experience disadvantage or discrimination as a result of migration status. The maximum grant is £30,000. Deadline 5pm on 01.09.25
* **NEW!** [The Hinrichsen Foundation](https://www.hinrichsenfoundation.org.uk/further-guidance/) offers £500–£3,000 for UK music projects focusing on contemporary music performance, commissioning, or recording. Projects should be high-quality, collaborative, and artistically ambitious. Co-funding is expected. Deadline 05.09.25
* [Thomas Wall Trust](https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/) - UK charities can apply for grants up to £5,000 to improve communication skills for disadvantaged adults and NEETs. Projects must lead to an accredited qualification. Priority given to match-funded, self-sustaining initiatives. Capital costs are not eligible. Deadline for stage one 22.09.25
* [Another Way Women's Foundation](https://www.anotherwaywf.org/funding) - A grant-making charity dedicated to enabling a brighter and fairer future for women and girls through financial support, education, empowerment and advancement. By funding impactful projects and services, they aim to accelerate gender equality, effect system change and advance women’s lives, sustainably, at both an individual and community level. Grants fall into two areas: Project support – ‘seed’ funding for pilot or start-up initiatives to show ‘proof of concept’. Services support – to enable support organisation and service providers to pay for essential service delivery. Grants £1,000 and £5,000. Next funding round window is 01.09.25 – 30.09.25
* [Arete Foundation](https://www.thearetefoundation.org/?dm_i=6MG6,15KI6,5UHXEX,5EP1F,1) - Funding and support to charitable organisations that help young people in NW England. Two funding streams. One-off unrestricted grants for small community organisations. Typical one-off grants of £2,000-£2,500. The Foundation aims to support organisations with a turnover of less than £500,000. Long-term funding partnerships for small Northwest charities that want to strengthen and grow. Typical grants of £10,000-£30,000 pa for 3 years, to scale or strengthen operational health. December round: 01.06.25 to 30.09.25
* [Granada Foundation](https://granadafoundation.org/?dm_i=6MG6%2C168BB%2C5UHXEX%2C5JS05%2C1) - For non profits Greater Manchester, Liverpool City Region, Lancashire, Cheshire, High Peak, Westmorland and Furness and Cumberland. Fine arts, the sciences, education and recreation or other leisure-time occupation. Grant sums of £500 – £10,000 with average grants £2,000. Larger grants can be awarded. May offer multi-year grants in exceptional circumstances but will not fund capital projects. Two funding rounds annually. Next deadline 08.10.25
* [Armed Forces Families Fund: Early Years programme 2025-26](https://covenantfund.org.uk/programme/armed-forces-families-fund-early-years-programme-2024-25/) will award grants of between £5,000 and £80,000 on behalf of the MOD’s Armed Forces Families Fund Early Years Programme for projects which help enhance early childhood education and childcare settings of young children from armed forces families. Deadline 12pm on 08.10.25
* [The Tree Council](https://treecouncil.org.uk/) is offering grants of between £250 and £2,500 for schools, constituted community groups and charities, community interest companies, Tree Warden networks, and other organisations across the UK to deliver tree-planting projects during the 2025/26 Winter planting season. Deadline 14.11.25
* [The Henry Smith Charity’s Holiday Grants for Children](https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-overview/) fund offers £500–£2,750 for UK schools, youth groups, and charities to provide recreational trips or holidays for disadvantaged children. Deadline midday on 19.11.25
* [DofE Awards Access Without Limits Funding](https://www.dofe.org/access-without-limits/community/) - The DofE Awards Access Without Limits Funding for Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations has been extended. We have grants available for organisations, working with young people between the ages of 14-25, who would like to become Directly Licensed Centres, able to offer the DofE Award to their service users, or to those young people who live in the neighbourhoods and communities, where they are based.

Through support from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust, we are able to fund and support a limited number of voluntary sector organisations that are new to the DofE, to licence and begin to deliver the award. Eligible organisations can receive a grant of up to £10,250 and support to help establish the DofE in your organisation and link our programme to the existing activities you provide for young people. Deadline 01.01.26

**AOB:**

* **Marbury Road Edible Garden have shared details of our community sessions for young people aged 14-24.** It’s the 3rd year of operation and would be happy to welcome more young people in if you would like to share it with your families. This volunteer session for everyone but we particularly encourage people aged 14-24 looking to gain work experience in the environment sector or those who may need written references and UCAS references to lead the sessions. These volunteer hours can also be used for Kings trust accreditation.

Tools provided, please bring gloves if you have them. Refreshments provided, and Travel expenses can be reimbursed if pre-approved - email ediblemarbury@gmail.com. [Register here for August dates and more info](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poppy-passageway-project-sunday-volunteer-session-tickets-1388963901419?aff=ebdsoporgprofile)

* **NEW! Safeguarding Newsletter - July 2025** attached with info on training and key messages from the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Executive
* **VE Flyer for a spectacular matinee concert of commemoration with SAFCO and the KNDS Fairey Band.** Tickets £15/£12, concert starts at 4pm on 17.08.25. See attached flyer for more info
* **NEW! Take the whole family to Cineworld for just £1 per ticket!** This summer, you can treat the whole family to a Cineworld visit as we bring back amazing family films for just £1 per ticket! Running every week from July 25, you and your family can be more childish all summer long. [More info here](https://www.cineworld.co.uk/static/en/uk/offers-and-promotions/%C2%A31-family-films).
* **NEW!** 100 years ago Stockport War Memorial Art Gallery was opened as a place to commemorate those who had given their lives in the First World War. An art gallery was built so people could experience beauty after the horrors of war. To mark this milestone, we’re inviting the children and young people of Stockport to create a new artwork for display in the gallery during the centenary period. It is anticipated that the exhibition will run over several phases, subject the numbers wishing to submit work.

The theme for the artworks is ‘Beautiful Things’ and we want works that are inspired by something in Stockport that you think is beautiful. This could be something or someone, within the Borough of Stockport, that makes you happy when you see it, hear it or touch it and something whose beauty you would like to share with other people. [More info here](https://www.stockport.gov.uk/beautiful-things-children-and-young-peoples-exhibition).

* **NEW! ND-EXPO is a community-driven event showcasing neurodivergent voices, businesses, and initiatives.** Featuring information stalls, talks from ND business owners, and individuals as well discussions led by the community, ND-EXPO is a space to connect, learn, and celebrate neurodiversity in action. During the event we will also have access to the sensory room on 30.07.25 from 12 – 3pm. [More info here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nd-expo-tickets-1380750334419?aff=oddtdtcreator&mc_eid=dba28c93dc&mc_cid=b077258fe8).
* **NEW! HNCC Unity Festival - Heaton Norris Community Centre (HNCC) is holding a lovely Unity Festival event in August**. See the poster attached for more details. Please share it far and wide and support the event if you can.
* **NEW! Forward Stockport LGBT+ are going to be holding a lovely Be You prom event in August.** Find out more details, and book tickets if you want, here: <https://www.outsavvy.com/event/28627/be-you-prom>. If you know of an organisation, business, or such that might be interested in supporting the prom by sponsoring a table or such then please do encourage them to contact Forward at info@forwardlgbt.org.uk.
* **NEW! TFGM are hosting a pop-up day to support young people to apply for an IGO card** on 19.08.25 at Stockport Interchange. [More info here with what to bring on the day, fees, and general info](https://tfgm.com/tickets-and-passes/discounted-and-free-travel/young-people/igo?utm_source=redirect&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=igo_pass).
* **NEW! The UK Health Security Agency issued an Yellow Heat-Health Alert lasting until 10am Tuesday morning, this may yet be upgraded to an Amber alert.** This means there is a risk to health, particularly (but not exclusively) for older people, those with long-term health conditions, and people who may be more affected by heat—such as those living alone or in housing that’s hard to keep cool. I've attached our Summer Readiness Toolkit and the Heat health Action Card for the VCFSE Sector to support your planning and response. Please also take a look at our [Talking about Heat Toolkit](https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/media/advbntpt/talking-about-heat.pdf) which offers practical guidance on how to communicate heat-related risks in ways that resonate with older people, and includes message templates, links to trusted resources, and tips for frontline staff.
* **The R-Time Network are super excited to invite you to apply for funding to deliver R-Times Youth Awards (Year 2) — a fantastic celebration dedicated to recognizing the incredible young people living right here in Stockport.** This is your chance to host an event that shines a spotlight on the talents, achievements, and positive contributions of local youth. When you apply, just give us a quick rundown of your planned event—think about what you’ll do, who’ll be involved, and how you’ll make it memorable. And don’t forget to include a simple budget outlining how much the event will cost. We can’t wait to support your ideas and celebrate Stockport’s young stars together!

Please send your completed applications to Donna Higgins - R-Time Youth Development Officer  donna.higgins@stockport.gov.uk by 05.09.25 at 4pm

The important stuff!

* + Deadline for applications is Friday 5th September at 4.00 pm.
	+ The event needs to be delivered before the end of March 2026
	+ Maximum amount of funding available is £5,000.00
	+ All nominations received will be anonymised and sent out to our network partners on 12th September to vote on which event they wish to support  - we will inform the winner on Monday 29th September 2025.
* **NEW! Please find attached this week’s GrantFinder Bulletin**. Thanks to Sean Martin for sharing this with us – the GrantFinder tool to run funding searches can be accessed for free in Stockport Central Library – just let one of the friendly library staff or volunteers know, and they’ll log you in 😊

Finally, if you would rather not receive these emails, please let me know and I'll take your details off my contact list.

All the best and have a lovely weekend!

Charlotte