**NEW! VCFSE Family Hub weekly bulletin – 20.06.25**

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/)**:**

* **This quarter’s “Meet, Greet & Grow” mini-conference takes place on 02.07.25** from 9:30am – 1:30pm and is all about sharing insights on new ways to bring in income for your voluntary & community organisation — especially through trading. We’ll hear from local organisations who’ve successfully done it themselves and are ready to share their experiences and advice. [Register here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-greet-grow-investment-tickets-1402140432779?aff=oddtdtcreator&utm_campaign=following_published_event&utm_content=follow_notification&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&ref=eemail).
* **NEW! Sector 3 Independent Survey -** In order to maintain a service that is of value to, and meets the needs of, our sector, we are commissioning an independent survey.

The survey aims to collect a true depiction of the make-up of Stockport’s VCFSE sector at present, key challenges organisations are facing and feedback on Sector 3’s current service offering.

Some of you may already have been contacted by Alchemy Research, the independent research agency conducting the survey on our behalf. Please, if you can spare 15 minutes to complete the survey this would help ensure Sector 3 remains a service that is led by and for the sector. Your responses will be fully anonymous.

If you would prefer to fill out a paper copy, please drop by the Sector 3 office at Merseyway Innovation Centre on a Tuesday or Thursday to pick one up, along with a stamped return address envelope.

[**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.
* **From 23rd June the Start Well team have organised a week full of events** and activities for parents, caregivers, and professionals to encourage children's learning, growth, and connection. To learn more, download  the timetables and information sheet.  (please link to attached pdf). Family Hubs also recently launched a new free app for parents and carers. Please [download the app](https://www.stockport.gov.uk/one-stockport-family-hubs-app) and check out its features, including the 'Share' function with QR codes for easy sharing and downloading. Your experience with the app will help you recommend it to the families you work with.

**Sector 3 Training:**

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

* [**Choosing a VCFSE group structure**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/choosing-a-vcfse-group-structure-in-person-tickets-1366046755619?aff=oddtdtcreator)**-**01.07.25 from 10am - 12:30pm. Thinking of setting up a group and not sure what the difference between a CIC, CIO, or incorporated group is? This is a 2-hour workshop which will run through the different types of VCFSE structures, the steps needed to set up, and the essentials to run your group. The team at The Vernon Building Society and Foundation will join us to answer any questions for the last 30 minutes.
* **NEW!** [**Budgeting for Business Owners with Talk About Money CIC [In-person]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/budgeting-for-business-owners-with-talk-about-money-cic-in-person-tickets-1365758994919?aff=oddtdtcreator)- 07.07.25 from 11am - 1pm. Learn how to manage your personal finances when you start a business. This workshop covers best practices and legal requirements for separating business and personal finances, budgeting strategies to help you stay in control of spending, and how to recognise whether your idea is financially viable *before* the panic sets in. This session will be led by May Fairweather from [Talk About Money CIC](https://talkaboutmoney.org.uk/)
* **NEW!** [**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.
* **NEW!** [**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.

**Other training opportunities:**

* **GM Moving have arranged some brilliant training on safeguarding and awareness** over the summer, and I'd like to invite you all to attend and share amongst your networks. These sessions are open to people across GM but designed for coaches, volunteers, staff, and parents involved in youth and adult sport. They're available free or at a very subsidised rate.

For more info and to sign up, please visit: <https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/commitments/participation/sport-and-physical-activity-provision/sports-welfare-network/>

* Sinpost for Carers are launching their new CPD accredited Think Carer Training, creating Carer Champions in workplaces across Stockport. Having a Carer Champion ensures workplaces are equipped to identify and support employees who are also unpaid carers.

Our first training morning will be 23.06.25 from 10:30-12.30. Tickets can be purchased here :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/think-carer-carer-champion-cpd-accredited-training-tickets-1401104554439?aff=oddtdtcreator>

All attendees receive Carer Champion certification and 2 hours CPD accreditation, along with a “Think Carer” pinbadge. They will also be added to our database of Carer Champions to ensure we continue to provide relevant updates and information for them to disseminate across your workforce to support working carers.

Future dates and booking links will be found on our website: [Think Carer- Carer Champions Training | Signpost Stockport for Carers](https://signpostforcarers.org.uk/think-carer-carer-champions-training/)

* **Media Trust are hosting** [**TikTok for charities: Inspiring others to share your story**](https://mediatrust.org/events/tiktok-ugc-be-yellow/?utm_source=Charity+newsletter&utm_campaign=b85dd8fb7a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_10_17_03_46_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-453e3a3611-256434366&mc_cid=b85dd8fb7a&mc_eid=9782104d09) on 25.06.25 from 10:30 – 12:00, online. Want to grow your charity’s reach on TikTok without doing it all yourself? This free session with PR expert Hayley Knight will show you how to encourage supporters to create and share content that boosts your visibility. Learn how to harness user-generated content and make the most of what your community is already posting. [Register here for your free place.](https://mediatrust.org/events/tiktok-ugc-be-yellow/?utm_source=Charity+newsletter&utm_campaign=b85dd8fb7a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_10_17_03_46_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-453e3a3611-256434366&mc_cid=b85dd8fb7a&mc_eid=9782104d09)
* **NEW! We have some spaces available on our Connect 5 Module 1 Training** next week 26.06.25 at Stopford House from 1 – 4pm. Please take this opportunity to book on if you are available. You can book your place here on Learning Pool [Course: Connect 5 Module 1](https://stockport.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=1501)
* **Makaton Taster Session for professionals working in Stockport**. Makaton is a language programme that uses speech, signs and symbols to support communication. It is often used with children and adults who are experiencing difficulties with their speech, language and communication. This short taster session gives you a general introduction into what Makaton is and who uses it. You will learn 30+ signs and symbols to get you started. Online on 03.07.25 from 10 – 11:30am. Book on Learning Pool: <https://stockport.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=784>

**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)**.**

* [Barclays Community Sport Fund](https://sported.org.uk/barclays-community-sport-fund/) - Organisations looking to increase access to cricket, football and tennis for women and girls, as well as engaging other underrepresented groups, can apply. Amounts vary, and access to support and resources will also be available. Deadline 22.06.25
* [Rosa’s Rise Fund](https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/rise-fund/) invests in organisations led by and for Black and racially minoritised women and girls; organisations that provide essential support for individuals and communities. Yet many are on teetering on the brink of survival because of chronic underfunding. Rise offers two-year organisational development grants of up to £40,000 to organisations led by and for Black and racially minoritised women and girls. This fund is for not-for-profit women’s and girls’ organisations which are led by and for Black and racially minoritised women that have an income of between £30,000 and £300,000 (from their last set of signed annual accounts). Deadline 23.06.25
* **NEW!** [The Forever MCR Auto Trader Community Fund](https://forevermanchester.com/fund/autotrader-community-fund/) welcomes applications from grassroots community groups based in any of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester. The Auto Trader Community Fund is offering awards of up to £2,500. The Auto Trader Community Fund aims to encourage and support grassroots community organisations. This means small, community-based and locally controlled groups that manage themselves, encourage people to get involved as volunteers and who just need a bit of financial help to be able to work with their community in the way they’d like. Deadline 12pm on 26.06.25
* **NEW!** [Health Lottery Foundation](https://thehealthlotteryfoundation.org.uk/) - Grants (amount unspecified) available for grassroots youth health and wellbeing projects. Open to UK non-profit voluntary sector organisations. Deadline 5pm on 27.06.25
* [The One Stop Community Partnership](https://www.groundwork.org.uk/one-stop-community-partnership/) Successful applicants will receive an initial grant of up to £1,000 and begin a partnership with their local One Stop store, with support for: Tackling food poverty/Supporting the vulnerable/Supporting the elderly/Supporting low-income families/Running youth sports teams/Reducing / recycling waste/Improving the environment. Please note we cannot support food bank/breakfast club projects that are requesting funding to purchase food items. Deadline 30.06.25
* [BUPA Green Community Grants Fund](https://www.groundwork.org.uk/bupa-foundation-green-grants/?dm_i=6MG6,168BB,5UHXEX,5JS0F,1) - As part of their #HealthyCities campaign, their foundation is launching a £500,000 Fund in Jun for grassroots organisations – helping to improve community spaces in urban areas, give better access to nature and encourage wildlife to thrive. Up to £2,000 to fund community gardens, allotments, forest schools and more in the UK. Deadline 30.06.25 (opens 02.06.25)
* [Swizzels' Great Community Refresh](https://swizzels.com/community-refresh/?dm_i=6MG6,16R2U,6BTL1L,5LYEY,1) offers seven £1,000 grants to revitalise UK community spaces—such as gardens, murals, or clubs. Open to community groups and volunteers, winners announced in July. Deadline 30.06.25
* ​[The Joanies Fund](https://www.herefordshirecf.org/funds/joanies-fund-england-wales/) offers grants averaging £2,000 - £3,000 to innovative projects across England and Wales that support young people aged 0–25, focusing on employment, education, and community integration. Deadline 01.07.25
* [Forever Manchester CDL Fund](https://forevermanchester.com/fund/cdl-fund/) has reopened for applications from grassroots community groups in the borough of Stockport. The Fund aims to support the activities of local community or voluntary groups and projects that contribute positively to the quality of life, general community wellbeing and improved health of people which address any or all of the priorities here: Digital inclusion/Older people/Children and young people/Stronger communities/Environment/General Community Health and Wellbeing Projects (please note: the fund is not accepting applications from sports clubs and groups at this time). Deadline 12pm on 03.07.25
* [The Big Give Christmas Challenge](https://biggive.org/christmas-challenge/) offers UK charities the chance to double donations through match funding. Charities can access up to £25,000 in champion match funds. Applications for the 2025 campaign (2nd - 9th December) close on 04.07.25
* [Morgan Stanley - EMEA Impact Through Innovation](https://www.morganstanley.com/about-us/giving-back/emea-impact-through-innovation-awards?cid=dlsg-vm-emea-imp-17849): Charities with innovative ideas to improve outcomes for children and young people can apply. Up to 10 winners will receive £100,000 in seed funding, with additional applicants invited to an expert-led learning programme. Deadline 07.07.25
* [Mental Health Wellbeing Grants for Disabled People (MHWGDP)](https://gmdisabledpeoplespanel.com/mental-health-wellbeing-grants-for-disabled-people/?dm_i=6MG6,168BB,5UHXEX,5JS04,1) - Small grants for Greater Manchester community groups can get a grant under £5,000 for groups and organisations to fund activity that supports the mental wellbeing of disabled people. Must be work led and implemented by disabled people. If not led by disabled people the project must be in co-production with them using the Social Model of Disability. Deadline 07.07.25
* **NEW!** [Co-op Local Community Fund](https://causes.coop.co.uk/) - Funding for local projects that bring people together to access food, improve mental wellbeing, or create opportunities for young people. Open to local non-profits and community groups. Deadline 07.07.25
* [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 are 30.06.25 for small grants and 31.07.25 for large grants.
* [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 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

* [The Go FAR Fund](https://findarace.com/go-far-fund?dm_i=6MG6,15ZET,6BTL1L,5HE2E,1), a collaboration between Findarace and Run The World, offers quarterly grants of up to £1,000 to UK grassroots projects that promote physical activity, particularly in disadvantaged or underserved communities. Rolling deadline
* [The Dulverton Trust](https://www.dulverton.org/) funds UK-registered charities (£200k–£10m income) in various categories, including youth opportunities, welfare, and heritage. Grants range up to £5,000 (via Community Foundations) or higher for national charities. Rolling deadline
* [Grants for Grassroots Sports](https://footballfoundation.org.uk/looking-for-funding) Facilities - The UK Government will invest £100m in grassroots sports in 2025/26. Individual grant amounts are unspecified. Funding prioritises deprived areas and under-represented groups. Applications are open via national football bodies; Rolling deadline
* [Variety Club - Equipment Grants](https://www.variety.org.uk/how-can-we-help/equipment-grants-for-children/) for specialist equipment benefiting disabled or special‑needs children up to age 18, with typical awards under £5,000 (most under £1,000). Applications can be submitted anytime, with most grants made after committee review and funding availability, paid via supplier invoices. Rolling deadline
* [The W F Southall Trust](https://southalltrust.org/) offers UK charities with income under £1m grants of £1,000–£5,000 for projects in Quaker work, environment, peace, or social action. No deadline; applications accepted year-round. Priority given to grassroots, inclusive, community-backed, and impactful initiatives. Rolling deadline
* [The Hargreaves Foundation](https://www.thehargreavesfoundation.org/) offers grants to UK charities, schools, and NHS Trusts supporting under-18s facing mental health challenges, disabilities, or poverty through sport and education. With an annual fund of approximately £2 million, there’s no set grant size. No deadline announced
* [The Albery Gubay Foundation](https://www.albertgubayfoundation.org/?dm_i=6MG6%2CZHRV%2C1GCQ5T%2C4IKV8%2C1) offers grants to registered charities as well as eligible Catholic organisations in the UK and Ireland. Funding supports the specific priority areas below, although these can change:
  + Victims of modern slavery
  + Victims of domestic abuse
  + Ex-offenders and their families
  + Homelessness
  + Medical research
  + Support for people with terminal illnesses / life limiting conditions and their carers
  + Drug and substance misuse
  + Support for people with intellectual disability
  + Care leavers: to give them a chance to succeed on a par with other young people
  + Worship and associated community outreach
  + Amateur sport
  + Care for the elderly

There is no deadline or fixed grant amount. No deadline announced

* [Patch Community Fund](https://www.patchapp.uk/pages/patch-community-fund) - We care deeply about the communities we operate in and that's why we've created our Local Community Fund, which shares small grants with local good causes. The fund aims to enhance the life of people in the areas we operate. Grants of £200 to £500 are typically made and support projects from local schools and sports clubs, to community projects. This is a competitive process, and the winners are decided by our own customers and the public. No deadline announced
* [The Percy Bilton Charity](https://www.percy-bilton-charity.org/applyOrg?utm_source=chatgpt.com) offers grants to UK charities supporting disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Small grants are considered monthly, while larger grants (£2,000-£5,000) are for specific furniture/equipment. Applications are open year-round, with no specific deadline
* [The Youth Endowment Fund’s Open Call funding round](https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/grants/open-call/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=website+promo)invites proposals from delivery organisations that work to reduce young people’s involvement in violence and are ready for rigorous evaluation. No deadline announced
* [The Gosling Foundation](https://www.thegoslingfoundation.com/funding-faqs) offers UK charities, CIOs, and CICs grants from £5,000 (no deadline) for projects in 3 categories: supporting the Royal Navy/Royal Marines, disadvantaged youth, or education. Funding covers project costs, capital works, equipment, salaries, and more. Part-funding and multi-year grants are available. No deadline announced
* [Albert Hunt Trust](https://www.alberthunttrust.org.uk/?utm_source=Sector3&utm_campaign=b9ff7aa28b-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_12_17_09_54&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-b9ff7aa28b-415810149) will be closing in January 2029 and as a result are spending their entire £45 million resource. They are offering unrestricted core funding for Hospices, homeless charities (income below £1million), Health and Wellbeing charities (income below £150,000. Unfortunately, they are unable to support CIC’s and charities that operate overseas. No deadline announced

**AOB:**

* **Safe Space Stockport –** The LGBTQ+ Network have launched a new initiative to encourage businesses and organisations to publicly commit to being safe spaces for trans and non-binary people—starting with window stickers and a public directory.

If your org, or one you know, wants to sign up, message us or [DM @safespacestockport on Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/safespacestockport/). Big thanks to Forward, Sector 3, Plastic Shed, and Stockport Volunteer Hub for being the first to sign on!

**We're also developing an upcoming allyship session** aimed at fostering understanding and solidarity across communities. If you're interested in participating or would like more information, please let us know!

* **NEW! The Drugs, Policy and Social Change research group at MMU are doing a project commissioned by GMCA on drug trends for young people age 13-25** in Greater Manchester. This research is used to guide the strategies around drug/alcohol issues, especially around new and emerging trends so it’s super important work.  
  We’re promoting a survey at the moment to see what the trends are in relation to previous years and we really need participants from Stockport.  
  Would you be able to forward this on if possible please? It’s completely confidential, no names etc and takes 2 minutes.  
  There is a chance at a £50 voucher for doing the survey.  
  Thank you! Survey Link: <https://mmu.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7QHbrrBjYjtQ0xE>
* **Please find attached GMCA’s “Stay Cool, Stay Well” guide** for tips on how to beat the heat this summer and info sheet regarding the new amber heat-health alert
* **NEW! Poppy passageway Project - Sunday Volunteer Session** on 03.08.25. Join us to improve our neighbourhood by volunteering with us on our award winning youth led environmental project. ALL ARE WELCOMED. 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. [Register and more info here.](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poppy-passageway-project-sunday-volunteer-session-tickets-1388963901419?aff=oddtdtcreator)
* **Please find attached poster for the Community Wellness Festival** on 28.08.25 hosted by Pure Innovations MH VCFSE Network and Stockport County Community Trust the event will run 10am till 2pm. Including tree trail, exercise sessions, arts and crafts, workshops and more! Taking place t Vernon Park, Turncroft Lane, Stockport, SK1 4AR
* **NEW! GM Moving have some free training opportunities to share.** Sessions are open to all staff and volunteers delivering sports, physical activity and movement across Greater Manchester. Do you want to ...

Learn how to improve the welfare and safeguarding areas of your club, group or organisation?

Find new ways to be proactive in supporting your members?

Understand about topics including mental health, gambling and gaming, working positively with parents ... and more?

Please see the attached leaflet or visit our [webpage](https://www.gmmoving.co.uk/get-involved/workshops-and-events/upcoming-training-and-events/) for full updated listings, or contact [sportswelfare@gmmoving.co.uk](mailto:sportswelfare@gmmoving.co.uk) if you have any questions.

* **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