**NEW! VCFSE Family Hub weekly bulletin – 22.11.24**

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/)**:**

* **NEW!** **[We are excited to announce the launch of the Kao SEED Fund (Social Enterprise and Environment Development Fund) in partnership with KAO Data](https://www.sector3sk.org/stockport-kao-seed-fund?utm_source=Sector3&utm_campaign=8d00f8d1b3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_11_13_03_40&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-8d00f8d1b3-519576612)**[.](https://www.sector3sk.org/stockport-kao-seed-fund?utm_source=Sector3&utm_campaign=8d00f8d1b3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_11_13_03_40&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-8d00f8d1b3-519576612) This new initiative invites local voluntary, community, faith, and social enterprise (VCFSE) organisations in Stockport to apply for grants of approximately £500 to £2,500. Designed to foster enterprising activity, environmental sustainability, and community empowerment, the Kao SEED Fund supports early-stage and expanding projects that support communities to thrive in Stockport.
* **NEW! Join the Sector 3 Independent Funding Panel -** As part of our commitment to providing an Independent infrastructure service, we are recruiting for people to join the Sector 3 Independent Grant Panel pool. The Grant Panel will make sure that grants from Sector 3 are given out fairly. The panel will be made up of different people with various backgrounds and skills. This will help make sure decisions are fair and balanced. Anyone working or volunteering in Stockport’s charity sector can [apply](https://sector3sk.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e43c0e3192230055e13179362&id=c3fd34f110&e=c1e21eae71)to be in the pool of panellists.

[**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)

**Sector 3 Training:**

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

* [**How to create effective video content using your phone with The Saltways (online)**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-to-create-effective-video-content-using-your-phone-with-the-saltways-tickets-1008205568997?aff=oddtdtcreator&utm_campaign=following_published_event&utm_content=follow_notification&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&ref=eemail) **03.12.24 from 10 - 11:30am.** Join this workshop for charities to learn how to create effective & high quality content on your phone. No experience necessary.
* **NEW!** [**Choosing a VCFSE group structure**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/choosing-a-vcfse-group-structure-in-person-tickets-1034752822547?aff=oddtdtcreator)**10.12.24 from 10am - 12pm**. Thinking of setting up a group and not sure what the difference between a CIC, CIO, or incorporated group is? This is a 90-minute 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!** [**Introduction to Bid-Writing**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intro-to-bid-writing-in-person-tickets-1034773725067?aff=oddtdtcreator)**11.12.24 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!** [**Meet The Funder with KAO Data [In Person]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-the-funder-with-kao-data-in-person-tickets-1084328157709?aff=oddtdtcreator&utm_campaign=following_published_event&utm_content=follow_notification&utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&ref=eemail) - **16.01.25 from 10 - 11am** - We are hosting a one-hour Meet the Funder event with Lizzy McDowell (KAO Data) and Vicky Bloomfield (Sector 3) who are facilitating the brand-new KAO Data SEED Fund. The 'KAO Data SEED Fund’ aims to support innovation, community-led projects, and initiatives that improve local sustainability and encourage enterprising within Stockport's communities. There will be two grant pots, £500-1000 and £1000-2500, available for any eligible VCFSE working in Stockport.

**Other training opportunities:**

* [**Greater Manchester Programme of Learning & Development Events: WC 18 November 2024 & 25 November 2024**](https://sway.cloud.microsoft/bgPYMfAjO0kKEHIr?ref=email)**.** See flyer attached for more info on each training:
  + Child Exploitation and Abuse: an appropriate language guide on 25.11.24
  + Online Safety with UK Safer Internet on 26.11.24
  + A Million Pieces with Lads Like Us on 26.11.24
  + County Lines Awareness with St Giles on 27.11.24
  + County Lines Awareness for Parents and Carers with the GM on 27.11.24
  + County Lines Taskforce on 27.11.24
  + Understanding Exploitation and the Impact on Health on 28.11.24
  + County Lines Awareness with NWROCU on 28.11.24
  + Safe Call County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation on 29.11.24
* **NEW! LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Sport Training**, 26.11.24, 12-1.30pm, Online Zoom – Please register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpfuytqTgrE9N_kiKpigmuMRhaCf4OYUke>
* **NEW! Trans Inclusion in Sport Training,**27.11.24 12-1.30pm, Online Zoom – Please register here:<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdeqoqjwvH9JVLELxBuSIoWC8JnRJKBpR>
* [**Strategy Over Sticking Plasters: Developing your Wellbeing Approach**](https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/7ab394c0-7455-43b4-aa93-739eeb810f04@77e05ebb-e9bd-449d-90f3-6d101feec26a)on 29.11.2024 - 11:30 - 12:30. No more short-term fixes for wellbeing. The answer to developing an environment where people can be healthy and thrive at work is about long-term, sustainable solutions. Don’t miss this webinar by Atkinson HR, who will explore, with an expert panel, key issues around how to develop an effective wellbeing strategy and how to overcome some of the barriers and challenges to workplace wellbeing. Panellists will share their own experiences and tips for others to make progress in this area.
* [**Access to Work Awareness training for Stakeholders**](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dsat/t-xmljeyy)– 10.12.24 from 1:30 – 3pm online. This session covers what AtW is, what I can support with, eligibility criteria and the customer journey. There will be time for questions at the end of the session. See attached flyer for more info.
* **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. You book your place on Learning Pool [here](https://stockport.learningpool.com/course/view.php?id=1432) for the following dates:
  + 28.01.25 – Westmorland Drive Family Hub Site – 9.30-12.30
  + 10.04.25 – Westmorland Drive Family Hub Site – 13.00-16.00
  + 14.07.25 – Stopford House 3A – 9.30-12.30
  + 10.10.25 – Stopford House 3A – 9.30-12.30

**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)**.**

* [The Windrush Day Grant Scheme 2025](https://www.near-neighbours.org.uk/windrush2025) provides grants between £5,000 - £50,000 to communities looking to commemorate, celebrate and educate about the Windrush generation and their contribution. Deadline 11:59pm on 25.11.24
* [Masdar Arlington Launches Funds to Support Greater Manchester Communities.](https://www.bizgive.app/#/sharable/company/programme/6d3744ed-d758-4602-8208-4841cf97161b/3f545a7cebf21cfddeb8271453a17fed7f297fc192918995eba821fb571c6b717e5223578494093ba10c5b5908d031fefccdcbc76dda5b389c9a3d90903643d1) Masdar-Arlington Energy has launched two community impact funds to support the communities hosting its battery energy storage assets in Greater Manchester. The Royle Barn Road and Welkin Road Community Impact Funds are providing grants of up to £5,000 to projects that benefit those living in and around Rochdale and Stockport. Masdar Arlington is inviting local groups to apply to the funds on BizGive, with projects that deliver a social, environmental or economic benefit to the area. Deadline 29.11.24
* **NEW!** [Hubbub: Nature Hubs Fund](https://www.communitynaturenetwork.org.uk/nature-hubs-2024) is offering grants of between £3,000 and £6,000 for community groups, registered charities, community interest companies, and companies across England, Scotland, and Wales, to create or enhance green spaces within a 5-kilometre radius of a Starbucks store. Proposed projects should align with the following criteria: Involving the community; Commitment to reaching new audiences; Need for green space; Creating or enhancing green spaces. Deadline 29.11.24
* [Asda Cashpot for UK Schools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools?dm_i=6MG6,12C4D,5UHXEX,4XMJE,1) will donate 0.5% of your spend to a state-funded primary school of your choice each time you shop using the Asda Rewards app. Asda will kickstart your school’s Cashpot with £50 once they register for the initiative, and will add an additional £1 for every customer who signs up. They anticipate around £500 will be raised for each school taking part. Register by 30.11.24
* [The Tree Council](https://treecouncil.org.uk/grants-and-guidance/our-grants/branching-out-fund/) 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 2024/25 Winter planting season (between the end of November 2024 and early February 2025). Deadline: 01.12.24
* [Young Game changers Round 2](https://restlessdevelopment.org/young-gamechangers-fund/) funding is open to groups for unrestricted flexible funding, individuals aged between 10-25 years and project funding for groups. Please note you need to take the eligibility test before applying. Eligibility Quiz closes on Wednesday 4 December Midday, Applications close 04.12.24 at 5pm. Panel Decisions 25& 26th Jan 2025
* [IOP Public Engagement Grant Scheme](https://www.iop.org/about/support-grants/public-engagement-grant-scheme) have launched their grants for physics-based projects in the UK or Ireland that improve the relationship with physics of young people and their influencers, including their parents and carers. Deadline 06.12.24
* [Rosa - Voices from the Frontline](https://rosauk.org/our-programmes/voices-from-the-frontline/?dm_i=6MG6,13AX7,5UHXEX,545W6,1). Grants of up to £10,000 over an 18-month period to support campaigning and influencing work that enables women and girls to use their voice to achieve change. It's open to most non profits, which are run by, for and with women and girls. Deadline 4pm on 09.12.24
* **NEW!** [The Fore’s Spring 2025 Funding Round](https://sector3sk.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e43c0e3192230055e13179362&id=f741a9f2c6&e=c1e21eae71) Successful applications to Stage 2 will hear on Thursday 12 Dec. Registering your application is a very quick process. The whole application is 4 stages with a funding decision announced Late march/April 2025. [Registration](https://sector3sk.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e43c0e3192230055e13179362&id=f741a9f2c6&e=c1e21eae71)opens MIDDAY Wednesday 4th Dec and closes MIDDAY 11.12.24
* [Woodward Charitable Trust - General](https://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/) Grants are available to fund core costs of smaller registered charities in the UK working in the following areas: isolated children and young people, disadvantaged families, and prisoners and ex-offenders. Deadline 13.12.24
* **NEW!** [The Greater Manchester High Sheriff’s Police Trust](https://sector3sk.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e43c0e3192230055e13179362&id=fc1035bf8c&e=c1e21eae71) is offering 2 tiers of funding- Second tier for applications up to £500 (application 1 side of A4)  and major tier for application of £501-£5000 (application 2 sides of A4 including budget). Organisations can only [apply](https://sector3sk.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=e43c0e3192230055e13179362&id=fc1035bf8c&e=c1e21eae71)once per year and the trustees cannot fund vehicles, salaries or professional fees. Applications reopen on 1st Dec and close 20.12.24 for consideration in the February 2025 trustee meeting.
* [The Freshwater Community Grant Fund](https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/our-cause/nature-climate/nature-conservation/freshwater-community-grant-fund) supports community initiatives to restore freshwater habitats and is available for community organisations within a 20-mile radius of Dunham Massey, Woodhouse Lane, Altrincham, Cheshire WA14 4SJ (the Bollin project). Grants of £500 to £5,000 are available for initiatives that create, look after or improve local freshwater habitats and provide opportunities for people to connect with nature. Deadline: when all funds have been allocated, or until the end of the funding window on 31 December 2025.
* [The Arnold Clark Community Fund](https://www.arnoldclark.com/community-fund) is currently accepting applications for its annual grant available to registered charities and other non-profits across England, Scotland and Wales. The maximum grant is £2,500 and applications are reviewed when they are received. Groups can apply for: Cost of Living Support; Our Communities Support; Gear Up for Sport. Arnold Clark will contact successful applicants on a weekly basis. Applications are expected to be accepted until the end of December 2024.
* **NEW!** [The Thomas Wall Trust](https://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities-2/) believes that communication skills are critical capabilities for people who want to improve their employment prospects, self-confidence, resilience, and life chances. The Trust recognises that communication is underpinned by a set of key features and skills such as empathy, listening, emotional intelligence, confidence and clarity amongst others. The Trust offers grants up to £5,000 for specific projects rather than general organisational costs that improve communication skills for disadvantaged adults and supports NEET people into employment. Deadline for stage one applications 06.01.25
* [The Lloyds Bank Foundation’s Specialist Programme](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/funding/specialist-programme) is offering successful applicants a grant of £75,000 over three years, along with a breadth of tailored support aimed at helping strengthen charities and building the knowledge, skills and capabilities of their staff and trustees. They are committed to supporting charities that help people experiencing complex issues that don’t have simple solutions, such as homelessness, domestic abuse and addiction. These complex issues make life much harder for people, deepening trauma, impacting their health, leading to poverty and destitution, and preventing people from being able to fulfil their potential. There will be a [live webinar on 19.11.24 to talk through the programme](https://www.lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk/about-us/specialist-programme-website-registration). Deadline to apply is 23.01.25 at 5pm
* [Foyle Foundation - Main Grants Scheme](https://foylefoundation.org.uk/?dm_i=6MG6%2C1071A%2C5UHXEX%2C4KWGE%2C1) will make £23m-worth of grants over the next two years, then close. For grants under £75k, the deadline is 31.01.25, for grants over £75k it is 31 May 24. UK registered charities and state schools for arts and learning. Minimum, grant £10k.
* [Shears Foundation](https://www.shearsfoundation.org/how-apply-funding?dm_i=6MG6,1071A,5UHXEX,4KWGG,1) - Grants of £5000 for registered charities working in one of our priority areas. Culture and the arts, educational opportunities for adults and / or children, protection, preservation or enhancement of the natural environment, stronger / better / more sustainable communities, promoting health and medicine, with an emphasis on research or education, but not hospices. Priority to north of England. Will fund core costs. Deadlines 31.08.24, 30.11.24 and 28.02.25
* [Gilchrist Educational Trust](https://www.gilchristgrants.org.uk/home.html?dm_i=6MG6,10INX,5UHXEX,4P6E1,1) offers grants for individuals, expeditions and organisations. One-off grants generally between £500 and £4,000 for registered UK voluntary and community organisations for projects that fill gaps in educational provision or make a specific aspect of education or learning more accessible. Deadline 28.02.25
* [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

**AOB:**

* **Brinnington Big Local are hosting a free Wreath Making session** at the Hub on 25.11.24. Our partners from Groundwork will be leading a foraging trip to Reddish Vale, then coming back to the Hub where everyone can enjoy hot chocolate and warm Vimto while they make their wreaths. Spaces are strictly limited, so please email Mark Mitchell to reserve a space: [mark.mitchell@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:mark.mitchell@groundwork.org.uk) Flyer attached for more info.
* [**MENCAP have a job vacancy for the Mencap Family Engagement Project**](https://jobs.mencap.org.uk/vacancies/32777/family-connector.html)**;** we are looking for a passionate parent/carer with lived experience of having a child with additional needs to join our wonderful team. This is 10 hr p/week role until the end of March 2025, with hopes of a 12-month extension. It's a great opportunity for someone local who understands the barriers SEND families face and who has the passion to be part of driving positive change. Deadline to apply 26.11.24. If you have any questions please contact Michael Taylor, hiring manager: michael.taylor@mencap.org.uk
* **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