**NEW! VCFSE Family Hub weekly bulletin – 30.05.25**

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/)**:**

[**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).
* Join Linda Norris & Andrea Lees from our parenting team on 24.06.25 from 9 – 10am for an **opportunity for professionals across Stockport to gain a greater understanding of the principles of the Invest in Play programme**, how they offer it across the Family Hubs and how to refer. They will also explore the Parenting Padlet to help you find the most up to date information about Invest in Play and the many other core parenting interventions available across Stockport. Contact [family.hubs@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:family.hubs@stockport.gov.uk) to join.
* Also please see attached PDF on Professional Workshops activities 2025
* **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.
* **Supporting Stockport’s Youth** - One Stockport Family Hubs have produced a useful guide to supporting young people, with resources, services and organisations that can help with youth engagement and activities, mental health and wellbeing and specialist services. Read about Supporting Stockport’s Youth. (link to attached pdf) More support from [Family Hubs](https://www.stockport.gov.uk/landing/family-hubs).
* **Improving feedback and response in Stockport’s SEND system** - Stockport Council are committed to enhancing the feedback and response within our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system. Their goal is to understand the current challenges faced by families, ensure they feel heard, and establish a clear pathway for sharing feedback and information updates within our community. To achieve this, they are inviting **groups and organisations involved with parent carers and young people with SEND** to fill in the form below. Please do not send personal information about individual circumstances, as they cannot respond to these directly, just broader issues within SEND support.

[**SEND Feedback Form**](https://forms.office.com/e/AjJ6301qX0)

The information gathered will be shared with a Communication and Engagement group, including SENDIASS, PACTS, and senior council leads. As a group, they will respond to the feedback, themes, and information requests by providing updates that can be shared with your community. Thank you for your cooperation and support in improving our SEND system. If you have any questions about this, please contact [megan.mayhew@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:megan.mayhew@stockport.gov.uk).

**Sector 3 Training:**

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

* [**Evidencing, Evaluation and Learning: Your Story [Online]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evidencing-evaluation-and-learning-your-story-tickets-1329504075479?aff=oddtdtcreator) - 19.06.25 from 1 - 3pm. This session will cover evidencing the need for your projects, evaluating your projects and how to incorporate learnings into your operations and funding bids moving forward.
* [**Budgeting, Forecasting, Bookkeeping and Accounting: The Showdown with Talk About Money CIC [In-person]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/budgeting-forecasting-bookkeeping-and-accounting-the-showdown-tickets-1267627500979?aff=oddtdtcreator) - 11.06.25 from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Can’t spot the difference between budgets and accounts? Bemused by forecasts and defeated by bookkeeping? This workshop will demystify these distinct but closely-related financial concepts and provide you with the tools to do each and every one of them with confidence. This session will be led by May Fairweather from [Talk About Money CIC](https://talkaboutmoney.org.uk/)
* **NEW!** [**Building Impact – Clarifying Your SE Model for Funding Success with GM Business Growth Hub**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-impact-clarifying-your-se-model-for-funding-success-tickets-1365613048389?aff=oddtdtcreator&_gl=1*14lebuw*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTUzNDk4ODEzNy4xNzQ3MjI4NDIx*_ga_TQVES5V6SH*czE3NDcyMjg0MjEkbzEkZzAkdDE3NDcyMjg0MjEkajAkbDAkaDA.) - 16.06.25 from 10am - 1pm. Are you preparing a funding bid and struggling to clearly explain your social enterprise’s objectives, impact, and sustainability? This practical course is designed to help you clarify your mission, value proposition, and operating model using the Social Enterprise Business Model Canvas—a tool that funders increasingly recognize and value.
* **NEW!** [**Beyond the Bake Sale - Part 1 - Listen and Learn Session with Kaylie and Clare [In-person]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-bake-sale-listen-and-learn-session-tickets-1384170544359?aff=oddtdtcreator)- 25.06.25 from 10am - 12:30pm. Beyond the Bake Sale is a workshop focusing on events planning and management but with other creative ways to generate both restricted and unrestricted income included, and will be split into two parts: The 'Listen and Learn' morning session will cover the information, logistics, and guidance PowerPoint slides, followed by the afternoon 'Put Your Planning into Practise' session. There is a small refundable fee for the morning session (please see the terms in the link).
* **NEW!** [**Beyond the Bake Sale - Part 1 - Listen and Learn Session with Kaylie and Clare [In-person]**](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-the-bake-sale-part-2-put-your-planning-into-practise-session-tickets-1384216281159?aff=oddtdtcreator)- 25.06.25 from 1:30 - 3:30pm. Beyond the Bake Sale is a workshop focusing on events planning and management but with other creative ways to generate both restricted and unrestricted income included, and will be split into two parts: The 'Listen and Learn' morning session will cover the information, logistics, and guidance PowerPoint slides, followed by the afternoon 'Put Your Planning into Practise' session. The afternoon session will be a chance for you to put the learning from the morning into action with your own organisation's plans and events with Clare and Kaylie on hand to ask questions, chat through ideas, help support you to draft your event plan, event calendar, sponsorship packages or anything else they you feel that you need to ensure your fundraising is a success. This is a free, bookable session that is optional for you to use if needed.

**Other training opportunities:**

* **Stockport Homes Group are running another SFL + Emergency First Aid at work course** on 09.06.25 – see attached flyer for details. This accredited, practical course will teach you essential skills necessary for saving lives.

Anyone wanting more information or to book a place should contact us: Tel: 0161 474 2862, Email: [customer.training@stockporthomes.org](mailto:customer.training@stockporthomes.org) or Visit: Skills for life plus - SKylight (sk-y-light.org)

* **NEW! 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/>

* [**Charity Digital will be holding their first ever Reimagining Services Summit: a free online event**](https://charitydigital.org.uk/events/reimagining-service-delivery-summit?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Resend%20RSS%20Session%20Announcements)for charity professionals to unlock new perspectives on service delivery and help maximise value to service users on 12.06.25

Whether you’re a charity leader or a volunteer, working in service delivery, fundraising, or marketing, this event will have something for you. Sessions will help you re-evaluate the relationship between charities and their service users, consider how digital can help charity services go further, and make more room for hope and optimism in service delivery for meaningful change.

The summit is open to all charity professionals, across all job titles and seniority levels. We invite you to learn, share, and discover more about delivering exceptional charity services.

* **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)**.**

* [The Charity Service – Greater Manchester Grants.](https://charityservice.org.uk/for-grant-applicants/#GreaterManchesterGrants) Applications for grant funding are invited from registered charities, community groups and voluntary organisations working to assist individuals who are disadvantaged, sick, have a disability and/or living in poverty within Greater Manchester. The average annual grant award is £1000.00 however grant applications up to a maximum of £3,000 for one year will be considered. Deadlines 30.05.25 and 25.07.25
* [The Renew Community Fund](https://recycleforgreatermanchester.com/community-fund/) wants Greater Manchester to be a place where: People consider fixing things first before replacing them; People have the skills to fix things, or know someone who does; People are able to rent, borrow or share expensive/limited use items rather than buying them; People donate the things they no longer need instead of throwing them away; and People consider buying pre-loved or second-hand items instead of new. The fund will also continue to support community projects that help encourage recycling and prevent waste. Projects that work with vulnerable groups and support Greater Manchester’s diverse and underrepresented communities. Small grants of £2,000 to £10,000 and large grants of £10,001 to £20,000 are available. Deadline 30.05.25
* [Skelton Charity Fund](https://www.skeltoncharity.com/) - From £500 to £3,000 for registered charities across the North West, in Lancashire, Greater Manchester and Merseyside, including the unitary authorities of Blackpool, Blackburn, Warrington and Halton, working to provide greater opportunities and improve the lives of children, the elderly and the disabled and their carers. For one-off expenditure for projects or capital expenditure. Deadline 5pm on 30.05.25
* [Roots and Routes Fund](https://www.blagravetrust.org/our-work/roots-routes-fund/) - Blagrave Trust, in partnership with C-op Foundation, the Energy Saving Trust Foundation, OVO Foundation, and Impatience Earth, is offering one-year grants of up to £20,000 for youth-led organisations across England that empower young people to take climate action in ways that are meaningful for them and their communities. Funding can be used for a variety of activities, including advocacy, research, training and learning, or a specific project or activity and can be used for both new and pre-existing projects. Deadline 02.06.25
* [Spar Community Cashback](https://www.spar.co.uk/community/community-cashback/?dm_i=6MG6,15ZEU,6BTL1L,5J44R,1) - SPAR’s 2025 Community Cashback scheme offers £100,000 in grants to UK voluntary and community organisations, with individual awards up to £10,000. Deadline 04.06.25
* [Co-op Foundation Future Communities Fund](https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/blog/fcf-2-open/) offers grants up to £150,000 (£30,000/year for 5 years) for UK non-profits aiding justice-experienced youth. £1.75m total funding. It provides unrestricted funding for up to 5 years. It's open to UK non-profits, with income of £250,000 pa or less, that primarily support justice-experienced young people aged 10-25 years old. Deadline midday on 12.06.25
* **NEW!** [UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) - Stockport Council](https://www.stockport.gov.uk/available-funds/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-ukspf-communities-and-place) Between £5,000 and £50,000 is available for local voluntary and community organisations, including charities, social enterprises, and public sector bodies and other eligible groups delivering projects that benefit communities. They will consider projects such as revenue investment in infrastructure at cultural venues to enable better programming in the future, investment in programmes and events of cultural activity, for example, new festivals or recurring events, high profile cultural events, investment to increase the reach and impact of current externally-funded cultural projects in the borough.

The fund is also keen to support projects that are in line with Stockport’s priorities. These include local economic growth and community impact, support for local activities, nature based public spaces (excluding maintenance), community wellbeing and social value. Your proposed project should be completed by 28 February 2026. Deadline 5pm on 13.05.25

* **NEW!** [Wellbeing of Women- Women’s Health Community Fund](https://www.wellbeingofwomen.org.uk/get-involved/womens-health-community-fund/) Grants of up to £5,000 are available for small, grassroots organisations, with an income of less than £250,000, running for a minimum of 12 months and with fewer that five FTE staff, that are providing direct services to minoritised groups to reduce stigma, share high quality information and improve education on women’s health in the areas of periods, menstrual health, perimenopause and menopause. Grants must be spent within 12 months and funding will be distributed in two parts 50% at the beginning of the project and 50% upon receipt of a six-month report. Deadline 15.05.25
* [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
* [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)
* ​[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
* [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
* [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.
* [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
* [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
* [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!

**Stockport Pride – Join Us!** We’ll also be at Stockport Pride on Sunday 1st June with a network stall—come say hi, grab a flyer, or help us keep things running. If you can spare an hour to volunteer, please get in touch!

* **NEW! GM Resilience Forum are excited to invite you and your networks to a free, one-hour online session designed to help VCFSE organisations get ready for the summer months** on 05.06.25 from 12 – 1pm online. This session will offer practical steps to support communities at risk, explore available resources, and strengthen our collective resilience during the warmer months. We’d be grateful if you could: **Register to attend** using the QR code on the attached flyer, and **Share the flyer** within your networks to help us reach as many organisations as possible. For any questions, feel free to contact sulafa.abusha@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk
* **Please find attached the What’s On Guide for May from the Business and IP centre** as there are a couple of workshops that might be of interest**.**
* **Arts for Recovery in the Community, better known as** [**Arc**](https://arc-centre.org/) **in Stockport are inviting young people to share their thoughts, ideas and experiences to help them shape next music for wellbeing programme**. The [Young People’s Arc](https://arc-centre.org/young-peoples-arc/) (YPA) programmes offer creative, life-changing opportunities to children and young people at risk and dealing with issues as varied as caring responsibilities, bereavement, bullying, neurodiversity and acute anxiety. by completing a short survey – [bit.ly/3GXOiUW](https://bit.ly/3GXOiUW)

We’d be grateful if you could share this email with parents, carers and guardians of any young people you’re working with age 11-16 who are experiencing life, family and mental health difficulties affecting their wellbeing.

If you’d like any further information about the survey, Young Peoples Arc (YPA) or our other programmes, please contact me at [referrals@arc-centre.org](mailto:referrals@arc-centre.org) or our YPA Project Manager, Richard Kankondo at [YPA@arc-centre.org](mailto:YPA@arc-centre.org).

* **Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust**: Infant mental health awareness week is coming up on 9th-15th June and our clinical lead, Emma, is running 3 Lunch and Learns that week. Emma will be talking about our service and other services who support infant mental health in Stockport. Please feel free to invite any professionals and community group leaders to attend this 😊 See details below:
  + **Monday at 1pm-2pm:** [**Join the meeting now**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MDUyMDU2MjEtMTY4Ny00NmYxLWE2OGUtMDZmNjVlZWM4ODIy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2237c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224a46e8b3-7f0d-4440-830d-e95f374338df%22%7d) Meeting ID: 3496557216390 Passcode: 4Xb3EA2z
  + **Tuesday at 12pm-1pm:** [**Join the meeting now**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjgzNjhjNTItMmY0Zi00NzI3LWIxNTQtNzlmNGJiMGE4ODUz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2237c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224a46e8b3-7f0d-4440-830d-e95f374338df%22%7d) Meeting ID: 3158770758162 Passcode: ZK7et9eB
  + **Thursday at 12:30pm-1:30pm:** [**Join the meeting now**](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGY2YWU1YmMtODg2OS00YWU2LTg3ZjMtYjNkY2RkY2M2Mzkx%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2237c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%224a46e8b3-7f0d-4440-830d-e95f374338df%22%7d) Meeting ID: 3987459888208 Passcode: n2mq943t
* **NEW! The next Wave of Change programme starts in June 2025**. Our personalised programme takes place in person over the next 3 months. We are looking for Stockport women who are either: Out of work/Struggling with mental or physical health challenges And/ or, are feeling socially isolated

On our Wave of Change programme, we support Stockport women to explore future possibilities and create impactful connections whilst building useful skills. We always provide flexible sessions within school hours and around half terms and school holidays. Our sessions mainly take place on Tuesdays so women need to be available that day.

If you are working with any women who would benefit from this amazing opportunity, please encourage them to [complete an expression of interest form](https://forms.gle/fqwzhuGH8QixUY5r6). We’ll then be in touch to invite them to an intro walk.

We have already supported over 200 women in Stockport to take their next positive steps. We’d love to reach even more.

* **NEW! Groups in our area have received a share of over £3.5m in unrestricted funding** so far this year, raised for free from volunteers and supporters doing their normal online shopping 🛍️. This summer, another £1million will be paid out and your organisation can be part of it by setting up your free easyfundraising page here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/s3-stockport/>
* **PIE are excited to announce our first ever Stockport careers event,** which will be taking place at Stockroom on 24.06.25. This event will be attended by students from all over Stockport, and be a great opportunity for them to experience numerous employer engagements.

We are looking for local professionals to come along and take part in the event, which runs as a speed networking session. Guests will be asked to speak to small groups of students for 8minutes at a time. There will be no preparation required, just a willingness to share your own experiences from your career. We are looking for people from all different sectors, with a variety of different experiences, career stages and career routes. We are not only looking for people in senior positions, and would love to welcome early stage career colleagues and apprentices, as well as more established professionals.

This is a great opportunity for you to spend some time giving back to your local community, completing volunteering hours, meeting social value targets, or simply promoting your business to the future workforce.

We will be running two sessions on the day - a morning and an afternoon session. Each session will last for two hours. You are welcome to attend either or both of the sessions. Networking opportunities for attendees will be facilitated before and after each session, with refreshments provided. Lunch will be provided for those attending both sessions.

If you are able to attend, please register via the link below - and share with any colleagues or friends/ family who may also be interested! <https://forms.gle/AG8wwB4fsEpEvW7p8>

* **NEW! Over the next couple of months, Life Leisure are supporting the introduction of a new free activity morning at Offerton Parish Park on Half Moon lane, called ParkPlay**, which are taking place in 82 communities across the country, and we are hoping to bring a successful community led ParkPlay in Stockport, specifically in Offerton. The idea behind this is every Saturday, a volunteer led session will take place that incorporates using park space for free, fun, and welcoming weekly social event of games and activities. ParkPlay is committed to being a safe and suitable space, but importantly we want families to have fun in an open green space. It’s around 2 hours of activity and welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds. You can find more information on the attached flyers and via their website: [Home - ParkPlay](https://park-play.com/)

We are currently looking at three progressions:

ParkPlay promotion – we think there is an ideal target audience of young people and families that **you work with/access your service/** who might be interested in attending and being part of the social activities.

ParkPlay volunteers – we are looking for people to led and deliver on the session, where there are small responsibilities in taking a register, moving equipment and facilitating the activity.

Operations group members - We are looking for partners to be part of an operations group who will meet quarterly via Teams, as well as support for promoting the ParkPlay. Is this something you would be interested in?

If you have any questions, please contact Ross.McGuigan@lifeleisure.net

* **NEW! "Words of Wellness" is a 12-week program for everyone that utilizes creative writing, storytelling, and cultural reflection to support the mental well-being of Global Majority communities in Stockport**. Each 2-hour session is crafted to foster a safe, inclusive environment for expression, healing, and empowerment. Who Should Attend:

Adults aged 18 and above from Caribbean, African, South Asian, and other Global Majority backgrounds residing in Stockport and surrounding areas. Flyer attached or [you can register for free here.](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/words-of-wellness-12-week-creative-arts-journey-tickets-1374206702239?aff=oddtdtcreator)

* **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