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**Wed 19 August 10am - 3pm**

# **MEET THE FUNDER**

## **SOUTH RIBBLE & CHORLEY**

### **FUNDING FAIR**

Connect with funders, explore grants & funding opportunities for your voluntary, community, faith or social enterprise organisation

**St Mary's Community Centre**  
**Broadfield Walk,**  
**Leyland PR25 1PD**



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# INTRODUCTION

## ABOUT US

The LACVS LOCAL Project works across Lancashire, including Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen. The team works to identify potential collaborations and partnerships, gathering sector intelligence and engaging with funders to positively promote and encourage investment in the area. We are working with partners across sectors to make a long-term difference to the future of the VCFSE sector in Lancashire 14.

### **Lancashire Association of CVS members across Lancashire 14:**

- Blackburn with Darwen: Community CVS  
[www.communitycvvs.org.uk](http://www.communitycvvs.org.uk)
- Blackpool Wyre and Fylde: Community First Blackpool Wyre & Fylde [www.communityfirstbwf.org](http://www.communityfirstbwf.org)
- Burnley Pendle and Rossendale: Burnley Pendle & Rossendale CVS  
[www.bprcvvs.co.uk](http://www.bprcvvs.co.uk)
- Hyndburn and Ribble Valley: Hyndburn & Ribble Valley CVS  
[www.hrvvvs.co.uk](http://www.hrvvvs.co.uk)
- Lancaster: Lancaster District CVS [www.lancastercvvs.org.uk](http://www.lancastercvvs.org.uk)
- West Lancashire: West Lancashire CVS [www.wlcvvs.org](http://www.wlcvvs.org)

Lancashire Association of CVS: <https://lacvs.org.uk/>

The LOCAL Project: <https://www.locallancashire.org.uk/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/lacvs-the-local-project/>



# LACVS PROJECTS

## LOCAL:

A project which works across the 14 areas of Lancashire to support collaboration, strengthen local voices and help shape a better future for communities across Lancashire.

### Contacts:

- greg.mitten@lacvs.org.uk (Coordinator)
- lisa.ross@bprcv.co.uk (East lead)
- rachel.coupe@lacvs.org.uk (North and Preston lead)
- rachel.wheble@lacvs.org.uk (Central and West Lancashire lead)

## Volunteering for Health:

A strategic project to embed volunteering within the VCFSE and NHS, has developed Vision Strategies for volunteering across Lancashire and South Cumbria, introducing regional volunteer managers forums and facilitating partnership working around health volunteering.

### Contact:

- lisa.ross@bprcv.co.uk (Lancashire 12 lead)

## You Decide:

A funding programme through The National Lottery which will be fully launched later in 2027. For more information keep an eye on the LACVS website and sign up for our newsletters where we will be updating you on the latest news.



# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

**WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 10AM - 3PM**  
**ST MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE, LEYLAND**

## **10am - 12pm**

Morning session 10am - 12pm: funders & funding support (open marketplace and 1:1 pre-booked appointments)

## **12pm - 1pm** Lunch break

## **1pm - 3pm**

Afternoon session 1pm - 3pm (Last entry 2.30pm): funders & funding support (open marketplace and 1:1 pre-booked appointments)

- Please arrive promptly for the individual pre-booked 1:1 appointments with funders
- Please take some time to review the funders' information, funding priorities and criteria contained within this pack and on their websites.
- Take time to compose your pitch - this is your opportunity to get the funders' attention, and provide the information the funders are looking for as well as learning if this funder is a good fit for your group/organisation.



# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## ON THE DAY

### ARRIVING BY CAR

St Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk, Leyland, PR25 1PD  
Parking is available at the front of the community centre.

### ARRIVING BY TRAIN

The community centre is approximately 20 minutes walk from Leyland Railway Station, with regular trains from surrounding areas.



# PREPARE YOUR PITCH

## TELL ME ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION EXERCISE CHECKLIST

1. Name of the organisation
2. Type of organisation eg. charity, CIC, constituted community group, friends of group etc
3. Why it came into being / What is its purpose?
4. What size is it?
5. Are there paid staff or volunteers or both?
6. Who are the beneficiaries / target group? E.g. young people, older people, disability, BAME etc
7. What geography does it cover?
8. What activities are provided?
9. How frequently do the activities run?
10. How is it usually funded /What sources of income are there?
11. What is unique about it?
12. What governance is in place? E.g. documents, rules, decision making processes
13. Are the key policies/procedures in place – how often are these reviewed?
14. Any past history of successful projects that you are particularly proud of or consider successful?
15. Are you the sole provider of this type of service/work in the area and if not, who else provides similar services?
16. How are your finances managed?
17. If/how has the demand for your services changed and in what way?
18. What gap in the market are you filling?

\*Exercise questions kindly shared by Sharon (Lancaster & District CVS) Writing a Compelling Application Form Training \*



# FURTHER INFORMATION

If your group/organisation is based in or working across South Ribble, please contact South Ribble Borough Council Communities Team to register your interest in taking part in the next available funding training (**Writing a Compelling Application Form Training**) funded by SRBC CAN with support from LACVS.

Please contact the Communities Team Community Action Network by email: [CAN@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:CAN@southribble.gov.uk) for more information.

## VCFSE NETWORKS & PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS LANCASHIRE

### South Ribble:

South Ribble Borough Council CAN (Community Action Network)  
<https://southribble.gov.uk/community-action-network>

For more information contact: [CAN@southribble.gov.uk](mailto:CAN@southribble.gov.uk)

South Ribble VCFSE Peer Support Network (meets online)

Sign up link: <https://forms.office.com/e/31xdzDFJAu>

For more information contact: [rachel.wheble@lacvs.org.uk](mailto:rachel.wheble@lacvs.org.uk)



## VCFSE NETWORKS & PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS LANCASHIRE

### Chorley:

Chorley Council - Chorley Together

<https://chorley.gov.uk/chorley-together>

Chorley VCFSE Peer Support Network

Sign up link: <https://forms.office.com/e/zrcLkgscgJ>

For more information contact: [rachel.wheble@lacvs.org.uk](mailto:rachel.wheble@lacvs.org.uk)

### Across Lancashire:

More information on Multi-Sector Networks & Partnerships which are facilitated by or open to the VCFSE sector across Central Lancashire | East Lancashire | North Lancashire | All Lancashire

<https://www.locallancashire.org.uk/networks/>



# ACTIVE LANCASHIRE

Gwen Hughes, Sport Welfare Officer, Active Lancashire, supports local sports clubs and organisations to create safe, inclusive and welcoming environments for children, young people and adults. At the Funding Fair, she will be sharing information about the Sport England Movement Fund, which provides grants to help people get active and tackle inequalities in sport and physical activity.

Find out more at [www.activelancashire.org.uk](http://www.activelancashire.org.uk) & <https://www.sportengland.org/funding-and-campaigns/our-funding/movement-fund>

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR LANCASHIRE

Community Foundation for Lancashire helps individuals and organisations give to causes that matter to them, providing a strategic approach to charitable giving and a robust grant making service.

We have distributed more than £21 Million in the county since Community Foundation for Lancashire was established in 2007. The Community Foundation provide several different funding programmes for grassroot community groups across different causes, including the Red Rose Responding Fund which supports mental health projects, and the Lancashire Women's Fund.

<https://lancsfoundation.org.uk/>



# CO-OP

Right by your community, Our Local Community Fund supports projects in our members' communities that provide access to opportunities and resources for people to thrive.

As a Co-op Member, you can choose a local cause to support that is making a difference in your local community.

<https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

## CROWDFUND LANCASHIRE

Crowdfund Lancashire gives local communities and individuals a chance to create and support the projects which matter most to them. It will enable everyone to contribute towards their community - chipping in as little as £2 to help bring ideas to life. The Lancashire Culture & Sport Fund can contribute up to 40% of a project's crowdfunding target, to the following maximum amounts: Organisations could get up to £15,000 to boost projects towards their funding target.

Parish and Town Councils and Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) can take part too, with up to £5,000 available. Individuals with ideas and businesses who want to benefit their community could get £1,500 towards their live crowdfunding campaigns.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/community/grants-and-funding/crowdfund-lancashire/>



# DWP

The Dynamic Purchasing System is a procurement framework the DWP uses to buy services from external providers. Used to commission programmes such as employment support, skills training, specialist provision and local or targeted interventions. The DWP welcome different types of providers which includes the VCFSE sector. Small or local providers can apply if you meet the requirements.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/about/procurement>

# INCLUSIVE NORTH

Inclusive North is offering free, tailored 1-to-1 support for BRM-led organisations, delivered through Phoenix Community Trust and regional partners. Support includes capacity building, funding readiness, bid-writing guidance, AI workshops, and pre- and post-application support. Organisations can also receive help exploring opportunities such as the Step Forward Fund, a new £4 million National Lottery Community Fund programme designed to improve access to larger, longer-term funding.

<https://www.inclusivenorth.org.uk/>



# KEY FUND

Key Fund provides flexible loans and loan/grant blended investments to help enterprises start up, become sustainable, and grow; creating jobs, reinvigorating communities and offering social investment

<https://thekeyfund.co.uk/>

# LCC 4 COMMUNITY

Lancashire County Council 4 Community funding portal at <https://funding.idoxopen4community.co.uk/lancashirecc> which is operated by IDOX.

# OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Looking for funding to make a difference in your community?

Grants from £5,000 to £50,000 available

Support for youth projects, crime prevention, VAWG initiatives, community events, and reducing reoffending

Funding for charities, community groups, and partnership projects

Year-round opportunities available

Got an idea that could make Lancashire safer and stronger? Come and talk to us today or [APPLY HERE!](#)

[funding@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:funding@lancashire-pcc.gov.uk)

<https://www.lancashire-pcc.gov.uk/grant-funding/>

# NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST

We support church buildings with essential repairs, maintenance and facilities projects. From training and on the ground support and advice, to grants worth £50,000, we are on hand to help places of worship stay open and in good repair.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/>

## POSTCODE NEIGHBOURHOOD TRUST

Postcode Neighbourhood Trust supports smaller charities and good causes in the North of England to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet. Their final funding round of 2026 will be open 9am 24th September - 12 noon to 1st October. Their funding guide lists eligibility criteria, funding themes and priorities.

<https://www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk/funding-guide>

Eligibility checker to support applicants with identifying funding:

<https://www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant> Website: <https://www.postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk/>

Email: [info@postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk](mailto:info@postcodeneighbourhoodtrust.org.uk)

Telephone: 0131 322 9390



# PROGRESS HOUSING

Progress Housing Group has a Community Investment Fund to support community led projects in our communities. The focus of the Community Investment Fund is to help community projects to set up or grow that will particularly benefit our tenants and the wider community.

To find out more see our website:

<https://www.progressgroup.org.uk/get-involved/funding-for-community-groups-and-projects/>

# ROUNDTABLE LEYLAND

Leyland Roundtable:

<https://www.facebook.com/LeylandRoundTable/>

# SELNET

SELNET (Social Enterprise Lancashire Network) is the membership network for social enterprises across Lancashire. We bring organisations together through networking, collaboration and peer support, helping members share knowledge, build partnerships and access opportunities.

Find out more about membership, events and support at [www.selnet-uk.com](http://www.selnet-uk.com) or get in touch at [hello@selnet-uk.com](mailto:hello@selnet-uk.com).



# THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

The National Lottery Community Fund distributes money raised by National Lottery players to support community projects across the UK, focusing on poverty, disadvantage, and discrimination. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit organisations, statutory bodies, and community groups. Projects must align with at least one of the Fund's missions and demonstrate community involvement. Its mission is to help communities thrive by supporting projects that connect people, improve wellbeing, empower communities, and protect the environment.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

Northwestteam@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

Advice Line: 03454 10 20 30

# THE NATIONAL LOTTERY HERITAGE FUND

A heritage project can provide a wealth of opportunities for organisations and communities, such as developing new skills, improving wellbeing and creating better places to live work and play. Therefore, we want to work with community, voluntary and cultural organisations to explore the potential that a heritage project might hold for them and how they might secure our funding to make it happen. We are always happy to speak to groups and organisations who are new to our funding.

[www.heritagefund.org.uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk)

Email: north@heritagefund.org.uk



## THANK YOU

- Bowmer + Kirkland
- LACVS member organisations
- Morris Quality Bakers, Chorley
- St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland

