

Latest news from Community CVS

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Celebrating volunteers and volunteering

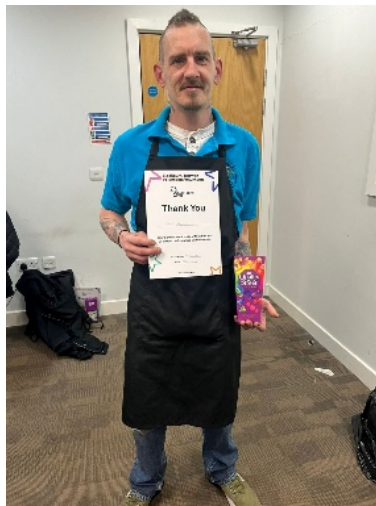


Know a volunteer, group or organisation working wonders in our community? Why not nominate them for a gong at this year's Community Volunteer Awards?

Here is a wonderful review of how organisations in Blackburn with Darwen celebrated their brilliant volunteers during Volunteers' Week earlier this month. Many thanks to Miffy for collating these.

VOICE presented their volunteers with a box of chocolates and a certificate to thank them for donating their time every Saturday to the Breakfast Club.

The **VOICE** Breakfast club runs every Saturday Morning from Platform 5 at the side of the Boulevard Centre from 10-11.30am. They provide a free hot breakfast to those who need help and support. There are also shower facilities available to use at the venue.





Just Run for Today thanked their volunteers in National Volunteers' Week for the time they donate weekly to ensure that the running group can do regular runs.

The group applied to the Community Asset Fund in February to fund their running group and put their volunteers on group leader training so that they are able to take the runs. Since the project began they have continued to do a few



weekly runs, and last week they did their 100th run.

The number of people attending the runs is growing and they are grateful for all the hard work that the volunteers put in to the group.

The running group was set up for those who are in recovery to attend, and they also hold a family friendly walk once a month.



The Phoenix Hub celebrated Volunteers' Week and presented their volunteers with certificates.

The Hub recently applied to the Community Asset Fund for a second time and were awarded another £2000 to help them continue the great work they do at the Hub.

They have recently celebrated their 1 year anniversary and have now gone from opening 3 times a week to 5 days a week. The hub provides free warm breakfasts to its attendees and people can do their laundry there and access the shower facilities.

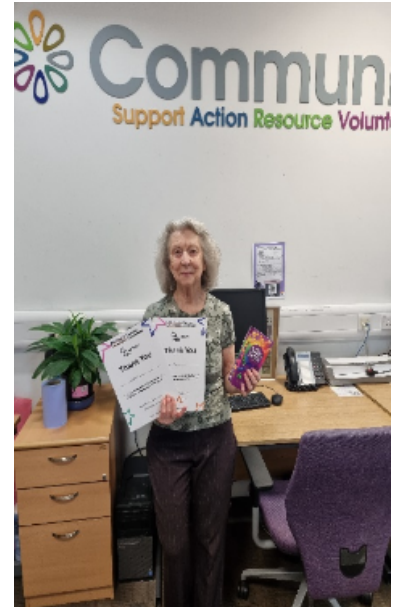


The Phoenix Hub is a one stop shop and has different services operating out of it such as Spark drug and alcohol support, Brook sexual health, changing futures supporting those with multiple disadvantages and many more.





Community CVS thanked our volunteers for the time they give to help out on reception at the Boulevard Centre. Like other groups, we really do value are volunteers.



Here are Benedict who volunteers five days a week on reception, and Barbra who volunteers helping out with admin roles.

The work Benedict, Barbra and all of our wonderful volunteers do is of critical importance to Community CVS and we are incredibly fortunate to have them.

Cheers, volunteers!

Be part of **Blackburn** Volunteers

Be part of **Darwen** Volunteers



community asset fund
spark



Our Chartered business advisors support pre-start and new start businesses through the Flying Start programme. Click here to find out more.

Our Business & Skills Team can deliver accredited and non-accredited training tailored to the needs of the sector. Get in touch with Chris via chris.trickett@community

cvs.org.uk to find out more.

LACVS have received funding to deliver one-to-one communications/technology/digital marketing support clinics for people working or volunteering in the VCFSE sector (initially focussing on Preston).



Sessions are available on Wednesday 26th June and Wednesday 3rd July between 10am and 3pm (one hour slots are available).

[Click here if you would like to book a place.](#)



Share

Do you organise or are you a member of a community-based group?



Travel Assist

Does your Group occasionally or regularly require affordable and accessible transport for activities or meetings?

If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, then please contact the team at **Travel Assist** where they are waiting to assist you with your transportation needs.

Travel Assist are proud to provide an affordable service using fully accessible minibuses, and are based at the heart of our community,

you see or even use their buses regularly.

As a not for profit social enterprise, they assure you that you and your Group will be transported professionally and, more importantly, safely at a realistic and fair cost.

If you want a day out or visit a place of interest – give them a call on 01254 846200 or email info@travelassist.org.

We are confident that you will not be disappointed.

Want to learn more about Travel Assist? Why not check out their brilliant summer newsletter? [Click here to have a look now.](#)



Volunteering



Community CVS is the first in the country to be awarded the Lead Volunteer Organisation Quality Mark in recognition of the quality of our support!

Community CVS runs free Volunteer training for volunteers or anyone interested in volunteering.

We also deliver Volunteer Managers/Quality Mark Workshops for those who manage volunteers.

Community CVS can support individuals to find volunteering roles and organisations to find volunteers.

Need volunteers? [Click here](#), register with our Volunteer Plus portal - and start recruiting today!

Blackburn Volunteers

Darwen Volunteers

Preston Volunteers

If you'd like to find out more about our range of volunteering services, please get in touch with Kate via kate.lee@communitycvs.org.uk.



The Festival of Making is seeking volunteers to help out on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July.

Want to volunteer?
Sign up here.

Any questions? Click
here to e-mail Aamirah.



Funding

Our Community Asset Fund offers grants of between £500 and £2,000 to volunteer-led community organisations with a great idea which can support recovery in the community and enhance people's wellbeing.

The BwD Community Fund offers up to £1,000 per year to constituted groups for projects and activities which benefit residents of Blackburn with Darwen. Round 13 is currently open for applications and closes

on Monday 30th
September.

Lancashire and South Cumbria Cancer Alliance - the cancer team within NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) - is launching an open call for applications from organisations across the health and care network including from primary and secondary care and the voluntary and charity sectors.

Bids for up to £100,000 per project are invited for projects that focus on earlier diagnosis of cancer that could impact stage shift (patients being diagnosed at stages one or two rather than three or four).

For more information please contact tanis.barnett1@nhs.net or lisa.flanagan1@nhs.net.

Please submit bids by 5pm on Monday 24th June to tanis.barnett1@nhs.net.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Got any community news you'd like to share? BBC Radio Lancashire is a brilliant way for you to get your message out. If you've got an event coming up or are seeking to promote your work to a wider audience, Sharon Hartley would love to hear from you.



News roundup



OUR HOME
17-23 JUNE 24

17-23 June 2024

Refugee Week

Blackburn with Darwen Refugee Week Programme 2024			
Event	Date/ Time	Location	Ticketing
'Our Home' Film Premier and BBQ	Monday 17th June 12pm- 3pm	46 King Street, Blackburn BB2 2DH	No tickets required- Everyone welcome!
Darwen Tower Walk	Monday 17th June 2pm- 5pm	Meet up point outside Darwen Market Hall, Croft Street, Darwen, BB3 1BH	No tickets required- please wear appropriate footwear and arrive promptly for 2pm
The Holistic Properties of Bee Products with the Beekeeper of Aleppo	Tuesday 18th June 10am- 12pm	Witton Park Greenhouses Witton Country Park Blackburn, BB2 2TP	No tickets required- Everyone welcome!
International Food Festival	Tuesday 18th June 11:30am- 2pm	Wesley Hall Feilden Street, Blackburn, BB2 1LQ	Free tickets available from ARC Blackburn 01254 690282
The Real 'Beekeeper of Aleppo'	Tuesday 18th June 2pm- 4pm	Meeting Room 2 & 3 Blackburn Central Library Town Hall Street, Blackburn, BB2 1AG	No tickets required- Everyone welcome!
Community Harmony Coffee Morning	Wednesday 19th June 11:30am-1:30pm	Friends Meeting House Paradise Lane, Blackburn BB2 1LY	No tickets required- Everyone welcome!
Global Tea Experience	Wednesday 19th June 10am- 1pm	Central United Reformed Church, Duckworth Street, Darwen, BB3 1AT	No tickets required- Everyone welcome!
Refuge Island - Drama Performance	Thursday 20th June 1pm- 2pm	Hornby Theatre, Blackburn Central Library, Town Hall Street, Blackburn, BB2 1AG	Book your free ticket at http://bit.ly/3UPrwBP
A Home from Home- Mixed art and culture event	Friday 21st June 11am- 1pm	Blackburn Museum, Museum Street, Blackburn, BB1 7AJ	No tickets required- Everyone welcome!
Ukrainian Coffee Morning	Saturday 22nd June 11am- 1pm	The Hub, Blackburn Central Library, Town Hall Street, Blackburn, BB2 1AG	No tickets required- Everyone welcome!
Community Harmony Picnic	Sunday 23rd June 10am- 4pm	Lake District	By invitation by Community Harmony
Place of Power- stories of Ukrainian women displaced by war Photography exhibition	12th June - 26th June Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm	Blackburn Central Library Town Hall Street, Blackburn, BB2 1AG	No tickets required- Available to view during library opening hours over the two weeks



Campaign for Refugee Rights

HUMANS ARE HUMAN

Just employment system

Campaign lunch on
Wednesday, 19 June 2024

OBJECTIVES

**Human Dignity &
Social Integration**

Millions of people forced to flee persecution or human rights violations, torture, armed conflicts and violence because their ethnicity, religion, or political opinions.

Amnesty International

**Refugees need local support to start a
new and dignified life.**

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COFFEE MORNING



Refugee Week

THEME: OUR HOME

Quiz
International Music
Harmony Award
Peace Candle &
International Food

Wednesday, 19 June
11.30 am to 1.30 pm
Quakers Meeting House, Blackburn

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE

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Spring North are offering a new online course for using AI & Automation in the VCSFE sector, taking place on Wednesday 19th June from 1 to 4pm. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Supporting you so you can help those you care for

Activity Coordinator

We are looking for an experienced, enthusiastic and motivated person whose focus is provide support and respite opportunities for those who have a caring role

25 hours per week

£29,575

(£22,097 pro rata)

Job reference: 05/24

**Closing date for applications:
Wednesday 19/06/2024
by 5pm**

Job Description, Person Specification and Job Applications are available from www.bwdcarers.org.uk

or

Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service,
Kingsway, Greenhurst Place, Blackburn,
BB2 1NA

Telephone: 01254 688440

Email applications from office@bwdcarers.org.uk

Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service actively promotes voluntary action and is striving to be an equal opportunities employer.

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Company No 5881757





Routeway to a Career at Preston North End F.C.



Take the first steps towards a new career path with Preston North End F.C. Guaranteed Interview all while earning valuable qualifications.

Dates: 21st June - 5th July

Times: 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Location: Marshall House, Ringway, Preston, PR1 2QD
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Free Sow and Grow community events



Come along to our drop-in events to be inspired about horticulture, to have a go at sowing and growing and to learn more about Lancashire Adult Learning's accredited horticulture courses. The events are suitable for all adults, whether you're new to gardening or already green-fingered.

Come along and be inspired!

For National
Growing for
Wellbeing Week
in June



All events are drop-in from 11am - 2pm

Ashton Walled Garden, Preston PR2 1HL
Saturday 22nd June

Accrington & Rossendale College Polytunnel
Sandy Ln, Accrington BB5 2AR
Saturday 29th June

Nelson & Colne College Polytunnel
Scotland Rd, Barrowford, BB9 7YT
Saturday 6th July

Scan the QR code to book a place:



lal.ac.uk | admin.lal@nelsongroup.ac.uk | 0333 003 1717

FREE
COURSE



Express Yourself with Paint Fri 21st June 24, 09.30 - 12.00

Pukar Disability Resource Centre,
3/5 Oakham Court, off Avenham Lane,
Preston, PR1 3XP

Booking is essential as places are limited.
To book a place please send a message to 07897551451 with your
name, or email suraya.bashir@pukar.org.uk



admin.lal@nelsongroup.ac.uk



www.lal.ac.uk



0333 003 1717

Nightsafe are seeking to recruit a Housing Senior Support Worker. Deadline for applications is Friday 21st June at 12 noon. Click here to e-mail them for an application pack.

SATURDAY
22nd JUNE 2024
2-6PM



Refugee Week 2024

“Our Shared Home”

A Free Social Event for everyone

Food, Music, Dance,
Children’s Art Table, Face
Painting, Displays & more

Venue: Douglas Hall, St Cuthberts Church, Lytham Road,
Preston PR2 3AR (Bus Number 23)





BRIGHTER FUTURES

**New Social Sessions for those aged 65 +
with a mental health diagnosis**

Safe space for
people to connect
with peers

Promote resilience
and better
management of
mental health

Peer led
social inclusion
support groups

**INITIALLY BLACKBURN
WEST AND DARWEN**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT MARK WOOD**

**STARTING WEEK
COMMENCING 3RD
JUNE 2024**

FREE TO ATTEND

Call - 01254 266620

Email: heretohelp@ageukbwd.org.uk

www.ageukbwd.org.uk



**The East Lancs LGBT Network June Meeting will take place at 3pm on
Monday 24th June over Zoom.**

Click this link if you'd like to attend:
[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88148136748?
pwd=avRbXWBLv0YUakM8rrR6LeC5YZUmsS.1.](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88148136748?pwd=avRbXWBLv0YUakM8rrR6LeC5YZUmsS.1)

ID: [881 4813 6748](#)

Passcode: [BZ3M1z](#)

The Canal & River Trust are seeking a new Volunteer Team Leader to work from their base at Burnley Depot (BB12 6HU). Deadline is Monday 24th June. Click here if you would like to learn more.

Free Online Introduction to Deaf Awareness and British Sign Language



Join us to learn more about BSL and effective communication with deaf people.

In this one-off session you will be introduced to deaf awareness and British Sign Language (BSL) You will identify the barriers the deaf community face on a daily basis communicating in a hearing world. This session will cover tips on how to communicate more effectively with all deaf people. It will also teach you how to introduce yourself using British Sign Language and show you how you can continue to learn BSL independently after the session.

Online

Monday 24th June
6pm-7:30pm



Online

Wednesday 3rd July
4pm-5:30pm



Use the QR codes above to enrol today!

hsc.lal@nelsongroup.ac.uk

www.lal.ac.uk

01254 354423

Places for People are seeking to recruit a Community Connector (Lancashire), based in Preston. Deadline for applications is Tuesday 25th June. Click here if you'd like to find out more.



Learn more about the activities and support available in Blackburn with Darwen



Want to have your say and input around the recovery community?

Wednesday 26th June 2024

From 10am until 3pm

St Luke's & Philip's Church, Bank Top, Blackburn, BB2 1TA

Lunch provided and bus/train fares refunded for BwD residents.

2 YEAR CELEBRATION

Roots Community is a newly convened forum advocating for recovery in the Blackburn-with-Darwen area. By bringing together individuals who have been affected by addiction alongside partner organisations in the recovery sector, the Community seeks to:

- empower and amplify the voices of people accessing services through the maxim 'nothing about us without us';
- build recovery capital through the creation of training, development, volunteering and employment opportunities;
- develop positive, practical solutions to the systemic challenges faced by Community members.

Roots Community is a sister organisation to the Lancashire User Forum, a pioneering collective which has grown since its inception in 2006 to become one of the largest forums of its kind in the UK.

For enquiries, please contact Rolonde Bradshaw, Team Leader or Craig Worswick and Schani, Community Engager in Blackburn with Darwen for Red Rose Recovery: Rolonde - 07572 610 530 | Rolonde.Bradshaw@RedRoseRecovery.org.uk / Craig - 07483356867 | craig.worswick@redroserecovery.org.uk / Schani - 07483356858 | schani.tierney@redroserecovery.org.uk





EID PARTY

Wednesday, 26 June 2024

11.30 am till 1.30 pm

VENUE: Quakers - Friends Meeting House, Blackburn



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WHATSAPP: 07874 866321



 propermarketing

Charity Sports Day

Friday 28th June | 1PM | Colne Cricket Club

Raising money for



£100 teams of 5 | BBQ | Prizes

 **TO ENTER**
MESSAGE AIDAN OLDROYD
ON LINKEDIN 

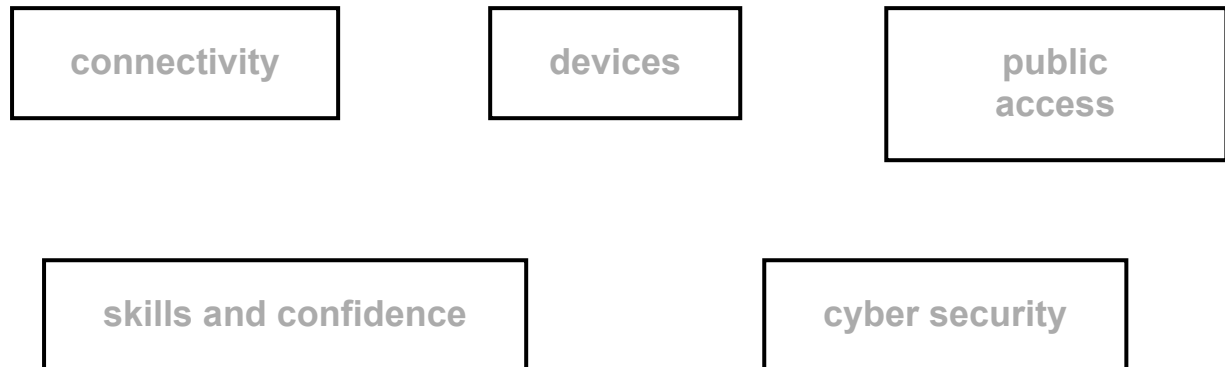


In the coming months, Blackburn with Darwen Council is taking forward a range of activity to support those residents in the Borough who are digitally excluded.

As a first stage in that plan, over the next few weeks, council colleagues are finalising the production of a printed leaflet to signpost residents to, and raise awareness of, local digital support services and

the types of support available to them, such as in-person support or workshops.

The leaflet will be divided up into themed areas around: –



There will be a full PR campaign to launch the leaflet following the general election fronted by key Councillors to promote widely the availability of this product and to encourage residents to actively engage with the support services available to them.

If your organisation runs a service in any of the themed areas, and you would like to be included in the leaflet, please contact miguel.nobrega@blackburn.gov.uk and christopher.hidden@blackburn.gov.uk with a short description of the service (no more than 50-60 words) and contact details or a web address for more information **by close of business on Friday 28th June.**



**WE ARE
HIRING**

JOIN OUR TEAM

Spring North,
Exchange Street, Blackburn,
BB1 7JN

office@springnorth.org.uk
01254 784105

Caritas are seeking a Social Worker to join their Schools' Service in schools across Burnley and Salford. Click here to find out more. Closing date is 6pm on Tuesday 2nd July.



**Community &
Business Partners**

Business Support, Community Impact

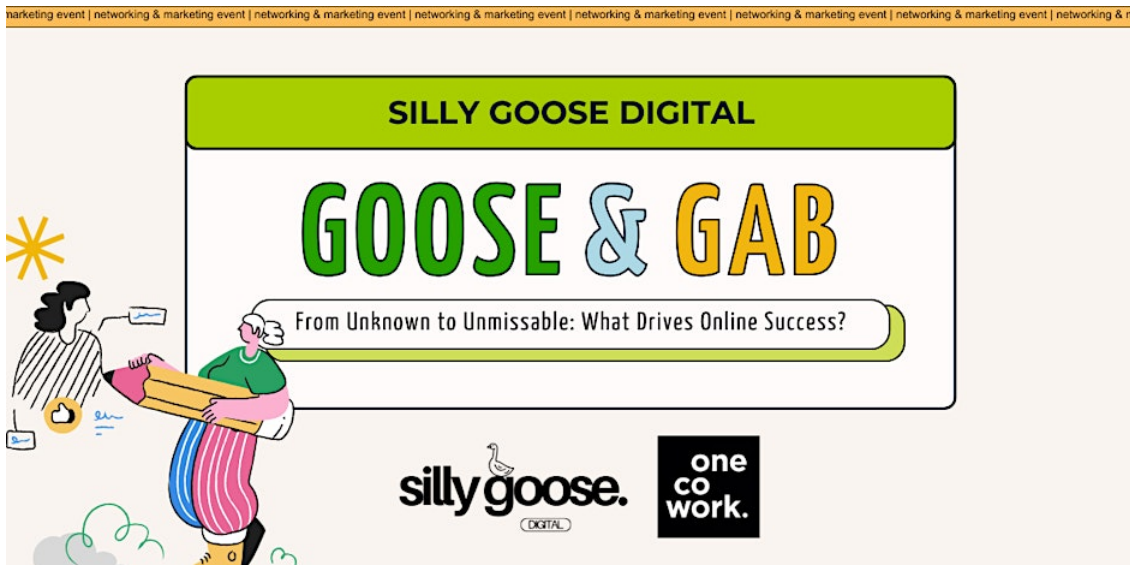
The Power of Podcasting with Kath Lord-Green

Community & Business Partners have teamed up with Kath Lord-Green - Your Fairy Podmother - to offer Kath's podcasting workshop at a discounted rate (50%) to VCFSE organisations.

This seminar will equip you with an overview of the knowledge and practical skills you'll need to consider to successfully podcast for YOUR business.

The workshop will take place between 10am and 1pm on Wednesday 3rd July at the Energyzone.

Book your place to unleash the Power of Podcasting!



Silly Goose Digital are holding a networking and marketing event entitled *Goose & Gab* at *OneCoWork* on Winckley Square in Preston on Thursday 4th July between 3 and 6pm.

If you'd like to learn more or book a place, please click here.

BwD Public Health and the Beacon Trust have teamed up to provide Gambling Related Harms awareness training, organised for the health, care and VCFSE neighbourhood workforce in BwD. This informative one-hour online training will give you and your team members the opportunity to:

Develop your knowledge, skills, understanding and awareness of gambling related harms.

Learn about the nature of harmful gambling and the impact on people's health and wellbeing.

Provide help and support to an individual at risk of, or affected by, gambling related harms and signpost to appropriate specialist services.

There are two sessions available:

**Friday 5th July
10-11am**

**Thursday 5th September
3-4pm**

To book your place please click drop an e-mail to Colin.hughes@blackburn.gov.uk.

Child Action Northwest are offering some FREE training on Mental Health and the Inequalities Young People face whilst accessing services.

**Tuesday 9th July
1-3pm**

**Tuesday 23rd July
1-3pm**

**Tuesday 30th July
1-3pm**

Click here to book your place.

**MENTAL HEALTH
AND
SUICIDE PREVENTION**

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

**BLACKBURN WITH
DARWEN IS DEVELOPING
A NEW MENTAL HEALTH
AND SUICIDE
PREVENTION STRATEGY.**

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
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WEDNESDAY
10TH JULY 2024
11AM TO 2PM
MASONIC HALL,
PRESTON



SEE CAPTION 

Starts on Monday 15th July - click the image below for more details.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSES



What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a training course, designed to teach people how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and provide help on a first aid basis.

We offer a half day course and a two day course.

The courses can be offered online or face to face.

You must live/work within the Lancashire boarder with the excluding of Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen



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Job Title: Sustainability and Promotion's Officer Location:
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Salary: £14/hr (Living Wage Employer
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We are seeking a motivated and experienced Sustainability and Promotions Officer to join our team. The successful candidate will play a crucial role in identifying funding opportunities, the development and submission of funding proposals and in the promotion of the organisation

For more information and an application please email
emma.fisher@chorleywomenscentre.com

Closing date: Friday 19th July 2024





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