**NEWS**

**PCN Networking Event**We would love to invite you to our next networking event, taking place on November 13th at 10am in Room A, Preston Town Hall.  
Details of speakers are below:

* Kayleigh Robinson (Lancashire County Council) will update on the social prescribing strategy which will affect many members.
* Jennifer Hanley (Preston City Council) will speak on PCC's community wealth building strategy.
* Rachel Coupe (Green Rose CIC) will speak on Green Rose’s free council-backed home energy advice, keeping warm and saving money.
* Rob Larcombe (Preston City Council) & Paul Blythin (Preston Place Partnership Health & Sport Initiative) will be discussing the Preston Place Partnership and Place Expansion.

If you wish to attend, please fill in the following registration form, we would love to see as many of our members there as possible:  
[PCN Networking Event - November 13th – Fill in form](https://forms.office.com/e/8Ln546CYp6)

**PCN Benefit & Poverty Group Meeting**  
The next date for the meeting of our Benefit & Poverty Group has been set for November 20th, at 10am in Preston Town Hall. It is a great opportunity to meet and collaborate with some of our other member groups who deal with the subject.   
If you wish to attend, even if you have not attended any previous meetings, please let me know via email - [glennm@prestoncn.org](mailto:glennm@prestoncn.org?subject=Benefits%20%26%20Poverty%20Group).

**Windrush Generation Project**

We have been advised by the Preston Windrush Generation about a major project which aims to capture the lives, culture and experiences that cover the generations of those born Black and British to parents who migrated from the Caribbean to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Race Relations Act.

You can find out more about The ‘First Born Second: Voices of Children of the Windrush Era’ anthology and other related projects by clicking [here](https://creativeconnex.org/first-born-second-children-of-the-windrush-era/)

The deadline for submission is November 30.

**Briefing Paper**

A reminder that we are now putting together a ‘briefing paper’ which Tony can refer to when he attends the various meetings of committees and other groups on behalf of the sector.

This will be updated on an ongoing basis with information received from you our members.

And as we mentioned in last week’s news update, in conjunction with the briefing paper we have decided to also produce a related document which will include projects and initiatives which our members are engaged with.

We hope that by publicising and circulating this information, fellow members can pick out projects of interest, contact each other and hopefully collaborate with work and not only save time and money but avoid duplication.

For all contributions and also any issues you would like including in the briefing paper, or if you would like more details of the forums and groups we can access, please drop us a quick email on [tonyd@prestoncn.org](mailto:tonyd@prestoncn.org).

We look forward to hearing from you.

**DENW Trustee Appeal**

Would you be interested in becoming a Trustee of Disability Equality NW?

All the information you need if you are thinking about applying is on the attached document [and an application form is attached separately.](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/files/41a022d3-6080-1cd8-e770-8c215a7d4463/DENW_Trustee_2.pdf)

Please send completed forms back to Heather Paton at the address below or via email to [heather@disability-equality.org.uk](mailto:heather@disability-equality.org.uk)

If you require further information on the role, please contact Melanie Close [melanie@disability-equality.org.uk](mailto:melanie@disability-equality.org.uk)

DENW are of course as busy as ever and they are now pleased to advise they are hosting the first of a series of community lunches which will be free for disabled people and their carers.

[See attached flyer for more details.](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/files/9bac29b4-7d9c-8dda-b191-3a7a34ca6c9b/DENW_Trustee_1.pdf)

**YOUTH NEWS**

**National Youth Work Week – 3rd -9th November 2025**

This week across the country organisations are celebrating National Youth Work Week 2025 by delivering a number of different events and promotional activities. Here in Preston there is a special Celebration of Youth Work at Moor Nook Family Hub on Thursday 6th November, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

Join us as we come together to recognise and celebrate the incredible impact of youth work in our districts. There will be food, fun activities, and plenty of opportunities to connect, reflect, and celebrate the achievements of young people and those who support them.

Event Details: 📍 Location: Moor Nook Family Hub

📅 Date: Thursday 6th November

⏰ Time: 4:30pm – 6:30pm

🍽️ Food and activities included!

**Free Level 2 SEND Teaching Assistant Training**

There is fully funded SEND Teacher Assistant Training on the 4th of November at BizSpace, Preston. [More information on flyer attached.](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/images/0ea4e534-ce5a-dc08-5628-1065152d33a3.png)

**Youth Futures Online Drop In – NEET’s**

The Youth Futures Team is now offering a monthly online drop-in session for young people aged 16 to 18 who are not currently in education or employment. These sessions provide a relaxed, informal space for young people to access basic careers advice and information.

Key Details:

When: Last Friday of every month, 9am–4pm (except December – held the Friday before Christmas)

Who: Open to young people, parents, carers, and professionals supporting them

What: Light-touch, no-pressure advice and signposting

[How to join: Via QR code on the leaflet](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/images/efaa84ee-cb1b-635f-4fca-2bc34b838e7f.png) or by contacting the Youth Futures Team directly, or [Click Here](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTExODViZDMtZDdlMC00NWU3LWIzOWYtZWMzY2YyNWZkN2Ew%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%229f683e26-d8b9-4609-9ec4-e1a36e4bb4d2%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227d682b73-619b-4866-b83d-fc459dcfb801%22%7d) to join the meeting

This offer complements our in-person support and is designed to meet the needs of those we cannot support in person, including those with a professional service involved, Home Educated Year 11s etc. Please feel free to share the leaflet with any young people or families who may benefit or get in touch if you'd like to discuss referrals or partnership working. We have also attached a flow chart to support referrals to our team.

[youthfutures@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:youthfutures@lancashire.gov.uk)   
01772 531044

**What About the Boys Conference – Blackpool, 19th November**

Just a polite reminder to book onto the two events happening for What about the Boys conference and Hackathon on 19th November 2025.

Alongside the What about the boys conference for practitioners to be held on the 19th November, please book your tickets here <https://uyacic.org/watb25/>

We’re excited to invite youth groups/schools/colleges to the 4th Fylde Coast Youth Hackathon, taking place on Wednesday, 19th November 2025 6pm-8pm at the Village Hotel, Blackpool, as part of our [**What About the Boys Conference**](https://uyacic.org/watb25/)in celebration of International Men’s Day.

🌟 What’s it all about?

This evening event is a hands-on, interactive hackathon designed specifically for young men aged 13-18 and 13-25 SEND. Through an interactive, team based, narrative roadmap activity, participants will explore:

👥 Positive male role models – Research identity and learn about positive male role models from the Fylde Coast.

🤝 Deepening community – Connect with other young men from the local area who are interested in social action and issues that matter to them

🗺️ Local services & interventions – Discover what support is available in the community and how they can apply that to themselves and peers.

The session aims to build awareness, resilience, and connection in a safe, engaging environment, perfect for youth groups, sports teams, schools, and more, looking to empower their young men.

📌 Register Your Interest: [**https://forms.office.com/e/YsBryz3Wjs**](https://forms.office.com/e/YsBryz3Wjs)

We’d love for your youth group to be part of this event and help co create meaningful change for young men in their communities.

Please get in touch with Tasha or Holly for more details.

[holly.gibson@uyacic.org](mailto:holly.gibson@uyacic.org)

[natasha.stroud@uyacic.org](mailto:natasha.stroud@uyacic.org)

**VACANCIES/SURVEY**

**Place Programme Manager**

You may already be aware of the exciting place based programmes currently taking place in the city and Preston City Council’s community engagement team are now looking for a Place Programme Manager to strengthen their team.

For more details, click [here](https://jobs.preston.gov.uk/Vacancy.aspx?ref=COAC01005).

Deadline for applications is November 16.

**Caritas Care**

Make a difference through creative marketing!

Caritas Care are looking for a Marketing Assistant (Children’s Services) to help promote fostering and adoption, reaching more people with this life-changing message. If you’re creative, organised and passionate about making a positive impact for children and families, Caritas Care would love to hear from you.

For full details on the post and application: <https://www.caritascare.org.uk/marketing-assistant-childrens-services/>

Closing Date: 11 November

Interview Date: 19 November

**RNIB Connect Radio**

Do you listen to RNIB Connect Radio, or have you heard of it?

The RNIB are running a survey to understand how people listen, what they enjoy, and what could be improved.

Your feedback will directly impact RNIB Connect Radio, and they would be very grateful for all responses.

You can complete the survey via the link [here](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LT3GTJC)

If you need help in completing it, call Nicola Stanley-Dickinson on 07736 462071 who will arrange a time to complete the survey with you.

Alternatively, contact research@rnib.org.uk or call 0303 123 9999.

**TRAINING**

**Adult Mental Health Course**

The Positive Action in the Community group are offering fully funded places on their upcoming Adult Mental Health First Aid Online Course for individuals who work and live within the Lancashire border.

Dates of the online course are November 10,11,13 and 14 from 9am-1pm on each day.

For more details and to book, click [here.](https://www.p-a-c.org.uk/book-mental-health-training-here/?utm_source=Youth+Mental+Health+First+Aid+and+Suicide+Awareness+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=c81091aa22-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_11_03_09_41&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-c81091aa22-467552552)

**Disability Awareness Sessions**

The DWP’s Disability Services Advocacy Team are hosting a series of upskilling sessions for charities and community groups on a range of subjects including Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Disability Living Allowance Child (DLAc), Industrial Injuries and Disablement Payment (IIDB), Disability Services support for SEND Schools, Colleges and Support Organisations and Access to Work Payments.

Full sign up details on attached documents. [(Flyer 1)](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/files/e2d80529-862d-9e0c-4c0a-9bacdb0cb707/DWP_1.pdf) [(Flyer 2)](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/files/6873901c-72c1-d513-0ffe-0701e719bd92/DWP_2.pdf)

**Youth Training**

There are a host of forthcoming training opportunities for staff supporting young people in Preston. Thanks to Marc Dunne of Preston City Council’s Community Engagement Team for passing these on.

[See attached flyer for details.](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/files/066f5a08-b7dc-6cce-5cce-b133eb8b3e37/November_Training_Opportunities_Preston_Youth_Forum_Network.docx)

**FUNDING**

**Environmental Funding Webinar**

Next Thursday, November 13, a webinar promoting and advising on environmental funding is being hosted by Hyndburn CVS in conjunction with LACVS and the LOCAL project which is open to any VCFSE group across Lancashire.

[Full details on attached flyer.](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/files/26cb5b1d-a03f-c1bd-231c-458b14026574/Environmental_Funding_Webinar_Flyer_pdf.pdf)

**English Language Support Grants**

The North West Regional Strategic Migration Partnership (RSMP) has opened applications for its English Language Support Grant, aimed at improving access to non-accredited English learning for young people aged 16+ from Hong Kong, Ukraine and Afghan resettled communities.

For more information, click [here.](https://northwestrsmp.org.uk/news/now-open-young-peoples-english-language-support-grant-funding/) Please hurry though as deadline is Tuesday, November 11.

**Mental Health Grant**    
The Kristina Martin Charitable Trust is inviting applications from charities working to improve mental health and wellbeing.

With grants of up to £50,000, this funding round focuses on four key themes: breaking the link between homelessness and poor mental health, reducing the impact of social media on mental health, tackling social isolation through community hubs, and improving mental health outcomes for children and young people.

Closing date is December 12 and for more details, click [here.](https://kva.org.uk/news/kristina-martin-charitable-tru/)

**Forte Charitable Foundation**

A range of grants to groups addressing deprivation are currently available from the Forte Charitable Foundation*.*

Click [here](https://communitycvs.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3754f6a136f6d39f017b95235&id=c66993bc8a&e=f105be099a) for more details. There is currently no deadline.

**Alpkit Foundation**

Small grants are available to groups and individuals for outdoor projects are available from the Alpkit Foundation.

For more details, click [here**.**](https://communitycvs.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3754f6a136f6d39f017b95235&id=9fe7c40867&e=f105be099a) There is currently no deadline.

**EVENTS**

**Preston North End Mural relaunch**

Tomorrow sees the relaunch of the new PNEFC Timeline Mural at an event especially for the city’s the blind and visually impaired community at the club’s Deepdale stadium.

The mural charts Preston North End Football Club’s history from its origins in the 1860s to the present day, and has been painted by local artist, Shawn Sharpe.

The event will start with speeches and a short presentation in the Greats’ Room, followed by a ‘Hands on History’ session, in which guests will get the chance to handle a range of football items.

It takes place tomorrow, Thursday, November 6 in The Greats’ Room in the Sir Tom Finney Standand will run from 1.30pm to 3.45pm.

To book your ticket, just click on this link: [https://PNEFC-Mural-Relaunch.eventbrite.com](https://pnefc-mural-relaunch.eventbrite.com/)

**Horticulture Course**

Our friends at Let’s Grow Preston are hosting a Horticulture Level 1 course beginning on Wednesday, 19th November 2025 at their base at Ashton Walled Garden, Pedders Lane, Ashton Park.

[More details on attached flyer.](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/images/35139cbc-eb2c-0248-a469-8fd9d427fc6c.jpg)

**Fostering and Adoption**

Our member group CaritasCare have just confirmed their latest series of fostering and adoption information events which kick off with ‘Discover Fostering – Make a Difference,’ an online event taking place next Tuesday, November 11.

For more details of this and other events in the series, please see the events section of our website which you can access [here.](https://prestoncn.org/events/)

**Community Cookalong**

Tanterton Christian Fellowship are busy as ever and have now arranged a new Community Cookalong, a free six-week course where parents, carers, and children can cook together, learn new recipes, and take home a meal each week.

[More details on attached flyer](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/images/c95e7fd8-251e-5948-a13c-095f89242616.jpg) and if you want an update on the many other activities taking place at Tanterton, sign up for the community newsletter by clicking [here.](https://mailchi.mp/0b3a8902e2ce/sign-up-for-our-events-newsletter)

**Andys Man Club Birthday**  
The Preston Group of Andys Man Club was formed five years ago on 23rd November 2020 and [there is an event at Chews Yard, Market Street West, Preston on Friday 14th November 2025 is to celebrate their birthday](https://mcusercontent.com/8f80d5c0d69f3e179cf8a467a/images/8c940194-2b34-a874-70b4-2ca10f7137d6.jpg), provide free entertainment for the public and raise awareness for Andys Man Club.  
During this year, a second group (Preston North) was opened on 31st March at the Fatima Health Centre, Garstang Road, Fulwood. The Preston South Group meets at the Penwortham Golf Club, Blundell Lane, Preston. All groups meet every Monday night (excluding Bank Holidays) from 7pm to 9pm. All men aged 18+ can attend free of charge with no bookings or referrals required. They are peer to peer support groups to help break the stigma of mental health and to let men know ItsOkayToTalk  
There will be two bands and a DJ providing entertainment on the night.   
Food and drink can be bought at the wonderful venue.

**Weekly Round-up**

Below you will find a summary of events happening this week. Registration is not required unless stated. Please also keep an eye on the weekly events in Section Two of the Events section of our website [here.](https://prestoncn.org/events/)  
As always, please check with the event provider to make sure that the event is still running.

**Saturday, November 8**

10am – 3pm: *Craft Fair.*

Location: Deafway, Brockholes Brow, Preston PR1 5BB

Stalls, refreshments, bar.

To book a table, email [events@deafway.org.uk](mailto:events@deafway.org.uk)

**Tuesday, November 11**

11am-1.30pm:*‘Rebuild with Hope’ Community Sale.*

Top brands at discount prices

Location: The Hub at St Bernards, Elswick Rd, Ashton PR2 1NT

All welcome.

**Tuesday, November 11**

6.30-8 pm – *Discover Fostering – Make a Difference*

Are you curious about fostering but unsure where to start? Join Caritas Care for “Discover Fostering – Make a Difference”, an information session designed to help you explore the joys and challenges of fostering and learn how you can make a real impact on a child’s life.

To book online click [here](https://www.caritascare.org.uk/event/discover-fostering-make-a-difference/2025-11-11/) or ring 01772 732313 or email [recruitment@caritascare.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@caritascare.org.uk)

**Wednesday, November 12**

8:30am-10am: *Living Wage Employer Event*

Would your group like to become an Accredited Living Wage Employer?

Find out more at a special event organised by our friends at Preston City Council.

[Flyer attached.](https://mcusercontent.com/ba0ae121ad89db52c97b1a711/images/213e5b6a-8130-9008-6886-af103a7b14be.png)