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June 2015



Job Opportunity: Project Manager at Middlesbrough Foodbank

The Trustees of Middlesbrough Foodbank wish to appoint a dynamic



and inspirational Project Manager to build upon the strengths of the Foodbank operation in the Middlesbrough area, and oversee its efficient operation in accordance with The Trussell Trust franchise model. The ideal candidate will be an excellent communicator, be computer literate, able to interpret statistical data, have the ability to work on their own initiative and unsupervised, be able to manage a team of volunteers in the warehouse and Foodbank Centres, have a full and clean driving licence and have an empathy and ability to work with people from disadvantaged, or marginalised backgrounds.

To apply for this position please contact [Wendy Sutton](#) for an application form.

Closing date is Friday 26th June.

22.5 hrs per week – Permanent/Part-Time

Salary - £11,400 - £13,800 depending on experience, plus pension contributions



Follow-up event on Homelessness: Are We Really Helping?

On Thursday 30 April, we hosted in partnership with DePaul UK, an event called 'Homelessness: Are We Really Helping?' 120 people from local faith groups, charities and organisations came together to learn, share and reflect on their responses to homelessness.

To find out more about the day visit www.cuf.org.uk/blog/homelessness where you will find audio recordings of the key note speakers, and some inspirational stories from people who have experienced homelessness. There is also an excellent powerpoint presentation from Sharon Caddell, Principle homelessness officer with Middlesbrough Council, with lots of useful information.

The keynote speaker Jon Kuhrt said:

"In homelessness, it's so vital that people work together and talk with one another if we're going to make as much difference as we can."

We are holding a follow-up event from the day on **Thursday 9th July 12.30-2.30pm (buffet lunch provided) at the Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, TS3 6LD**. We will be joined by staff from [Housing Justice](#) to explore next steps in working together as faith groups and with others around issues of homelessness. **Booking is essential** please book your place by e-mailing together@trinitycentre.org or Tel 07446908451



Tees Valley of Sanctuary Official Launch Weds June 17th

Churches and faith groups over recent months have attended events to learn more about welcoming people seeking sanctuary. This work is now forming part of Tees Valley of Sanctuary, as a faith stream. This gives recognition to the significant work already undertaken by local churches and faith groups and supports them in developing their efforts to provide welcome and support to the many people who arrive in the Tees Valley seeking sanctuary.

The official launch of Tees Valley of Sanctuary will take place at Teesside University on Weds 17th June, during refugee week, starting at 5.30pm. We will enjoy sharing food with people who are seeking sanctuary and there will be opportunity to hear about how Tees Valley of Sanctuary is growing and developing. There will be contributions from schools, faith groups and musicians and opportunity to hear stories of people seeking sanctuary. Our keynote speaker will be Jonathan Ellis from the Red Cross.

For more details and to book your place visit <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/official-launch-of-tees-valley-of-sanctuary-tickets-16976786024>

Singing for the Brain

Much has been learned in recent years about living well with dementia. One of the key factors in living well with dementia is the understanding that, while short term memory is often affected and therefore someone with dementia may not remember the details of an activity, the ability to recall feelings is intact for much longer. Enter music. Who hasn't switched on the radio and had their spirits lifted by a favourite song, or been reminded of a loved one on hearing something they love to dance to? Research has shown that even when some memories are hard to retrieve, music is one of the easier things to recall.

Thanks to funding from Middlesbrough Council, The Trinity Centre in North Ormesby has been able to partner with the Alzheimer's Society to bring Singing for the Brain to Middlesbrough. Singing for the Brain is a stimulating group activity, devised by the Alzheimer's Society for people living with dementia and their carers. It can help general wellbeing and confidence, and uses familiar songs alongside the gentle introduction of new music and movement – and there's always time for a cup of tea and a chat! Action songs add to the element of fun and gentle exercise, and simple rounds and partner songs can help concentration and create beautiful harmonies. There is no need for any musical experience and you don't have to be a great singer – it's all for fun, and to help people with dementia and their carers to express themselves and socialise in a friendly and supportive environment.

Singing for the Brain sessions will be held fortnightly on Tuesdays at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, 2.00pm-3.30pm, beginning on 9th June. For more details please contact Maddy Fisher at the Trinity Centre maddy.fisher@trinitycentre.org, or Claire Blackwell-Jones, Dementia Support Worker at the Alzheimer's Society c.blackwell-jones@alzheimers.org.uk

Funding Opportunities

Here are some examples of current funding opportunities. If you would like help and advice re funding please contact Heather Black on Tel 07446908451 E-mail together@trinitycentre.org

The Dickon Trust Fund

This Fund will support general charitable aims but the Fund is particularly keen to consider applications from smaller charities and organisations supporting young people and carers.

Areas for consideration: General charitable purposes; education/training; advancement of health or saving of lives; disability; prevention of relief or poverty; accommodation/housing; arts/culture/heritage/science; amateur sport; environment/conservation/heritage; economic/community development/employment; armed forces/emergency service efficiency.

Grant Range: £1,000 to £2,000, Closing Date: 31 July 2015 for more details

visit www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply-groups

Public Health Physical Activity Grants

Can you encourage people in Middlesbrough to be more active, helping them to stay healthy? Grants are available for up to £2,000 or between £2-20,000 for projects of varying sizes which meet one or more of our three priorities:

1. Getting people active in your area – helping local groups to provide new ways to be active, to keep people healthy & reduce the risk of serious illness
2. Getting people active to improve long term health conditions – activity which will promote independence & reduce social exclusion & loneliness for those with long term health conditions
3. Changing the environment – projects and partnerships which will make it easier & more enjoyable to be active in Middlesbrough

For more details contact Sharon Barker E-mail sharon_barker@middlesbrough.gov.uk

Together Grants 2015

The Together Grant programme provides small grants of up to £5,000 for faith based organisations to engage in social action, by supporting them to initiate or develop community work. The programme has the following criteria:

- Tackling poverty: The activity must be directly tackling poverty. We favour activities that are working directly with people in need.
- Faith basis: The lead applicant should have a faith basis.
- Working in partnership: Applicants need to be working in partnership with at least one other organisation. This partnering organisation does not need to be faith based.
- Local community focus: The activity needs to be based in the local community and to have local

community involvement in identifying needs, initiating responses and running the project.

It is a simple application process. For more details visit www.cuf.org.uk/how-we-help/cuf-funding



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