



Volunteer Centre North Lanarkshire

Supporting volunteers and volunteer-involving organisations in North Lanarkshire

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SVA Project Launched to Support Communities Locality and Thematic Networks formed in North Lanarkshire

The Volunteer Centre and CVS North Lanarkshire have joined forces to deliver an exciting new pathfinder project, Supporting Volunteering Action (SVA), for the benefit of the local voluntary and community sector.

The SVA project will enable those involved with community groups in North Lanarkshire to link into a number of focus groups, to share ideas, knowledge and information. These groups, or 'networks', will be categorised according to key themes and local geographical areas.

Supported by the Dynamic Inclusive Communities Fund, in partnership with SCVO and the Big Lottery Fund, the SVA project is the first of its kind in Scotland.

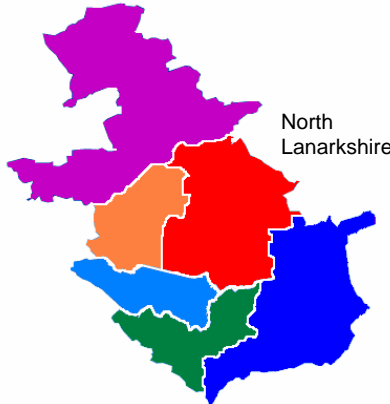
Through SVA, the Volunteer Centre and CVS North Lanarkshire will strengthen communities by working closely with volunteers and volunteer-involving agencies. The project will also allow individuals from the community to have their voice heard by key decision makers and statutory bodies.

The Volunteer Centre will take on the role of developing six locality networks in North Lanarkshire, allowing those involved in community activities and organisations in each town of North Lanarkshire to join their local network and stay informed.

Locality Network meetings will take place every three months, and will include policy briefings on key community issues, consultations, training tasters, and a vision and mapping exercise for each locality.

Meanwhile, CVS North Lanarkshire will take on the role of developing and supporting 13 thematic networks.

The Six Locality Networks



North area Locality Network

Including Cumbernauld, Kilsyth, Croy, Stepps & Moodiesburn

Coatbridge area Locality Network

Including Glenboig, Cambroë, Kirkshaws, Barqeddie, Townhead, & Old Monkland

Airdrie area Locality Network

Including Caldercruix, Glenmavis, Plains, Greengairs, Chapelhall & Calderbank

Bellshill area Locality Network

Including Viewpark, Mossend, Tannochside, Orbiston & Hattonrigg

Motherwell area Locality Network

Including Newarthill, Carfin, Holytown, New Stevenston & Forgewood

Wishaw area Locality Network

Including Shotts, Newmains, Overtown, Pather, Gowkthrapple, & Craigneuk

If you would like to join your locality network to discuss key issues affecting the community, please contact the Volunteer Centre on 01698 358866.

New Community Network Office for Brannock

The Volunteer Centre and CVS North Lanarkshire have renovated a former shop premise in Holytown Main Street to be used as a Community Network Office for the Brannock area of North Lanarkshire.

The VIBE project has enabled the Volunteer Centre to develop volunteering activity in the Brannock area recently, and the new Community Network Office will allow for further outreach work in the community.

Community groups will also have the opportunity to access meeting space in the Community Network Office.

Training Calendar for 08-09 Released

The Volunteer Centre has outlined its catalogue of training programmes in a new Programme of Learning and Development Calendar 08-09, released jointly with CVS North Lanarkshire.

A range of new training programmes are now available under the categories Volunteers & Organisational Development, Volunteers & Best Practice Solutions, Legislation and Volunteering, Personal Development for Volunteers, and Certificated courses for skills development.



▲ Copies of the Training Calendar are now available from the Volunteer Centre

A number of the new programmes available deliver excellent new materials developed by the Volunteer Centre Network in Scotland. All programmes are free of charge for volunteers, and cost £10 for organisations that are members of the Volunteer Centre (£20 for non-members).

If you would like a copy of the full Calendar, please contact the Volunteer Centre on 01698 358866 or e-mail dutyofficer@nlvda.org.

Sporting Chance Programme Now Recruiting



▲ Sporting Chance teaches skills in sports leadership

Recruitment is underway for the next delivery of the Volunteer Centre's popular Sporting Chance training programme.

Sporting Chance gives young unemployed people an opportunity to develop skills in sports leadership by working towards the accredited Community Sports Leaders Award. If you would like to participate in Sporting Chance, please contact the Volunteer Centre on 01698 358866.