



## **Lincolnshire Voluntary Engagement Team (VET)**

### **Update – February 2021**

#### **Covid-19 Vaccination Programme**

As you may be aware, the NHS have established two mass vaccination sites in Lincolnshire at Boston and Lincoln. Lincolnshire is no different to other areas of the Country and our colleagues in the NHS have turned to us, the Voluntary and Community Sector to seek our support in assisting them to manage this demand and provide a vaccine programme to the people of Lincolnshire.

As you can imagine the workforce required to achieve this is vast and we are therefore working together as organisations within VET to provide the non-clinical staff required to deliver the vaccination programme from the two mass sites. As a collective, we will be providing over 100 full-time roles each week across the two sites in roles such as Front of House, Administration, Patient Advocate and Health Care Assistants.

For more information, please contact Georgina Garrett ([georgina.garrett@ageuklsl.org.uk](mailto:georgina.garrett@ageuklsl.org.uk))

#### **Supporting Volunteering**

VET have been working in partnership with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum (LRF) and our local Volunteer Centres to support Primary Care Networks (PCNs) with recruiting volunteers for the various hubs and vaccinations sites that are developing to deliver the Covid-19 vaccinations. Alongside the direct recruitment and brokerage of individual volunteers, we are also providing support to the PCNS to help induct, manage and support volunteers.

The response from volunteers has been phenomenal and we have already seen over 350 new volunteers register to help out with the vaccination programme. If you would like to get involved or would like further information, please contact Jane Kilby ([jane@voluntarycentreservices.org.uk](mailto:jane@voluntarycentreservices.org.uk))

As part of the longer-term development of volunteering within Lincolnshire, we are also working collaboratively to develop a digital platform to support and facilitate volunteering to help our communities during times of need, such as flooding and the current Covid-19 pandemic.

#### **VET Health, Care and Wellbeing Strategy 2020-23**

The VET strategy has now concluded its consultation phase. The completed document is being compiled and will be issued in the next few weeks via the VET website. In the meantime if you would like to view the final draft it is accessible [here](#)

If you would like to comment or understand the implications of the strategy in respect of your organisation please contact Ivan Annibal ([ivan.annibal@roseregeneration.co.uk](mailto:ivan.annibal@roseregeneration.co.uk))

## **VET Annual Conference**

It seems a long time since the VET Conference on 19 October. At that event we realised what a fabulous tap root of innovation and good practice our sector is. We were fascinated at the insights which arose from the interactions between the 100 or so delegates. It seems to us that as we begin to move into the recovery phase, post pandemic, there is real mileage in setting up a series of briefing and networking sessions.

We plan as we build up to Easter to develop a programme of e-enabled get togethers, with at least one invited national speaker. These events will be held every eight weeks and they will be free to all organisations interested in the work of VET.

If you have any ideas regarding key themes please contact Ivan Annibal ([ivan.annibal@roseregeneration.co.uk](mailto:ivan.annibal@roseregeneration.co.uk))

## **Resilience & Recovery**

In partnership with Involving Lincs, we are working pro-actively to provide support to help community and voluntary sector organisations continue their valuable work during the strangest of times as we continue to navigate the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and move towards future stages of recovery.

We have collectively identified the following three priorities, from which our work is focussed:

1. Understanding the real impact of Covid-19 and the challenges facing the sector.
2. Addressing funding gaps, recognising offers of support and working together.
3. Getting communication right is essential to long term success.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Oonagh Quinn ([Oonagh@hwlincs.co.uk](mailto:Oonagh@hwlincs.co.uk))

## **Strategic Development Advisor (SDA) Programme**

With support from the County Council and the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP), VET has now provided 21 bite size pieces of free consultancy to voluntary and community sector groups across Lincolnshire. We have now established a team of advisers from within the sector, who are able to help organisations interested in further developing their approach to key issues.

We hope to identify some additional resources to roll this programme out further. Whilst we currently build up the case for our next tranche of funding if you would like to explore the potential to access support for your organisation please contact Ivan Annibal ([ivan.annibal@roseregeneration.co.uk](mailto:ivan.annibal@roseregeneration.co.uk)). It is important to note that this is a programme of tailored advice not a grant scheme. If you would like some help with thinking about the process of applying for grants more widely we will still seek to point you in the right direction!

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