



## One West Lancs Forum and Showcase

Over 150 people from 68 public, private and voluntary sector organisations attended the **third One West Lancs Forum and Showcase event** on July 6th 2016 at Edge Hill University.

The Forum provides input into key West Lancs issues and is an arena where information about West Lancashire developments can be shared and discussed.

The event was officially opened by the Mayor of West Lancashire Cllr Liz Savage and the theme of the day was 'Getting West Lancs Active'. The full report can be found [here](#) and presentations included:

- Sandra Bonner, West Lancs Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG): [the health case for being physically and socially active](#)
- Pamela Holstein, West Lancs Borough Council: [helping residents of West Lancs get digitally connected](#)
- Anne Strachan, CrowdFunding: [opportunities for fundraising through Crowdfunding](#) and some good examples of successful campaigns
- 'Crossing the Line' – film by the Artz Centre, Skelmersdale: The film is part of a new initiative to help young people recognise the risks of becoming involved in organised crime. More information here: [www.artzcentre.co.uk/artz-centre-launch-national-crime-film/](http://www.artzcentre.co.uk/artz-centre-launch-national-crime-film/)
- Launch of Active West Lancs: a partnership of 5 local organisations aiming to provide activities to get West Lancs more active. Read the presentation [here](#). Website: [www.activewestlancs.org](http://www.activewestlancs.org)

*One West Lancs is a partnership of the local voluntary, public and business sectors which aims to improve the quality of life for everyone in West Lancashire*

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## Queen's Award for Voluntary Service winners

Congratulations to two North West groups who have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service - the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK and the equivalent of the MBE.

**Skem Men-Aces** is a football team for adults with learning disabilities based in Skelmersdale. Since forming in July 2009 the club has grown to over 40 members and its popularity goes from strength to strength.



**North West Blood Bikes** work in the community to provide a free, out of hours service delivering life saving items between NHS hospitals - including urgent and emergency blood, platelets, samples, donor breast milk, patient notes, theatre equipment, in fact anything that can be carried by motorcycle.

Formed in May 2012 the charity completes over 800 runs per month. The service is provided through the night, at weekends and on Bank Holiday including Christmas and New Year. The service is run by almost 300 volunteers with varying roles - including riders, call controllers and fundraisers.





# Getting Active in West Lancs

A good example of what 'getting active' means was given by a group of visually impaired cricketers from the Galloways Society for the Blind, when they attended the One West Lancs Forum in July. They played a short exhibition cricket game on the field inside the Edge Hill running track and demonstrated that having a disability is no barrier to people enjoying sport.

The group currently trains and play their matches at Mawdesley Cricket Club, which is one of three disability focus cricket clubs set up by the Lancashire Cricket Board in Lancashire last year. The Club is eager to attract more players with disabilities to take up the game and those interested should contact Martin Trengove by email: [martin.trengove@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:martin.trengove@yahoo.co.uk).



A short and inspiring five minute film of the visual impaired cricket sessions run at Mawdesley Cricket Club can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrzLkR7Z9eU&feature=youtu.be>



## 'Show What You Grow' schools' celebration

School children from all over West Lancashire celebrated their growing achievements recently at the 'Show What You Grow' 2016 festival of school gardening.

Over 65 green fingered children from 10 schools brought school grown produce, homemade scarecrows and displays of drawings, paintings and photos of their gardening work to the event at West Lancashire College on 13th July, and enjoyed a day of activities and prize giving.

The event was organised by the Community Food Growing Project of West Lancs CVS in conjunction with West Lancs Allotment Federation and West Lancashire College, and was funded by Upholland Tawd Vale Lions. The Community Food Growing Project is funded by Lancashire County Council as part of the Active West Lancs programme.

The event was supported by the local business community – M.A Forshaw provided all the vegetables and prizes were donated by Altys of Hesketh Bank, L S Systems of Tarleton and Morrisons supermarket.





## Get Behind the Mayor's Challenge for Local Charities

Councillor Liz Savage is aiming to raise £52,000 during her Mayoral year to be split between four worthy causes. She is working on several events with her charity committee over the next few months including:

- **Fashion Show at The Civic:** 8th October - Noon – 5pm  
*Tickets £6 from CD Music Academy 01695 821755*
- **Rising Stars UK Night at the Oscars:** 8th October 7.30pm at The Civic  
*Tickets £7.50 from CD Music Academy 01695 821755*
- **1980's Civic Disco:** 4th November at The Civic  
*Tickets £5 from Ann England 01695 585033*

The four local causes are:

- **The Neo Natal Unit, Ormskirk:** 24/7 intensive care of newborn babies
- **The Birchwood Centre:** working with young people (13-25 years old) to prevent homelessness and improve well-being.
- **The Artz Centre:** offers a wide range of creative opportunities to people of all ages including drama, singing and dance.
- **The Civic:** working to provide an excellent, community-orientated venue for cultural entertainment and special events

Liz grew up in Ormskirk, attended local schools and is a councillor for Ashurst ward in Skelmersdale. She is passionate about supporting all things West Lancs and lives in Tarleton.

She is asking the West Lancs voluntary, public and business sectors to get behind the challenge and is also offering 3 Mayoral Charity Trophies for schools.

For more information, please follow her on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestLancashireMayorLizSavage2016/?fref=nf>, and Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LizCllr>

# Lancashire Young Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (LYAAN)

Forty Four young people have signed up to an initiative to promote apprenticeships across Lancashire.

The Lancashire Young Apprenticeship Ambassador Network (LYAAN) is part of a county-wide drive to increase training and employment opportunities for young people and improve skills.

The apprenticeship ambassadors are all either current apprentices or former apprentices who want to highlight the benefits of taking part in the Apprenticeship programme to employers and other young people. They will speak about their experiences at schools, youth clubs and careers fairs and meet employers face to face to encourage them to take on Apprentices.

The network is a joint initiative set up by the Lancashire Skills and Employment Hub, which is part of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP), and the Lancashire Work Based Learning Executive Forum, a consortium of Lancashire apprenticeship providers.



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## One West Lancs Thematic Groups

To date One West Lancs Thematic Groups have been set up looking at issues in the following areas:

- [Skills, Training and Employment Partnership \(STEP\)](#)
- [Community Safety Partnership](#)
- [Health and Wellbeing Partnership](#)
- [Children and Young People](#)
- [People and Communities](#)
- [Ageing Well Partnership](#)
- [Transport](#)

The above links will take you to pages on the One West Lancs website where information on the thematic groups and copies of their action plans, minutes and agendas can be found.

**[www.onewestlancs.org](http://www.onewestlancs.org)**