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SIGNIFICANT FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR 3RD SECTOR DURING COVID-19

The National Lottery Community Fund are working with Government to support organisations or partnerships at the heart of their community to continue to deliver services to people or communities affected by Covid-19. Funding of between £10,000 and £100,000 is available to both deliver services, and overcome acute financial difficulties as a result of the pandemic.

Funding is generally expected to last for six months. HLC are currently exploring a partnership application to help build partner/learner capacity, please contact your Contract Manager or Paul.Rands@hlc-vol.org if you would be interested in developing this further. For more information see [LINK](#).



TO OPEN OR NOT TO OPEN.... PART 2...

Since our update on 4th June, Government guidance on delivering face-to-face learning has not changed. Currently, only very restricted primary, secondary and 16-19 year old cohorts have access to limited face-to-face delivery. The Government guidance published on 1st June states, "at the point we think it is appropriate for more (people) to return, we will revise this guidance." The DfE update published on 15th June states, "We would not normally expect adults to be included in the cohort returning to on-site delivery, subject to the flexibilities already announced." See [LINK](#)

Given that we expect social distancing to be around in some form or other for some time, which will restrict access to classrooms, we think it is likely that blended learning, with on-going virtual support and limited face-to-face delivery, will be an integral part of HLC and learning delivery going forward.

Paul Rands
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HLC ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR A WINTER AWARDS CEREMONY....

Before the lock down HLC had begun making plans for a star-studded awards ceremony to be held at the Hilton Hotel, in Hull, on the 9th December 2020.

HLC have decided to continue to go ahead and plan for this event in the hope that it can still be held (subject to Government guidelines), as we feel that everyone needs something to look forward to in these unprecedented times.

The evening will consist of award presentations for participants on each contract within HLC including; Building Better Opportunities (BBO), This-Ability, Springboard YEI, AEB/Traineeships,

Community Local-Led Development (CLLD) and Community Grants. There will also be other awards on the evening, details of which will follow soon.

HLC would like you to nominate those people within your projects that you feel deserve extra recognition for their outstanding contribution to participation in learning, attendance, achievement, distance-travelled or just their sheer determination to make a difference.

If you would like to nominate someone, please follow this [LINK](#) for the Nomination Form. You can nominate up to three people per organisation. We will invite the shortlisted nominees only, a guest of their choice and a representative from the nominating organisation to attend the evening's events.

We will be sending invites out as soon as we have shortlisted the applications. For further enquiries please contact vicky.holbeck@hlc-vol.org.



SAFEGUARDING NEWS....

Look out for HLC's monthly safeguarding newsletter launching next Wednesday.

The new, improved newsletter will explore current safeguarding and prevent issues across our delivery area. It will also come with a step-guide to HLC's safeguarding and reporting process, and will be circulated to all our partners and will be available to view on HLC's QUIP site.

For more information, please contact Sophia.white@hlc-vol.org.

NEW FEATURE!!.... 'TALES FROM LOCK DOWN'...SHARING EXPERIENCES OF COVID-19 FROM ACROSS THE NETWORK...

HLC's BBO Key Worker, Jo Dando, talks to us about what life's been like for her teaching her twins, making new friendships on her doorstep and having the time to make 300 masks for the NHS!...

What's your experience of lock down been like?

Being a single mum to teenagers, I found I had to put a lot of my thoughts and feelings to one-side to try to reassure them. Plus the home-schooling of them both. My twins have taken different subjects at school, so that's been tricky whilst working from home.

On a positive note, I live in a cul-de-sac with 15 other houses, some neighbours have lived there for 20, 30 years. A couple of them have previously exchanged Christmas cards or said hi but during COVID-19 we have managed to build up a really good support network. My daughter and I put invites out for the V.E day garden parties, not knowing if any of them would actually do it. However on the day there were 10 out of the 15 houses setting up flags, decorating their gardens and we all had a lovely day.

Since then we have met every Saturday, sat out in the street!



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How have you found working from home? (Best bits and most challenging aspect?)

The most challenging parts has got to be staying in one place all day. I am always usually out and about helping others, supporting them. So being restricted to one place and only being able to offer support over the phone has been hard.

The best parts has got to be the fact that we work for such a supportive organisation. Being able to be flexible with my working hours. I have been able to take breaks as and when the children have needed me, and split my hours between early morning and evenings too.

Setting-up a WhatsApp group with my team has been great, regular zoom meetings and I've have done some doorstep/garden gate visits to some of the most vulnerable participants, and I feel that has probably helped me more than them.

What have you learnt about yourself during lockdown?

I have had to learn to become more resilient with my own mental health and well-being. Learning that I sometimes need to put myself first.



Have you learnt any new hobbies or skills?

I haven't learnt any new skills as such but I have put some existing ones to different uses. I have made 75 scrubs bags and over 300 face masks that have gone to the NHS, local Care Homes, and some of the services that provide support to vulnerable people. I have also been using my self-taught woodworking skills to make Hexagons, to brighten up the front garden. I hadn't been able to concentrate on reading much before the lock down but this has give me the boost I needed. So I have joined a couple of book clubs, read over 15 books and I am now in the process of making a bookcase from scaffold boards.



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If you could go back to the start of lock down with what you know now, what would you tell yourself?...

That I DO NOT need to eat samples of all the extra baking and cooking I have done for the family and for the neighbours ha ha!!!...

What would you like to see carry on post lock down?

In a work capacity I would like to see the regular contact and openness continue.

For me most importantly, we have seen so many acts of kindness without there being a huge price to pay afterwards (financially, physically or emotionally), I would like that to continue.



If you would like to share your story of lock down, then please email Katie.freeman@hlc-vol.org.



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