

## Walsall Disability Forum- Weekly Bulletin 12 June 2015

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### **W'EYES - Walsall consumer group for blind and partially sighted people**

WEYES are a registered charity for blind and partially sighted people, who meet in the Walsall Hub building 17 Lichfield Street, Walsall. They meet on the first Thursday evening of every month from 7 to 9 pm, except in August. WEYES are campaigning to improve services for all blind and partially sighted people in Walsall. These services include transport, information, finances, education, I.T. training and leisure activities.

The group also have social activities, in the past these have included meals out, bowling, BBC tours, quizzes and Aston Villa football matches.

WEYES have a monthly speaker and lots of lively discussion and are very keen to warmly welcome all who are interested, to attend meetings. For more information contact:

Michael Hodgson (Chairman) via email: [Hodgson2014@gmail.com](mailto:Hodgson2014@gmail.com) or call 01922 628027

Alternatively you can call Anita Warrender on [anita@warrender.me.uk](mailto:anita@warrender.me.uk)/ 0121 353 4893.

[www.walsalleyes.org](http://www.walsalleyes.org)

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# ASTF TALK Project June 2015 Training

## June training:

Talk training courses available in June 2015:

5C – In Work Benefits - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 10am – 1pm  
First Base, The Small Street Centre, 1a Small Street, WS1 3PR

1C Customer Care – Putting the Customer First - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10am – 2pm  
First Base, The Small Street Centre, 1a Small Street, WS1 3PR

For further information contact Martine Grayland-Moorcraft Tel: 01922 700667  
(voicemail facility)/ Email: [martinegrayland-moorcraft@cab.walsall.org.uk](mailto:martinegrayland-moorcraft@cab.walsall.org.uk)

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## Here to Stay event – Mencap

Mencap have been asked to support Wolverhampton University who have been working with the Association for Real Change, to promote a local event in Walsall.

The project is funded by the Big Lottery and is aimed at adults with a learning disability from BME communities and New Migrant communities. The main aim of organising the local event directed at migrant communities is to raise awareness of learning disabilities and appropriate support available in migrant communities and bring this group to the attention of the service providers.

Our main responsibility is marketing and facilitating the event which will take place on 16 June at the Forest Arts Centre, Walsall.

If you would like further information or would like to attend the event please contact: Liz Watling Advocacy Service Manager,  
Mob: 07961988420  
Email: [Elizabeth.Watling@mencap.org.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.Watling@mencap.org.uk)

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## Walsall Partnership Meeting Dates and Funding Opportunities

North Walsall Area Panel meetings have been confirmed. The meetings are listed below, all commence at 6pm:

- 7 July 2015 at Burrowes Street TMO
- 17 September 2015 at Blakenall Village Centre
- 17 November 2015 at Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre
- 2 February 2016 at Burrowes Street TMO

- 7 April 2016 at Blakenall Village Centre

All are welcome to attend these meetings.

For any group that is intending to submit a funding application for the next Area Panel on the 7 July, please note the following rules:-

- A funding form and guidance notes are attached in this email
- You must have a meeting with your Area Manager to discuss your funding application before submitting your bid
- All bids must be delivering a project which impacts on the priorities of the Walsall Plan which are:

1. Supporting business to thrive and supporting local people into work.
2. Improving health including well being and independence for older people.
3. Creating Safe and Sustainable Communities – Reducing levels of crime and providing the right environment for people to live in.
4. Improving Safeguarding and Learning and Life Chances for Children and Young People.

(Full details can be found following this link <http://walsallpartnership.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/The-Walsall-Plan-2013-16.pdf>)

- Your bid must be submitted as a hard copy (electronic versions are not accepted)
- Your bid must be signed by the applicant
- Quotes must be attached for any funding that is being applied for to Area Partnerships
- Your bid must be submitted and with your Area Manager no later than 5pm on Tuesday 16 June, 2015 for the next panel date of 7 July. (For later panel dates please speak to me)
- Absolutely no bids will accepted after this date and will be put forward to the next Area Panel on the 17 September 2015.

If you want to discuss a funding application, please don't hesitate to contact Vanessa Croft on 01922 653714 to set up a meeting.

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## North Walsall Big Spring Clean

North Walsall Birchills/Leamore, Blakenall, Bloxwich East and Bloxwich West

*Let's clean up together! Litter Pick, Volunteers Required!*

Monday 22 June – Litter pick at Miner Street – meet in the street at 10am.

Tuesday 23 June – Litter pick at West Street, Leamore – meet in the street at 10am.

Wednesday 24 June – Litter pick at Mossley – meet on green space by Abbey School at 10am.

Thursday 25 June – Litter pick on Birchills canal – meet by Navigation Pub at 10am.

Thursday 25 June – Litter pick by Mossley shops – meet by shops at 6pm to help the scouts.

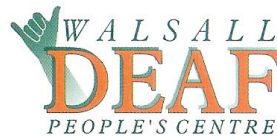
Thursday 25 June – Litter pick at Leckie Road and Cannon Street – meet on the green at 5.30pm.

Thursday 25 June – Litter pick by Mossley shops – meet by shops at 6pm to help the scouts.

Friday 26 June – Litter pick at Beechdale Park – meet at entrance to park by children's centre at 10am.

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## British Sign Language Courses – Starting September



59A Lichfield Street, Walsall, West Midlands, WS4 2BX.

[Want to Learn British Sign Language?](#)

Walsall Deaf People's Centre offers accredited Qualifications,

Level 1, 2, Pre-Level 3 & Level 3.

Come and learn from Qualified, Experienced Deaf Tutors

in an exceptional Centre, at the Heart of the Deaf Community.

We are looking into starting Pre-Level 6 & Level 6 at the Centre,

Please inform us if you would like to join.

For further details, please telephone

01922 614794 or e-mail [training@walsalld deaf.org.uk](mailto:training@walsalld deaf.org.uk)

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## Vote for Walsall Deaf People's for Cannock Sainsbury's Charity of the Year

To vote please follow the link: [www.sainsburyslocalcharity.co.uk](http://www.sainsburyslocalcharity.co.uk)

Type in your postcode and select the Cannock Store (Voyager Drive, Orbital Retail Centre, WS11 8XP)

You will then see Walsall Deaf People's Centre – Please Vote for them!!!

Voting Starts 15 June – 28 June 2015

Thank you

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## EU 'Building Better Opportunities' programme

The Big Lottery Fund has recently published project outlines for the EU 'Building Better Opportunities' programme. Up to £24 million is available and applications are invited from lead organisations working with a series of contracted delivery partners. The closing date is 3 August 2015.

Black Country Together CIC, Steps to Work, Walsall Housing Group/Accord Group and Heart of England Community Foundation are inviting VCS organisations with an interest in delivering activities under the programme to information events.

These three events will provide information on our vision for programme delivery and seek potential delivery partners. All events will cover the same information so you only need to attend one.

**Monday 22nd June – Brierley Hill 2 pm – 4 pm.** Click to book a place at the [Brierley Hill](#) event

**Wednesday 24th June – Wolverhampton 10 am – 12 noon.** Click to book a place at the [Wolverhampton](#) event

**Friday 26th June – Walsall – 10 am – 12 noon.** Click to book a place at the [Walsall](#) event

- Steps to Work are bidding to lead the 'Employment support for over 24's' strand worth £10.6 million.
- The Heart of England Community Foundation are bidding to lead the 'Targeted Communities' strand worth £5 million.
- Black Country Together CIC is bidding to lead the 'Families in Poverty' strand worth £3.4 million.
- Walsall Housing Group and Accord Group are bidding to lead the 'Financial & Digital Inclusion' strand worth £3.9 million

Places are limited so initially it is 1 person per organisation.

We strongly recommend you read the [LEP's Black Country Project Outlines](#) and the [Lottery's Programme Guide](#) before deciding if this is the right thing for your organisation to consider.

Warning: delivering EU funding is complicated and time consuming. If you are looking for small grant funding this is not the right programme for you.

These events are supported by Dudley CVS, Sandwell CVO, Walsall VA and Wolverhampton VSC.