

Partnership News

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Welcome to 'Partnership News', the fortnightly briefing for everyone involved in the partnerships striving to improve lifestyles for individuals and communities throughout Lincolnshire.

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Special Message from the Chair

Message from the Rt Revd Dr John Saxbee, Bishop of Lincoln & Chair of the Lincolnshire Assembly

“We all saw the devastation caused by the Haiti earthquake. Reaching those buried beneath collapsed buildings proved to be a slow and difficult task with little infrastructure left to support the relief effort. Yet it continued day after day, and the sheer courage, skill and determination of rescue teams brought moments of relief and joy amidst the cries of pain and loss.

Amongst those teams of tireless relief workers were Fire and Rescue Officers from Lincolnshire who distinguished themselves in the face of formidable odds. This was partnership working at its very best and their achievements are ones of which they can be proud, and which we acknowledge on their return with respect and gratitude”.



Rescue Camp in Haiti

Sustainable Community Strategy - latest

L FACTOR UPDATE - Significant consultation has been taking place over the last two months with key stakeholders from all the public sector partners in order to gain a clear understanding about what the project should deliver and to gain commitment to emerging proposals

The key business drivers for the L factor are commonly agreed to be:-

- o Lincolnshire-wide issues can only be effectively solved by leaders working together
- o There are potential cost efficiencies to be gained by sharing resources and expertise

The Theme 6 Group has given its support to the emerging proposals and detailed work will now take place with representative partners to drive them forward.

Leadership Master classes

The first in a series of leadership master classes has been widely advertised and will take place on 24th February at Hemswell Court, near Gainsborough. The first session features Dr Beverly Alimo-Metcalf on the topic of “Engaging leadership: creating organisations that maximise the potential of their people”

Business and Personal Transformation Programme

An exciting and innovative programme is being developed with Lincoln University to equip middle managers with the knowledge, skills and expertise to transform public services in Lincolnshire through excellent leadership and partnership working.

Disability Facilities Grants

The L-factor has match funded a piece of work with West Lindsey and North Kesteven District Councils to look at how the DFG process could be improved for services users. Frontline staff from the two Districts and Lincolnshire County carried out an analysis of the current process to understand how it could be re-designed from a service user's perspective. The data they uncovered was startling – it could take up to 1300 days to get a simple adaptation installed and on average takes in excess of a year! By gaining knowledge of the existing DFG process

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the team were able to re-design a different way which of working that focused upon the needs of the service user. A pilot of the new process was approved by Directors across LCC, WLDC and NKDC to commence upon the 24th January to prove the concept and then roll out to all District Authorities. **For any information about the L factor, please contact the Project Manager, Helen Nicholson on 01529 416060 or e-mail Helen.nicholson@lpct.nhs.uk**

Performance Information Update

Quarter 2 reports are now published on the Lincolnshire Assembly website - please note that for quarter 2 there are separate reports for the SCS and LAA, please see links below:

SCS - <http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=27677>

LAA - <http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?catId=24211>

In the Media

'Heroic' team returns from Haiti - The UK International Search and Rescue team, led by Lincolnshire's chief fire officer Mike Thomas, have returned from earthquake-devastated Haiti, after taking part in an operation that saved at least 126 lives. The 72-strong team – whose efforts have been described as 'heroic' – joined other emergency services from around the globe to free people from the rubble, as well as provide emergency transportation and medical assistance to hundreds of casualties.

News from our Partnerships

Improving health services for the homeless - Staff who have contact with the homeless are asked to encourage them to take part in a project that will improve health services for those living on the streets. Lincolnshire is one of nine areas selected to pilot the national Homeless Health Needs Audit and anyone who has been homeless in

Lincolnshire within the last 12 months can take part. An online survey is available at

<http://survey.homelesslink.org.uk/index.php?sid=92281&lang=en>

Paper versions are available from richard.cumbers@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Health and Wellbeing Showcase event - The Health and Wellbeing Fund is a joint strategic partnership between NHS Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire County Council. The partnership was set up to:

- Address the health and social inequalities that exist in some populations;
- Address low incomes by enhancing the employment prospects, education and skills of local people, particularly the young and those at a disadvantage, and promote equality of opportunity;
- Improve housing and housing conditions for local people through physical improvements, better maintenance, improved management and greater choice and diversity;
- Enhance the quality of life and capacity to contribute to local regeneration of local people, including their health and cultural and sports opportunities;
- Support people to improve their lifestyles in ways likely to be of benefit to themselves and other.

An invitation to express an interest in developing initiatives to meet priority areas within the Fund closed at the end of December 2008. There were over 200 expressions of interest, ranging from £50,000 to over £1,000,000 submitted by public, private and third sector organisations. To date 17 projects have been supported which include: You and Mii makes Wii, LIVES Expansion, Boston Placecheck, Exercise Referral, Prince's Trust Team Project Expansion and Community Walks. ***On 24th February 2010 - Health and Wellbeing Fund Showcase event (open to all) 13:30 - 16:15. To obtain a booking form please email:***

james.sharples@lincolnshire.gov.uk

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Lincolnshire chosen as regional pilot site - Lincolnshire has been chosen by the Department of Health to be the East Midlands pilot site for a project helping youngsters with learning disabilities get into work. 30 people aged between 14 and 25 will be involved in the programme, which will see local organisations working closely together to make the young person's aspirations a reality. To find out more, contact Lisa Holmes at lisa.holmes@lincolnshire.gov.uk

"After Copenhagen" - On Tuesday January 26th over 120 people the Lincolnshire After Copenhagen conference. The primary objective of the conference was to enlighten critics, address and embrace the issue, and create a county wide awareness of the risks and promote action to the cause. Delegates heard the national and international picture from two highly respected speakers and then focussed on the Lincolnshire response - what is already happening and considering what should. Lord Anthony Giddens discussed his experiences of the Copenhagen Climate Summit last December. He stressed how collaboration between national governments and international bodies is fundamental for strong international agreements to limit the impacts of climate change. Lord Giddens identified the failings in the current system and the disappointment at the final outcome of The Copenhagen Accord.

Hardin Tibbs addressed the society wide impacts of climate change. He developed his argument from pre-industrialisation to emphasise the present day impact of human kind and our impact on natural resources. He referenced population explosion, the corresponding stresses on resources and the environment and the real price of industrialisation. Richard Belfield the Assistant Director of Environmental, Planning and Transport at Lincolnshire County Council examined the local impacts and acknowledged the risks Lincolnshire faces. Richard reviewed Lincolnshire County Council's agenda on tackling the causes and effects of climate change and progress on local initiatives, such as the Coastal Pathfinder project and the energy from waste plant.

Further information and details of all the presentations and speakers are available on the EPIC Lincolnshire website (www.epic-lincolnshire.org).

Waterways website launched – Anglian Water has developed a new website to help promote tourism, leisure and recreation on the region's navigable rivers and waterways. The website can be found at <http://www.visitanglianwaterways.co.uk/>

Consultation & Community Engagement

Helping older people to live independently - Do you have a view about how older people should be helped to live independently in their own homes? If so, please take part in a short survey about the support available. The survey is open to everyone in Lincolnshire, regardless of age or whether they have contact with an older person. To take part, visit www.Lincolnshire.gov.uk/supporting_independence before 1st March.

Shared Evidence Base

A slight increase in Lincolnshire's unemployed - The number of Lincolnshire people unemployed and claiming benefit increased by 417 during December to a total of 15,527. However, the official statistics show that the county's unemployment rate of 3.8 per cent remains below both the regional and national rates (4.0 and 4.1 per cent). The full report, which includes unemployment information by the new economic zones, is available from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory at <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

County's annual economic assessment published - Lincolnshire Research Observatory has just published its annual economic assessment for the county as part of its Drivers for Change series of publications. Lincolnshire - Measuring Local Resilience provides an insight into the issues, impacts, challenges and potential opportunities arising as a result of the recession at a local level. The document is available at: <http://shared.research-lincs.org.uk>

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Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 9th Feb **Boston Area Partnership** - Boston Mayflower, Boston (by invitation)
- 11th Feb **East Lindsey LSP** - London Road Sports Pavilion, Louth (by invitation)
- 11th Feb **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 22nd Feb **SCS Environment Theme meeting** - tbc
- 24th Feb **Health and Wellbeing Fund Showcase** - 13:30 - 16:15, The Lawn, Lincoln (open to all). Contact james.sharple@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- 25th Feb **Lincs Leaders / Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 26th Feb **SCS Good Connections Theme meeting** - City Hall, Lincoln
- 4th March **Lincolnshire Day** - National Golf Centre, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 4th March **Lincolnshire Coaches Network** – University of Lincoln, for details contact Hayley.cook@lincolnshiresports.co.uk
- 17th March **South Kesteven LSP** - Gallery, Arts Centre, Grantham (by invitation)
- 17th March **West Lindsey LSP** – Council Offices, Marshall's Yard, Gainsborough (by invitation)
- 18th March **SCS Planning Group** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 18th March **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 22nd March **North Kesteven LSP** - Council Offices, Kesteven Street, Sleaford (by invitation)
- 24th March **Lincolnshire Assembly Executive** – Bishop's House, Lincoln (by invitation)

The next edition of Partnership news is due on 17th February 2010, your deadline for inclusion in this publication will be Friday 12th February at 12pm. Please send all content to lincolnshireassembly@lincolnshire.gov.uk