

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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Sustainable Community Strategy - latest

Lincolnshire Assembly “An age of Opportunity” - last week in Woodhall Spa Lincolnshire Assembly held its first event of the year. Unlike previous events, this time the Assembly opened to a wider audience, over 100 people attended.

The afternoon started with a factual presentation from the Lincolnshire Research Observatory featuring Lincolnshire’s ageing demographics and future projections. The room then broke out into a marketplace activity giving people the opportunity to network with providers and agencies that currently provide services to older people.

The event has been positively received because it provided an opportunity for different agencies and representative groups to understand what services are available and what challenges lay ahead. The SCS theme groups will in due course discuss how the issues raised on the day can be supported by their activities.

If you attended the event, we would welcome your comments and feedback, please email lincolnshireassembly@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Performance Information Update

Quarter 3 reports - the new single reports are now available on the Lincolnshire Assembly website:

SCS theme reports:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=85572>

SCS partner reports:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=85553>

LAA indicator report:

<http://www.lincolnshireassembly.com/section.asp?docId=85572>

In the Media

Lincolnshire prepared for small scale incidents - Emergency supplies stockpiled in Lincolnshire will only be enough to look after evacuated residents during small scale incidents rather than major incidents, according to the Lincolnshire Echo.

(source: Lincolnshire Echo website)

Boycott threatens Sats test chaos - Head teachers have announced plans to boycott May's Sats tests for primary school pupils in England. It throws into confusion the national tests due to be taken by hundreds of thousands of 10 and 11 year olds. For more details, please see: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/8635017.stm>

(source: BBC)

Publisher says parents must let children choose what they read - Michael Norris, an American publishing expert, will release findings in the Book Publishing Report which show that well-meaning parents often unintentionally stop their children from picking up the reading habit. Instead they should let the youngsters choose what they read:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2010/apr/25/children-books-advice-for-parents> (source: The Guardian website)

Market towns 'will die in 10 years unless we can improve them' - Market towns in Lincolnshire could be dead within 10 years if more is not done to rejuvenate their economies, it has been claimed. Lincolnshire County Council is looking to carry out more research into what can be done to further improve market towns, including Sleaford, Market Rasen, Horncastle and Alford. For more details: please see: <http://www.thisislincolnshire.co.uk/news/Market-towns-die-10-years/article-2053069-detail/article.html> (source: Lincolnshire Echo)

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News from our Partnerships

Working Together Better - A number of activities are now well underway to support leaders in the public sector in Lincolnshire to *work together better*, which explains the new title for this work stream.

The whole focus of our work over the next year will be about finding the most efficient and effective ways for leaders to work together, to optimise the use of public funds, actively seeking out waste and duplication to ensure the best possible value for money for our tax payers.

“Leading into the Future” programme - Recruitment will soon begin for the innovative “Leading into the Future” programme which has been designed from scratch to meet the needs of our leaders who are feeling the impact of cutbacks and having to inspire and lead through turbulent times. The programme will equip our leaders to find innovative and collaborative ways to overcoming organisational bureaucracies and focus on the delivery of outcomes for the people of Lincolnshire. The programme is being run by the University of Lincoln and will start in September 2010.

Coaching Development Programme - Funding has now been agreed for 24 places on the Coaching Development programme which will enable us to develop high-quality coaches who can work as internal coaches across the public sector in Lincolnshire. Recruitment to this programme will also begin shortly.

Leadership Master Classes - The next in the series of Master Classes takes place on 30th April with Robin Ryde talking about Thought Leadership. The response has been over-whelming so thank you to everyone who has reserved a place and apologies to those who haven't been allocated a place this time.

For any information about the Working Together Better programme, please contact the Project Manager, Helen Nicholson on 01529 416060 or e-mail Helen.nicholson@lpct.nhs.uk

Advice for parents - The Parent Partnership Service has launched a new website to provide information, advice and support to parents about special educational needs and school admissions. The web address is www.lincolnshireparentpartnership.org.uk

Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival - The sixth Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival will be launched on the 22 May at Withcall, west of Louth. The festival continues until 6 June and more details are available at: www.woldswalkingfestival.co.uk

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership - launch new interactive website. The Lincolnshire Sports Partnership launched their new website on Friday 23rd March 2010. The new site has been designed to give users a more interactive and accessible experience and includes social networking tools such as Twitter, Flickr and YouTube. Also there is a “Championing Lincolnshire” section which looks forward to the London 2012 Olympic Games where you can find blog style profiles of Lincolnshire’s top athletes and information on what’s happening in the county in the lead up to 2012 and Olympic countdown clocks. A new self populating club database will be launched in conjunction with the new site which will allow everyone to find a sports or physical activity club that meets their needs. Visit www.lincolnshiresports.com to see the new site and try out the new features.

Consultation & Community Engagement

Carers have their say - The Lincolnshire Carers Strategy for 2010 - 2013, about the work of the Lincolnshire Carers and Lincolnshire Young Carers Partnerships, is open to consultation until 30 April. To see the strategy and comment, view:

http://www.lpt.nhs.uk/templates/page_820.aspx

(source: Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust website)

Lincolnshire Police open day - Find out more about Lincolnshire Police at their open day on 9 May at Police Headquarters, Nettleham: <http://www.lincs.police.uk/News-Centre/Events/Police-Open-Day/Lincolnshire-Police-Open-Day.html> (source: Lincolnshire Police)

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Shared Evidence Base

A decrease in Lincolnshire's unemployed in March 2010 - The number of Lincolnshire people unemployed and claiming benefit decreased by 583 during March to a total of 15,818. The official statistics show that the county's unemployment rate of 3.9 per cent remains below both the regional and national rates (4.1 and 4.2 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>

On the Move

Head of Communications & Community Engagement, Janet Marshall will be leaving the County Council on April 30 after three and half years to rejoin the private sector.

Forthcoming Events & Meetings

- 29th April **SCS Environment Theme** - LCC (by invitation)
- 6th May **Lincs Leaders / Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)
- 6th May **Health & Homes for people with learning disabilities** – Woodland Water Grantham, www.lincs2life.org.uk/default.aspx?page=24013
- 9th May **Lincolnshire Police Open Day** - Police Headquarters, Nettleham: <http://www.lincs.police.uk/News-Centre/Events/Police-Open-Day/Lincolnshire-Police-Open-Day.html>
- 12th May **LSP Co-ordinators** - LCC (by invitation)
- 12th May **Lincolnshire Assembly Executive** - Lincoln (by invitation)
- 13th May **East Lindsey LSP Executive** - Meridian Leisure Centre, Louth (by invitation)

- 17th May **North Kesteven LSP Steering Group** – Council Offices, Sleaford (by invitation)
- 19th May **Rural Action Zone's Chief Executive's Forum** - tbc (by invitation)
- 20th May **Lincoln LSP Executive** - Friary Conference Room, Lincoln College (by invitation)
- 20th May **West Lindsey LSP Executive** - tbc (by invitation)
- 21st May **Health and Safety Course** - Commerce House, Outer Circle Road, Lincoln
anicholson@lincolnshire.coop
- 22nd May **Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival** - Withcall, Louth www.woldswalkingfestival.co.uk
- 24th May **Health & Wellbeing Group** – County Offices, Lincoln (by invitation)
- 25th May **SCS Vibrant Communities Theme** – Lincoln Central Library (by invitation)
- 26th May **South Kesteven LSP Executive** - tbc (by invitation)
- 26th May **SCS Good Connections Theme** - City Hall, Lincoln (by invitation)
- 27th May **SCS Economy Theme** - LCC (by invitation)
- 27th May **Lincs Chief Execs** - Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa (by invitation)

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