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Please contact individual Officers for further information about Activities and Events in your area. Contact details are located at the end of this newsletter.

Community Capacity Building Event

The Community Regeneration Team will be hosting a capacity building event on Friday 30th March between 12:00 – 16:00pm at Deans Community High School. The theme for the event is 'Community Capacity Building' and it is aimed at members and volunteers of community/voluntary groups operating within West Lothian.

The aim of the event is to support community groups to build skills that will help them to deliver services. We also want to consult with groups about what help they need to make their community group as effective as possible.

The event will be based around two short plenary sessions and two sessions of workshops. There are five workshops themes available to choose from and include the following.

Workshop A - Training – how can you determine the training needs of your group, and how can you meet these needs?

Workshop B – **Building membership of groups** – Practical ways to build the membership of your group

Workshop C – **Funding** – guidance on what funders are looking for and how to write a strong funding application – delivered by Indigo Consultants

Workshop D – **Planning & priority setting** – where will your group will be in five years? This session will help you decide, and plan how to get there.
Workshop E – **Community engagement** – ideas to help community representatives find out what their community of interest need and want.

For further information and to book a place contact Laura Machnik at laura.machnik@westlothian.gov.uk

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Armadale and Blackridge Ward
Community Regeneration Officers – Douglas Benson
Employment Adviser: Adam Kosterka

Date	Topic
Mondays	Work Club. Armadale Community Centre. 14:30 - 15:30pm. Further information from access2employment on 0800 032 9768.
Wednesdays	Teen Options Programme. For school leavers. Access2employment with Community Learning and Development. Commences on Wednesday 5th October. Armadale Academy. Further information from Adam Kosterka.
13th March	Armadale Youth Issues Group. Youth Space, Armadale, 18:00pm.

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Bathgate Ward
Community Regeneration Officer – Douglas Benson
Employment Adviser: Adam Kosterka

Date	Topic
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	Drop – In sessions. 12 – 20 year olds. Chill Out Zone, Bathgate. 18:30 - 20:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and 14:30 - 16:30pm on Friday.
Tuesdays and Thursdays	Access2employment sessions. Jobcentre Plus, The Advice Shop, Boghall Drop-In. Further information from access2employment on 0800 032 9768.
Saturdays	Street Fever Club for young people. Bathgate Academy. 18:30 - 21:30pm.
Mondays	Youth Action Project Music Club. Regal Theatre. 18:30 - 21:00pm.
Ongoing	Community Engagement re Boghall Community Facility

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Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh Ward
Community Regeneration Officer – Douglas Grierson
Employment Adviser: Kate Ashcroft

Date	Topic
Mondays	Health and Wellbeing Sessions. Winchburgh PS and Holy Family PS. Throughout March. 11:00am. Further information from Douglas Grierson.
Tuesday and Thursday	Access2employment sessions. Strathbrock Partnership Centre and Jobcentre Plus. Further information access2employment on 0800 032 9768.
Thursdays	Six week pilot RUTS Training for young people aged 16-19years in Winchburgh. Sessions commence 29th February. Further information from Douglas Grierson.
7th March	Broxburn Academy Careers Fair. Further information from Kate Ashcroft.
8th March	Broxburn and Uphall Youth Partners Group meeting. Broxburn Academy. 10:00am.

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East Livingston and East Calder Ward
Community Regeneration Officer – Claire Pattullo
Employment Adviser: Kate Ashcroft and Tracey Robertson

Date	Topic
Mondays	Work Club. Forestbank. 14:00 - 16:00pm. Further information from access2employment on 0800 032 9768.
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday	Access2employment. Almondbank Library, The Mall, Craigshill. 9:30am - 13:00pm and 13:30 - 17:00pm.
7th March	'Step Forward' Door Knocking. Craigshill.
1st March	Kirknewton Community Development Trust A.G.M. Village Hall, Kirknewton. 8:30am.
5th March	Craigshill Community Council meeting. Letham Primary School. 19:15pm.
7th March	Step Forward Door Knocking Campaign. Craigshill. 11:00 – 15:00pm.
8th March	East Livingston and East Calder Local Area Committee. Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Livingston. 14:00 – 16:00pm.
21st March	Craigshill Greenspace meeting. Craigsfarm, Craigshill. 19:00 – 21:00pm.

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Fauldhouse and The Breich Valley Ward
Community Regeneration Officer – Laura Machnik
Employment Adviser: June Sloan and Charlene Duncan

Date	Topic
Mondays and Tuesdays	Access2employment sessions. The Pit Stop, Addiewell and Fauldhouse Partnership Centre. Further information from access2employment on 0800 032 9768.
Wednesdays	Addiewell Food Co-Op. Addiewell Community House. 12:00 - 14:00pm.
Fridays	Polbeth Food Co-Op. Polbeth Village Hall. 10:00am - 13:00pm.
1st March	'Step Forward' Door Knocking at Fauldhouse, Longridge and Polbeth.
13th March	Wee Croft meeting. Redcroft Place, Bents. 10:00am.
13th March	Stoneyburn and Bents Future Vision Group meeting. Stoneyburn Community Centre. 18:30pm.

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Linlithgow Ward
Community Regeneration Officer – Douglas Grierson

Date	Topic
Wednesdays	Six week pilot RUTS Training for young people aged 16-19years in Bridgend begins. Sessions commence 1st March. Further information from Douglas Grierson.
Thursdays	Bridgend Youth Drop-In Café. Linlithgow Young People's Project. Bridgend Café and The Lounge, Linlithgow on alternate weeks. 19:00pm.
Fridays	Kick the Drink Friday Afternoon Football. Partnership work by Xcite, St. John's Church and Lothian and Borders Police. Xcite, Linlithgow.
6th March	Linlithgow Youth Group meeting. Xcite Linlithgow. 14:00pm.
7th March	Bridgend Partners Group meting. Bridgend Community Centre. 14:00pm.
21st March	Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge Town Centre Management Group meeting. County Buildings, Linlithgow. 8:15am.
27th March	Linlithgow Local Area Committee. County Buildings, Linlithgow. 8:00am.

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Livingston North Ward
Community Regeneration Officers – Rachel Johnson
Employment Adviser: Kate Ashcroft and Tracey Robertson

Date	Topic
Wednesdays	A2E 1 to 1 Sessions. Carmondean Library. 13:30 - 17:00pm.
Fridays	Fox Fridays. Multi activity programme. Deans CHS community wing. 12:30 - 19:00pm. Healthy lunch provided.
30th March	'Community Capacity Building' event. Deans Community High School. 12:00 – 16:00pm. For further information contact Laura Machnik.

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Livingston South Ward
Community Regeneration Officer – Rachel Johnson
Employment Adviser: Kate Ashcroft and Tracey Robertson

Date	Topic
Mondays	Work Club. Forestbank Community Centre. 13.30 - 17:00pm. Further information from access2employment on 0800 032 9768.
Tuesdays	Livingston Green Gym. Walled Garden, Howden Park. 10:00 - 13:00pm.
Wednesdays	Access2employment. West Lothian Connected, Jobcentre Plus. Contact JobCentre Plus Personal Adviser for appointments. P.M. only.
Fridays	Forestbank Youth drop in. Forestbank Community Centre. 16:15 - 18:15pm.
Sundays	Youth Drop-In. Crofthead Community Centre, Dedridge. 19:00 - 21:00pm.
1st March	St Margaret's Academy Careers Fair. Further information from Kate Ashcroft.
14th March	Health Issues in the Community Course taster session. Forestbank Community Centre, Ladywell. 13:00 – 15:00pm.

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Whitburn and Blackburn Ward
Community Regeneration Officer – Scott McKillop
Employment Adviser: Adam Kosterka and Lynn Kelly

Date	Topic
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday	Access2employment. Whitburn Library.9.30 - 13:00pm and 13:30 - 17:00pm. Further information or make an appointment ON 0800 032 9768.
Tuesdays	Access2employment. Blackburn Connected. Further information from access2employment on 0800 032 9768. P.M. only.
2nd March	Presentation of Whitburn and Greenrigg Primary Schools Art Competition Awards. Whitburn Community Centre. 10:00am.
6th March	Community Action Blackburn Steering Group. Blackburn Connected. 17:30pm.
6th March	Whitburn Community Development Trust meeting. Whitburn CDT Building, West Main Street, Whitburn. 19:00pm.
27th March	Whitburn Older People's Network meeting. Whitburn Bowling Club. 14:00pm.

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Public Health
Rili Craig, Angela Jenkins, Avril Hunter, George Scott (Rita Kisitu)

Date	Topic
Mondays	Healthy Respect Drop-In's (HRDI). Linlithgow Academy. 13:10 - 14:00pm HRDI. Whitburn Health. 12:30 - 14:00pm HRDI. Chill Out Zone, Bathgate. 17:00 - 18:30pm and 18:30 - 19:30pm
Tuesdays	HRDI. Boghall Community Health. 12:30 – 14:00pm HRDI. Inveralmond Community High School. 12:30 - 13:45pm.
Tuesdays	Together for Health Youth Club. For P6 to S1 pupils. Armadale Community Centre. 19:00 - 21:00pm.
Wednesdays	Dale Food Group. Fruit and Vegetable stall. Armadale Community Centre. 9:30 - 11.30am.
Wednesdays	HRDI. Burnhouse School, Whitburn. 12:30 - 13:30pm HRDI. West Lothian Connected, Livingston. NHS Health Desk. 12:00 - 14:00pm HRDI. Chill Out Zone, Bathgate. 17:00 - 18:30pm and 18:30 - 19:30pm
Wednesdays	Speakeasy Course (9 weeks). Support and advice for parents about relationships with children. Lanthorn Community Centre. Further information from Angela Jenkins.
Thursdays	HRDI. Strathbrock Community Wing. 12:30 - 14:00pm HRD. West Calder High School. 13:15 - 14:00pm HRDI. West Lothian Connected NHS Health Desk. 14:00 - 16:00pm HRDI. Chill Out Zone. 17:00 - 18:30 and 18:30 - 19:30pm
Fridays	Stop Smoking Group. Daisy Drop In Craigshill. 9:15 - 10:15am
Fridays	HRDI. Armadale Youth Space. 13:00 - 15:00pm. HRDI. Bathgate Primary Care Centre. 13:30 - 15:30pm. HRDI. West Lothian Connected, Livingston. NHS Health Desk 14:00 - 16:00pm.
Ongoing	Oral Health. Targeting primary schools and putting in place interventions to increase uptake of Duraphat (tooth varnishing). Further information from Angela Jenkins.
2nd March	Armadale Community Growing Garden Barbeque. Healthy eating and fun for the whole community. Further information from Rili Craig.
14th March	National No Smoking Day event. Fauldhouse. Further information from Angela Jenkins.
19th March	Sexual Health and Stop Smoking Workshops. Part of the 'Pamper Yourself Event' for Homeless People. Howden Park Centre, Livingston. Further information from Angela Jenkins.

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