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New and improved InformationNOW is live!

We are very excited to announce that the new look [InformationNOW](#) website is now available to you.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and explore the new features which includes:

- Brand new [events and activities](#) section
- [Find services and support in your area](#)
- Send us your comments (at the bottom of every page so you can feedback. Let us know if there's something you like or if something needs to be changed)
- [Register or login as a member or an organisation](#) - so you can save your favourite pages or give us information about the services you provide
- And so much more!

As with all development work we're still working on some tweaks to the new site so please let us know if there's anything that we can help with.

We will be contacting all organisations registered on the website as soon as possible with your new usernames and inviting you to log in to update your information. In the meantime you can [contact us directly](#) if you'd like to update your information. [Or reset your password on the site here](#).P.S. Save the date

You are invited to the official launch of the new and improved InformationNOW on Wednesday 26th April at Newcastle Civic Centre. More information will follow asap.

The Great Get Together in Honour of Jo Cox

Get involved in your local street party 17th-18th June

By asking people to come together for street parties, picnics and bake-offs, we hope to create the biggest street party since the Jubilee, and send a message to everyone. That there is more that unites than divides us.

The whole of the UK is getting behind the idea. And we'd love you to be a part of it.

[Visit their website](#)

[Download the flyer here](#)

What happens when women retire?

Working just as hard, but unpaid?

Five women talk about what retirement means to them and reveal the 'deep rooted gender issues' it has exposed.

[Read the article in full on The Guardian](#)

Newcastle City Library Digital Champion Volunteer Receives Inspirational Learner Award

Your Homes Newcastle (YHN) tenant Tasleem Akhtar, was awarded with an Inspirational Learner Award at the 2 Millionth Learner Awards held at the BT Tower in London.

Tasleem was chosen by the Good Things Foundation to receive her award because of her determination to help other whilst also continuing with her English studies.

Alongside her studies Tasleem volunteers as a YHN/Newcastle City Library Digital Champion supporting others from her community whose first language is not English to access and use the internet. She also volunteers on the reading programme at her son's school and works as a volunteer in a local cancer charity shop.

Despite all of the above, Tasleem, a single parent, is still continuing with her studies and since arriving in the UK in 2012 she has attended College and has achieved numerous qualifications in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). She has also passed her driving theory test which she did in English and is also practicing to take her driving test in the near future.

For further information about becoming a Digital Champion, please contact Lisa Dawson on 0191 2784292 or email Gonline@newcastle.gov.uk

Cancer, Older People and Advocacy 'Time: Our Gift To You'

The Older People's Advocacy Alliance (OPAAL) has launched a new publication telling a series of advocacy volunteering stories from its ground breaking Cancer, Older People and Advocacy programme. Called 'Time: Our Gift To You', there are 19 separate stories of older people affected by cancer supporting their peers. [Further details here.](#)

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer good practice guide

Mind have published a new [Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer good practice guide](#) to promote LGBTQ inclusion.

This new publication offers practical guidance for service providers on how to develop LGBTQ+ inclusive services through the implementation of affirmative practices.

Housing Choices and NDTi

National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) are producing a series of papers that pose questions about the reliability of some common held assumptions about different housing arrangements. It suggests that despite a growing range of housing and support solutions there is still an over reliance on traditional forms such as residential or nursing care.

In order to stimulate debate and to encourage an exploration of alternative options, NDTi have scoped the different housing and support options available for older people, people with learning disabilities and people with mental health problems. From this work they are producing a series of discussion papers (January and March 2017)

[Read more here](#)

'We never called it co-production but we've been doing it for the past 15 years'

Former music industry specialist and National Co-production member Kieran McMahon describes how he worked with colleagues to co-design and co-produce an accessible building for Disability Stockport. [Read more](#)

The Missing Billions - Report

The International Longevity Centre - UK (ILC-UK) has published an interesting report on the economic cost of failing to adapt our high street to respond to demographic change

[Read the report in full here](#)

Report - Save as you borrow: Credit Unions creating good habits

The [Fairbanking Foundation's](#) report considers the approach taken by credit unions to lending and shows how it is enabling members to save whilst they borrow.

[Moneywise Credit Union Ltd](#) is Newcastle's main credit union.

We're recruiting! Development Manager (Information and Advice) Maternity Cover

Job Opportunity at Age UK Newcastle - Quality of Life Partnership

Full Time 35 hours per week £24,646 - £27,052

Maternity Cover Fixed Term 12 Month Appointment

A new opportunity has arisen to join a small team to maintain and develop our award winning website InformationNOW.org.uk. You will also be responsible for promoting the website to a variety of audiences, including the production of our weekly InfoNOW News e bulletin.

Experience of delivering information and advice services and an understanding of multi-agency working, you should have sound knowledge of working with websites, databases and social media and excellent IT skills. You will also need an

understanding of and empathy with the needs and aspirations of older people.

For more information download

- [Job Description](#)
- [Advert](#)
- [Job Application](#)

How to apply

Age UK Newcastle values diversity, promotes equality and challenges discrimination, and is committed to providing equality of opportunity for all individuals. Applications are welcome regardless of gender, age, marital status, disability, religion, ethnic origin, political opinion, sexual orientation or whether or not you have dependents.

If you are interested in the above post and have the relevant experience, we would be delighted to hear from you. Information and application forms can be obtained by visiting the [Age UK Newcastle website](#) or by contacting us by email on recruitment@ageuknewcastle.org.uk Tel: 0191 235 9546.

You can also call in at Age UK Newcastle, 2nd Floor, Broadacre House, Market Street, Newcastle NE1 6HQ. CVs will not be considered.

For an informal chat about the post, please contact Lauren Hoy, Development Manager (Information and Advice) on 0191 208 2703 (Wednesday to Friday) or email lauren.hoy@newcastle.gov.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 3rd April 2017

Interview date: Wednesday 19th April 2017

Healthwatch Newcastle/Gateshead conference - 1 week left to book

Wednesday 5 April, 9.30am to 1pm, at The Beacon

The theme for the joint [Healthwatch Newcastle](#) and Healthwatch Gateshead conference is 'The whole me'.

Hear about recent research, including our findings and recommendations for special educational needs and/or disability (SEND) and care homes. With your help they will also look at their work priorities for Newcastle and Gateshead during 2017-18.

They are delighted to announce that [Tommy Whitelaw](#) will be the guest speaker at the

conference. Tommy became a dedicated dementia care campaigner after caring for his mother for five years.

Registration is between 9am to 9.25am, with lunch and networking from 1pm to 2pm.

Please book your place by 24 March

The Newcastle Fund Consultation

The Newcastle Fund is the Council's primary vehicle for grants to the voluntary and community sector (the VCS). In September 2016, the Council launched a Call for Evidence - Shaping the future of the Newcastle Fund to gather views and ideas on how the Newcastle Fund should look in the future. The findings of the engagement phase are published on the Newcastle Fund website.

The document takes the findings of the engagement phase in the context of the Council's broader commitments to cooperative working to present an outline change proposal for consultation

PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ AND RESPOND TO REPRESENT YOUR ORGANISATION

You can share your views on the proposal by:

- Writing using the postal address below:

Commissioner for Inclusion

Room 115

Newcastle Civic Centre

Barras Bridge

Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8QH

- Emailing your responses to newcastlefund@newcastle.gov.uk
- [Commenting on our Topic Wall](#)

The closing date for feedback is 12 noon on Thursday 6th April 2017

Do you look after a relative or friend?

Healthwatch North Tyneside want to hear from you

Are you a carer? Do you know where to get the information and support you need?
Have you had a Carers' Wellbeing Assessment?

Many adults who look after an adult family member or friend do not realise that they are a carer and that they are entitled to information and advice and possibly additional support.

Healthwatch want to find out whether unpaid carers know about and have access to information, advice and support to maintain their wellbeing. We would also like to know if you have had a Carers' Wellbeing Assessment and if it was helpful.

Let us know about your experiences. We will feed back your comments to help services improve. We can also signpost you to organisations to discuss your situation or concerns further.

The survey is open until April 3.

[Go directly to the survey online](#)

[To get more information about their work with carers visit their website](#)

To discuss your experiences, or get support to do the survey over the telephone, call Healthwatch 0191 263 5321.

Durham University Psychology - research participants wanted

Durham University Psychology department are looking for volunteers aged 50-75 to take part in a research project investigating auditory perception, language, and memory. Participation involves visiting us at the university to complete some simple psychological tests and fill in some paper-and-pencil questionnaires. In total, the session should take approximately 90 minutes. Participants will be reimbursed for their travel costs, and will additionally receive a £20 Amazon gift voucher for taking part.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Dr. Peter Moseley on 0191 334 8166, or at peter.moseley@durham.ac.uk.

Deaflink Hard of Hearing Survey

[Deaflink](#) are developing their work with people who are Hard of Hearing and are keen to understand more about the wider communities. They would like to increase services to meet your needs but need to know what they are so they can try to raise funds to do this.

[Complete the survey here](#)

[Citizen's Advice Bureau's Guidance on finding, taking out and having a mobile phone contract](#)

As part of Citizens Advice's national Dialling Down Debt campaign, the financial capability team and the Consumer Education team have developed a toolkit to support advisers when explaining mobile phone contracts to clients. The toolkit starts with explaining basic terms, and then moves on to how to take out a contract, manage billing dates, update a contract and even address possible debts. We've also developed a new 'walkthrough' resource, featuring a real-world mobile phone contract that advisers can use to show clients what to expect and how to understand it. Both the toolkit and the walkthrough resource are available on the financial capability resources section of the Citizens Advice website.

[New online Money Manager tool for Universal Credit claimants](#)

A new [online support tool](#) has been launched to help Universal Credit claimants manage their money. Money Advice Service's Money Manager provides free, impartial budgeting information and advice for claimants, based on their personal circumstances.

[Social activities & Events](#)

[Upcoming Events and Activities on InformationNOW](#)

Visit our new [Events and Activities section](#) to browse the calendar or search for different activities

- [Tap Dancing](#) Monday 20 Mar 2017
 - [Line Dancing](#) Monday 20 Mar 2017
 - [Beginners Tai Chi](#) Monday 20 Mar 2017
 - [Dementia Cafe at Brunton Park](#) Monday 20 Mar 2017
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Clinical Ageing Research Unit (CARU) Clinical Trials Open Day

18th May 2017 10am until 4pm

11th Year Anniversary of the National Institute of Health Research

The Clinical Ageing Research Unit would like to invite **Patients and the Public** to attend our annual Clinical Trials Open Day to celebrate our success on

18th May 2017 10am until 4pm

Contact reception to book a place as places are limited.

Telephone 0191 2081250

Clinical Ageing Research Unit, Campus for Ageing Vitality, Newcastle University, NE4 5PL

Don't be lonely come to Mark Toney

On your own?

Why not enjoy the company of others over a coffee, in a relaxed and informal setting at

Older People's Singles' Group downstairs at Mark Toney's, Grainger St, Newcastle

Between 4.30 - 6.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month

(events organised between these times)

'Don't be lonely; come to Mark Toney!'

The social group celebrates it's 1st birthday in March. They also go for meals and coffees out together.

The Story Box Project

Every object tells a story

Are you a community group based in Newcastle?

Do you have an object that has a special meaning for you? An object that you use everyday, an object you can't live without, an object handed down through the family, that has survived a journey, has been given to you by a loved one or kept to commemorate an important time?

The Story Box is an exciting new project funded by the Newcastle Cultural Investment Fund and is set to record Newcastle residents' personal stories inspired by those personal objects. The stories created will be brought together in an online archive and kept for future generations to listen to, capturing a slice of the city's history.

The finished stories will be screened during 2017 at locations around Newcastle in a specially converted red telephone box including Newcastle City Library and Eldon Square. We are also arranging locations across the city in collaboration with Newcastle NE1 and other venues TBC.

Our 2 day workshops give participants the opportunity to share their stories and experiences with others and learn how to make their own personal digital story using photos and recordings, telling the story behind their special object. Workshops are limited to 8 participants, refreshments and venue hire costs can be covered by the project funding.

If you are interested in your group taking part please contact Alex Henry on hello@curiositycreative.org.uk or 07970 672674.

[To see some examples of stories already collected as part of the project visit their website.](#)

Free Springtime Photography Workshop for the over 55s

When: Friday 31st March 9.30am-12.30pm

Where: Scotswood Natural Community Garden, based in the grounds of the John Marley Centre, Whickham View.

This is your chance to learn from an expert about how to take professional looking photographs in a beautiful setting in West Newcastle. An expert will be on hand to give tips with composition, and about using the camera settings. You will then use your new knowledge to take some springtime shots in the community garden.

Refreshments will be provided free of charge, but please bring your own camera/smartphone if you have one. There will be a few available to borrow.

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Please RSVP to Leanne using the following contact details: 0191 200 4706 or leanne@sncg.org.uk

[Read more on InformationNOW](#)

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