

# “COFFEE, CAKES & CHAT” - FREE DROP IN SESSIONS BEING HELD IN YOUR AREA

Voluntary Action Oldham and its partners from Oldham Community Accountancy Services (OCAS), Children & Youth Alliance, The Hub and the Volunteer Centre are coming out to see you over the next few weeks. We will be holding informal drop in sessions in all the six districts of Oldham, so if you are a voluntary, community or faith group/organisation working in the borough of Oldham, then why not pop in and have a cuppa and a chat with us to see how we may be able to help you or your group.

What's on offer is a wide range of information such as:

- support, advice and guidance from VAO for both new and existing groups
- benefits of being part of the Voluntary Community & Faith Partnership to share and influence decision making at the highest level
- networks and forums you can attend to build links with other groups, share good practice and work together
- benefits of volunteers working in your organisation, what support and resources are available to you and how we could advertise your opportunities widely
- training and development opportunities for your group/organisation
- The Children's Trust, integrated working and what it means for you, and how you can get support with your work with children & young people.
- Safeguarding and CRB checks - latest information on these important issues
- Free Funding Advice –whats available through GRANTnet
- Whether you are eligible for FREE or subsidised accounting support, specifically designed to help you meet your everyday financial challenges.

There is also the opportunity to raise any local issues and concerns affecting you and the communities you work with and if you have ideas and suggestions to make things better, we want to hear from you.

**We will be at the following venues for a couple of hours. So drop in for coffee, cake and a chat. We'd love to see you there!**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August** at Lees Library, Thomas Street - 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August**, Uppermill Civic Hall, Lee Street, 6pm - 8pm

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August**, Chadderton Health & Wellbeing Centre, Burnley Street, 6pm -8pm

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, Wrexham Close, Tenants Hall, Hollinwood, - 6pm -8pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**, Honeywell Centre, Ashton Road, - 5.30pm -7.30pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, Wimpole Street Tenants Association, Higginshaw, 5.30pm -7.30pm

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the VAO team on 633 6222.