

**G M E N G A G E***Monthly Newsletter*

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**A message from Jonny Hirst,  
Answer Cancer Programme Manager**

As we move into the fourth year of Answer Cancer, we are keen to continue to build upon the successes of the Programme so far. We are working closely with all our partners, supporters and commissioners to review where the Programme's impact has been greatest, so that we can look to focus in these areas on the year ahead and deliver significant outcomes, increasing screening rates in communities and locations where cancer screening uptake has been low.



During the last quarter, some key achievements have included:

- Exceeding targets for the number of people involved in Answer Cancer training sessions. 650 people have been involved in our sessions across the last year.
- Our Community Engagement Team having cancer screening conversations or presenting to over 755 people from communities where uptake has been low
- 2,500 cancer screening information leaflets have been distributed to individuals, community organisations and employers as well as 900 information packs across 12 mosques.
- The Answer Cancer Grants Fund Round 3 has seen significant activity this quarter, as funded organisations start delivering their projects. So far, 943 unique individuals have been engaged on the topic of cancer screening programmes and 385 individuals have committing to go for a cancer screening.

Answer Cancer Grants Round 4 is now open for applications. This Fund offers VCSE organisations funding of up to £5,000. You will find more details below or you can click [here](#) for more information and details on how to apply.

Thanks for your involvement with Answer Cancer and we look forward to working with you in the year ahead to achieve greater cancer screening equality.

# Answer Cancer News Round Up

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## **For The Lads: A new training session aimed at men**

Answer Cancer has recently announced details of a brand new training session specifically targeting men.

Called “For The Lads”, this session will discuss two cancers which are important to men, their families, friends and organisations who work with men: prostate and bowel cancer.

[Find Out More](#)

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## **New Grants Round Launched!**

Answer Cancer has launched a new grants round, providing funding for VCSE organisations across Greater Manchester.

Funding of up to £5,000 is available for organisations undertaking projects to promote cancer screening amongst our priority groups.

[Find Out More](#)

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## **Vacancy: Development Worker**

Answer Cancer is recruiting a Development Worker to lead on delivering the activity of Greater Manchester Answer Cancer Champions, support Organisational Answer Cancer Champions and deliver community engagement initiatives, including outreach and awareness raising sessions.

The deadline for applications is Monday 25th April.

[Find Out More](#)

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**If you are unable to access the links above, these stories and more can be found at: [www.answercancergm.org.uk/news](http://www.answercancergm.org.uk/news)**

# Upcoming Training Sessions

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**For the Lads: Prostate Cancer and Bowel Screening:** Increase your knowledge of Bowel Screening and the importance of prostate cancer awareness.

- Thursday the 19th of May, 10am-11.30am

**Difficult Conversations – Talking about Cancer: The Why and How to do it:**

Learn how to have conversations about cancer so you can help save lives.

- Tuesday the 26th of April, 10am-12pm
- Wednesday the 25th of May, 1pm-3pm
- Thursday the 16th of June, 1pm-3pm

**NHS Cancer Screening Programmes:** Super charge your knowledge of the 3 NHS Cancer Screening Programmes and why they are so important.

- Wednesday the 8th of June, 10am-12pm

**How to Run Brilliant Cancer Screening Awareness Sessions:**

Grow your facilitation and presentation skills, knowledge and confidence.

- Monday the 16th of May, 1.30pm-3.30pm
- Wednesday the 1st of June, 10am-12pm

**Fun Approaches to Community Engagement:**

How to use 'tools' to make sessions interesting and interactive.

- Monday the 20th of June, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

**Workplace wellbeing: Cancer and Cancer Screening:** Increase your knowledge about cancer screening and the important role that workplaces have.

- Wednesday the 4th of May, 1.00pm-2.15pm

**Cervical Screening – What you need to know:** Learn how to can protect yourselves and help family, friends and co-workers do the same.

- Thursday the 26th of May, 10am-12pm

**All sessions must be pre-booked on our [training page](#).**

If you have any queries, please email: [actraining@uni.uk.net](mailto:actraining@uni.uk.net)

**[Find out more & register](#)**

# New Grants Round Launched!

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Answer Cancer is delighted to announce the launch of a new grants round, providing funding for VCSE organisations across Greater Manchester. Funding of up to £5,000 is available for organisations undertaking projects to promote cancer screening amongst the following priority groups:

- LGBTQ+ communities
- Disabled people
- People who care for others
- People experiencing mental health problems

The deadline for applications to the fund is **Friday 27th May**.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, click below!

[Find out more](#)

## Cancer Screening awareness session

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**When: Friday 6th May 10.30am - 11.30am (Online)**

This session explains the three Cancer screening programmes that are available in the UK. It looks at who is eligible and what is involved in Breast, Bowel and Cervical screening.

Following this session, you will have greater confidence to talk about cancer screening which could help save lives!

For further information, contact us at [info@answercancergm.org.uk](mailto:info@answercancergm.org.uk) or book your place below.

[Register in advance for this meeting](#)

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