

# G M E N G A G E

## *Monthly Newsletter*

### Show Your Pride This August!

Over the summer months, Answer Cancer will be getting out and about at a number of the Pride events taking place across Greater Manchester.

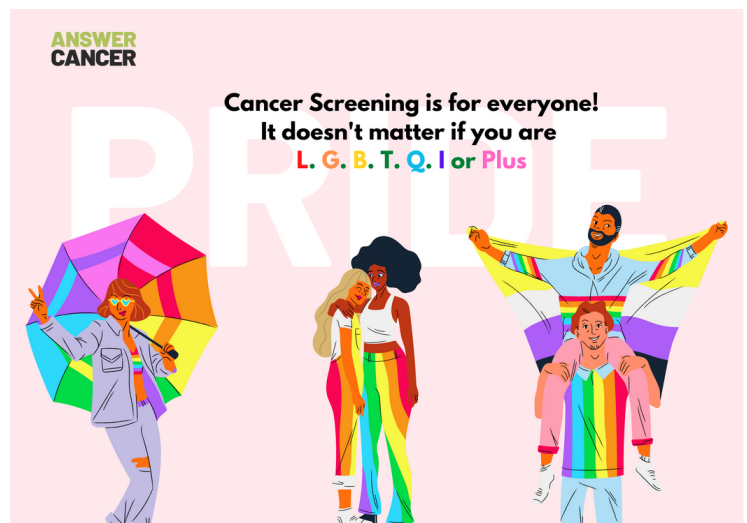
After a successful, **Picnic in the Park** with the LGBTQI community in Stockport, Kirit and Vanessa are now excited to be a part of the LGBTQI partnership panel, a multi-agency approach to improve services for the community in Stockport.

Come down and say hi to Kirit and Vanessa on the 8th August at **Salford Pride** where we will be talking to people and handing out leaflets and goodie bags.

Not 1, Not 2, but 3 of the Answer Cancer team are going to be at **Levenshulme Pride** this year on the weekend of 14–15th August.

#### THE LATEST SCOOP IN THIS ISSUE:

*Ethnic Minority Cancer  
Awareness Month!  
LGBT! Health  
Awareness Event!  
Drop-in & Induction  
Sessions!  
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Community  
Engagement!*



***We would love to have some of our Champions with us at both these events, so please get in touch if you would like to be there!***

# Answer Cancer Grants Round Launched!

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Answer Cancer are pleased to announce the launch of its new grants round offering funding of up to £5,000 to VCSE organisations in Greater Manchester for projects which increase awareness of cancer screening. Projects must target at least one of our priority groups, which include BAME communities, LGBTQ+ communities, disabled people & people with poor mental health, carers, groups targeting men or women, and communities from geographical areas of deprivation.

We are particularly interested in innovative and creative approaches to reaching these communities where groups draw on their position within their communities as a 'trusted voice' to positively engage with local people on the need for cancer screening.

Applicants will be asked to complete an initial Expression of Interest form by **Monday 6th September**, with shortlisted groups asked to complete a full application by **Monday 25th October**. Support will be offered to shortlisted applicants to help them to work up their idea into a full proposal.

This latest funding follows two previous grants rounds which provided around £100,000 to groups across Greater Manchester. Following a review, the amount available to each project has been increased from £2,000 to £5,000 with additional support made available to groups. Organisations who were successful on the previous two rounds are welcome to apply for further funding.

For more information of the criteria and how to apply, please visit our grants section [here](#).

We will be holding two Meet the Funder Zoom events to talk people through the application process and what we are looking for in a successful project, as well as answer any questions. The dates are as follows:

- Friday 13th August – 10am – 11am
- Monday 16th August 3pm – 4pm

**Book your place at: [grants@salfordcvs.co.uk](mailto:grants@salfordcvs.co.uk)**

# Training and Champion Induction Sessions

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Whether you are a new or existing Answer Cancer Champion, please come along to one of our regular Drop-In or Induction sessions to keep in touch with the programme, find out latest news, and meet other Champions. You can also take part in training if you are looking to develop your skills in a particular area.



**Induction sessions** are designed for new Answer Cancer Champions to introduce you to the programme and give you all of the information you need to get started. Each session lasts for around an hour. Upcoming dates for July are:

- Monday 9th August at 12.00pm: [\*\*Book here\*\*](#)
- Saturday 21st August at 10.00am: [\*\*Book here\*\*](#)

**Drop-In Sessions** are an informal get-together and networking session, where Answer Cancer Champions can hear programme updates and get to meet each other. There is no booking required for these, just click the link below to join the Zoom session:

- Friday 6th August at 10am: [\*\*Join here\*\*](#)
- Wednesday 18th August at 5.30pm: [\*\*Join here\*\*](#)

## **New Course – How to Run Brilliant Cancer Screening Awareness Sessions**

This exciting (free) course focuses on growing your facilitation and presentation skills, knowledge, and confidence. It is designed for any level, from beginners upwards. You will come away with lots of ideas and tips to help you run cancer screening awareness sessions in your work or community.

- Tuesday 3rd of August at 1.00pm: [\*\*Click Here\*\*](#)
- Wednesday 25th of August at 9.30am: [\*\*Click Here\*\*](#)
- Monday 13th of September at 1.00pm: [\*\*Click Here\*\*](#)

If you'd like to find out about future training and events, please visit our website here: <https://www.cancerchampionsgm.org.uk/events/>

# Thank You for Taking Part in Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Month!

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As you may know, July was Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Month. This was a great opportunity to discuss how everyone can be affected by cancer, regardless of background, and how we can tackle the barriers and cultural issues which sometimes prevent people from accessing cancer services, including diagnosis and treatment.

Throughout the month, here at Answer Cancer we have been sharing messages and information specifically around cancer screening, as we know that participation rates are lower within some communities. We want people to understand that screening is for everyone, regardless of background, and that early diagnosis is the key to successful treatment and saving lives.



We were delighted to see our Organisational Cancer Champions sharing similar messages with their service users during July. We were particularly pleased to join Positive Women Empowerment at a fun community event in Gorton Park to mark the end of Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Month.

As a programme, Answer Cancer will be using the lessons and learning gathered during Ethnic Minority Cancer Awareness Month throughout the rest of the year. This includes providing information and advice in formats which are both accessible and culturally sensitive, for example leaflets and videos translated into community languages.

We have also recently launched our latest grants round, where BAME Communities are one of our priority groups for funding of up to £5,000.

**Answer Cancer looks forward to working with our communities to create equality of cancer screening, diagnosis and treatment.**

# Upcoming Activities & Events

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## Manchester Deaf Centre

We will be holding two focus groups with our organisational champion Manchester Deaf Centre. These will be very relaxed events with refreshments provided, talking with Service Users about the barriers they face with Cancer screening.

The dates are as follows:

- 12th August 10am – 12pm
- 6th September 1pm – 3pm

**Location:** Manchester Deaf Centre,  
Crawford House, Booth Street East,  
Manchester M13 9GH



## #SpreadToPledge Cervical Screening

Do you want to be a part of our #SpreadToPledge campaign? We have an exciting campaign we are officially launching in September in partnership with Girl Gang MCR.

We are looking for short videos from our champions demonstrating their creative flare using this hashtags. It's simple, just tell us your pledge related to cervical screening. For example, you might pledge to book your next cervical screening, talk to your friends about the importance of screening, or share your experience with others.

Then, all you have to do is spread your message on social media and encourage others to take part!

We will be releasing some teaser videos throughout August!

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