**Updates from Stockport Council**

**The One Stockport Partnership Celebration Event – You’re Invited!**

We would love for you to join us as we celebrate the fantastic partnership working taking place in Stockport, and to reflect on the progress, accomplishments and achievements that have occurred across the Borough since the launch of the One Stockport Borough Plan in March 2021.

This event is taking place on **Thursday 23rd of March, 8am -10am, Ballroom, Stockport Town Hall and we will be providing breakfast refreshments.**

At the event we will be hearing about and sharing the inspiring work of our partners, businesses, communities and organisations that has been taking place over the last two years to help deliver the priorities set out in our One Stockport Borough Plan.

The event will feature three important showcases structured around the three main themes of our One Stockport Borough Plan, One Home, One Heart and One Future. This will then be followed by a panel discussion with our local leaders about how we can continue to work and develop our partnerships into the year ahead

Key speakers include:

* **Councillor Mark Hunter, Leader of Stockport Council**
* **Caroline Simpson, Chief Executive of Stockport Council**
* **Jo McGrath, Chief Executive of Sector 3**
* **Sharon Seville, CEO of First Recruitment and Chair of the Climate Action Now Network**
* **Nadia Ali, Chair of the Stockport Women and Girls Network**
* **Others to be confirmed**

Please confirm your attendance by registering here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/547733454507>

**National moment of silence to mark one year of Russian invasion of Ukraine**

A national minute’s silence will take place at **11am on Friday 24 February** to mark the one-year anniversary of the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine. This national moment of reflection will offer the UK public the chance to pay tribute to the courage of the Ukrainian people and demonstrate the UK’s unwavering solidarity with the country. The government is encouraging individuals and organisations across the UK to participate. [Read more.](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/national-moment-of-silence-to-mark-one-year-of-russian-invasion-of-ukraine)

**Your invite to a contribute to the GM Creative Health Delivery Plan**

In November 2023, Greater Manchester Integrated Care (NHS GM) launched the world’s first [Creative Health City Region Strategy](https://gmintegratedcare.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/gm-creative-health-strategy-low-res.pdf), setting out and detailing how GM plans to realise the power of creativity, culture and heritage in addressing inequities and improving the health and wellbeing of its residents.

They would like to work with you to develop a three-year Creative Health delivery plan (2023-26) to accompany the strategy which will support your work priorities and enable the residents of GM to lead happier and healthier lives.  They are holding workshops focussing on different age-groups, plus one dedicated to supporting the health and social care workforce:

[Children and young people](https://childrenandyoungpeople.eventbrite.com): 13th March 9.30-11.45am. Stretford Public Hall

[Working age adults](https://workingageadults.eventbrite.com) (incl long term conditions and social care): 13th March 2.00-4.30pm. Stretford Public Hall

[Early years](https://earlyyearscreativehealth.eventbrite.com): 14th March 9.30-11.45am HOME MCR

[Health and social care workforce](https://healthandsocialcareworkforce.eventbrite.com): 14th March 2.00-4.30pm HOME MCR

[Ageing well and creative health](https://ageingwell.eventbrite.com): 20th March 10.30-1pm Stretford Public Hall

At your chosen workshop/s you will have an opportunity to understand and comment on ideas which have emerged so far, explore how your priorities can be supported by creative health, identify what evidence we need to generate and how this should be presented and make new connections with colleagues from health, care, local government, the voluntary and community sector, cultural sector, researchers and community leaders. Email GM’s [creative health lead](mailto:Julie.McCarthy@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk) or [project manager](mailto:creativehealth@cartwheelarts.org.uk) with any questions.

**#SmallTalkSavesLives campaign**

The Samaritans have launched their #SmallTalkSavesLives campaign, encouraging anyone to trust their instincts and strike up a conversation with a stranger if you think they need help. Even something as small as asking where to get a coffee, or commenting on the weather, can interrupt someone’s suicidal thoughts and could help set them on the journey to recovery.

The campaign toolkit can be found [here](https://www.samaritans.org/support-us/campaign/small-talk-saves-lives/toolkit/). Please share the campaign widely among your networks, and if you see social media posts using the #SmallTalkSavesLives, please make sure you like and share to amplify the campaign among Stockport residents.

**DigiKnow Friends and Digital Champions training**

Does your organisation support people who aren’t online? Starting Point offer free training for VCFSEs to learn where to direct anyone who needs help to learn how to do things online, borrow devices and data or buy discounted devices. [Sign up](https://forms.monday.com/forms/a60f55addcc44118e1435e5f7eb79826?r=use1) for a free and friendly 1hr DigiKnow Friends online session 7th March 10am – 11am.

Would you like to provide more digital support? Digital champion training covers all you need to know to help people locally to feel more confident to use computers. [Sign up](https://forms.monday.com/forms/c59acfa94ae6ceec3010c324455e5cd2?r=use1) for the next session Tuesday 14th March: 10am-2.30pm.