

## Agenda

### Welcome, Introductions and Update from Partners

Group discussion and feedback

- What's going well?
- What's not going so well?
- What can you offer others in the room?
- What do you need?

### Presentation:

- **Laura Howard** from [Safe Families for Children](#) will be talking about their current volunteer programme.

### VCM / Macc update

- [Volunteer Centre Manchester Volunteering Surgery](#), the Rates Hall 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Drop-in.
- [#AskVCM](#) Social Media Chats – every Wednesday
- [Spirit of Manchester Awards nominations open](#) on 1<sup>st</sup> March and close on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### Training

- 20th February: [Turn2us Training for frontline staff and volunteers](#) – for those working with people who may be struggling financially.
- 28th February: [Refugee Awareness Training – Red Cross](#)
- 4th March: [First aid at work](#)
- 7<sup>th</sup> March: [Social Media for beginners](#) - Using social media as a voluntary organisation
- March and July 2019: [Level 3 award in the Management of Volunteers](#)

### General Opportunities / Resources /points of interest

- [247! People funding](#) - *'To encourage small, community-based and locally controlled groups that manage themselves, encourage people to get involved as volunteers and who just need a bit of financial help to be able to work with their community in the way they'd like.'*
- [Heritage Futures Partnership with Manchester Museum](#) – Inc. grants of up to £1000. Manchester Museum is looking to support new programmes, projects or events that respond to its new Heritage Futures exhibition and are inviting community groups, creative practitioners and researchers to put forward their ideas.
- [Time Well Spent](#) – National Survey on Volunteer Experience launched and is an excellent insight into most aspects of volunteer management.
- [Free space at the The Old Bank, NOMA](#) - *A bookable event space that is free to anybody that is working to make Manchester an even more interesting place to be.*

**Discussion:** The volunteer experience and thanking volunteers: Preparing for Volunteers Week 2019

***A big thank you to Sam at Creative Together for hosting the VCF. Our next meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019***  
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