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| |  | | --- | | **Access to Banking: Initial Focus Group: Tuesday 17th Feb 10 - 11:30am at Streetlife, 48 Buchanan St, FY1 3LQ**  As a result of discussions arising from our Universal Credit Focus Group, experiences from Young People accessing Streetlife and the phasing out of Post Office Accounts, it has been decided to initiate a focus group specifically around addressing the issues faced in accessing and maintaining bank accounts. This will be a collaborative session including Young People, DWP, Nationwide and frontline workers.  AIM: Define how we can support people going through tough times to access and maintain bank accounts   1. Finalise what should go in a bank letter and what professionals should provide to go with it (Getting an account) 2. How to protect yourself from fraud and the implications of fraud (includes some information sharing on the most common types of fraud (keeping your account) 3. Budgeting work for people going through tough times: how to budget and what support agencies can provide (Using your account to achieve independence)     We will arrive at 09.30 for drinks and greetings with a 10.00 start time.    Three hours free parking is available at Sainsbury’s at the end of the road.    Young people will be at the session and we will use a mixture of methods to achieve our aim.  **Please Note:** Filming will be in process for a brief period during the session for promotional purposes only. You will be given the choice to opt in or out prior to the meeting.    If you would like to attend or if there is anything else you would like to be included please email either **rob.swarbrick@wearestreetlife.org** or **donna.willison@wearestreetlife.org**    **System Change, 2 Years on Event - 25th February**  Dear Colleague    There is a *System Change, 2 Years on* event being held at the **Renaissance Room, Winter Gardens on 25th February 2020 9:45am - 13:45pm.**    I attach an [**agenda**](https://mcusercontent.com/5c56524dfdec316af6b7c616b/files/8708dc5f-2de0-43e6-a5d6-a591fcb9b06f/Agenda_System_Change_2_Years_on_25th_February_2020_Draft_1_.doc) which is a final draft, and so not expected to change significantly before the event.    You will see there are a broad range of guest speakers from Blackpool services who will be updating delegates on what they have done to change systems for clients experiencing multiple disadvantage, and what the outcome/benefits have been. With this in mind, although I am hoping all of you can attend, please can you bring a senior colleague with you to this event - so they can hear from across Blackpool the difference that can be made by changing systems from the people that have been doing it.  This is a FREE event. Refreshments and lunch provided    Please can you book your/colleagues places via **dee.laverty@addaction.org.uk** as there are only 60 places and these will be allocated on a first come first served basis.   Many thanks for reading and we hope to see you soon! | |