Ancora is a non-profit collaboration between KeyRing, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and Oldham Foodbank.

The collaboration of the three partner agencies came about as a result of a successful application to The Big Lottery Fund and a programme called ‘Help Through Crisis’. The focus of the programme is to fund projects that assist people to overcome a crisis brought about through hardship, i.e. that the crisis has been brought about as a result of extreme poverty and therefore the person is unable to access basic needs such as food, shelter, fuel, basic health or social care. We are also working in partnership with Side by Side Counselling services to provide immediate access to counselling support.

The Ancora Project commenced on 1st August 2016 and is funded by the Big Lottery for five years. The aims of the project are:

- To provide immediate help and ongoing support to the people of Oldham who are experiencing crisis
- To identify people who are at risk of experiencing hardship and offer support so they are better able to plan for the future
- To identify the underlying causes of hardship, tackling these issues and sharing learning at a local and national level
- To encourage and facilitate peer support so that those experiencing hardship have a stronger, more collective voice

Anyone can make a referral into the project and people in hardship can self refer. Referrals can be made by:

- Presenting at one of our Borough wide hubs (see hub rota)
- Telephone – 0161 669 5868
- Via email at ancora@keyring.org

Once a referral has been received, we endeavour to make contact within 24 hours and will offer advice over the phone as well as meeting with people either at one of our hubs or at an alternate convenient venue or the person’s home.
We will ‘triage’ people, support their immediate needs and then work with them to identify the difficulties which led to their hardship. Using a ‘case management’ approach, we will support people to plan and embark on a journey out of poverty, with the right mix of support from staff, volunteers, peers and other agencies. The support offered goes further than signposting; it facilitates links, and we can help people for as long as needed. We will also focus on supporting people to develop the skills they need to solve their own problems and ensure that they leave the service with increased resilience and resources which enable them to meet future challenges, and an invitation to return promptly if further help is needed.

The project has three part time Project Workers and a Project Manager. The role of the project workers is to provide support via community hubs and 1:1 case work.
Meet the Team

Project Manager – Suzy Pabla

Project Worker – Barbara Stock

Project Worker - Daniele Cardoso

Admin Support – Jakira Khatun

Project Worker – Jeanette Beblot
Ancora Project Hub Rota – June 2017

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ON OCCASION – HUB TIMES/VENUES MAY CHANGE
SUPPORT THROUGH CRISIS

Ancora provides a free support service for residents of Oldham experiencing crisis.

We offer a listening ear and help & support relating to the following:

» Finances & Debt
» Maximising Benefits
» Housing
» Emergency Food Vouchers
» Access to Health Services

» Counselling
» Advice & Informal Advocacy
» Signposting & Referral to Other Services
» Life Skills Training

For more information or to make a referral, please contact:

0161 669 5868
ancora@keyring.org

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