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CVS Events

South Essex Mental Health Forum

The next South West Essex Mental Health Forum will be held on: Thursday 30 November 14.00 – 16.00, The Basildon Centre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1DL

The agenda and papers will be sent out as soon as they are finalised.

BBWCVS Forum - Crowdfunding

Monday 11th December. 9.30am – 13:00, The Basildon Centre, St. Martin's Square, SS14 1DL Basildon

We are pleased to invite you to the next CVS Forum on Monday 11th December, which will feature Spacehive, a crowdfunding platform for projects which improve local places. Essex County Council has partnered with Spacehive to create the [Essex Crowd](#), to encourage and support organisations interested in crowdfunding their projects.

Through the [Essex Crowd](#) you can share your community ideas and offer neighbours, local businesses and other interested parties the opportunity to pledge their support to make your idea a reality. Essex County Council want to support as many ideas as possible and can pledge up to £5,000 to back schemes that create connections and bring people together. [Learn more about The Essex Crowd here.](#)

If you're interested in creating a project as part of the Essex Crowd then come along to find out all you need to know to start your crowdfunding campaign.

- Understand how crowdfunding works on Spacehive
- Hear about all the funds available on the platform
- Learn how to define your project idea

- Get tips for presenting your project page clearly
- Start creating your campaign plan
- Discover how to identify potential backers
- Get advice on marketing and communicating your project
- Receive a free guide to running a successful campaign

Please register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bbwcvs-forum-crowdfunding-tickets-39869130643>

Funding News

We are able to give funding advice and support on funding opportunities and approaches to fundraising. This includes:

FREE access to NCVO's Funding Central identifying possible sources of funding.

- Developing and discussing funding strategies.
- Commenting on and helping with draft applications.
- Identifying and monitoring outcomes in a straightforward way.
- Exploring the best way of improving your organisation's financial sustainability.
- Identifying other useful free funding search engines to assist you in your exploration for funding.

We offer this support either at face-to-face meetings, by phone and/or by email. We have good relationships with local funders and we can also help you review applications that have been unsuccessful or help clarify any issues or problems that crop up.

For further assistance please contact Catherine Sackey on 01268 294439 or email catherine@bbwcvs.org.uk.

New big lottery fund: Place based social action

This fund is part of a joint partnership between [Big Lottery](#) and the [Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport](#) (DCMS).

The fund aims to create positive change by enabling partnerships to

- Address local priorities through social action
- Create a shared vision for the future of their place
- Work collaboratively

[Social action](#) involves people giving their time and other resources for a good cause. This can be in a range of forms, from volunteering and community owned services to simple neighbourly acts.

Partnerships can include Local Authorities, CCGs, service providers, as well as community members and VCSE organisations.

The fund will only accept one EOI from each lower or single tier Local Authority area and the bid must be endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer of your Local Authority. If more than

one EOI from a local authority area is received then the decision may be made to consider no applications from this area.

Deadline: Applications close on the 28th of November 2017 (Expressions of interest).

Funding: Maximum grants are dependent on the phase of the program:

- Phase 1: Over a one year period, a support and development contractor will work with up to 20 partnerships. Up to £5,000 will be awarded.
- Phase 2: up to 10 partnerships will be awarded a grant of approximately £240,000 over a three year period to implement their social action plan.
- Phase 3: The most promising 5 partnerships will be awarded approximately £255,000 to continue delivering their local action plans over the following 3 years.

Who can apply: Partnerships across England. For more information and to apply, [click here](#)

Tech for Good 2018

Comic Relief have partnered with the [Paul Hamlyn Foundation](#) to deliver this fund.

The programme will fund up to 12 digital projects lasting nine months. Projects must cover one of the four programme areas:

- Building stronger communities
- Empowering women and girls
- Investing in children and young people
- Improving health and wellbeing

The programme is looking to fund projects that:

- Are focused on specific user needs in their design, delivery and development
- Are shareable with other parts of the not for profit sector
- Can scale effectively and offer economies of scale
- Disrupt and challenge existing ways of delivering services
- Make the best use of mobile and web technologies

Details of [past funded projects](#) are now available to review.

Deadline: Applications close Midday, 20th December 2017. Funding: Maximum grants of £47,000. Who can apply: UK based, not for profit organisations that will be ready to make a digital step within nine months. At application, all organisations must have a tech development partner on board. All project proposals must meet the [funds priorities](#), to apply [click here](#) to register and submit a proposal.

Henry Smith Charity grant programmes relaunch

Following a review of its grant procedures, the charity has refined their main grant programmes.

The Charity's main grants programmes include:



- The [Improving Lives Fund](#) will support the work of charitable organisations with incomes of up to £2 million. Funding is available for projects that help people when other sources of support have failed.
- The [Strengthening Communities Fund](#) is designed to support small charitable organisations working at grassroots level in the most disadvantaged areas of the UK.

Other available grant programmes, include the [Holiday Grants for Children programme](#) and the [Christian Projects grant scheme](#).

Deadline: Applications available year-round. Funding: £20k - £60k per year. Who can apply: UK based, Charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises. To view grants and information on eligibility [click here](#).

Local News and Events

Improve your local area with the Essex Crowd!



It's been a while since the [Essex Crowd](#) crowdfunding workshop! Perhaps you have been forming a great idea for a project which will improve your local area and are now ready to start crowdfunding. Here's a reminder of the steps to take:

1. Get planning: You can download the presentation [here](#) and then it's time to start planning your campaign with our complete guide to crowdfunding [here](#).

Missed the workshop? Sign up for our next crowdfunding webinar on the 22nd of November and learn the secrets to running a successful campaign. Learn more and register [here](#).

2. Upload your project idea: Click '[Create a project](#)' to get your project uploaded and discover all of the funding opportunities available including more than £500,000 as part of the [Essex Crowd funds](#).

3. Get in touch: Any questions? Check out our FAQs [here](#) or send us an email to info@spacehive.com.

Unlocking dormant assets

Community Foundations across the UK are hoping to unlock dormant assets, estimated to be between £1bn and £2bn, to incentivise local giving.

UKCF, in partnership with NCVO and ACEVO, has written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer ahead of the Autumn Budget to outline how he can help.

These funds could generate up to £40m every year to support local communities with "no additional funding from the Exchequer." To read the proposal, [click here](#).

The High Sheriff calls for applications



Voluntary and community organisations are encouraged to apply for funding from the High Sheriff of Essex Awards Scheme.

These grants are to support those working to make their communities safer and better places in which to live.

For more information and to apply for a grant, [click here](#). The deadline is 1 December.



Annual General Meeting

Our [Annual General Meeting](#) will take place on Tuesday 21st November, 5.30pm to 7pm at Oaklands Museum, Chelmsford.

Dementia Handbook

We are pleased to announce that the [Dementia Handbook for Carers](#) is now available in hard copy, as well as on our website. It brings together information about dementia, and about the sources of care and support in Essex that are available to people living with dementia, or who care for someone living with the condition. To request a free copy, please contact our Information Service info@healthwatchessex.org.uk

National News

Join the campaign to stop charity tax

Last week NAVCA wrote to the Treasury, calling for more funding for the Charity Commission in the Autumn Budget. We, along with many others in the sector, want to see the 'charity tax' that is being considered to fund the regulator dropped, so charities can continue to spend their funds on delivering valuable services to their beneficiaries.



You can show your support and join the many charities and sector bodies that have made their voices heard in this important campaign. Visit the [Directory for Social Change's website](#) for more information and to download a letter template, which you can modify to suit your organisation, examples and views

Supporting the #iwill campaign



#iwill is a UK-wide campaign to promote meaningful social action, including volunteering, campaigning or fundraising, amongst young people aged between 10-20.

The campaign is a cross-sector initiative supported by over 700 influential organisations including NAVCA. You can add your support by creating an #iwill pledge [here](#). You can find out who the hundreds of other #iwill partners are [here](#).

You can also promote youth social action during #iwillWeek 2017 (November 20 and 24) by sharing case studies on social media or encouraging young people to fundraise ahead of #givingtuesday. There is more information and lots of great resources to help you [here](#).

Shape support for Chairs of small charities

The Association of Chairs is seeking input to help shape a new support programme for Chairs of small charities. If you have experience of chairing a small charity, [take this 5-10 minute survey](#) and please share amongst your networks.



Flexible working is future for charities

Charities should introduce more flexible working practices and build better partnerships with the private sector to help overcome future challenges, according to a senior research fellow in Charity Effectiveness. [Read more on this here](#).

Third Sector explores mental health in charities



The charity sector does a tremendous job looking after other people, but does it do such a great job of looking after its own staff, especially when it comes to their mental health? Andy Hillier, Third Sector editor asks this question and introduces the weeklong series the publication is running to

mark World Mental health Day, including a personal account from our very own CEO Jane Ide.

Volunteering/Training

GDPR Legal Training



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Data protection law will change on 25 May 2018 with the introduction of the general data protection regulation (GDPR)

This half day seminar led by Carla Whalen, Associate Solicitor with Russell-Cooke Solicitors will cover:

- An introduction to GDPR and its potential impact on charity and not-for-profit organisations
- The legal bases for processing personal data (including consent and legitimate interests)
- Privacy notices, including what information needs to be included and when/how they should be provided
- Rights of individuals under the GDPR, including changes to data subject access requests
- New obligations on data processors and requirements for contracts with third-parties and the new ICO reporting obligations and increased penalties under the GDPR

Date and Time: Tue 16 January 2018, 13:00 – 16:00. Location: Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford, CM1 1SH. Book online [here](#).

Free webinar: Trends in Volunteering and Social Action



The webinar will give an overview of volunteering and social action in the UK, looking at examples of innovative projects and campaigns. It will also help you to reassess your volunteering offer.

Event details: 30 November 2017 from 15.00 - 15.45 GMT. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

Voluntary Sector Training - New Courses Coming Up!



From management and leadership to communications and fundraising, we can meet all your charity's training needs - at a cost you can afford. Our current charges for open training courses can be viewed [here](#) and are tiered according to the income of organisation so that our training is accessible for all sizes of charities and community groups or others associated with the sector.

We run regular half day, full day and two day courses all over Essex for your staff, volunteers, trustees and committee members. Or we can come up with a course tailored to your charity's needs and deliver it in house. To see a list of upcoming VST courses [click here](#)

Vacancies



Centre Manager Positions in Basildon and Grays £23,500 - £25,500

Due to expansion and staff moving on Signpost Resource Centres are recruiting two Centre Managers. One for our established service in Basildon and another for our new Centre opening in

Grays

Signpost is a small dynamic VCS organisation working in deprived areas with a focus on employability. A variety of projects are delivered from our centres and looking after all of our stakeholders is paramount.

The role will suit an effective Manager with a facilitative leadership style who can handle a consistently diverse workload.

To find out more about us please visit our website here: www.sign-post.info

For a Job / Person Specification and an application form please email:

artak.poghosyan@sign-post.info

BAME Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) £25,000

Location: To work across all of Changing Pathways delivery sites (Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford and Thurrock)

This is a partnership project with SOS Domestic Abuse Project.

Reports to: Operations Manager



Hours: 37.5 hours per week with the post holder participating in an out of hours on-call service. There is an expectation that the post holder will be willing to work flexibly to meet the needs of the service, including evenings and weekends.

The post is initially until 30 May 2018 with an extension possible subject to funding.

Job Description: The post holder will be responsible for working in partnership to develop and deliver a Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) community based support service for individuals experiencing domestic abuse within South Essex, Thurrock and the Southend area and will provide high quality advocacy and support based upon client led needs and risk assessment to women.

For a full description and requirements of this role, [click here](#)

Benefits include 25 days holiday per annum and a workplace pension.

To apply please complete the application form available from our website, demonstrating how you meet the requirements of the role to paula.brown@changingpathways.org

DJ wanted

InterAct need a fun & exciting DJ for their Christmas Party. It takes place on Friday 8th December 2017 from 6pm—9pm at Great Baddow Parish Hall, 19 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 7DW.

We would ideally like someone who can play all the party favourites and has lights, smoke, special effects or similar, if possible. Reasonable rates can be paid.

If you think you can help, please get in touch with Andrew Denny: Mobile 07976 781054 or email andrew.denny@interact.org.uk

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2017

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Date	Event	Contact
Thurs 16 Nov at 2pm - 3pm	Basildon CVS Annual General Meeting	chris@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Wed 22 Nov at 1pm - 4pm	Basildon Disability Equality Forum Civic Centre Room 2	
Wed 30 Nov at 2pm - 4pm	South Essex Mental Health Forum	
Mon 11 Dec at 9.30am - 1pm	Basildon CVS Networking Forum Committee Room 2 at the Basildon Centre, St. Martin's Square	catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk 01268 294439

To book a place or for further information please use the identified contact.
This calendar will be regularly updated throughout the year, so if you have events you wish to add please let us know.

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