



Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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CVS News

BBW Time Bank is looking to develop some Wish Lists for Basildon Borough charities along the line of SOS DIY (but much smaller!!) But to also include small gardening project such as a Sensory Garden or such like.

We want to compile a list so that when Businesses Contact Volunteer Essex and say they have a group of people who 'next week would like to help a charity' we have a ready compiled list to be able to match the charity with the offer



Wishlist

Wishlist: This is NOT about money it is all about people giving their TIME to help their community.

If you know of a charity that might be interested in putting a 'WISH' on the list, please email us at bbwtimebank@bbwcvcs.org.uk

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

Comic Relief - Safe, Secure and Settled Fund



The Safe, Secure and Settled fund has been launched as part of the **Comic Relief, Sport for Change** programme.

The fund will invest in creative projects that are using sport to improve the lives of young people (25 and under) without a safe or secure place to live, helping them to gain the skills and resources to lead safe and positive lives. All proposals must use sport as a tool for social change in their approach.

Projects will need to contribute to a minimum of one of the following outcomes:

- Children and young people increase and/or sustain their engagement with education
- Children and young people have increased pathways into training or employment
- Children and young people increase life skills
- More children and young people have a safe and supportive network or trusted place to go for advice

Who can apply: UK based not for profit organisations Project proposals can focus on young people in the UK, India, South Africa, Brazil and Kenya.

Maximum grant: £500,000 is available and a minimum of £100,000 must be applied for.

Deadline: 14 June 2018

See [here](#) for more information.

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This year they are providing opportunities for 3 new projects to be awarded up to £2000 each.

You are invited to submit ideas for projects which fall within 1 of our 3 themes: Health; Skills; Community.

Up to 5 project ideas per theme will be selected and put forward for public vote to the residents of the Heart of Pitsea on Saturday 12 May. Information of these projects, (using the information supplied in the application forms) will be displayed on boards around the room. You are welcome to come along, however, there won’t be an opportunity to carry out a presentation on your project idea.

To submit a project idea, please contact admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk for an application form. Cut-off date for receipt of applications is Monday 30 April 2018.

We have a few guidelines:

- Projects must be delivered within the Heart of Pitsea catchment area
- Projects must benefit local community members

- Projects must be delivered within 12 months

The Heart of Pitsea committee are excited to learn about your project ideas. You are welcome to submit as many as you like.

Applications not shortlisted will be stored and may be revisited in the future.

Should you require any assistance in completing your proposal or simply require more information, please contact [Simon Johnson, Heart of Pitsea Co-Ordinator on 07572 001671.](#)

Time to spring into action – your community needs your vote

With spring comes hope of brighter weather, and with voting now open for the 2018 NatWest Skills & Opportunities Fund, hope of brighter futures for many not-for-profit organisations looking to support their local communities.

The public are invited to vote from today until noon on Friday 20 April 2018, for one of the community organisations in each region, shortlisted from an initial pool of applicants. If your organisation has been shortlisted, congratulations and good luck. The winners will be announced on Friday 25 May 2018. Every vote makes a difference.

The quality and diversity of the financial capability and enterprise projects that have been put forward for the public vote is exceptionally high. In England and Wales, a total of 76 not-for-profit organisations have been shortlisted for grants of up to £35k.

To find out more about the shortlisted organisations and the projects they're seeking support for, go to the [online voting page](#).

The Greggs Foundation: Local Community Projects Fund



The Greggs Local Community Projects Fund helps organisations based in local communities to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need.

All projects must support a community of interest, including people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless
- Isolated older people

Who can apply: Small locally based organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000.

The Foundation is more likely to make grants to organisations based near Greggs shops.

Maximum grant: £2,000

Deadline: 22 June 2018. For more information, [click here](#).

Veolia Trust Funding Available



Veolia Trust used to have a separate trust covering South Essex (Veolia North Thames Trust) which closed in 2016. It now transpires that there is a left over pot of funding available from VNTT for projects in Basildon – this presents a great opportunity and we'd encourage

anyone with an idea to get in touch with Gary Baker on gary.baker@seeafop.org plus you can see more information [here](#).

New 'backbone' fund for core costs



The Paul Hamlyn Foundation has announced a new fund to help cover the core costs of charities which it believes are delivering vital work in civil society. The fund totals £1.5 million and in its first year of operation will support seven organisations including CLINKS, Liberty and Clore Social Leadership. The fund is designed to support essential functions such as business development, advocacy and collaboration. You can find out more [here](#).

Sign up for Essex for Communities



Are you struggling to attract funding for your organisation?

Why not visit, Essex for Communities, a funding database which can help you to find suitable grant funding opportunities that could help enable delivery of your projects; make you more resilient; or better help you to support your service users.

You can sign up for FREE [here](#) with just an email registration and you can search as many times as you like!

Essex Community Foundation: #iwill Fund



Grants of £1,000-£5,000 are available from the **#iwill Fund** for voluntary organisations and projects that offer activities which engage young people (aged 10 to 20) in their community and increase their understanding of local issues.

This Fund has specific criteria and its own application form which can be found [here](#). Applications will be accepted throughout the year, but you are encouraged to apply soonest and do so by [clicking here](#) or call ECF now on 01245 356018 to discuss your work and eligibility.

The Garfield Weston Foundation



£5m fund launched to support local charities. The Garfield Weston Foundation has launched a new £5m fund to celebrate its 60th anniversary year, with a view to help local charities provide new or improve existing community facilities.

Up to £150,000 is available to projects that successfully apply. The Foundation is using this anniversary year to acknowledge the vulnerable position that many small and local charities are in, and by offering capital funding it hopes to invest in much needed facilities that will enable them to continue providing support.

Applications are open now until 30 June, find out more [here](#).

Legal Update

Identity checking guidelines for criminal record checks

New identity checking guidelines for standard and enhanced disclosure checks became compulsory from 25 January 2018. These were introduced on 24 October 2017 and ran alongside the previous guidelines for a three-month transition period. The new guidelines bring DBS's ID checking procedures into line with right to work ID checks under immigration law, which employers must carry out before employing anyone to ensure they are allowed to work in the UK. Unlike DBS checks which apply to both employees and volunteers, the right to work checks do not apply to volunteers.

Criminal record information for tier 2 workers from outside the EEA

Since 6 April 2017, workers from outside the European Economic Area who are applying for a tier 2 (general) visa in the education, health or social care sectors have had to provide a criminal record certificate from any country where they have lived for 12 months or more, either continuously or in total, in the past 10 years, while aged 18 or over. This does not include time living in the UK.

The criminal record certificate requirement applies only for occupations with specific Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes, but the relevant codes cover all health professionals, all therapy professionals, nurses, midwives, all teaching and educational professionals from nursery through further education, social workers, probation officers and welfare professionals. Adult dependents and partners of tier 2 dependents may also need to provide a certificate.

Sponsors in these sectors now have a statutory duty, when they receive a certificate of sponsorship, to inform the applicant that he or she will need to obtain and provide a criminal record certificate before applying for a visa. In some countries it can take months to obtain this certificate, so organisations recruiting from outside the EEA need to take this into account and plan accordingly. A tier 2 applicant who requires a criminal record certificate but cannot obtain one must provide a letter as part of their visa application, explaining why they could not obtain it. Depending on the circumstances, the requirement for a certificate may be waived by UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI).

List of Resources

- DBS ID checking guidelines, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-identity-checking-guidelines>.
- Guidance on identity checking for AccessNI applications, <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/publications/guide-identity-checking-signatories-0>.
- Information about disclosures in general is at <https://www.mygov.scot/working-jobs/finding-a-job/disclosure/>.
- Full list of SOC codes and other information about criminal record certificates for tier 2 (general) applicants, in paragraphs 73-83 in the Home Office's Tier 2 of the Points-Based System: Policy guidance, via <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-application-for-uk-visa-as-tier-2-worker>.
- Home Office guidance on how to obtain criminal record information in foreign countries, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-records-checks-for-overseas-applicants>.

Local News and Events



EVERY TUESDAY COME, SHARE, CHAT & LEARN

10:30-12:00
Basildon Library, St. Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1EE

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13:00-14:30
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It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint!

On April 22nd, James Clarke, CEO for Action for Family Carers, will be attempting to run the London Marathon in aid of Action for Family Carers and also Isabel Hospice in Hertfordshire who looked after his Mother-in-law quite recently.

He would be grateful for any support you are able to give including by sharing this link via your networks: <http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/jamesclarke2>

Thinking on Purpose: Where Next?

Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford, Tuesday 10 May (10:00 – 14:00 including networking lunch)

Over the last 12 months the 3rd Sector Futures team at Anglia Ruskin University have been holding a series of events looking at the future of voluntary and community action in Essex. With support from Essex Community Foundation, we were able to invite experts - in fields from health and social care to the inclusive economy - to lead these 'think tank' events and spark discussion among our attendees. We are now having a final morning session to relay, and further shape, our initial findings.

To find out more and to book please visit [this website](#).

We need your input to equip our county and its people to do more than survive, but to thrive, in the turbulent economic and political times ahead. We look forward to seeing you on 10 May!

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For full information, please see above in our Funding section.

2018 Networking Forums

Please save the dates for the 2018 Networking Forums which will be held from 9:30am to 12:30pm at The George Hurd Centre*, Audley Way, Basildon SS14 2FL.

Tuesday 12th June

Tuesday 25th September

Tuesday 4th December

Our Networking Forums are held on a quarterly basis and they are an ideal opportunity to promote your organisation and hear what is going on not only in the area but in the sector as a whole.

Please let us know if you are able to host a Forum or nominate a speaker on any topic or interest.

Contact Catherine Sackey, Funding and Development Services Manager for an informal discussion on your involvement and/or ideas:

Email: Catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Tel: 01268 295 439

* There is **limited disabled parking** only available at The George Hurd Centre; please see the link below for alternative parking near the Centre:

<http://www.basildon.gov.uk/article/5872/Town-Centre-Car-Parks>

Safeguarding and reporting procedures: are you prepared?



It is near impossible to miss the headlines relating to our sector at the moment, but whilst it might be easy to consider these as ‘big charity’ issues, the problems surrounding Oxfam present important lessons for the smaller members of our sector too.

All charities operating at an international, national or local level, have a duty not only to safeguard their beneficiaries, volunteers and staff but also to have clear and robust policies in place for reporting serious incidents. Last year the **Charity Commission published concerns** over the ‘significant under-reporting of serious incidents’ from charities, urging trustees to ‘act quickly and responsibly in reporting serious incidents as soon as they occur’.

The Charity Finance Group has published a guide [here](#) for charities to support them in identifying what is deemed a ‘serious incident’ who should report the incident and how it

should be done. Please read this and share amongst your network to build on the good work we know that many charities are already doing in creating a transparent and responsive sector.

The Healthwatch Essex Fund



The Healthwatch Essex Fund has awarded Home-Start Essex £35,000 to launch a programme assessing the current advice and guidance available to parents affected by antenatal mental health issues in the county. [See here](#) for more information.

The work of this charity compliments the [Healthwatch Essex Information service](#), which is available to anyone who needs to access health and care services for themselves or their friends or family in Essex. Since launching, it has helped 6,000 people, averaging 220 calls a month.

Civil society strategy: have your say

Have your say on how government can work with and for civil society to tackle challenges and unlock opportunities to build a stronger society now and in the future. Local Trust will be making the case for strengthening local control of decision making and funding, using Big Local as an important example of this in practice. This consultation closes at 9am on 22 May 2018. Take part [here](#).

The Who will care? Awards 2018

Nominations can now be made for this year's: *Who will care Awards*. The Who Will Care Awards 2018 will take place on the 23rd of May at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford.

Please can we ask that you think about who you might nominate for the categories listed below. Can we also encourage you to spread the word about this out to your networks and volunteers?

The Who Will Care Awards really celebrate volunteering and people helping people. Last year 1 in 3 people in Essex undertook some kind of formal or informal volunteering, this is phenomenal as are their contributions to our communities.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

- Business Award
- Individual Volunteer – Young Person's Award
- Innovation Award
- Voluntary Community Organisation Award
- Volunteer Team Award

If there is a business, charity or individual that you feel deserves recognition for their volunteering efforts in Essex then nominate them now by filling in an [online form](#).

For more information you can email whowillcareawards@essex.gov.uk

Vacancies

Independent Stalking Advocate

Changing Pathways (formerly Basildon Women's Aid) is a domestic abuse charity that supports individuals and their children experiencing or fleeing domestic abuse across Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford and Thurrock.

Changing Pathways continually seeks new ways to advocate for those who are currently or have previously experienced domestic abuse, inter-personal violence and stalking and harassment. They are involved in campaigning work and as an affiliated member of national Women's Aid Federation of England, and work to the Women's Aid National Quality Standards.

Changing Pathways is committed to breaking the cycle and impact of domestic abuse, and as such, only accept applications from candidates who share their vision and have a feminist perspective to eliminate the unequal positioning of those experiencing domestic abuse.

Independent Stalking Advocate – Full Time

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund Women and Girls Initiative, they are seeking a dynamic and skilled practitioner to work in our specialist service to provide an efficient and effective independent service to adult survivors who have experience of stalking and harassment. They are seeking candidates who strive to achieve the best outcomes for our service users, helping them to recover from their experiences and live fulfilling lives.

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.

Salary: £25,000 per annum

Benefits include 25 days' holiday per annum, clinical and group supervision, training opportunities and a work place pension.

To apply please complete the application form available from our website, demonstrating how you meet the requirements of the role and send to [**paula.brown@changingpathways.org**](mailto:paula.brown@changingpathways.org)

For an informal discussion of the role please contact Beth Hammond on 01268 729 707 Applications should be received no later than 9am on Monday 23April 2018. Interviews to be held, week commencing 30April 2018.

Changing Pathways is committed to equality and diversity and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. The post will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and is open to women only (*Exempt under the Equality Act 2010 Schedule 9, Part 1).

'A copy of this document is also available electronically at www.changingpathways.org For information in alternative formats (for example, in braille, large print or an electronic format), please email welcome@changingpathways.org.

Training

'Introduction to Lived Experience'

The 'Introduction to Lived Experience' is relevant to anyone whose role it is to engage effectively with the public, whether you're a health or care professional, a commissioner or a volunteer.

The course covers the importance of knowing and engaging with your community, active and positive listening techniques and the principles of inclusion. It is designed to equip you with the skills you need to collect and represent the voice of the people you engage with.

Develop your engagement skills and earn CPD credits with our ['Introduction to Lived Experience' e-learning course](#).

ECVYS and the GDPR (General data protection regulation)

ECVYS is responding to a need that has arisen within its membership to be trained up for the GDPR (General data protection regulation) that replaces the current data protection act in May this year. The new regulation will have a significant effect on how all organisations collect, hold and distribute data and so this training might be the most essential training that you will attend this year.

It aims to be a no-nonsense training session that will enable you to know exactly what it is that you need to put in place for your youth organisation.

This event is funded through our grant from ECC and FREE for ECVYS member organisations and just £10 for non-members. To make sure this course is easily accessible we are offering two time slots to choose from on the 17th April:

10.00-12.00pm or 6.30pm-8.30pm

Both sessions are kindly being hosted by the Scouts at [Skreens Park activity centre](#), Skreens Park Rd, Chelmsford CM1 4NL and coffee and cake will be served upon arrival.

They are expecting high demand for this training and so recommend you book in early. If uptake exceeds expectations, then you will be put onto a waiting list.

TO BOOK your place:

NON ECVYS Members MUST book by using our eventbrite link [here](#).

ECVYS Members MUST book directly through our office. Please contact Sharon [here](#). Please let her know your full name, chosen time slot, and the name of your ECVYS member organisation.

Bitesize GDPR briefings from the Fundraising Regulator



The Fundraising Regulator together with the Institute of Fundraising has [published six briefings](#) on GDPR. These "bitesize" guides are designed to be as accessible and as relevant as possible for fundraisers, providing separate briefings to suit different forms of fundraising. You can access all of the guides by clicking on the links below:

1. [GDPR and Charitable Fundraising: An Introduction](#)

2. [Spotlight on Fundraising](#)
3. [Spotlight on Community Fundraising](#)
4. [Spotlight on Corporate Fundraising](#)
5. [Spotlight on Legacies](#)
6. [Spotlight on Charitable Trust Fundraising](#)

On-demand webinars

Three webinars from the Institute of Fundraising, available on demand: (1) Introducing GDPR; (2) Building a compliance plan; (3) Focus on fundraising. All three £49 for IoF members, £79 non-members. You can find more details [here](#).

National News

Healthwatch England

Healthwatch England has just [published their new 5 year strategy](#), which sets out their ambitions and the difference they want to make by 2023 in partnership with local Healthwatch.

GDPR guidance for charities

The Charity Finance Group (CFG) has recently released guidance on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for charities. The GDPR begins on 25 May 2018 and there are several significant changes to data gathering and processing laws that all charities and businesses need to be aware of. For more information [click here](#).

'A mix of junk and important stuff': how they sorted out their charity data for GDPR

Dealing with the European Union's tough new data protection law General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) feels like moving to a new house and confronting the piles of boxes in the attic. They're full of stuff you haven't touched in years. You know you have to clear them out, but you also know they contain a mixture of junk and important stuff. You're going to have to read every last scrap of paper and do a mega sort-out.

Click [here](#) to read this very informative article.

Keep informed with the Health and Wellbeing Alliance

Health organisations may wish to sign up to the monthly edition of the Department of Health's voluntary sector team's newsletter. It's easy to get added by emailing HWAlliance@dh.gsi.gov.uk. The newsletter includes all updates on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance and news from the DH, NHS England and Public Health England.

Health and Well Being

Dementia Handbook

The [Dementia Handbook](#) for Carers brings together information about dementia, and the sources of care and support in Essex. To request a free copy, please contact the Information Service info@healthwatchessex.org.uk

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Contact
Tues 17 April 10am- 12pm 6.30pm - 8.30pm	ECVYS & the GDPR Training Skreens Park Activity Centre, Skreens Park Road, Chelmsford. CM1 4NL	Book Here
Sat 12 May	Pitch A Project' to Heart of Pitsea	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Tues 10 May 10.00am – 2.00pm	Thinking on Purpose: Where Next? Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford	
Thurs 26th April 2pm	Timebank Coffee 'n' Chat Afternoons The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	
Tue 15 May 9.30am - 3.00pm	All Ears! Living With Hearing Loss, The Education Centre, Basildon Hospital	help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk k 01245 496347
Thurs 17 May	Essex Compact Forum & AGM 2018 Essex Fire and Rescue Headquarters, A12, Kelvedon	
Wed 23 May	Who Will Care Awards 2018	Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford
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