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CVS News

Dear Members, Partners and Friends,

BBWCVS Annual General Meeting – Thursday 15 November 2018 at 2:30pm – 3:30pm

On behalf of the Trustees, we would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting. This is being held at the **Committee Room 2, The Basildon Centre, St. Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex. SS14 1DL.**

We welcome new applications for positions on the Trustee Board. If you would like to stand for election to the Board of Trustees, please let us know and we will advise you of the recruitment process. Should nominations exceed vacancies election shall be by ballot.

Please confirm your attendance by email to admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk or by telephone to 01268 294125 by noon on Friday 9 November to allow us to make arrangements for refreshments.

For anyone unable to attend, a copy of the Annual Report will be sent to you upon request.

Funding News

Provide Foundation Grants

Provide Foundation grants of up to £5,000 is available to support projects and activities that help to improve the health and well-being of people living in Essex, Southend and Thurrock. Essex Community Fund (ECF) who manage the grants is calling for application which demonstrate how the work or the project meets one of the following:

- To help keep people out of hospital
- To help people leave hospital more quickly
- To improve health and wellbeing in the community
- To maximise use of technology which will improve the way users access your services

As there is specific criteria for this funding programme, ECF is holding a Phone-In Funding Surgery on Friday 16 November from 10am to 12 noon. This is an opportunity for potential applicants to tell grant officers about their work and receive advice on applying for a grant. To take part in the Phone-In Surgery of 16th November, please call ECF on the day on **01245 356018**. Booking is not required.

Home Office - Hate Crime Community Projects Fund

Grants of up to £50,000 are available for community-led organisations working with groups who are vulnerable to hate crime for innovative community projects that prevent hate crime.

The aim of the fund is to work with affected communities to develop a range of pilot projects to tackle hate crime and supports the delivery of the five key aims of the UK Government's plan for tackling hate crime. The five key aims are:

- Preventing hate crime.
- Responding to hate crime in communities.
- Increasing the reporting of hate crime.
- Improving support for the victims of hate crime.
- Building understanding of hate crime.

Projects must commence from 1 April 2019 and be completed by 31 March 2020 and the funding can be used for the following revenue costs:

- Salaries of project workers, including any extra costs such as pensions, National Insurance and redundancy costs, if applicable, for the project.
- Salaries of management staff who only supervise project staff, including any extra costs such as pensions and National Insurance for the project.
- Recruitment of staff who will work on the project.
- Expenses of project staff and volunteers, including; travel, accommodation, phone bills and stationery.
- Rent, heating, lighting, maintenance and insurance for office space and buildings only used for this.

Deadline for applications: 7th December 2018 (23:59) with notification of decisions to successful applicants the week of 4 February 2019.

For information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/preventing-hate-crime-funding-for-community-projects#about-the-fund>

Up to £9m grant scheme announced to support vulnerable EU citizens



The Home Office has announced notice of its Grant Scheme, expected to award between £5 and 9million to fund VCS organisations to support vulnerable or at-risk EU citizens who need additional help in completing the application process to obtain their immigration status, as the UK exits the EU.

The Home Office has put a range of measures in place to ensure that the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) is accessible and that all applicants are handled with flexibility and sensitivity. However, ensuring that the most vulnerable EU citizens and at-risk communities are engaged and supported is essential.

The voluntary and community sector (VCS) plays a vital role in representing people who are unable to advocate for themselves. Engagement has been carried out with a range of VCS organisations, including NAVCA members, to ensure that the right support and programmes are in place to protect those most in need.

The Home Office will refine the approach and assess provision for support services before formally launching the open competition, expected to begin at the end of November 2018.

Interested VCS organisations are invited to take part in an engagement teleconference to find out more information about the EUSS, the Grant Scheme process and the wider campaign, and to give organisations an opportunity to ask the Home Office questions. There will be several repeat teleconferences taking place on 7 and 8 November, to ensure as many organisations as possible have the chance to take part.

To sign up to attend a teleconference, and for more information on the Grant Scheme, please go to the Contract Finder Notice on GOV.UK. If you have any specific questions, you can email: EUSSgrants@homeoffice.gov.uk.

Vote for Motivated Minds – Aviva Community Fund



Motivated Minds have recently opened the first Happy Hub in the Eastgate Centre in Basildon Town Centre.

They encourage people to come in for a tea or coffee and a chat about any mental health issues or anything that is troubling them in their lives. They will also be holding workshops and talks with experts on wellbeing and mental health.

This will also incorporate offices for Motivated Minds and also provide one to one support for people suffering with mental health issues.

They also run a very popular youth club called Well Youth for children and young adults who are struggling with depression and anxiety and the numbers are increasing. Run community dinners and a Boardgames club for those who struggle with loneliness and are on their own.

Motivated Minds need funding for this project to continue. They are looking for £10,000 to run the Happy Hub, £8000 on community wellbeing delivery projects and £2000 on marketing these projects. To vote for Motivated Minds, click on the link: <https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/voting/project/view/4-2795>

Nationwide Building Society Community Grants

Nationwide Building Society has launched a new community funding scheme to tackle housing issues at a local level. Grants of up to £50,000, over one or two years, are available for projects that support vulnerable people with their housing needs.



Eligible applicants must be a UK registered charity, Community Land Trust or housing co-operative.

Essex Community Foundation (ECF) is leading on the programme in the East of England and working with neighbouring community foundations.

Applications will be assessed by the local community foundation and then considered by a board, which is comprised of Nationwide members, employees and housing experts.

YOU CAN APPLY FOR:

- Staff/Volunteer costs for project delivery
- Development and capacity building costs
- Activity costs
- Small scale capital costs (e.g. items for project delivery such as computers, paint, gardening equipment)
- Building works and refurbishment costs - where they are essential to the successful delivery of the project

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

If your charity works in Cambridge, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk or Suffolk, you can apply for a grant.

Please read the eligibility criteria and guidance prior to submitting your application. This is available via the following link: <http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/our-grantmaking/apply/nationwide-community-grants-programme/>

HOW TO APPLY

ECF are holding two Phone-In Funding Surgeries to speak with potential applicants. To take part, please call on one of the below dates, on 01245 356018.

- Friday 9 November from 10am to 12 noon
- Tuesday 13 November from 10am to 12 noon

Applications must be submitted using this form: [click here](#).

DEADLINE

Your application must be submitted by **5pm on Friday 7 December 2018**. Funding decisions will be made in February 2019.

Wingate Foundation

Application Deadline: 10 December 2018

Grants are available to charitable organisations active in the UK under the following categories: Jewish Life and Learning; Performing Arts (excluding music); Music; and Medical Research Travel Grants.

Funding is not available for:

- Individuals.
- Gap Year projects.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award activities.
- Operation Raleigh projects.
- Capital projects.
- Faith based projects.
- Students or individuals looking to undertake research projects.
- Large charities, including local branch offices of large organisations.
- Stage productions, under the Performing Arts (excluding music) category.
- Travel, subsistence or registration for international or national congresses and symposia, under the Medical Research Travel Grants category.
- Organisations that have previously applied and not been successful should not apply again.

Application Procedure

- The Trustees normally meet four times a year in January, April, July and October.
- An application form is available to download from the Wingate Foundation website. Completed forms should be returned by post together with a copy of the organisation's latest accounts.
- <http://www.wingatefoundation.org.uk/> for more information

Training

Essex Safeguarding Children Board

Putting multi-agency reviews into practice-professional curiosity and themes from reviews

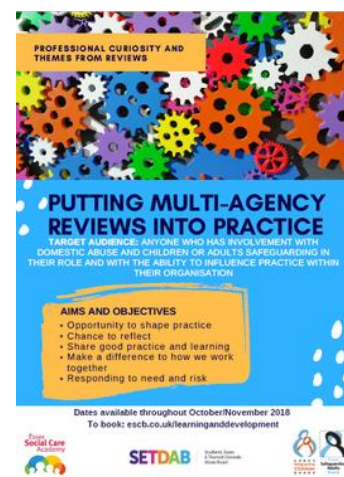
Jointly organised by the Essex Safeguarding Children Board, Essex Safeguarding Adult Board and the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board in conjunction with the Essex Social Care Academy, Essex County Council.

This workshop aims to provide the opportunity to shape practice, reflect, and make a difference to how we work together.

Book your place at the Wickford session on 22 November

2018 9.30am-12.30pm

[Click here to book](#)





Date	Event	Availability
Thu 08/11/18 & 15/11/18 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	FULLY BOOKED
Tue 20/11/18 10:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 27/11/18 10:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 27/11/18 9:30am – 12:00pm	Workplace Support workshops for Basildon Organisations	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 27/11/18 1:00pm – 3:30pm	Workplace Support workshops for Basildon Organisations	PLACES AVAILABLE
Thu 15/01/19 & 22/01/19 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	1 PLACE LEFT
Tue 29/01/19 9:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 12/02/19 9:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 12/02/19 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 26/02/19 9:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 26/02/19 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Thu 05/03/19 & 12/03/19 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 26/03/19 9:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 26/03/19 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 02/04/19 9:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 02/04/19 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE
Thu 23/04/19 & 30/04/19 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE
Tue 29/01/19 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE

For more details visit <http://www.bbwcvs.org.uk/news-events/>

Training For Chairs and Vice Chairs



This training is for Chairs and Vice Chairs of charities and non-profit organisations in England with an annual income of under £1 million.

You will:

- **Meet, learn and exchange ideas** with other Chairs who face similar challenges
- Be part of a **unique programme** tailored to meet the needs of Chairs of smaller organisations
- Know where to get support to be effective in your role
- Hear the views of other Chairs of smaller charities and sector experts on topics that concern you
- Access a wide range of FREE **practical** written resources to meet your needs

What does the programme include?

Affordable and engaging half-day workshops in nine locations all over England; London being the most local to BBWCVS. Workshops will cover topics of interest to you as Chair of a smaller charity.

Free, interactive and downloadable webinars covering and complementing our workshop content. Free resources for Chairs supporting the workshop topics. Includes guides, tips and tools to help you put what you have learnt into action.

Monthly e-bulletin helping you know what we are doing and when. Be the first to know about new resources and hear the views of other Chairs on important topics.

Online platforms to meet and learn with other Chairs. Chairing can be lonely. We will be finding other ways to help you meet and network with others.

Cost:

Thanks to a generous grant from the Big Lottery Fund our online and written resources are free of charge. Workshops only cost £20 and a travel bursary is available to support organisations with an income of under £100k with the cost of travel.

For more information: <https://www.associationofchairs.org.uk/2018/03/21/about-beacon/>

Vacancies

Basildon Borough Council, Community Development Officer

Job Title: Community Development Officer

Pay Band: Band 5 (£22,998 – £26,060 per annum inclusive of fringe)

Closing Date: 7th November 2018

Interview Date: 19th November 2018

(All posts are subject to the NJC conditions of service)

36.25 hours per week

Permanent Contract

This post is not open to job share

This post is located within the Community Involvement Team, part of Housing and Community Services and is based at the Basildon Centre.

The post requires excellent interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate clearly with people across a range of levels, excellent written, communication and presentation skills and ability work on your own initiative. Experience of partnership working would be an advantage. Some evening and weekend working may be required.

Please refer to the Councils Job Vacancy page to see the Job Description and Person Specification.

Basildon Borough Council is unable to accept CV applications, please complete the online application form. Further details can be found their website:

<http://www.basildon.gov.uk/jobs>

If you have any queries regarding this or any of our roles, please contact Human Resources on 01268 208242 or human.resources@basildon.gov.uk

Local News and Events

The Office of Civil Society

OCS have published A Connected Society: A Strategy For Tackling Loneliness.

Its laying the foundations for change', published on 15 October 2018, is the first strategy for tackling loneliness in England.

It marks a shift in the way we see and act on loneliness, both within government and across society. It builds on years of work by many individuals and organisations, and acts as government's first major contribution to the national conversation on loneliness and the importance of social connections.

This strategy is an important first step, but government is also committed to long-lasting action to tackle the problem of loneliness

Select the link for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-connected-society-a-strategy-for-tackling-loneliness>

Embracing Risk Management

Charity update on Tuesday 13 November

All charities, large and small, are exposed to risk. Trustees are ultimately responsible for managing these risks and for deciding how much risk their charity should take.

Never forget that with risk comes reward! Risk management is about getting the right balance between innovation and change on one hand and the avoidance of shocks and crises on the other – this is not always easy!

In this short session we will explore:

- The role and responsibilities of Trustees for risk management
- *A simple 'How to...' guide for managing risk in your charity*
- *The benefits of 'embracing' risk management – making it work to your advantage*
- Where to go to learn more

The session will be delivered by Colette Dark, Director ALARM

With over 30 year's experience, Colette has assisted organisations from many sectors embed robust and practical approaches to risk management. She is most well-known for her expertise in insurance liability risk, local and central government, NGO and Third Sector organisations. A frequent speaker at conferences, she has contributed to several thought leadership publications in risk management.

During a long association with the Institute of Risk Management (IRM), she has chaired the institutes training committee, authored accredited training programmes and served on the Board as a non-executive director. In 2016 she was invited to join the Board of Alarm; a membership organisation that supports risk professionals and those that deal with the management of risk within organisations that provide services to, or support, our communities and citizens. Alarm-uk.org

Where: Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford Campus

When: Registration, networking, coffee, tea and biscuits from 4pm

Session starts at 4:30pm

Book: Reserve your place with a £5 registration fee at <https://goo.gl/fGqpFB>

All welcome, but please book early as places are limited

Basildon Borough Volunteer Awards 2018

The 2018 Basildon Borough Volunteer Awards Ceremony took place on Thursday 25th October 2018.

The annual Basildon Council Volunteer Awards celebrate the selfless help and support provided by the Borough's volunteers.

All of this year's award nominees and their special guests were invited to this prestigious gala event, which was generously sponsored by a number of Basildon based businesses and voluntary bodies.

Entertainment was provided by the Artistic Performance Team from Woodlands School.



Winners of each category were presented with a trophy, a certificate of appreciation and a prize voucher by Councillor David Dadds, Mayor of Basildon and the award category sponsors.

The Long Service Award was sponsored by BBWCVS. The awarded was won by Mary Pearne - for 40 years of work at the Wednesday club supporting disabled members and their families.

Details of all the winners can be found:
<http://www.basildon.gov.uk/volunteerawards>



The Page Woods Trust

2018 Christmas Lights Competition will be taking place in December. This popular event is again kindly being sponsored by Alton Garden Centre with Andy Bunker as the judge. Prizes are all Alton Gift Vouchers 1st prize £50; 2nd £30 and 3rd £20. As in previous years there will also be a few consolation prizes. Judging will take place in December – once we set a date it will not be altered unless extreme weather conditions prevail. Please email pagewoodsnews@gmail.com or text 0780 804 1825 to enter stating whether your entry is for your back or front garden or both. Your garden will not be judged unless you enter !!!

Christmas Bazaar at Pitsea Mount Hall - 24th November 11.00 to 2.00 p.m. There will be some lovely home-made cakes in the Café area plus lots of stalls. We will have a tombola table again (donations welcome). Please come along and see us.

WHEN I WENT DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY.....How would you like to win a copy of "The New Land", by Daisy Bourne? All you have to do is write a story up to 500 words long (excluding title) with the title "When I went down to the woods today..." - it can be any woods - real or fictional. It's a free to enter competition with three age group categories - 11 and under; 12 to 16; over 16's. Closing Date will be 8th December so winners will receive their signed copy before Christmas. Please send entries to DaisyBourneAuthor@gmail.com

IF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT THE WOODS PLEASE REPORT THESE TO THE TRUSTEES. Inaccurate reporting on social media recently led to unnecessary comments and actions. The Page Wood Trust is a registered charity and member of the Basildon, Billericay and Wickford Council for Voluntary Services – if we need advice we will seek help from those organisations. Thank you for your support.

Contact: If, you are not on the internet/Facebook please contact Rose on 0780 804 1825 or email rg.pagewoodstrust@gmail.com

We post on these two Facebook sites
Page Woods Trust and Bowers Gifford and North Benfleet Community Group.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/209371539828526/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/337382280112507/>

HEART OF PITSEA COMMUNITY CONNECT CLUB PRESENTS



FREE TALK – RESTORING STEAM ENGINES

STEAM BUFF ROB WALKER WILL TAKE YOU BACK IN TIME TO THE DAYS OF STEAM POWER AND TALK ABOUT HIS LOVE OF RESTORING AND BUILDING STEAM ENGINES



WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

7PM – 8PM

THE PLACE, PITSEA LEISURE CENTRE



WWW.HEARTOFPITSEA.CO.UK

Basildon Community Tree Launch Event



On Tuesday we hosted the launch of the Basildon Borough Community Tree. Led by Brentwood Community Print, funded by HealthWatch Essex and supported by the Basildon Borough CCG, the Community Tree is a group of key organisations in the borough working together to support people in our community with mental ill-health.

For more information about the Basildon Community Tree follow this link:
<https://www.essexcommunitytree.net/basildon-area-organisations>

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018 - 2019

Date	Event	Contact
Fri 23 Nov 6:45pm - 12:30pm	Heart of Pitsea Quiz Night	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Sat 1 Dec 10:00am - 4:00pm	Heart of Pitsea Community Christmas Event	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Tues 4 Dec 9:30am - 12:30pm	2018 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	01268 294439 catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk

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