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CVS News

CVS Development and Funding Officer

We are seeking to recruit a funding and development services officer to develop a robust, thriving third sector by building effective networks, partnerships and forums, and assisting with funding development to achieve long term sustainability. The post includes responsibility for the coordination of four network meetings and the provision of training, direct support and funding advice.

The closing date for this post is **Monday 28 January at 4.30pm**. Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend a local interview in the week commencing 4th February.

This is a permanent contract but the post is subject to satisfactory completion of probation.

Salary: SO1 (scp 29-31) £26,470-£28,221 pro rata.

Hours: 21 hours per week

For further information please see our website: <http://www.bbwcvcs.org.uk/about/vacancies/>

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 Chris Evans on 01268 294781 or email chris@bbwcvs.org.uk

Greggs Foundation Accepting Applications for Local Community Funding in Spring 2019

Small, local not-for-profit organisations that are seeking funding for a project that helps to build resilience within their local community have until the end of February to submit their application.

Using the money raised from the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs shops across Great Britain, the Foundation provides grants to small not-for-profit organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 for projects that make a difference to local areas.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for projects and providing equipment for people in need at the heart of local communities.

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

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness.
- Living in poverty.
- Voluntary carers.
- Homeless.
- Isolated older people.
- Other demonstrable significant need.

Eligible projects should be able to show that they meet at least one of the following Key Performance Targets for their beneficiaries:

- Decreased social isolation.
- Improved health and wellbeing.
- Improved resilience/coping mechanisms.
- Improved life skills.
- Improved opportunities.

Projects should improve resilience within a community of interest and can include sessional activities/respice support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. The Foundation is also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting the community of interest.

This is a highly competitive grant scheme with only 27% of eligible applicants receiving funding last year.

The deadline for applications is **28 February 2019**.

The decisions for this round will be announced by 25 April 2019.

Further information is available on the Greggs Foundation [website](#).

Swan Foundation Inviting Funding Applications

Swan Foundation, the charitable arm of Swan Housing Association has been working with a range of local partners to enhance and change the lives of communities living in East London and Essex.



Since being established in 2009, the charity has worked tirelessly to offer a range of projects and initiatives that support local people, help tackle unemployment, raise capacity and improve the health and wellbeing of those communities.

The Foundation is currently inviting grant applications up to £5k, from local organisations for the projects that meet our priorities:

- Relief of financial hardship and unemployment for the benefit of the public
- The advancement of education and training
- The provision of recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life

They have a quick decision making process and you will be notified on the outcome of your application by the end of February 2019. The deadline for this funding application is at **5.00pm, 24th January 2019**. If you need any further information please contact the Resident Involvement Team at Swan on 01277 844 242 or involvement@swan.org.uk

Please see the attached application form:



Application form.doc

£1 million funding for communities to create their own pocket parks

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is providing a £1 million fund to support the development of new pocket parks and to refurbish existing parks that have fallen into disrepair, where their restoration could have a significant positive impact on the local community and address a specific local need.

The Pocket Parks Plus prospectus offers an opportunity to build on coverage around the Government's work to support local parks and green areas, especially with regards to community involvement in green spaces. It will also build on the success of the original Pocket Parks Scheme in 2015/16.

Communities across England can bid for a share of £1 million Pocket Parks Plus funding to support them in taking control of their own green spaces.

Applicants have until **Friday 25 January 2019** to submit an application further information can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/1-million-funding-for-communities-to-create-their-own-pocket-parks>

Essex Community Foundation

Grants of up to £10,000 are available from the 'Essex Fund', managed by Essex Community Foundation, to support the work of local voluntary and community organisations. Funding applications can be made for core costs, project costs or capital costs.

All applications must demonstrate at least one of the following areas of work:

- Support to carers
- Improvements to the environment
- Provide community resource
- Help and activities for young people (including projects that increase awareness and participation in activities which explore culture and heritage)

To read the criteria and to apply to this fund, visit:

www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/our-grantmaking/apply/the-essex-fund/.

The deadline is 5pm on Friday 18 January.

Vacancies

Community 'Men in Sheds' Project

The Essex Shed Network (ESN) has been successful in being awarded funding for 3 years by the Big Lottery to expand their work in relation to this already successful project. The project is delivered in partnership by two charities CVS Uttlesford and Maldon CVS and they now need to employ two new staff to support this exciting opportunity.

The two roles are:

A **Development Worker** who will support the growth project and associated activities, particularly in relation to increasing the number of sheds, particularly at the point of start-up and implementation, along with supporting existing sheds.

An **Outreach Officer** who will support the growth project and associated activities, particularly in relation to increase the reach of these projects through additional activities such as social groups, health activities and increased volunteering.

These are full time roles – 37 hrs per week

Salary per annum £24050 on 3 year Fixed Term Contracts

Based in Dunmow or Maldon, Essex, with travel across Essex

Further information and Applications available at: <https://www.cvsu.org.uk/work-for-cvs-uttlesford/>

Applications to be submitted by the **18th January 2019 by 5pm** to CVSU, by email to info@cvsu.org.uk

Interviews/Selection – will start the week of the 4th Feb 2019.

If you wish to discuss these roles and opportunities please call CVSU CEO Clive Emmett on 01371 878400 or MDCVS Director Sarah Troop on 01621 851891.

Training

ESCB Stay Safe Conferences

Prevention of teenage suicide and promoting positive emotional health and wellbeing for young people.

Essex Safeguarding
Children Board



Working alongside the Stay Safe Groups, Essex Safeguarding Children Board will be hosting conferences in February and March 2019 and we encourage you to attend in your local area to maximise networking opportunities.

The conferences are for anyone working with children and families in Essex

Aims of the conferences:

- Create understanding that it's ok to talk about suicide
- Share the learning from the thematic review of teenage suicides in Essex
- Promote multi-agency working
- To develop confidence in working with young people who express suicidal ideation and understand how they can be supported

Conference programme:

- Papyrus, a national suicide prevention charity, will be delivering a session on raising awareness of the steps to take to help prevent suicide
- Sharing learning from the thematic review of teenage suicides in Essex
- Essex Emotional Health and Wellbeing service will be presenting a session on how to manage risk with young people who are expressing suicidal ideation.
- Essex Educational Psychologists will deliver an interactive session on Ideas for working with young people to support and develop ways to help them cope with difficulties.

The conferences will also cover areas such as:

- Young people and social media
- Young people's voices

Book your place; select the link below:

Chelmsford
20.03.2019
9:30am - 4:30pm

Wickford
28.03.2019
9:30am - 4:30pm

The conferences are free of charge to attend but please read the booking information below before submitting your request to attend.

Important booking information:

- Booking a place at the conference does not guarantee a place – to ensure varied multi-agency representation at events ESCB will confirm your place at the conference at least a month prior to the conference via the email provided when you book.

- The conferences are free of charge to attend but cancellation of your place with less than 15 working days' notice or non-attendance on the day of the conference will incur a £50 charge.
- If you are unable to attend, please email escb.training@essex.gov.uk as soon as possible. You can nominate an appropriate colleague to attend in your place up to 48 hours before the conference without incurring a charge.

Do you work with young people who need to build social skills, self-confidence and independence?

InterAct's new programme for January to March 2019 is here! They hope you like what they have in store for you. There are lots of exciting things going on during February half term including Mamma Mia, the musical, Southend Adventure Island and London Zoo!

The bookings for half term will open on 1st January 2019. www.interact.org.uk/booknow

National News

Sector Support

The [Directory of Social Change \(DSC\)](#) has published a factsheet to debunk and challenge the most common myths about charities. **#CharityFacts** sets out nine facts such as "charities don't spend your donation on big salaries" and "Charities don't get tons of money from government" supporting each with explanations and statistics.

The factsheet is designed to arm staff, trustees and volunteers with a single, easy to read and access source of information, to challenge misconceptions about the voluntary sector. **#CharityFacts** is available to read and downloaded [using this link](#)

Governance & Regulations

[The Charity Commission](#) has raised "serious concerns" about a decline in the quality of charity accounts, and has called for a "step-change" in trustees' attitudes to public benefit reporting after discovering nearly half of all charities fail to explain what they do or the impact their work has.

The Commission's comments have followed publication of two documents based on research on a random sample of charity accounts and a random sample of trustees' annual reports. (All charities sampled for the research reported annual incomes of more than £25,000). Both publications have been highly critical of reporting standards across the sector.

The first document, [Public Reporting by Charities in their Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts](#), highlights that the proportion of accounts and trustees' reports that met the Commission's benchmark has fallen over a 31 month period to December 2016; from 77% in 2013/14, to 74% in 2014/15, dropping further to 70% in 2015/16. (The figure had previously risen sharply from 54 per cent in 2012/13 to 77 per cent in 2013/14).

The second publication, [Public Benefit Reporting by Charities](#), outlines that only 52% of annual reports met public benefit reporting requirements, and whilst this is 1 percentage point better than last year, the Commission says this remained disappointing. The reports published by The Charity Commission can be read or downloaded using the links in the article above.

Local News and Events

Young Carers Awareness Day

To mark the National Young Carers Awareness Day on Thursday 31 January 2019, Essex Youth Service has partnered with Supporting Carers and Families Together (SCAFT) to host a special conference.

This is taking place at Chelmsford City Racecourse, Chelmsford, CM3 1QP, 9:30am - 3:30pm.

Key speakers include:

- Minister of State for Care, Caroline Dinenage MP
- ECC Cabinet Member for Education & Skills, Councillor Ray Gooding
- Director for Education, Clare Kershaw
- Service Manager for SCAFT, Andrew Trewern.

There will also be presentations from young carers, NHS GP, KOOTH, Essex schools and organisations including the Children's Society on the Young Carers in Schools Award.

The theme of the day is Young Carers and mental health.

Reserve your place using link - <https://youngcarersconference2019.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you would like a table or space in the foyer 'marketplace' to promote their service, please email Veronica.Burnett@essex.gov.uk

Financial Abuse Awareness Seminar

South Essex Advocacy Services (SEAS) is a small independent charity based in Westcliff-on-Sea that advocates on behalf of adults experiencing financial and/or, social difficulties across the whole of South East Essex, including Basildon.

Over the last few years, financial abuse towards older people across the UK has increased by c.40%. Here at SEAS we have seen an astonishing rise in referrals to our charity relating to financial abuse.

We are constantly asked by many people, including bank managers, care companies, housing associations and medical professionals:

- How do you recognise the signs of financial abuse?
- Who can you contact if you suspect financial abuse is being committed?
- What can SEAS do to help older people experiencing financial abuse?

Our first Financial Abuse Awareness Seminar was held in Southend in December 2018. We now have the pleasure of inviting you to our second seminar to be held as follows:

Date: 18 January 2019 14:00 until 16:00

At: Wat Tyler Country Park - Green Centre, Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex, SS16 4UH

Please note this seminar and parking at Wat Tyler Country Park are free of charge.

Help us ensure the new IAPT service for Basildon and Brentwood meets the needs of local people.

From April 2019 the Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) service for people living within the Basildon and Brentwood CCG area will be changing.

You are invited to one of two discussion workshops being held by Vita Health, the provider of the new IAPT service, together with NHS Basildon and Brentwood Clinical Commissioning Group. The workshops will give patients the opportunity to contribute to the development of key aspects of the new service.

You can find out more about the patient workshop in the attached information sheet.



Patient
Engagement Event

There are two sessions to choose from:

Wednesday 16 January, 2-4pm The Place Northlands Pavement Pitsea SS13 3DU	Thursday 17 January, 6-8pm Conference Room, Brentwood Community Hospital Crescent Drive Brentwood CM15 8DR
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If you would like to attend one of the sessions please email: alexis.orwell@nhs.net or telephone 01268 594557 and leave a message with your name, contact details and which event you would like to attend. There will be a limited number of places available at each event.

Let's Talk Good Finance

When: 9.30 to 12.30 on Thursday 17th January 2018

Where: Braintree, Essex

Let's Talk Good Finance is an informal opportunity to learn about social finance from peers who will share their journey to social investment. The event is aimed at social enterprises and charities who are interested in social investment and work in Essex or the East of England.



If, like one attendee at our event in Cambridge, you want to "know about the pros and cons of social investment" this could be the event for you.

The agenda will include case studies, the opportunity to hear from peers who have successfully gained social investment, the latest updates on the world of social finance and time for networking.

Come along armed with questions and challenges for us to help with.

Book now - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-good-finance-essex-tickets-53533564332>

Breakthrough Basildon

BASILDON AT 70

WHERE THE FUTURE BEGINS | 1949 - 2019

Do you have a personal archive of photographs or home video of Basildon over the past twenty, thirty, fifty or even seventy years and would you be willing to share?

Breakthrough Basildon has commissioned a short video to accompany a new report on how to improve the town and borough for residents. The video will aim to articulate Basildon's history and unique identity, while providing a starting point for coming together to agree a shared vision for its future.

As part of this we need to show what the borough looked like in the past through the eyes of people who lived there. Any materials you could contribute would be greatly appreciated, treasured and (if hard copies) returned safely to you after scanning. We're not after high quality images and video and the older the better. "

Contact: charlotte@blake.house or hello@blake.house

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2019

Date	Event	Contact / Availability
Thu 15 Jan & 22 Jan 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	FULLY BOOKED
Tue 29 Jan 9:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Thu 05 Mar & 12 Mar 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Tue 26 Mar 9:30am – 12:30pm	2019 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Thu 23 Apr & 30 Apr 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk

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