



Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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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 11 March at 4.30pm**. Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend a local interview in the week commencing 18 March.

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/>

### Recycling with Terracycle

We have signed up as a collection point with Terracycle.

TerraCycle is a highly-awarded, international upcycling and recycling company that collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products and repurposes the material into affordable, innovative products.

TerraCycle is widely considered the world's leader in the collection and reuse of non-recyclable, post-consumer waste.



Currently more than 1.5 million individuals and organisations across the UK have signed up to collect, which to date has diverted more than 26 million items of waste from landfill.

TerraCycle offers a range of free programmes that are funded by conscientious companies, as well as recycling solutions available for purchase for almost every form of waste.

We have signed up for the following schemes:

- **Pringles Tubes:** including the lid and seal. No other types of tube is accepted.
- **Crisp Packets:** any brand of crisp packet. Popcorn bags, Pretzel bags or Meat snack bags are not accepted.
- **Cracker, biscuit and cake wrappers:** any brand of non-savoury biscuit wrappers, any brand of multi-pack biscuit wrappers and any range of McVities Nibbles packs.

Contact Mandy if you would like to drop off any of the above on 01268 294125 or email [admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk). You can also visit <https://www.terracycle.co.uk/en-GB/> to find out about all the recycling programmes available in your area.

## Winter Warmth Fund

Our Winter Warmth Fund was launched in November 2018, we still have grant money available and it needs to be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

The purpose of this grant funding is to both prevent crises and respond to them in relation to cold-related illnesses and deaths amongst frail elderly and other vulnerable groups of people.

This year we have given grants to The George Hurd Centre, Basildon Community Resource Centre, Billericay Acts of Random Kindness and Peabody. Does your organisation qualify for funding?

Guidance notes and the application form are attached below. For further details please contact [admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk)



Basildon-Winter-Warmth-Grant-2018-1'

## 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@bbwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:chris@bbwcvcs.org.uk)

## The Bright Ideas Fund: opening soon!

The Bright Ideas Fund supports new [community business](#) ideas through the start-up and planning stages with tailored business support, to the implementation stage with grants of up to £15,000.

The Bright Ideas Fund is funded by [Power to Change](#), the independent trust supporting community businesses in England, and delivered by [Locality](#), the national network for community organisations, in partnership with [Co-operatives UK](#), the [Plunkett Foundation](#) and [Groundwork UK](#).

The Bright Ideas Fund application will open on 26 February 2019, and close on Tuesday 9 April 2019. [Find out more here.](#)

## Beechwood Village Community

Funding is now available from the Beechwood Village Community. It's a great charity looking to enhance the lives of residents who live on both Beechwood and Craylands. The Trust has a reasonable yearly income and is now in the position to start commissioning projects that can make a difference.

The first two areas that they are looking for projects in are Community Cohesion and Tackling the Fear of Crime. It's quite a tight timeframe for responses and they are expecting responses back by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March.



BVCT Commission - BVCT Commission -  
Tackling Fear of Crime Community Cohesion

## The Swan Foundation

The Swan Foundation also currently has some funds available for projects taking place in either Essex or East London. The three criteria that they have is that they must either:

- Tackle financial hardship / Unemployment
- Help to advance education and training
- Provide recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare

Grants from the Foundation are up to a maximum of £5k per project

Please contact [carichardson@swan.org.uk](mailto:carichardson@swan.org.uk) for more details.

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somewhere to feel at home

## Vacancies

### Advertise Jobs and Contracts Through Us!

This service is free to members of the BBWCVS. We can advertise the latest vacancies from our members to a wider audience, using our website, this bulletin and social media.

For non-members we charge £25 for charities, £50 for statutory or private sector employers. The advertisement will stay up until the expiry date and we will also tweet it to our faithful following and include it in our newsletters.

Send the details including a weblink to [admin@bbwcv.org.uk](mailto:admin@bbwcv.org.uk)

### BOSP Playworkers & Senior Playworkers

**Based:** Billericay, Basildon & Brentwood, Essex

**Salary:** Various, depending on age and experience

**Hours:** Flexible, including Saturdays, Sundays, school holidays and evenings

- Are you enthusiastic, caring, flexible, reliable and enjoy working as part of a team?
- Are you wanting to enhance the lives of children and young people with disabilities, via fun social activities?
- Are you wanting to learn in an Ofsted Outstanding environment?
- Are you wanting work to fit around your studies or other work commitments?

Then apply to be a BOSP Playworker and download the application below today! Training and career opportunities are available to the right candidates. Employment is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and suitable references.

BOSP is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. BOSP is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment.

If you are interested in applying, please go to their website for more details:

<http://www.bosp.co.uk/community/bosp-brighter-opportunities-through-supported-play-13333/bosp-job-vacancies/>

## Health and Social Care Update

### ACE (Anglian Community Enterprise)

ACE are commissioned by Essex County Council to support GPs in the delivery of the NHS Health Check Programme. NHS Health Checks are eligible to patients aged 40-74. The NHS Health Check includes Blood Pressure, BMI, Heart Rate, Cholesterol, lifestyle questions, calculating an individual's heart age and risk of developing Cardiovascular Disease over the next 10 years.

ACE are always looking for venues to attend so that they can provide this **FREE** service to the public across Essex. In particular they are looking to work closely with BAME groups. If you wish to be involved contact Bobby Jones: [christopher.jones@acecic.nhs.uk](mailto:christopher.jones@acecic.nhs.uk)

Details can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-health-check/what-is-an-nhs-health-check-new/>

## Local News and Events

### Active Networks (Basildon/Brentwood/Thurrock) Networking Event

The event takes place on Friday 1 March 2019 at Orsett Hall, Prince Charles Avenue, Orsett, RM16 3HS. This is a joint event between Active Basildon, Active Brentwood and Active Thurrock.

You are welcome to arrive from 8.15am for networking, with the event starting at 9am and being finished by 1pm. The theme for 2019 is around mental health and wellbeing, more details available as they're confirmed.

If you would like to attend, please complete the form at <https://www.activeessex.org/southwestessexactivenetworks/#>

### Festival Leisure Park My Community Awards 2019

Following the success of last year, they are proud to announce the launch of The Festival Leisure Park My Community Awards 2019.

Festival Leisure Park want to recognise local people for their services to the community. Please spread the word and hopefully you will know people that deserve to be nominated. Winners will receive a trophy, a certificate and £100 to spend at Festival Leisure Park.

#### **The nominations are open now.**

The nominations close on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

The awards night is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at Unit 7 630-830pm

To enter visit [www.festivalleisure.co.uk/awards-2019](http://www.festivalleisure.co.uk/awards-2019)

### Practical Parent Workshops

The Essex SEND Information Advice and Support Service is holding a free workshop day for parents/carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities, who live in the South of Essex only.

The parents will be able to attend three workshops includes a buffet lunch, offering knowledge and skills which you can adapt at home. The event also offers the opportunity to meet other parents and visit the exhibitor stands representing organisations that offer support and services in this area.

Please see attached flyer for information about the workshops and how to book a place.



Flyer South March  
2019.pdf

# Legal Updates

## Legal Updates for Voluntary and Other Third Sector Organisations

Beast from the east, polar vortex ... whatever it is called, it's disruptive and can be dangerous. Here are a number of useful articles about dealing with bad weather, travel disruption and absence. While the issues on pay and a legal right to have or not have time off do not relate to volunteers, the general principles – like flexibility and fairness – should apply to them as well.

- *Travel disruption and bad weather.* Guidance for employers and employees on paying delayed or absent workers; paying workers when an employer decides to close; alternative arrangements for disrupted work; school closures and other unexpected issues; working temperatures during bad weather; and planning ahead to minimise difficulties (might be a bit too late for this week's weather, but there's still time to plan for the next blizzard, hurricane or whatever). Acas: <http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2797>.
- *Winter weather: Planning for disruption.* Guidance on developing or reviewing an "adverse weather" or "journey to work" policy. Acas: <http://www.acas.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4050>.
- *Bad weather is snow joke for staff trying to get to work.* Short article from the TUC on weather policies, pay, childcare, homeworking, and temperature. TUC, 29 January 2019, 2pp: Trades Union Congress, <https://www.tuc.org.uk/blogs/bad-weather-snow-joke-staff-trying-get-work>.

Our thanks go to Sandy Adirondack [Governance and legal information for voluntary organisations] for this information. [sandy@sandy-a.co.uk](mailto:sandy@sandy-a.co.uk)

## VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2019

Date	Event	Contact / Availability
<b>Mon 11 Mar</b> From 10:00am	Pitsea Activity Centre Open Day Northlands Pavement Pitsea. SS13 3DU	<a href="mailto:pitseadaycentre@basildon.gov.uk">pitseadaycentre@basildon.gov.uk</a>
<b>Tue 26 Mar</b> 9:30am – 12:30pm	CVS Network Forum The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	<a href="mailto:admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk">admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Tue 2 Apr</b> 9:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE <a href="mailto:admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk">admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Tue 23 Apr &amp; 30 Apr</b> 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE <a href="mailto:admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk">admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Wed 15 May</b> 9:00am – 1:30pm	PENISULA Morning – Free Legal Update on Health & Safety and Employment Rights Update	

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