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CVS News

Voluntary Sector Network - Thursday 21st March 2013

Basildon, Billericay & Wickford Council for Voluntary Services (BBWCVS) is introducing a networking event for staff and volunteers from voluntary and community sector groups in the borough. The next event will be held on Thursday 21st March, 9.30am to 12pm.

These Network events are an ideal opportunity promote your events, services and plan other networking events for 2013.

For more information on these events please contact Pam McCarthy on 01268 294439 or email: pam@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Recruitment Event for Sport Makers

Thursday 21st March 2013, 1pm to 2.30pm at The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon

Whether it's planning the route, finding the pitch or encouraging people to take part – sport doesn't just happen, it needs people to make it happen.

Come along to a FREE Sport Makers event and you'll get the skills, knowledge, opportunities and contacts you need to get more people playing sport.

Sign up as one of 40,000 Sport Makers aged 16+ to become a true sporting hero and part of the legacy of London 2012.

Come along and find out how you can take part!

Pathway to Employment

Are you aged over 18? Do you live in Essex?

If you can answer **yes** to these two questions and have a disability or health condition then this could be for you.

A free training project that will enable you to **overcome barriers** to accessing employment, **building skills** and **confidence**. This training programme includes attending two progression into work workshops; and taking part in some work placed learning including voluntary work.

If this is for you contact Basildon CVS on **01268 294124** to book your place.

The programme is funded by the European Union



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Funding News

To book your one-to-one funding advice session or for further enquiries, please contact our Development Services Manager, Pam McCarthy on 01268 294439 or email pam@bbwcvs.org.uk.

EACVS Funding Update – for the latest funding newsletter see **Appendix A**

Community First Funding - Pitsea South East/North West: Grants to organisations working or delivering services in the Pitsea area.

The Pitsea South East/North West Community First grant programme is available to all constituted voluntary and community groups based or delivering services in the Pitsea wards, Basildon and will fund **up to** £2,500 towards project costs.

Administered by a local panel on behalf of Community Development Foundation, this grant scheme is part of the government Community First initiative. Nationally £30 million is now available to fund community projects in some of the most deprived areas of the country. People will be encouraged to give time, expertise and resources towards the projects they identify in their areas. The government will match these pound for pound, helping to stimulate local action towards meeting community needs.

Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund is an initiative that provides local communities with the means to address their own priorities. It is a matched fund programme, which means that every £1 provided in funding must be matched by a similar amount of in-kind donations (this means donations of cash, services, free products or volunteer time).

For more information go to: <http://www.bbwcvs.org.uk/communityfirst.htm>

The closing date for completed applications is Friday 25th February 2013.

Applications should be returned to admin@bbwcvs.org.uk or by post to Basildon, Billericay and Wickford Council for Voluntary Service, the George Hurd Centre, Basildon, Essex, SS14 2FL.

BASILDON YOUTH STRATEGY GROUP GRANTS 2012/2013 - Closing date for bids 12th March 2013

Please read the application guidelines before you complete your application

The Basildon Youth Strategy Group would like to help provide better services for young people across the Basildon Borough.

If you are a group of young people connected to a voluntary and community group, or a voluntary and community group who would like to run a club, class or activity for young people between the ages of 13-19 (or upper age limit of 25 for young people with disabilities) and you need some money to develop the activities, we might be able to help you.

The maximum amount that can be applied for is £2000 and can be used as a contribution to larger projects, increase activities or services or increase volunteers.

For more information:

Guidance Notes & Criteria – **Appendix R**

Application Form - **Appendix S**

ECF Grants - A reminder to voluntary and community organisations looking for funding that ECF now operates a rolling grants programme and encourages applications to be submitted throughout the year. They will continue to invite applications for some of our funds which have specific criteria and geographical boundaries.

ECF is currently inviting applications to the following funds:

- **Surviving Winter:** to support voluntary organisations working with elderly and vulnerable people.
- **Stour Valley Environment Fund:** to support voluntary groups working to enhance the environment in the Stour Valley. Maximum award £2,500.
- **Harlow Recreation Trust:** to provide funding for voluntary and community organisations which support the development of recreational skills, knowledge and talent for the benefit of people living in Harlow.
- **Southend Community Fund:** supporting voluntary organisations active in and benefiting the Southend community (average grant is £2,500).

To view the funds currently inviting applications [Click Here](#).

If you would like to discuss an application in advance of submission, please call Fran Wright on 01245 356018 or e-mail fran@essexcf.org.uk

The annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded good causes is here!

Your favorite National Lottery funded project could be in with a chance to take part in a celebrity-studded Awards ceremony on BBC One plus win a £2,000 cash prize!

All you need to do to nominate a project is visit www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards and tell us about it, and how National Lottery funding has helped it to improve or enrich the lives or communities of the people it works with.

Last year a massive 2.7 million people tuned in to BBC One to watch the Awards ceremony...this year they could be watching your favourite project!

In Memory of Belinda

When Belinda Starling died in 2006, aged just 34, her parents, David and Judy established a charitable fund with ECF in her memory.

Through the Fund they help young people in Essex "whose ambitions and talents, particularly in literature, drama or music, just cannot take root without help, encouragement and money

To read more about this inspirational fund and others [Click Here](#)

Training News

Roles & Responsibility Training

Room 2, St Martins, Bas Centre on Monday, 11th March 6pm – 8pm

Twelve Essential Board Responsibilities at a glance and how to cope with the governance of a charitable organisation.

If you are interested in attending this training or require more information the please contact Pam McCarthy: pam@bbwcvcs.org.uk or tel: 01268 294125

St. Luke's Hospice Annual Education Programme for 2013

If you are interested in attending any of the study days and would like further information, please contact Jean Evans: Jean@stlukeshospice.co.uk or tel 01268 524973 ext 224.

Education Programme – **Appendix F**

Education Programme Letter – **Appendix G**

Application Form – **Appendix H**

CAP Money is a three-session course to get **you** back in control of **your** money. Learn a simple system to help **you** budget, save and plan for the future.

This will be starting at the end of February and there will be a daytime and evening course.

For more information and details on how to book see **Appendix I**

Local News

Safer Future Communities Stakeholder Event

On Tuesday 26th February 2013 between 9.30 am – 1.30 pm, Essex Association of Councils of Voluntary Service (EACVS) will be hosting an engagement event to introduce the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner, Nick Alston, to the voluntary and community sector.

The half-day conference has been designed in consultation with voluntary and community organisations and the Police and Crime Commissioner to build links for future collaborative work, to identify need, establish effective mechanisms for communication and highlight what can be achieved and is being achieved across Essex, Southend and Thurrock.

Further information and how to book:

Invitation Letter – **Appendix J**

Finalised Agenda – **Appendix K**

Booking Form – **Appendix L**



SOUTH WEST ESSEX LOCALITY PUBLIC MEETING - Monday 25th February 2013, 10.30 am-12.30pm
The Board Room, SW Essex PCT Headquarters, Phoenix Court, Christopher Martin Road, Basildon

Jane Itangata, Mental Health Commissioner, S. Essex ECC, will be presenting the consultation on The Joint Mental Health Strategy for South Essex.

For more information:

SWE LINK Flyer - **Appendix P**

SWE LINK Agenda – **Appendix Q**

Essex Safeguarding Children Board has launched a new and improved website. It can be found at the same web address as before www.escb.co.uk

A free 'handyvan' scheme can help people beat burglars. People aged over 60 can have door locks, chains and viewers and window locks installed.

As well as fitting security devices they will also hand out free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

For information contact Age UK on 08450261055.

Pay Tax or Support your local Community?

Did you know that you can increase the value of your donation to charity by up to 66% by giving tax efficiently? With the end of the financial year approaching on 5 April, ECF is encouraging professional advisers to explain to their clients, the benefits which can be gained from channelling their money in a tax-efficient way to help local charities and voluntary organisations.

ECF works with many professional advisers across Essex helping them to help their clients achieve their philanthropic objectives. For information about tax efficient giving [click here](#) or call ECF on 01245 355947

Rethink Mental Illness - Panorama Community Service

Who we are - Our service offers you a chance to get involved in activities and develop goals that will help you on the road to recovery

We Provide - One-to-one or group activities in the community, photography, crafts, coffee mornings and swimming sessions.

We can help you if - You are age 17 to 65 and registered with a GP in Basildon, Billericay, Wickford, Brentwood, Castlepoint or Rochford.

You can be referred by Community Mental Health team, or another organisation and you can also refer yourself to our service.

You can contact our service at 34 Runwell Road, Wickford Essex SS11 7HQ, Phone 01268 570514 or

E-mail <mailto:faye.morris@rethink.org>

Basildon Library - have 7 display boards that are available for groups to use. They are wall mounted, each measure 4' by 4', and they are located in a prominent position in the library. They would welcome art and craft work from local community groups, which they would display free of charge on a monthly basis (they have recently had displays from groups such as Pavis, Mencap and TSX)

Please contact Chris Hyde: chris.hyde@essex.gov.uk or tel 01268 288533 for further information.

Helping Hands Food Bank running every Thursday from 1pm/3pm at Lee Chapel North Community Hall, Ballards Walk, Basildon.

Anyone who would like to help or any organisation that might like to refer clients to us please contact John McKay on 01268419643. Also from February a job club and advice service will be available at the same time and place.

Legal News

Payroll Reporting is Changing - Operating PAYE in Real Time

HMRC is introducing a new way of reporting PAYE - called Real Time Information, or RTI.

From April 2013, employers will be legally required to report PAYE in real time. This means that information about all PAYE payments needs to be submitted to HMRC online each time a payment is made as part of the payroll process, rather than at the end of the year as they are now.

For more information please see <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/payerti/index.htm>

If you would like advice regarding this or information about the payroll service offered by BBWCVS please contact: donna@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Volunteering

To promote and publicise your volunteering opportunities please contact Jessica Plant on 01268 294420 or email jessica@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Brentwood Crossroads Care – Have a vacancy for a trustee. For more information see **Appendix M**

School Governor Vacancies – Please go to **Appendix N** for a list of the current vacancies for the South Essex area.

BBWCVS Trustee Vacancy – Treasurer Trustee

Are you passionate about the voluntary and community sector? Do you have a good head for figures?

If so this is an exciting opportunity to bring your financial expertise to a highly regarded local infrastructure charity as part of the team of volunteer Board members who provide governance and direction for our work.

We are looking for a trustee to join our finance and fundraising sub-committee, with a view to becoming our treasurer in the future.

You will need to understand the role of trustees and have skills; experience and commitment that will help us achieve our objectives.

For further details see **Appendix O**

Local Vacancies

Neighbourhood Coordinator Post at Basildon Council

For information on this vacancy click this link: <http://tinyurl.com/apl4sob>

Appendices are available to download at:
<http://www.bbwcvcs.org.uk/Issue44.htm>

For more information on articles in this bulletin or to advertise an event, training or information about your organisation in our next bulletin, please contact

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The next circulation will be an Electronic Bulletin which will go out on Friday 1st March 2013
the deadline for articles is Monday 25th February 2013