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## **CVS Events**

**CVS Volunteer Managers Forum: Tuesday 10 October 13.30-15.30, The George Hurd Centre**

This forum is for people who, whatever their role, whether paid or voluntary, coordinate/manage any number of volunteers.

The Forum offers an opportunity:

- For local volunteer managers to get to know each other, benefit from mutual support and also to get to know more about other third sector organisations working in their community
- To find out about the support available from the Basildon Billericay & Wickford Council for Voluntary Services & Volunteer Centre.
- To share best practice and find new ways of working that could help your organisation.
- To promote your organisation and network with other local volunteer involving organisations.

This group meets quarterly with issues identified by the group forming the central part of the agenda.

For more information contact Emily at [volcentre@bbwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:volcentre@bbwcvcs.org.uk) or call 01268 294420.  
To register your attendance please click on <http://bit.ly/2xKGmy0>

## Care Navigation Stakeholder Event

In partnership with Provide, Community Agents and Basildon & Brentwood CCG, we are hosting an event in order to promote Care Navigation. As part of this event we will be reviewing and evaluating the service over the past 18 month pilot. This event will be held on Tuesday 31st October from 9.30am-1pm at the George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon.

We are inviting all stakeholders including those whom we have referred to over the past year or so, asking for views on:

- What worked best, what didn't.
- How to best manage data sharing and governance protocols
- How best we can work together in the future.
- Optimise additional referrals and agree on best practices.

The Agenda on the day will include how the transition to the Care Navigation Partnership will go forward and build on the engagement established. The event will include a presentation detailing what type of referrals we received, how and where we signposted to and the impact on individuals and supporting organisations.

We will finish with a plenary session to gain feedback from referring MDT's and Core Organisations. We will evaluate and feedback accordingly following the event.

Please pass this on to any organisations you feel may be interested in or benefit from the Care Navigation/Social Prescribing offer.

To register click on the attached link. <http://bit.ly/2yA7LpY>

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

## Santander Changemaker

This is a fund to help social enterprises, small charities and community groups to deliver projects in the UK that create innovative solutions to improve communities. Santander has £200,000 to support Changemakers who turn to the Crowd to make great ideas happen. The Changemaker Fund has been created to support projects that help disadvantaged people to have confidence in the future by building skills and knowledge or innovative ideas that help communities prosper. If you have a project which the Crowd support Santander will provide the final 50% to help you reach your target.

For more information click the link: [SANTANDER CHANGEMAKER](#)



## PCC: Community Safety Development Fund

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex (PCC) are providing funding for projects that aim to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour across Essex.

Proposals must meet the PCC's priorities, these include:

- Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
- Crackdown on anti-social behaviour
- Local, visible and accessible policing
- Tackle gangs and organised crime
- Protecting children and vulnerable people

CSDF Application Form 2017/18 [CSDF APPLICATION FORM 2017-18](#)

Guidance on CSDF bid criteria [NEW CSDF CRITERIA 2017-18](#)

Maximum Grant: £20,000

**Deadline:** 31 January 2018



## Essex Community Foundation: funds accepting applications

Are you a voluntary or community organisation currently working to benefit people in Essex? The [Essex Community Foundation](#) is accepting applications for a number of funds that take action and improve the lives of local people in Essex.

Selected funds accepting applications include:

- [General Grants](#)
- [Thriving Third Sector fund](#)
- [The Community Resilience Fund](#)
- [Comic Relief: Core Strength - Local Communities](#)

Deadlines vary between funds and more funds are [available on their website](#).

## Comic Relief Core Strength - Local Communities



Essex Community Foundation is delighted to be working with Comic Relief on the Core Strength - Local Communities initiative.

The aim of this is to provide funding for groups' core costs - meaning expenditure that is not connected to delivering projects but focusing on investing in the organisation as a whole, such as basic running costs.

The grants will be used to support groups that can evidence a sustained beneficial impact on people's lives who are excluded or disadvantaged. This may be through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender. Priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage.

Deadline: Applications close on the 31st of October and decisions made in December.

Funding: Grants will be between £1,000 to £10,000, for up to 12 months, and are available to local community organisations with an annual income of up to £100,000. To Apply: Read the guidance notes [here](#) to check eligibility and complete the application form [here](#).

## The Aviva Community Fund 2017 is open!

CLOSES tomorrow: the [Aviva Community Fund](#).



The Aviva Community Fund was launched in 2015 to offer support and funding to inspirational local projects in communities across the UK. Your organisation can apply for funding from pots of £1,000 to £25,000 for projects that will make a real difference to local communities.

This is a great opportunity for small charities. If you have an idea for a new project, or if there's an existing project that would benefit from additional funding, it's well worth getting involved to help secure vital funds for your cause. You can apply for funding to support all kinds of projects, as long as it is for the greater good of the community.

Deadline: Applications close on Tuesday 10th October, Voting opens 24th October. Funding: Between £1,000 to £25,000. To Apply: Register an account and submit your project ideas [here](#), additional information can be found here.

Contact Aviva directly on [communityfund@aviva.com](mailto:communityfund@aviva.com) if you have any questions.

## Foyle Foundation - Small Grants Scheme



[The Small Grants Scheme](#) is designed to support smaller charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grassroots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. Nor will the Scheme generally support charities that are able consistently to generate operational surpluses or which have built up considerable unrestricted reserves.

Deadline: Applications open year-round. Funding: Grants will be between £1,000 to £10,000, for up to 12 months. To Apply: Information can be found [here](#) to check eligibility and the application form [here](#).

Contact: Address: The Foyle Foundation, Rugby Chambers, 2 Rugby Street, London, WC1N 3QU. Telephone: 020 7430 9119

*At present, the Foundation does not accept applications electronically.*

## **Ford Britain Trust**

Ford is committed to supporting the communities they work and live in. That's why they created the Ford Britain Trust in April 1975 to help fund the education and advancement of neighbours.



They pay special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to our UK locations. The Ford Britain Trust particularly encourages applications from Ford employees, but is open to all, provided that the qualifying organisations meet our selection criteria.

There are two types of grants to apply for:

- Small grants for amounts up to £250, available four times each year.
- Large grants for amounts over £250 and usually up to a maximum of £3,000. Large grants are considered by the Trustees twice a year.

Deadline: Applications open year-round. Funding: Grants will be between £1,000 to £10,000, for up to 12 months. To Apply: Information can be found [here](#) and the application form [here](#).

Contact: Address: Ford Britain Trust, Room 1/623, c/o Ford Motor Company Limited, Eagle Way, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3BW. Telephone: 01277 252551 Email: [fbtrust@ford.com](mailto:fbtrust@ford.com).

## **Local News and Events**

### **High Sheriff Invites Applications**

Local voluntary and community organisations are encouraged to apply for funding from the High Sheriff of Essex Awards Scheme.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available from the High Sheriffs' Fund, which is managed by Essex Community Foundation (ECF) and the money will be awarded to groups who are working to make their communities safer and better places in which to live.



Projects which have received grants previously include diversionary activities for young people, educational programmes about drug and alcohol misuse, schemes which highlight the dangers of financial scams, initiatives which support victims of crime, programmes for reintegration and employability, and projects to help people deal with the stresses and strains of life.

The deadline date for applications is 1 December, so now is the time for organisations to take up the opportunity to apply for a grant to support their work.

An independent panel of judges, chaired by the High Sheriff and including past High Sheriffs, will review the applications and the awards will be presented by the High Sheriff at a ceremony in March 2018.

The closing date for grant applications from this year's High Sheriffs' Fund is 1 December 2017. To apply for funding, [click here](#) and if you have any questions please call the ECF grants team on 01245 356018.

The High Sheriffs' Awards also encourages local people to nominate an individual or a voluntary organisation to receive recognition for their outstanding work promoting crime prevention and community safety. To download the nomination form, [click here](#).

### **The Essex Crowd – Crowdfunding Workshop at Art of the Possible: 5.30–7pm, 17 October 2017, The Basildon Centre, SS14 1EE**

From temporary water slides to a community allotment, Essex has a new way to support local projects. [The Essex Crowd](#) is a new crowdfunding initiative where you can share your community ideas and offer neighbours, local businesses and other interested parties the opportunity to pledge their support to make your idea a reality.

They want to support as many ideas as possible and can pledge up to £5,000 to back schemes that create connections and bring people together. Groups and organisations interested in creating a project as part of the Essex Crowd are encouraged to come along and find out all you need to know to start your crowdfunding campaign.

Join them for this interactive workshop as part of the Art of the Possible Festival and you will:

- Learn how to define your project idea
- Get tips for presenting your project page clearly
- Start creating your campaign plan
- Discover how to identify potential backers
- Get advice on marketing and communicating your project
- Receive a free guide to running a successful campaign





Whether your project is big or small, this is your chance to make a real difference in your local area.

Learn more about The Essex Crowd [here](#).



## Dementia Friends Information Session

A [Dementia Friends information session](#) will be taking place at Chipping Ongar library on 10<sup>th</sup> October. You will learn more about dementia and the small ways you can help and what you can do to create dementia friendly communities.

## Healthwatch Essex Homelessness Report

Healthwatch's [Homelessness report](#) has made a big splash, featuring on TV and radio and being cited by local Councillors in the press. Evidencing the lived experience of homeless people in Essex, it really is a 'must read'. So read it now!

## National News

### Evidence sent to House of Lords committee

The Big Local have collated their emerging findings about the impact of Big Local, and their submission to the Committee on Citizenship and Civic Engagement sets out what is different about Big Local and how it can benefit people, organisations and places, especially in disadvantaged areas. [Read the full submission](#).

## **Infrastructure bodies highlighted in letter to Chancellor**

In a [pre-autumn Budget letter to Philip Hammond](#), the Chancellor of the Exchequer, voluntary sector bodies including NAVCA say that the so far unallocated £40m in Libor fines and almost £2bn in dormant assets, should be used as sustainable funding for the charity sector.

Training is highlighted as an area that would benefit from funding, including fundraising, finance and digital training. The letter also calls for infrastructure bodies to receive funding to ensure that limited charity sector resources are used appropriately, especially with the loss of European Union funding on the horizon.

There is also a recommendation to consult with the charity sector on how the funds should be spent, to ensure that civil society is approached strategically in the autumn Budget. We'll keep you updated on this.

## **East of England Regional Social Prescribing Conference**

This regional social prescribing event is for everyone involved in developing social prescribing across the East of England. It will be of interest to clinical commissioning groups, public health, voluntary organisations, local authorities and general practitioners to consider approaches to develop social prescribing and how it can be embedded across the health and wellbeing system.

The event will be held on 6 November 10:00am – 4:15pm Ipswich Town Football Club, Ipswich. Click [here](#) for more information and to book your tickets.

## **Volunteering**

### **Volunteering guidance**

There is some new guidance on Recruiting and Managing Volunteers in NHS providers, which NAVCA helped to launch at NHS Expo. More information can be found [here](#).



## VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2017

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Date	Event	Contact
<b>Tues 10 Oct 13:30-15:30</b>	BBWCVS Volunteer Managers Forum	<a href="mailto:volcentre@bbwcv.org.uk">volcentre@bbwcv.org.uk</a>
<b>Tuesday 17 Oct at 17:30-19:00</b>	The Art of the Possible Crowd Fund event The St George's Suite, The Basildon Centre,	<a href="mailto:info@spacehive.com">info@spacehive.com</a>
<b>Tuesday 31st October from 9.30am-1pm</b>	Care Navigation Stakeholder Event The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon.	<a href="http://bit.ly/2yA7LpY">http://bit.ly/2yA7LpY</a>
<b>Thurs 16 Nov</b>	Basildon CVS Annual General Meeting	<a href="mailto:Chris@bbwcv.org.uk">Chris@bbwcv.org.uk</a>
<b>Wed 22 Nov 1-4pm</b>	Basildon Disability Equality Forum Civic Centre Room 2	
<b>Mon 11 Dec 10-12.30pm</b>	Basildon CVS Networking Forum Committee Room 2 at the Basildon Centre, St. Martin's Square	<a href="mailto:Catherine@bbwcv.org.uk">Catherine@bbwcv.org.uk</a> <a href="tel:01268294439">01268 294439</a>

To book a place or for further information please use the identified contact.

This calendar will be regularly updated throughout the year, so if you have events you wish to add please let us know.

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