



Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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## **CVS Events**

### **BBWCVS Networking Forum**

*Mon 12 February 2018 9.30am -12.30pm, The George Hurd Centre*

We are pleased to invite you to the CVS Forum featuring Gary Baker from the Veolia North Thames Trust. The Trust funds improvements to public open spaces, community facilities, Church halls, listed buildings as well as childrens' play equipment, paths and woodland areas.

Gary will speak about the Maintenance Grants for community and voluntary organisations and there will be an opportunity to book additional time to talk through your project and the process of applying for a grant.

There will also be an update on the Virgin Care Citizens' Panel Virgin which aims to be representative of Essex residents and focuses on Young Person's Public Health Services in Essex from birth – 19 year old. The Citizens' Panel aims to be inclusive, informative and innovative, allowing members to represent themselves or be an advocate for others.

\*Limited disabled parking only is available at the George Hurd Centre; information on parking near the centre can be found [here](#). [Click here](#) to book your place today.

### **FUTURE FORWARD: Future Proofing Local Social Action**

*Monday 26 February 2018, 9.30am - 13.30pm, The Towngate Theatre*

Times are tough for our sector – there's nothing new there – but the biggest challenges we face come from uncertainty. In a world where the only thing we can be sure of is that things will change, the political, economic, social uncertainty we operate within makes it hard for us to know what we should do next or how best we should do it.

But if it's tough for us, it's a damned sight harder for the ultimate beneficiaries of our work – the individuals and communities for whom uncertainty, discrimination, disadvantage and vulnerability are factors of daily life.

So we have a job to do, and a responsibility to fulfil – to make sure that we are as resilient, flexible, responsive and well prepared as we can possibly be in the face of whatever the future holds, in order to continue to powerfully support those that need us.

So that's the theme of our 2018 annual event: Future proofing our sector, our organisations and ourselves to deliver powerful and impactful social action, no matter what the future throws at us.

We have some fantastic speakers lined up already – including Caroline Taylor the Essex Community Foundation CEO, Mandy Johnson CEO of the Small Charities Coalition, Jason Fergus Active Essex, – and a packed agenda. The event will provide you with opportunity to directly and influence key decision makers including representatives for the Breakthrough Basildon Commission – and there'll be plenty of opportunities for you to network with old friends and new colleagues.

For more information and to book your place, [click here](#).

## 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).

## Grants To Organisations - Last Chance To Apply For Up To £2,000

The Council's 'Grants to Organisations' pot is open in round 3 for another week only and will close on Friday 26th January at 5.15pm. This is the last chance for your group to grab some much needed funding for your community project! They accept applications from a wide range of community organisations, including; registered charities, youth groups, PTA's, Schools with Academy status, community pre-schools (who can demonstrate charitable status), scout/guide groups and more!



They accept applications for capital projects and will fund up to 100% of the cost of the project, or match-fund up to 100% as long as all the funding is in

place. So if you are in need of vital equipment to help change your community, please apply now so your organisation doesn't lose out!

Please ensure you have fully read and understood the grants criteria before applying. Full details are available at [www.basildon.gov.uk/grants](http://www.basildon.gov.uk/grants)

**Deadline:** 26th January 2018

For more information on this grant opportunity, please email or phone: 01268 208224

## **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

## **Business Workshops**

Can your business benefit from specialist advice and insight?

The [Best Growth Hub](#) and [Essex County Council](#) are hosting business workshops across

2018 which focus on a range of topics that include:

- Crisis management
- Generating sales
- How to access finance
- Risk management and SWOT analysis

All workshops are taking place across Essex and start from just £10! [Click here](#) for more information and to book a place



## 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](#).

## Greggs Foundation – Environmental Grant

Improving people's lives by improving their environment.

Greggs believe that looking after our neighbourhoods can have a real impact on the quality of life of the people who live there. The Environmental Grant fund is therefore dedicated to improving the local environment - whether that means turning a piece of wasteland into a garden or organising litter picking days on the beach.



Greggs look to fund projects that improve the physical environment in a way that also benefits the wider community. They have seven local charity committees which meet regularly throughout England, Scotland and Wales to review applications and award grants. They offer grants of up to £2,000 and concentrate on helping existing not for profit organisations to deliver new projects. Organisations may only apply once per calendar year for this grant.

How to apply: Follow the link at the bottom of [this page](#) to be taken to an online application form. After successful submission, you will receive an automatic email with the details of your application.

**Deadline:** Round one closes on 9th March 2018, decisions announced by 27th April 2018

## Henry Smith Charity - Improving Lives main grants programme open



Following a review of their grant making, the Henry Smith Charity has launched a new strategy for the Main Grants Programme, which is now divided between Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities. The Charity which is one of the largest independent grant making trusts in the UK, is focussed on bringing about lasting change in people's lives and help them to benefit from and contribute to society.

Grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 per year are available. Funding for up to three years is available. The Charity's three main priorities are as follows:

1. Increasing resilience - empowering people, encouraging integration and personal independence, helping people to recover and move on.
2. Creating opportunities and life chances - raising aspiration – equipping people with new skills, unlocking and enabling potential, and providing the means to improve life circumstances.
3. Empowering communities - strengthening and connecting communities and making people feel valued, providing opportunities for social connections and relationships, encouraging participation and inclusion.

### **Improving Lives programme**

The Improving Lives grant programme provides grants to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available. Organisations delivering services directly to beneficiaries will be supported and services which can demonstrate a track record of success, and evidence the effectiveness of the work are encouraged.

### **Strengthening Communities programme**

The Strengthening Communities grant programme is designed to support small charitable organisations working at grassroots level, ensuring funding reaches the most disadvantaged areas of the UK, targeting places that are economically marginalised and affected by poverty.

Funding for both Improving Lives and Strengthening Communities programmes will support work that enables:

- People from across the community to participate in activities which improve connectedness, opportunities and wellbeing
- People who are excluded, vulnerable or facing other forms of hardship to have access to community-based services that support positive lasting change
- A stronger, active, more engaged community.

Charities and not-for-profit organisations, including social enterprises are encouraged to apply. Groups that are not registered charities must have a constitution to demonstrate a charitable purpose.

**Deadline:** Applications can be submitted at any time. There are no deadlines and applications are assessed as they are received. For more information and eligibility [click here](#).

## Health and Social Care

### Basildon and Thurrock Hospitals - Election to the Council of Governors

*Election Date: March 2018 - [Click here](#) to view the notice of election for the Council of Governors of Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

If you are interested in becoming a Governor and would like to find out more, come along to our prospective governors briefing on Wednesday 25 January 2018 between 6pm and 7pm in Committee Rooms on Level G, via main reception at Basildon Hospital.

Please note that the **deadline for submission of a Nomination Form is 2<sup>nd</sup> February** to the Electoral Reform Society as per the Notice.

For further details please contact the membership office on 01268 598975 or visit the website [www.basildonandthurrock.nhs.uk/elections](http://www.basildonandthurrock.nhs.uk/elections)

### Virgin Care Citizens Panel

Share your views and help shape local health and care services.

Sign up now and they will keep you informed about what we're doing locally, they will ask you what you think about some of their ideas and how you think they are doing and give you the chance to get involved in improving local health and care services.



Whether you use the services now, know or care for someone who does or like the sound of sharing health and care for the future then the Citizens' Panel is for you.

Sign up now at [www.citizenspanel.co.uk](http://www.citizenspanel.co.uk).

## Local News and Events

### Annual Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Partnership Conference 2018.

This year the conference will focus on 'Partnerships in Action' and highlight examples of effective partnerships that are making a real difference for the public. They will be welcoming a number of high profile speakers as well as offering interactive workshops and lightening talks. The conference will end with our annual Community Safety Awards where they will recognise groups and individuals from across our county who have made a significant contribution to the people of Essex.

The event will take place on: Thursday 15th March 2018 at Boreham House, Main Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 3HY. It will run from 9.30 am until 3.00pm and includes refreshments and lunch. Full registration will open in January 2018.

## Early Help and Safeguarding-A Partnership Approach in South Essex

*A collaborative all day event led by South Stay Safe and supported by South Essex Children's Partnership, 9th March 2018, CLC Centre Wickford (Bromfords School)*

In recognition that the Board has a key role to play in safeguarding and the plea last year from attendees for the number of meetings to reduce and for collaborative working to be the default position, the Board event has now been subsumed into the first annual Stay Safe conference.

It will provide an interactive opportunity for colleagues;

- To hear about key projects and new developments
- To be informed of impact achieved through partnership working
- To have an opportunity to inform priorities going forward
- To go away with practical resources to support their work with children and families
- Through the presentations, workshops and networking opportunities understand what services and support are available locally

If you wish to reserve a place please book through this link:

<http://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=SouthSSevent090318>



### Healthwatch Essex Information Service

Their [Information Service](#) is available to help you access, understand, and navigate the health and social care system in Essex. Call them today on 0300 500 1895.

### Dementia Handbook

The Dementia Handbook for Carers brings together information about dementia, and the sources of care and support in Essex. To request a free copy, please contact our Information Service [info@healthwatchessex.org.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchessex.org.uk).

### The Rotary Club of Basildon Concord Presents: MAYFEST 2018

*Saturday 12th May 2018, Basildon Town Square*

Calling all local Charities and Community organisations, Be part of this year's MAYFEST Event.

This will be the third year this event has been held and is an opportunity to showcase your organisation and let the people of the Borough see who you are, and what you do, and hopefully for you to create the awareness which can lead to more membership and financial support.





Go to their Facebook page - BASILDON mayfest, Visit YouTube - Basildon mayfest for a film of last year's event. Interested? Email: [mayfest@btinternet.com](mailto:mayfest@btinternet.com) for more details and an application form.

## Volunteering/Training

### Courses available at St Luke's Hospice

Caring for people approaching the end of life can be challenging – why not consider enhancing your knowledge, skills and confidence by attending one of our [study days](#)?

They are open to any professional interested in learning about Palliative and End of Life Care and Bereavement. If there is not a study day to meet your organisation's needs then why not consider our bespoke Palliative and End of Life Care training, which is tailored to suit your individual needs. They also provide team building days and mandatory training.

For further information please contact [education@stlukeshospice.co.uk](mailto:education@stlukeshospice.co.uk) Tel: 01268 524973 ext 236



## VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

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Date	Event	Contact
<b>Thur 1 Feb at 9.30am - 3.00pm</b>	All Ears! Living With Hearing Loss, The Education Centre, Basildon Hospital	<a href="mailto:help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk">help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk</a> 01245 496347
<b>Mon 12 Feb 9.30am - 12.30pm</b>	BBWCVS Networking Forum, The George Hurd Centre	<a href="mailto:chris@bbwcvcs.org.uk">chris@bbwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Mon 26 Feb at 9.30am - 3.00pm</b>	Basildon CVS Conference in Partnership with Basildon Council, The Gielgud room, The Towngate Theatre	<a href="mailto:chris@bbwcvcs.org.uk">chris@bbwcvcs.org.uk</a>
<b>Thurs 15 Mar at 9.30am - 3.00pm</b>	Annual Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Partnership Conference 2018, Boreham House, Chelmsford	
<b>Tue 15 May at 9.30am - 3.00pm</b>	All Ears! Living With Hearing Loss, The Education Centre, Basildon Hospital	<a href="mailto:help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk">help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk</a> <a href="tel:01245496347">01245 496347</a>

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