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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 children's 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, 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](#).

BBW Time Bank is looking to develop some Wish Lists for Basildon Borough charities along the line of SOS DIY (but much smaller!!) but to also include small gardening project such as a Sensory Garden or such like.

We want to compile a list so that when Businesses Contact Volunteer Essex and say they have a group of people who 'next week would like to help a charity' we have a ready compiled list to be able to match the charity with the offer



Wishlist: This is NOT about money it is all about people giving their TIME to help their community.

If you know of a charity that might be interested in putting a 'WISH' on the list, please email us at bbwtimebank@bbwcvs.org.uk

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.



The Garfield Weston Foundation

£5m fund launched to support local charities. The Garfield Weston Foundation has launched a new £5m fund to celebrate its 60th anniversary year, with a view to help local charities provide new or improve existing community facilities.

Up to £150,000 is available to projects that successfully apply. The Foundation is using this anniversary year to acknowledge the vulnerable position that many small and local charities are in, and by offering capital funding it hopes to invest in much needed facilities that will enable them to continue providing support.

Applications are open now until 30 June, find out more [here](#).

Local News and Events

Stakeholder Event

Each year the South Essex Children's Partnership Board holds a stakeholder event. This year they are amalgamating with South Stay Safe. Below are further details, a full programme will be circulated later. If you wish to reserve a place, [please book here](#).

The event is led by South Stay Safe and supported by South Essex Children's Partnership and is on the 9th March 2018 CLC Centre Wickford (Bromfords School).

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

Outstanding Contribution to Community Safety

Roger Hirst, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex wants to hear about your community heroes – people from across Essex who make an 'Outstanding Contribution to Community Safety'. Do you know somebody in your community who goes the extra mile to support vulnerable people, prevent crime and make their communities safer? If so then why not nominate them for the award. The process is simple to complete, and winners will be recognised at the PFCC Annual Conference on Thursday, March 15th March 2018 which is being held at Boreham House in Chelmsford.

The winner will receive £500 to go towards their work in the community and two highly commended winners will also receive £300. There will also be a chance for the people of Essex to vote for the winner of a People's Choice category from a shortlist of entrants selected by a judging panel. The People's Choice winner will receive £100.

To win an award, you have to demonstrate that the nominee is an exceptional person or group that have gone above and beyond to keep their community safe. They also have to have delivered a project or scheme that has improved the safety of those around them. Nominees can be volunteers or those who work in a professional capacity, delivering a service to the public to keep people safe, prevent crime and protect the most vulnerable people in our communities.

More details of how to nominate are on the Essex PFCC website. The deadline for nominations is 12 noon on Monday, February 26th. The nomination form is simple to complete, and is attached and can be downloaded from the PFCC website [here](#).

Nominations must be made on the form and sent via email to pfcc@essex.pnn.police.uk with "PFCC Award" in the subject line.

Alternatively, forms can be sent by post to: Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Kelvedon Park, London Road, Rivenhall, Witham, CM8 3HB.

National News

People Power – A new report from Locality

Very recently Locality released People Power, this is the report from its commission on the Future of Localism which is chaired by Lord Kerlake. It was discovered that radical action is needed to strengthen local institutions; delegate tangible power resources and control to communities; gain equality in community participation; and deliver change in local government behaviour and practice to enable local initiatives to thrive.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Tracey Crouch named Minister for Loneliness



Tracey Crouch, the existing Charities Minister was last week named Minister for Loneliness and asked to lead on a Commission launched by the late MP, Jo Cox.

The issue of loneliness affects approximately nine million people in the UK and was described by NHS England's chief nursing officer, Prof Jane Cummings as something that could be 'lethal' in the winter months. Speaking of the new ministerial role, the Prime Minister said it would involve working with the commission, businesses and charities to create a government strategy.

In an interview with BBC Breakfast, Ms Crouch said a multi-million-pound fund would help her pull together existing work being carried out on loneliness to create a framework for the

future. We look forward to hearing more on this and working with the new Minister for Loneliness to share and build on the work that our members are already doing to tackle this issue.

You can read more about this story on the [BBC website](#)

GDPR guidance for charities

The Charity Finance Group (CFG) has recently released guidance on the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for charities. The GDPR begins on 25 May 2018 and there are several significant changes to data gathering and processing laws that all charities and businesses need to be aware of.

For more information [click here](#).

Add your voice to the Charity Digital Skills Report

Following up on the 2017 Charity Digital Skills Report, Skills Platform and partners are planning to analyse the latest trends and report on improvements made in the sector. You can take part in the 2018 survey [here](#) and air your views. Please share this with friends and members to help get as wide a response as possible. The survey should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete.

Keep informed with the Health and Wellbeing Alliance

Health organisations may wish to sign up to the monthly edition of the Department of Health's voluntary sector team's newsletter. It's easy to get added by emailing HWAlliance@dh.gsi.gov.uk. The newsletter includes all updates on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance and news from the DH, NHS England and Public Health England.

Health and Well Being

Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) Consultation

The Five Clinical Commissioning Groups in mid and south Essex have launched a formal public consultation on outline plans for the future of health and care services.

Visit www.nhsmidandsouthessex.co.uk to find out more.

The Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) is one of 44 STPs across the NHS in England. They cover a wide area including the boroughs and districts of: Braintree; Maldon; City of Chelmsford; Castle Point; Rochford; Southend-on-sea; Thurrock; Basildon and Brentwood.

The STP is not an organisation as such; it is a partnership of the different NHS organisations and councils that are responsible for your health and wellbeing. They work together on a single plan to improve health and care for the rising number of people who need our services.

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 the Information Service info@healthwatchessex.org.uk

Volunteering/Training

Trustee Roles and Responsibilities

One day course:

21 February 2018

09:30 - 16:00

Location: Basildon - Basis Resource Centre, Witchards, Basildon SS16 5BP

This one-day course is designed to support both novice and experienced trustees in providing effective governance within their organisations. It considers their roles and responsibilities in general before looking at particular areas in more detail. The course covers all the essential information and includes specific exercises and case studies to develop the participants' problem-solving skills.

They will cover:

- Assessing the strengths and weaknesses of your organisation and trustee board
- Roles and responsibilities of trustee boards
- Paperwork needed to ensure an effective and well managed board
- Governance vs management – understanding the difference
- Risk reviewing your organisation and contingency planning
- Business planning
- Good financial management
- Developing your board of trustees
- Ensuring trustee boards have constructive and productive trustee meetings

To make a booking please do so [online here](#) or by phoning 01376 550507.

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Mon 26 Feb at 9.30am - 3.00pm	Basildon CVS Conference in Partnership with Basildon Council, The Gielgud room, The Towngate Theatre	chris@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Fri 9 Mar at	South Essex Children's Partnership Board holds a stakeholder event CLC Centre Wickford (Bromfords School)	please book here
Thurs 15 Mar at 9.30am - 3.00pm	Annual Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Partnership Conference 2018, Boreham House, Chelmsford	
Tue 15 May at 9.30am - 3.00pm	All Ears! Living With Hearing Loss, The Education Centre, Basildon Hospital	help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk 01245 496347

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