



Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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CVS Events

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

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@bbwcvcs.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@bbwcvs.org.uk.

Essex Community Foundation: #iwill Fund



Grants of £1,000-£5,000 are available from the **#iwill Fund** for voluntary organisations and projects that offer activities which engage young people (aged 10 to 20) in their community and increase their understanding of local issues.

This Fund has specific criteria and its own application form which can be found [here](#). Applications will be accepted throughout the year, but you are encouraged to apply soonest and do so by [clicking here](#) or call ECF now on 01245 356018 to discuss your work and eligibility.

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](#).

Fundraising and Direct Marketing

Basic and detailed resources:

- "Marketing, marketing, marketing", a very short summary of when you do and do not need consent for fundraising and direct marketing, and what to do now if you need to refresh consent. You can read more information on the Mills & Reeve charity legal update blog [here](#).
- The Information Commissioner's Office's FAQs for charities can be found [here](#), in particular the FAQs on consent which make clear that consent is not needed for postal fundraising/marketing, but is needed for some calls and for texts and emails not only under GDPR but also the Privacy and Electronic Communication Regulations 2003 – see the ICO's guide to PECR [here](#). The ICO says in its charity FAQs, "if you don't need consent under PECR you can rely on legitimate interests for marketing activities if you can show how you use people's data is proportionate, has a minimal privacy impact, and people would not be surprised or likely to object".
- *GDPR: The essentials for fundraising organisations*, covering getting to grips with the basics; 'opt in' consents vs 'opt out'; and FAQs. Published May 2017, 19pp, free download [here](#). For more GDPR resources please visit [here](#).

- Post-GDPR changes to the Code of Fundraising Practice to the Code page on the Fundraising Regulator's website. Follow this [link](#), and click on Post-GDPR changes on the left-hand side.
- News release summarising the post-GDPR changes can be viewed [here](#).
- Fundraising Regulator's guidance to be published in the next couple of weeks, produced in partnership with the Information Commissioner's Office, Institute of Fundraising, Charity Commission National Council for Voluntary Organisations, Wales Council for Voluntary Action and Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action. The guidance will be the main source of information for any organisation that uses personal data for fundraising or direct marketing.

Changes to the Children in Need Small Grants Programme

Children in need fund projects that support children and young people of 18 years and under, who experience disadvantage through:



1. Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
2. Any kind of disability
3. Behavioural or psychological difficulties
4. Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

A number of changes have been made to the way the small grants programme is delivered. These include a change in funding levels, changes to the application form, a new eligibility checklist and more.

Thinking of applying to the fund? The next deadline is 1 March 2018 – [click here](#).

Business Workshops

Could your business benefit from specialist advice and insight?



The Best Growth Hub and Essex County Council are hosting business workshops throughout 2018 which focus on a range of topics that include:

- Identifying and managing risk – 8th March 2018.
- Marketing and PR – 16th March 2018.
- Social media – 15th or 29th March 2018.
- Data Protection – 22nd March 2018.

Any workshops that you wish to attend can be booked online [here](#). Prices range from free online courses to £20 for a full day course.

Local News and Events

Migration in Essex Seminar

On Tuesday 6th March 2018 from 10am to 4pm African Families in the UK(AFiUK)CIC and Integrating Families(IF) would like to invite you to the upcoming Social Statistics seminar on the topic of Essex Migration.

The seminar is set to take place at Firstsite Gallery Auditorium High Street, Lewis Gardens Colchester, CO1 1PG.

The seminar will start with a presentation on statistics by the Head of Migration Statistics from the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This will be followed by a presentation about city and community approaches to the inclusion of newcomers from the Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) and practical knowledge about the provision of services to BAME groups from 10 local organizations. These 10 BAME local organizations and others will have stalls for participants to be able to engage with them during break times.

There will be multicultural food & Halal (on sale) and networking opportunity.

For more information please contact: Rachel Walton on email: afiukrachel@gmail.com or Mobile: 07539455974 or to book your tickets visit this [link](#).

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

Charity Pamper and Gift Evening

Heart of Pitsea's first Charity Pamper and Gift Evening, 6pm - 9pm Friday 9th March at the Basildon Upper Academy.

A fabulous range of treatments will be available, including Indian Head Massage, Reiki, Foot Massage and Nails and Eyebrow Threading. Plus, gift stalls selling magnetic jewellery, handbags, 3D photo frames, fairy gardens - perfect for Mother's Day gifts!

Admission is just £1.00 per person. Pre-book your tickets [here](#) and pay on the night.

All proceeds from table bookings and admission will be donated to the Basildon Hospital Cardiac Unit.

Your Community, Libraries and You



Basildon Library, The Basildon Centre, St Martins Square, SS14 1EE on Wednesday, 21 March from 7-9pm.

This is one of a series of events being held throughout March on the topic: 'Your community, libraries and you'. Visit [here](#) for more information.

Libraries have long been at the heart of communities. But communities, lifestyles and expectations are changing so libraries need to change too. We are inviting people to get involved to rethink libraries' place in communities and make them fit for the future, relevant and sustainable. We think libraries have great

potential as hubs for local people, services and activities, and we want to work together with our communities and partners to make it happen.

The Who will care? Awards 2018

We are excited to announce that nominations can now be made for this year's: *Who will care Awards*.

The Who Will Care Awards 2018 will take place on the 23rd of May at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford.

Please can we ask that you think about who you might nominate for the categories listed below. Can we also encourage you to spread the word about this out to your networks and volunteers?

The Who Will Care Awards really celebrate volunteering and people helping people. Last year 1 in 3 people in Essex undertook some kind of formal or informal volunteering, this is phenomenal as are their contributions to our communities.

Nominations can be made in the following categories:

- Business Award
- Individual Volunteer – Young Person's Award
- Innovation Award
- Voluntary Community Organisation Award
- Volunteer Team Award

Nominations can be made via the on-line nominations [portal](#). The deadline for nominations is Thursday 29th March 2018.

Essex Assembly

The Future of Essex, the Partner Vision, was launched at the Essex Assembly, in September 2017.

To take forward the pledges and actions you are invited to the next Essex Assembly events throughout 2018. Events will take a similar format and provide opportunity for partners from

across the Essex public, voluntary and community sectors to come together to share commitments to deliver an ambitious future for Essex. Please book your place [here](#).

Training

Forthcoming events about GDPR

GDPR conference. Tuesday 6 March, 9am-5.15pm, London N7, £255-£450. Directory of Social Change in partnership with Russell-Cooke solicitors, you can [book here](#). With workshops on fundraising and direct marketing; privacy notices; record keeping and security; and accountability and governance. Attendees can attend all workshops – there is no need to choose.

GDPR: A practical guide for HR professionals. Webinar, Thursday 29 March, 11.30am-12.30pm, £30. Bates Wells Braithwaite solicitors, you can [book here](#).

On-demand webinars

Three webinars from the Institute of Fundraising, available on demand: (1) Introducing GDPR; (2) Building a compliance plan; (3) Focus on fundraising. All three £49 for IoF members, £79 non-members. You can find more details [here](#).

National News

ASPIRE Launch

Ask most executives and managers if they are great leaders and you'll hear. "No, but I have every intention of becoming one!" Big, or small, we all have aspirations, from fuelling organisational growth to leading change, encouraging system collaboration to ensuring employees are fulfilled; leadership ambitions can take so many different forms that possibilities are endless!

However, aligning time, skills and effort with the intention to build leadership skill and capacity is not easy, yet with the challenges the public sector faces it is more important than ever. That's why the ASPIRE programme – a 12-month accelerated leadership development programme for 15 voluntary and community sector leaders – launched with a two-day residential opportunity that provided our emerging leaders with the precious commodities of time, space, a support network and expert challenge, on which to embark upon their journey.

To read the full article, [click here](#).

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. The consultation deadline has now been moved to 23rd March 2018 for you to have your say. 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

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

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Date	Event	Contact
Tues 6 Mar 9am - 5.15pm	GDPR Conference, London N7	Book Here
Tues 6 Mar 10am – 4pm	Migration in Essex Seminar, Firstsite Gallery, Colchester, CO1 1PG	Book Here
Tues 6 Mar 2pm-5pm	Charities and the GDPR, Bath	Book Here
Fri 9 Mar 6pm - 9pm	Charity Pamper and Gift Evening, Basildon Upper Academy	Book Here
Fri 9 Mar	CLC Centre Wickford (Bromfords School)	Book Here
Thurs 15 Mar 9.30am - 3.00pm	Annual Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Partnership Conference 2018, Boreham House, Chelmsford	
Weds 21 March 7pm – 9pm	Your community, libraries and you, Basildon Library, The Basildon Centre, St Martins Square, SS14 1EE	Visit Here
Thurs 22 March 1.30pm – 4.30pm	General Data Protection Regulation Ely House, Ely Way, Basildon, SS14 2BQ	Book Here
Thurs 29 March 11.30am - 12.30pm	GDPR: A practical guide for HR professionals. Webinar	Book Here
Tue 15 May 9.30am - 3.00pm	All Ears! Living With Hearing Loss, The Education Centre, Basildon Hospital	help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk 01245 496347
Wed 23 May	Who Will Care Awards 2018	Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford

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