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CVS News

2018 CVS Networking Forums

Please save the dates for your 2018 Networking Forums which will be held from 9:30am to 12:30pm at The George Hurd Centre*, Audley Way, Basildon SS14 2FL.

- Tuesday 12th June
- Tuesday 25th September
- Tuesday 4th December

Our Networking Forums are held on a quarterly basis and they are an ideal opportunity to promote your organisation and hear what is going on not only in the area but in the sector as a whole. Please let us know if you are able to host a Forum or nominate a speaker on any topic or interest.

Contact Catherine Sackey, Funding and Development Services Manager for an informal discussion on your involvement and/or ideas:

Email: Catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Tel: 01268 295 439

* There is **limited disabled parking** only available at The George Hurd Centre; please see the link below for alternative parking near the Centre:

Health/Weight Management Drop-in Advisor

Are you kind, friendly and non-judgemental? Are you passionate about health and would you like to help others achieve their goals? And can you spare 2 hours a week?

The purpose of this role is to provide 'Front of house' support for a free weight management drop-in session.

What you'll be doing:

- Meeting and greeting people, offering a warm and friendly welcome to the session.
- Explaining how the programme works (full training will be given)
- Weighing clients & recording their progress
- Handing out relevant supporting materials (leaflets, hand-outs etc.)
- Generally helping to organise the session (sign-in sheets, set-up, checking resources)

We are offering the drop-in session on behalf of Anglian Community Enterprise (ACE) as part of their weight management programme. The service is community-based and designed to support people to achieve a gradual, long term weight loss by weighing in at a variety of community sites, accessing the ACE My Weight Matters online programme.

Skills:

We are looking for someone who is:

- Kind, approachable and sympathetic. A non-judgemental attitude is key
- Enthusiastic and positive for people and their goals – weight-loss is difficult and everyone needs some encouragement!
- A good listener and able to chat to people from different backgrounds
- Able to maintain discretion and confidentiality at all times
- Organised
- Able to work independently and as a team

Please click [here](#) for more information or to apply.

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@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@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Essex County Council and Arts Council England Funding Event

Thursday 3 May, 10:30-12:30 with networking lunch 12:30-1:30, Towngate Theatre, Gielgud Suite, St. Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1DL.

Essex County Council and Arts Council England (ACE) will be holding a cultural funding advice session at the Towngate Theatre, Basildon on Thursday 3rd of May. The event is open to artists and arts organisations working across all artforms who are interested in applying for Essex County Council arts funding, Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants or Arts Council Developing Your Creative Practice.

Essex County Councils cultural development team will give an overview of the recently launched Cultural Strategic Fund and Culture in Essex Small Grants whilst the Essex Cultural Diversity Project will talk about their new opportunities in Basildon through their artist commissioning programme. As well as this The Foundation for Essex Arts will give an overview of their work.

After the presentations there will be a networking lunch. Click [here](#) to book.

Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales - Invest Programme

Funding is available for longer term core or direct delivery funding for charities and CIOs in England and Wales which are delivering clear outcomes as a result of their work with people experiencing multiple disadvantage at one of the critical points in their life.

For more information or to apply call 0870 411 1223, or email:

enquiries@lloydsbankfoundation.org.uk.

Rosa's Funding

Rosa's Voices from the Front Line Programme Invites Applications for 2018

Voices from the Frontline supports women's organisations to shine a light on their fight for gender equality in the UK. It resources advocacy, campaigning and activists with lived

experience of injustice and inequality – giving voice especially to women facing intersecting disadvantages including race, class, sexuality, disability, poverty or migration status.

The programme offers grants of **£500-£3,000** to support charitable campaigning work across Rosa's four pillars (leadership and representation, safety, health and economic justice).

The deadline for applications is **Tuesday 29 May at 5pm.**

For more information click [here](#).

Education Endowment Foundation: Round 14



The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) seeks to fund projects that raise the attainment of 3-18 year olds from disadvantaged backgrounds.

EEF is currently looking to fund projects that address:

- Improving Level 2 outcomes for 16-18 year olds in English and Maths
- Popular programmes
- School practices
- Secondary school teaching

Who can apply: Any organisation working in schools and other educational settings. This can include further education colleges, mainstream primary and secondary schools, special schools, early years settings, charities, local authorities, academy chains, universities, social enterprises and businesses.

Maximum grant: There is no maximum level of funding.

Deadline: 5 July 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

Ford Britain Trust

Ford are 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 their neighbours.

Deadline 30 April. See [here](#) for more details.

'Pitch a Project' to Heart of Pitsea for funding of up to £2,000!

Following on from last year's successful event, they are going to put the community back in control by allowing them to vote for their favourite projects.

This year they are providing opportunities for 3 new projects to be awarded up to £2000 each.

You are invited to submit ideas for projects which fall within 1 of our 3 themes: Health; Skills; Community.

Up to 5 project ideas per theme will be selected and put forward for public vote to the residents of the Heart of Pitsea on Saturday 12 May. Information of these projects, (using the information supplied in the application forms) will be displayed on boards around the

room. You are welcome to come along, however, there won't be an opportunity to carry out a presentation on your project idea.

To submit a project idea, please contact admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk for an application form. Cut-off date for receipt of applications is **Monday 30 April 2018**.

We have a few guidelines:

- Projects must be delivered within the Heart of Pitsea catchment area
- Projects must benefit local community members
- Projects must be delivered within 12 months

The Heart of Pitsea committee are excited to learn about your project ideas. You are welcome to submit as many as you like.

Applications not shortlisted will be stored and may be revisited in the future.

Should you require any assistance in completing your proposal or simply require more information, please contact [Simon Johnson, Heart of Pitsea Co-Coordinator on 07572 001671](#).

The Greggs Foundation: Local Community Projects Fund



The Greggs Local Community Projects Fund helps organisations based in local communities to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need.

All projects must support a community of interest, including people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless
- Isolated older people

Who can apply: Small locally based organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000. The Foundation is more likely to make grants to organisations based near Greggs shops.

Maximum grant: £2,000

Deadline: 22 June 2018. For more information, [click here](#).

Local News and Events

Essex Welcomes New High Sherriff



Bryan Burrough, who lives in Ulting near Maldon, has become the 838th High Sheriff of Essex.

As he travels around Essex he will be promoting the High Sheriffs' Fund which supports voluntary organisations delivering initiatives which tackle community safety.

"Follow" Bryan throughout his year on Twitter: [@Essex_HS](#).

To find out more about his plans, [click here](#).

'Twist and Shout' 50s & 60s party!

Gather your friends and family and get ready to 'Rock Around the Clock' at the Heart of Pitsea Charity 'Twist and Shout' 50s & 60s party! This foot-thumping, heart-beating, good-time celebration will be packed with the classic party music from the decades.

All proceeds raised will be donated to the Basildon Hospital Cardiac Unit. The fun starts at **7pm on 12 May at Pitsea Leisure Centre**. This is a family event - children welcome. £2.00 adults, under 16s go free. Licenced bar - bring your own nibbles.

So, what are you waiting for? 'Splish Splash' - don't be a 'Wooley Bully' - make sure you are 'At The Hop'!

Pre-book your tickets by email to admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk or on Eventbrite (search for Heart of Pitsea) or pay on the night.

Thinking on Purpose: Where Next?

Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford, Tuesday 10 May (10:00 – 14:00 including networking lunch)

Over the last 12 months the 3rd Sector Futures team at Anglia Ruskin University have been holding a series of events looking at the future of voluntary and community action in Essex. With support from Essex Community Foundation, we were able to invite experts - in fields from health and social care to the inclusive economy - to lead these 'think tank' events and spark discussion among our attendees. We are now having a final morning session to relay, and further shape, our initial findings.

To find out more and to book please visit [this website](#). We need your input to equip our county and its people to do more than survive, but to thrive, in the turbulent economic and political times ahead. We look forward to seeing you on 10 May!

National News and Events

Community Organisations - Research Opportunities

The NCCPE have announced the 3rd and 4th Community University Partnership Initiative (CUPI) match events. Funded by Power to Change and the Arts and Humanities Research Council, CUPI supports community organisations (including community businesses, charities, social enterprises, and voluntary organisations) and university researchers to create trusting and useful research collaborations which benefit all the partners involved.

Are you considering building a new partnership? Have you got a research idea you are keen to explore? Then the current events could be a perfect opportunity to get involved.

Events will be taking place in the following regions:

- **Newham, London – Tuesday 26th June**
- **Birmingham – Tuesday 3rd July**

Applications for places at these two match events are now being accepted. Please note that applying for a match event does not guarantee your place. You will be contacted 3 weeks prior to the event to confirm whether applicants have been successful.

Find out more [here](#) and register your interest for the Newham, London or Birmingham match event for the opportunity to create a new partnership, access funding and explore getting a research idea off the ground.

Big Lottery Fund



You may be aware that the Prime Minister has announced how the Big Lottery Fund is developing a programme to help young people overcome barriers to employment. Some of you may have already encouraged young people to complete the online survey. The Lottery are now seeking your input on our Stakeholder Survey.

This is part of an engagement phase which will put young people and stakeholders at the centre of designing a £90 million programme to help tackle barriers to employment. The Lottery are working jointly with colleagues from DCMS, DfE and DWP to learn from what young people and organisations tell us and to develop the different options.

Ministers are expected to issue a policy direction to the Big Lottery Fund about what the programme should focus on and what it should achieve in summer 2018. Big Lottery will then engage in a further period of co-design on the specifics of the programme. The Lottery website includes more information in a statement of intent [here](#).

As the next part of this engagement phase they are now conducting a Stakeholder Survey and want help to share this information. They want to hear from as many of your contacts, delivery partners and stakeholders as possible.

The Big Lottery Award have also now made it easier for organisations to apply for national lottery funding by moving away from standardized application forms. It is now a simpler to tell the fund about your project ideas, over the phone, online and in person.

Vacancies

Grants Officer Needed

Are you a motivated team player who is highly organised, able to manage your own workload and enjoy working in a busy team? If so, this is an exciting opportunity to join Essex Community Foundation (ECF) as a full time Grants Officer.

Responsibilities include advising potential grant applicants from the voluntary and community sector, assessing and evaluating funding applications and preparing reports. Clear and effective communications skills are essential. Travel around the county is required so access to a car is necessary.

HOW TO APPLY

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Thursday 17 May 2018. Interviews will be held in the weeks commencing 21 or 28 May.

If you have any queries about the position, please call Jo Macaulay or Fran Wright on 01245 355947.

For the full job description and details on how to apply, [click here](#).

Health and Well Being

Essex Carers: The Way to Work



The new project “Essex Carers: The Way to Work” is being run by 4SX across the whole of Essex. Funded by The Big Lottery and European Social Fund, this project is aimed at all Unpaid Carers who are currently unemployed and interested in moving into education, training, volunteering and employment.

The support they offer is a one-to-one service, meeting whenever and wherever is ideal for you. Together you can work on action plans, confidence building, CV writing, job searching as well as emotional support. Even if you are not ready to return to work but would like to feel more prepared if the opportunity arises, they can help.

If you are an unpaid, unemployed Carer and feel that this support could help you, contact Olivia Shaw on 07713 683329 or email Referrals@4sx.org.uk.

Dial South Essex



DIAL South Essex is a locally based independent charity covering South Essex. Their main office is in The Beehive Centre, West Street, Grays, RM17 6XP. Currently they are running two groups: The Adult’s Group is in The Library at The Basildon Centre, St. Martins Square, Basildon SS14 1EE, every Tuesday between 10:30am -12:00pm and the Children’s/Parents Group is at Northlands Park Children Centre, Davenants, Basildon SS13 1QX, every Tuesday between 1:00pm - 2:30pm. This project is only available in Basildon.

The second project is called “Inclusive Advice” and has been set up with the intention of enabling disabled people to access information and advice from which they are regularly excluded. In exceptional circumstances Home Visits will be considered.

For more information on our general services and either project please visit our website at www.dialsouthessex.co.uk, email: enquiries@dialsouthessex.co.uk, call or text our mobile 07786 088538 or telephone our helpline on 0333 366 1045 during opening hours.

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Contact
Thurs 3 May	Artists & Arts Networking Lunch Towngate Theatre, Basildon. SS14 1DL	Book Here
Tues 10 May 10.00am – 2.00pm	Thinking on Purpose: Where Next? Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford	
Sat 12 May	Twist & Shout 50's & 60's Party Pitsea Leisure Centre	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Sat 12 May	Pitch A Project' to Heart of Pitsea	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Tue 15 May 9.30am - 3.00pm	All Ears! Living With Hearing Loss, The Education Centre, Basildon Hospital	help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk k 01245 496347
Thurs 17 May	Essex Compact Forum & AGM 2018 Essex Fire and Rescue Headquarters, A12, Kelvedon	
Wed 23 May	Who Will Care Awards 2018	Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford
Thurs 24 th May 2pm	Timebank Coffee 'n' Chat Afternoons The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	Thurs 24 th May 2pm
Thurs 24 May 10:00-12:30	Thinking About Merger? Kings Cross, London	Book Here
Tues 26 June	CUPI – Newham, London	Book Here
Tues 3 July	CUPI – Birmingham	Book Here
Tues 25 th September 9.30am-12.30pm	2018 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	
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