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**CVS News**

**CVS 2018 Networking Forums**

We are pleased to invite you to the next CVS Forum featuring Ruth Stephens, the Funding and Relationship Manager for Essex at the Big Lottery Fund. The Big Lottery Fund funds projects and activities that make communities stronger and more vibrant by bringing community groups and people together.

To register your attendance please click [here](#).

**TUESDAY 12 JUNE PROGRAMME**

9:30am - Registration and welcome

10:00am - 10:15am Ruth Stephens, Funding and Relationship Manager (Essex), Big Lottery Fund

10:15am – 10:30am Questions and Answers

10:30am – 11:00am Updates from organisations

11:00am – 11:15am CVS Round Up

11:15am - Break

11:30am - 13:30pm One to one meetings (please email [catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk) to book a slot)

13.30 - Close

We are arranging one to one slots after the Forum to give organisations additional time to discuss their projects with Ruth. You are encouraged to book your slot in advance - please email [catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk](mailto:catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk).

Further forums are scheduled to be held at The George Hurd Centre\*, Audley Way, Basildon SS14 2FL at the following dates:

- Tuesday 25th September
- Tuesday 4th December

The Networking Forums 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](mailto:Catherine@bbwcvcs.org.uk) or tel: 01268 295 439.

\* There is **limited disabled parking** only available at The George Hurd Centre; please see [here](#) for alternative parking near the Centre.

## BBW Time Bank

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

## Help Your Community



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

## Fidelio Charitable Trust

Fidelio welcomes applications for grants in support of the Arts particularly for Music, including Opera, Lieder, Composition and Dance.

Fidelio aims to provide support for individuals (over school age) or groups of exceptional ability. **Application Form:** Available to download from the website below. Applications will only be accepted by email.

**Deadline:** The closing dates for receipt of applications are 1st February, 1st June and 1st October.

**Contact:** Fidelio Charitable Trust, Somerset House New Wing (S93) Strand, London WC2R 1LA

**Email:** [fidelio@act.eu.com](mailto:fidelio@act.eu.com)

**W:** <http://fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/>

For full information, visit [here](#).

## Anti-knife Crime Community Fund



The fund has been set up to support community projects which reduce knife crime and have a positive impact on young people at risk of carrying a knife and committing crime.

The first round of the fund was launched in October 2017.

The fund is open to voluntary and community sector groups and bids are being invited for funding for projects of up to £30,000, although bids will be considered for greater funding for projects with collaboration between partners.

Bids will be assessed on the extent to which they demonstrate:

- delivery of outcomes to stop knife crime
- proven track record of delivering local interventions
- proven track record of ability to work with children and young people
- proven track record of ability to work in partnership with other organisations and services
- evidence of value for money

The deadline for submissions is 15 June, you can find out more [here](#). Successful organisations will be contacted by the end of July and, providing financial details are provided promptly, will receive the funds in August. The funds are to be spent by 31 March 2019.

Please submit all bids to [Knife.Community.Fund@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Knife.Community.Fund@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

## Local News and Events

### Volunteers Week Thunderclap



Join Volunteer Essex in recognising and thanking the volunteers of Essex. Volunteers Week runs from 1st-7th June every year and is the national celebration of volunteering. Volunteers' Week is a time to say thank you for the fantastic contribution volunteers make.

During the week, hundreds of events and celebrations take place across the country, saying thank you to volunteers and recognising their invaluable and diverse contribution to the UK.

In Essex thousands of volunteers give their time to the local community and we want to say Thank You.

On Friday 1st June we want to make some noise on Twitter. We are challenging local charities, organisations and people to help get them heard with a ThunderClap!

#### What is Thunderclap?

Thunderclap is a tool that enables you to support the campaign by pledging a tweet post at the same time that everyone else that pledges one – to ensure maximum impact. When you pledge your tweet, it will be sent automatically from your account on 1st June to coincide with the start of Volunteers Week.

We are asking all supporters of the campaign to join in with the launch Thunderclap. Visit [here](#) to add your support.

### FREE Heart of Pitsea Community Connect Club



FREE Talks and workshops every Wednesday at 7pm– 8pm. Part of the FREE Heart of Pitsea Community Connect Club. Every Wednesday from 6.30pm-8.30pm, at The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre, SS13 3DU.

**30 May:** Sue Howard-Reading, Training Officer for the National Coastwatch Institution.

Enjoy an informative DVD and hear a fascinating talk, with real life accounts, on how the NCI volunteers keep their eyes and ears on our local coastline, from their wooden watch station at the end of the PLA jetty at Holehaven Creek, Canvey.

**13 June:** Rob Walker, Chairman of South East Essex Remap Disabled adaption Charity

From helmet mounted binoculars to bleach bottle openers, find out how the volunteer boffins at this unique charity, custom-make and adapt equipment for free to help disabled people live more independent lives.

**7 June:** Debbie from Straycatz, Basildon.

Hear the story of lucky 'Libby Cat', the Pitsea Library stray. Fed by concerned library staff who tried hard to find her owner, Libby was eventually rescued by Straycatz Basildon who nursed her back to health until she was ready for adoption. Find out what happened next in Libby's life and all about the tireless work Straycatz carry out around our local area.

**11 July:** Retired Basildon Policeman, Peter Marshland.

Retired Policeman, Peter Marshland, will give an autobiographical talk 'Newly Promoted Sarge', revealing all about his time within the force in Basildon and Thurrock – where Essex met London, and both met Peter with some unexpected results!

More talks coming up...



# FESTWAKE.COM



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**  
**9.30 am – 1.30 pm**  
**Wakeboard & Aqua Park Including**  
**a burger and a drink**  
**In aid of St Luke's Hospice**



**Festival Wakeboard & Aqua Park**  
**Festival Leisure Park**  
**Basildon, Essex. SS14 3WB**  
**[www.festwake.com](http://www.festwake.com)**



**Registration fee £20.00**  
**plus sponsorship of £100**  
*(50% of sponsorship required by 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018)*

Contact Joanne Phillips on 01268 524973 or  
 Email [joannephillips@stlukeshospice.co.uk](mailto:joannephillips@stlukeshospice.co.uk) for  
 more information or to book your place.

**Hamelin Trust**  
 Supporting individuals with disabilities  
 and their carers



# Open Day

**We are inviting you to our open day at**  
**Sutton Bridge Farm!**



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
**10am-3pm**  
**Sutton Bridge Farm, Rochford, SS4 1XS**



**What you can expect from the Sutton Bridge Farm Open Day:**

- ◆ Take a tour of our services:  
 Roots & Shoots - our horticultural project  
 Gowlands - our adults' short break service  
 Hydrotherapy Pool
- ◆ Purchase fresh fruit and vegetables grown by the adults we support at our Roots & Shoots Project
- ◆ Purchase beautiful, in season flowers and other plants to make sure your garden looks and smells lovely
- ◆ Purchase stunning hanging baskets to brighten any outside wall
- ◆ Meet our animals: we have ducks, chickens, rabbits and a farm cat
- ◆ Refreshments will be available
- ◆ Pick up literature on all our services and projects
- ◆ A chance to discuss the improvements we are making at Sutton Bridge Farm, including the construction of a café and plans for wheelchair accessible fishing



For more information, please contact us on 01277 314236 or visit our website [www.hamelintrust.org.uk](http://www.hamelintrust.org.uk)

**We look forward to seeing you!**



# St Luke's Hospice



## Soar away for a good cause

### Tandem Sky Dive



**Summer Sky Dive**  
Date: Saturday 14th July 2018  
Beccles Airfield  
Registration Fee £50  
plus sponsorship £350

### Wing Walking

**Wing Walking**  
Date: Sunday 2nd September 2018  
Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Upminster  
Registration Fee £100  
plus sponsorship £500



[www.stlukeshospice.com](http://www.stlukeshospice.com)

Registered Charity No. 289466

St. Luke's Hospice, Fobbing Farm, Nethermayne, Basildon, Essex SS16 5NJ  
Tel: 01268 524973 Email: [fundraising@stlukeshospice.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@stlukeshospice.co.uk)





## Thames Bridges Trek Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Enjoy the scenery whilst zigzagging over 16 historic bridges starting at Putney Bridge through the heart of Central London with a mid point stop in Vauxhall for free snacks and a drink. Then it is onto the finish in Southwark past the majestic Tower Bridge.

Registration Fee £40.00 plus sponsorship £175.00

For more information contact Joanne Phillips:  
T: 01268 524973 or email: [joannephillips@stlukeshospice.co.uk](mailto:joannephillips@stlukeshospice.co.uk)

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## National News

### Civil Society Strategy Consultation



The CVS membership organization NAVCA would like to give many thanks to all who contributed to the recent Civil Society Strategy consultation. A summary of the resulting response is highlighted below:

Summary: “The overwhelming message that came from our members was not, surprisingly, that they wanted more money in the system (although clearly resourcing is a continuing issue) – but that they wanted to see, contribute to and benefit from a new relationship of trust between the state, as represented both by government and by local statutory bodies, and the voluntary sector.

For too long the sector has been seen as the poor relation, the amateur or the needy partner in that relationship – a perception that does not take account of the vastly innovative, skilled and effective resource the VCS offers.

Above all, the current relationship and the balance of power within it too often means that public resources are wasted or at best used less effectively than they might be whilst communities fail to gain the benefits they are promised or deserve, simply because no-one has genuinely asked, or listened to, the voices of those communities.

It is time for that to change. It is essential that in a post-austerity, post-Brexit and post-Grenfell era, the partnerships that form civil society in its widest sense put aside their long-standing notions of power and find truly effective ways in which to work together, collaboratively, to free up the power of the communities we are all here to serve.”

## Vacancies

### Exciting trustee opportunities with BASIS (Blind and Sight Impaired Society)



each other.

Based in South Essex, BASIS ([www.basissouthessex.org.uk](http://www.basissouthessex.org.uk)) is a well-established charity working to improve the independence and quality of life of those who have visual impairment, their families and carers. BASIS believes that it is important to raise awareness of the needs of visually impaired people to the sighted community, changing attitudes, thereby bringing both groups to a closer understanding of

The organisation provides a diverse range of activities and support to its beneficiaries. With strong links to Guide Dogs for the Blind, RNIB and the NHS, BASIS offers a unique service provision for the area.

This is an exciting opportunity to get involved with this 20-year-old organisation as it seeks to grow and develop. Until recently BASIS was run by its board of trustees on a voluntary basis. Recent funding has created a number of paid posts to provide operational running of the organisation and enabling the board to take on a more strategic focus. Having secured funding from Big Lottery and undergone a review of governance BASIS is about to embark on a period of growth and development. The new trustees will be able to play a part in this and therefore enjoy making a difference to this organisation, its beneficiaries and shaping its future direction.

**The first role** may appeal to someone who has an interest in health or social care, and those who wish to give something back. The current trustees identified how rewarding it is to see people on a journey and see how something that you do makes such a difference.

BASIS would like to appoint at least 1 new trustee to complement the current board in its role as a governing body: setting strategy and ensuring exemplary governance and fiscal control. Ideally the candidate would be someone with an understanding of charities and the voluntary sector. Most importantly they will have strategic expertise and understanding of good governance. BASIS is keen to attract applicants from a diverse audience.

The charity is keen to bring additional skills to its board through the appointment of individuals who ideally have a background in one of the following areas:

- Fundraising
- Human Resources

**The second role** may appeal to someone who has proven financial expertise and possibly an interest in health or social care, and those who wish to give something back. The current trustees identified how rewarding it is to see people on a journey and see how something that you do makes such a difference.

BASIS is looking to appoint someone with proven financial expertise gained at a senior level, to complement the current board in its role as a governing body: setting strategy and ensuring exemplary governance and fiscal control. Ideally the candidate would be a qualified accountant and someone with an understanding of charities and the voluntary sector. BASIS is keen to attract applicants from a diverse audience. The successful candidate must show an understanding of the issues facing blind and partially sighted people.

The deadline for applications is: Friday 1st June.

It is expected that interviews will be held on the week beginning 11th June.

If you would like further information or wish to apply for this role, please contact Jo Simpson by email at [jo@ep-uk.org](mailto:jo@ep-uk.org) who will be able to send you an information pack/Job Description.

# InterAct

## Mental Health First Aid Training

This course is for you if you want to...

LEARN NEW SKILLS &/ ENHANCE YOUR CV

IF YOU CARE FOR OR WORK WITH VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE/ADULTS

IF YOU ARE THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING OR SEEKING PAID EMPLOYMENT

What you say, how you say it, and how well you listen can have a profound impact on someone who is emotionally distressed or having a difficult time. Everyone can learn and benefit from MHFA skills.

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training is an interactive and practical training course to help you spot the early signs of a mental health problem. It will equip you with tools and techniques to help you, your friends, family and colleagues.

*"Course very informative on all levels. Will be helpful to help others with mental health difficulties"*

*"This course will help in the work I choose to do and benefit my family"*

The course runs over **2 days**: 09:30 to 16:30

on **14th & 21st June 2018**

**VENUE: BBWCVS Training Room at the George Hurd Centre**

**Refreshments will be provided** (tea & coffee)

To book your place please click on this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mental-health-first-aid-2-day-training-course-140618-210618-tickets-45938247535>

# InterAct

**InterAct**  
Moulsham Mill  
Parkway  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM2 7PX



Charity Registration No: 1048631  
Company Registration Number: 3087233

## VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Contact
Wed 30 May 6.30pm-8.30pm	Sue Howard-Reading - National Coastwatch Institution The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre. SS13 3DU	
Wed 20 June 10am-3pm	Sutton Bridge Farm Open Day Rochford. SS4 1XS	01277 314236 <a href="#">More Here</a>
1 – 7 June	Volunteers Week Thunderclap	<a href="#">More Here</a>
Tues 12 June 9.30am-12.30pm	2018 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	
Wed 13 June 6.30pm-8.30pm	Rob Walker – Remap Disabled Adaption Charity The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre. SS13 3DU	
Thurs 14 June 9.30am-4.30pm	Mental Health First Aid Training George Hurd Centre, Basildon. SS14 2AB	<a href="#">Book Here</a>
Sat 23 June 9.30am-1.30pm	Wakeboard Challenge Festival Leisure Park, Basildon. SS14 3WB	01268 524973 <a href="mailto:joannephillips@stlukeshospice.co.uk">joannephillips@stlukeshospice.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.festwake.com">www.festwake.com</a>
Wed 25 July 6.30pm-8.30pm	Julie Leggett – Anglian Water Campaign The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre. SS13 3DU	
Wed 8 Aug 6.30pm-8.30pm	Dogs Trust Wickford The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre. SS13 3DU	
Sat 22 Sept	Abseil Challenge The ArcelorMittal Orbit, London	01268 524973 <a href="mailto:joannephillips@stlukeshospice.co.uk">joannephillips@stlukeshospice.co.uk</a>
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