



Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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CVS News

2018 Networking Forums

Please save the dates for the 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 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.

CVS Forum

We are pleased to invite you to the 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](#).

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.

TUES 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 to book a slot)

13.30 - Close

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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

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

Opportunity for project funding



Local community group Heart of Pitsea are inviting charities, voluntary organisations, CICs/CIOs, statutory bodies and businesses to submit projects for funding.

Following consultation within the community, three key themes were identified: 1. Health, 2. Skills, 3 Community, and project ideas must address at least one of these objectives.

A further requirement is that the project takes place within the designated Heart of Pitsea boundaries to benefit those who live, work or go to school within the area, although it is appreciated that a project may also impact on neighbouring areas.

Proposals should also provide added value by including some form of contribution to the project – this could be part funding, matched funding, volunteer time, in-kind resources or generated income.

The deadline for submitting a proposal is Friday 13 July.

For more information on Heart of Pitsea search @heartofpitsea on Facebook. To request a Heart of Pitsea boundary map, a copy of our latest Plan, application form and guidance notes, email admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk or call Simon Johnson, the Heart of Pitsea Coordinator, on 07572 001671.

Help the Homeless

Help The Homeless' main funding remit is the regular allocation of Small Grants (generally up to £5000) for capital costs only to small and medium-sized charities (those with a turnover of under £1m per annum).

All applications must relate to projects that assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offer shelter or other forms of sustenance.

For grant applications, the upcoming deadlines are: 15th June, 15th September, 15th December.

For more information please contact: The Secretary, Help The Homeless, 6th Floor, 248 Tottenham Court Road, London W1T 7QZ. Alternatively, you can send an email to HTH@help-the-homeless.org.uk or [click here](#) for more information.

The Wolfson Foundation



The Wolfson Foundation funds new buildings, refurbishments and equipment for a range of organisations delivering excellent care and support. The Foundation has awarded over £35 million to more than 200 different organisations over the last ten years.

The Foundation's funding in this area is focussed on three themes:

- Palliative Care and Hospices
- Older People
- Transitions and Independence
- The size of these grants varies from around £15,000 to £100,000. Larger grants are given to key, strategic projects deemed ambitious and well thought-out, with a clear long-term focus. Charities are encouraged not to apply more than once every five years. Match funding is required for projects over £50,000.

We encourage applications from all parts of the UK, especially regions that have few alternative sources of funding. To apply, [click here](#).

Local News and Events



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“My Weight Matters”



The Basildon, Billericay & Wickford CVS is offering free weekly weigh-in sessions on behalf of Anglian Community

Enterprise (ACE). “My Weight Matters” is a 12-week programme 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.

Date: Every Tuesday, starting Tuesday 19th June 2018

Time: 10am-11.30am

Location: The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, Essex, SS14 2FL

For more information, contact us on 01268 294 420 or email volcentre@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Building Better Communities



Hamelin Trust has been shortlisted by Jewson to win funds to go towards the expansion of our Day Opportunities service. This service, based at our Head Office in Billericay, supports adults and young people with learning disabilities and provides opportunities for them to build skills in the

areas of woodwork, furniture restoration, sewing, IT refurbishment, recycling and retail.

We really need your votes! Please vote for us by following the steps below:

- Click on <https://www.buildingbettercommunities.co.uk/>
- Register to vote and activate the email they send you
- Click on 'Community Project Shortlist' and filter down to the region of 'East of England'
- Vote for us, we are about fourth on the list under 'DAY OPPS 4 ALL AT HAMELIN TRUST'

Together we can make a lasting difference to those with learning disabilities using our Day Opportunities service. The deadline date for votes is 20th June. Thank you!

National News

Tackling Low Pay in the Charity Sector

The Living Wage Foundation has launched an action plan to tackle the “race to the bottom environment” caused by government funding cuts.

The idea is that the action plan will encourage funders to sign up to the Friendly Funders scheme and asks the charities that pay the real living wage to publicly champion it, using the Living Wage badge in publicity materials. For more information [click here](#).

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

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