



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 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.

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@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@bbwcvs.org.uk

Magic Little Grants



Localgiving has teamed up with the Postcode Community Trust to provide over 400 grants of £500 to small charities and community groups. Thanks to support from the players of People's Postcode Lottery, the Magic Little Grants Fund provides small charities and

community groups the opportunity to access funding to deliver engaging physical activities, which help to overcome barriers to participation.

To benefit from funding, projects need to meet either of the following themes:

- Overcoming barriers to participation in physical activities in creative ways
- Increasing social cohesion through developing access to sports and other recreational activities

Applications are to be made from now until 31st October 2018. As part of the grant, organisations who are not currently members of Localgiving will also be awarded an annual Localgiving membership, worth £96, that will enable them to benefit from Localgiving's online fundraising support and services.

For further information, please click [here](#).



The #iWill Fund

The #iwill Fund, managed by Essex Community Foundation, awards grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to projects/activities which give young people the opportunity to develop their character, build skills and engage them in contributing to their community. It is currently seeking applications for its next round of funding.

Among the organisations to receive grants previously are Integration Support Services, in Harlow, who used their grant of £5,000 to launch a peer mentoring scheme where 10 young volunteers, aged between 13 and 18, have been paired with young Asylum Seekers.

For information about this programme: click [here](#). There is specific criteria and a separate application form to our usual one so any charity or voluntary group that is considering making an application, is encouraged to call the ECF grants team in the first instance: 01245 356018.

Local News and Events

2018 'Pride in Basildon Borough' Volunteer Awards!



Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 'Pride in Basildon Borough' Volunteer Awards!

These awards celebrate the selfless help and support provided by the borough's unsung heroes.

Award categories include:

- Sunshine Award (11-21)
- Community Star
- Inspirational Role Model
- Fundraising Champion
- Volunteer Project
- Long Service Award
- Voluntary Group of the Year Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Winners of individual categories will be put forward for the opportunity to win the Tony Guyon Memorial Cup and crowned 'Volunteer of the Year', which will be judged by this year's lead sponsor Pinnacle PSG.

Just go [here](#) to download an application form and view more details.

Healthwatch Essex Annual Report

The Healthwatch Essex Annual Report highlights the depth and breadth of the work that has been delivered in the past year. To request a hard copy, please email enquiries@healthwatchessex.org.uk or click [here](#).



SHIELD: Sexual Health Information Empowerment Learning and Development, Training for Professionals.

Date: 17th July 2018

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm.

Location: South Essex College, Basildon Campus.

SHIELD (Sexual Health Information Empowerment Learning and Development)

Young people may require support around their sexual health at any time. Learning the basics will allow you to support them initially before potentially signposting them on to a suitable service.

Aim: to introduce professionals to basic topics around sexual health and relationships.

Participants will be able to:

- list the different methods of contraception
- identify sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and know how to prevent them
- develop skills to support young people to achieve safe, healthy, happy relationships and sex
- explain confidentiality, consent and the law

Identify sexual health and wellbeing services (including Brook) to signpost young people to

Parking is available. Tickets can be booked via-
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shield-sexual-health-information-empowerment-learning-and-development-shield-tickets-46752553145>.

Help shape the future of your Fire and Rescue Service

The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex is after your views on what the priorities for fire and rescue services in the county should be. An Essex's first Fire and Rescue Plan is being put together – this will be a strategic document that will set out the vision and priorities for the delivery of fire and rescue services in Essex. They will focus on what the people of Essex want its fire and rescue service to deliver for their communities.

Details of the remaining workshops and how-to book are below. We look forward to seeing you!

Workshop 3 – 09 July 2018

Help people, particularly those who are vulnerable, to be safer in their homes, their communities and as they work and travel in the county.

Working with our partners we will provide more efficient and effective interventions.

We want the public to receive the best possible service and we believe that to achieve this the Service needs to work in close partnership with other organisations.

To book your place, please click [here](#).

Workshop 4 – 25 July 2018

Make best use of our resources while improving public safety and offering value for money for our communities.

All organisations have limited resources and it is important that the Service uses the money and resources provided by the public in the best possible way. This priority looks at how we the Service can ensure that it is using resources wisely and offering value for money for the public.

To book your place, please click [here](#).

‘Significant’ NHS safety fears over merger plan

Concerns are being raised over plans to remove emergency surgical services from Basildon Hospital.

With the merger of Basildon, Broomfield, and Southend Hospitals progressing, an independent review panel praised the plans as largely positive but made a host of recommendations.

The main recommendation focused on patient safety concerns in regard to changes to emergency surgeries at Basildon Hospital. See the full story [here](#).



ESSEX CARERS CAKE & INFO EVENT

**WEDS 18 JULY 2018
11AM - 3PM
GEORGE HURD CENTRE | AUDLEY
WAY | BASILDON | SS14 2FL**

Drop-in and join us for cake! Grab some goodies & information about our amazing project for unemployed Carers: Essex Carers - The Way to Work.



**Young People, Parents, Families,
Friends, Volunteers, and
Supporters of InterAct**
you are invited to join us



Thank You Garden Party

**As a thank you to all our supporters we are holding a
thank you celebration to show our appreciation to everyone
that supports InterAct in so many ways**

Friday 3rd August 2018

Aspire Centre (Behind Mill)

Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford CM2 7PX

3pm—6pm

Barbecue & Refreshments will be served

InterAct works with young people & adults with Autism, learning disabilities, emotional difficulties and other additional needs. We help to develop valuable social, practical and life skills

Please RSVP to the Volunteering Team:

01245 608333

Or volunteering@interact.org.uk

InterAct

National News

The Groundwork Community Awards

Do you know a community group that deserves special recognition for making your local area a better place to live? If so, then the Groundwork Community Awards would like you to nominate them to receive a Groundwork Community Award.

Now in its second year, the Groundwork Community Awards honor the small local community groups making a big difference to everyone's quality of life where they live but often get little recognition and support. Shortlisted projects will also be entered into a special 'People's Choice Award', with the winner being chosen by a public vote.

Nominate a community group by clicking [here](#).

The deadline for nominations is **22nd July**. Shortlisted community groups will be invited to attend a national awards ceremony at the House of Commons on the evening of 19 November.

Groundwork recently launched our Inclusive Spaces campaign, providing community groups with the tools and support to engage more young people in local green spaces! You can get involved during our week of action (23rd -29th July) by showcasing your summer events aimed at young people!

Check out all the campaign resources and register your event for young people [here](#).

Vacancies

2 PART TIME FINANCE OFFICERS REQUIRED (12 HPW)



Basildon Credit Union Ltd, is an independent financial organisation regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, which offers saving and loans facilities to its customers.

We are seeking to recruit 2 Part Time Finance Officers, for 12 hours per week, each. The Finance Officers will be responsible for maintaining the day to day running of the Credit Union service, processing withdrawals, payments and loans, liaising with customers, as necessary, in response to their requests.

You will possess excellent interpersonal/communication skills, together with excellent numeracy and literacy skills. Good knowledge of financial systems and experience of using an IT accounting package would be an advantage. You should also be fully IT literate, with experience of using Microsoft Excel and Word applications and using the internet/electronic diary.

You should also be qualified to AAT standard or have equivalent experience or hold an equivalent qualification. A copy of the Job Description is available upon request and this post is subject to a DBS check.

Salary is £25,463, plus Fringe Allowance of £597 p.a (Pro-Rata). Hours to be agreed. For further details please contact:

Penny Collinson, Treasurer on 01268 207813 or penny.collinson@basildon.gov.uk

To request a copy of the JD or apply for this position, please send a copy of your CV, with a supporting statement stating why you are interested in this post, to:

Penny Collinson, Treasurer
Basildon Credit Union Ltd
2nd Floor, The Basildon Centre
St Martins Square
Basildon SS14 1DL

The closing date for applications is: 5.00pm, Friday, 13th July 2018



Information and Signposting Service Lead

Salary: £28,000 – £32,000, per annum plus pension

Location: Feering, Essex

Job Type: Full time

At Healthwatch Essex, they have created a 'one-stop shop' to provide information about health and social care to the people of Essex.

The Information and Signposting Team Leader will provide operational leadership to the development and delivery of an information and signposting service that helps people to access, navigate and understand health and social care in Essex. This involves constantly developing the current telephone-based service and exploiting new opportunities for outreach. It also involves building on our existing partnerships and realising the potential of statutory- and voluntary-sector partners working better together in the interests of the people of Essex. This includes opportunities to share data and information across the whole of health and social care.

This role requires an effective leader and engaging communicator, with good written and verbal skills, and comfortable in the company of others. You will have a vision for the new HWE information and signposting service, perhaps grounded in your experience in providing information, advice or guidance within a statutory or voluntary sector organisation. You will be capable of building effective relationships and networks with individuals and organisations, including volunteers. You may also have experience translating evidence of people's experiences into useful intelligence to inform service design and delivery in the NHS and social care.

You will also be enthusiastic about working within a small and ambitious team, with a demonstrable regard for the values and principles of Healthwatch Essex and a willingness to work flexibly to achieve the organisation's strategic objectives.

Please read the full [job description](#) for details of how to apply and complete the application form. Applications should be emailed to deborah.potticary@healthwatchessex.org.uk. You can also view the details [here](#).

Deadline for applications is 5pm on **Friday 20th July 2018**. Interviews are planned to be held on week of 30th July 2018.

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Contact
Mon 9 July 1pm-3pm	Workshop 3 – Fire & Rescue Plan Hamptons Sports and Leisure, Tydemans, Great Baddow. CM2 9FH	Book Here
Tues 17 July 10am-4pm	SHEILD South Essex College, Basildon Campus	Book Here
Wed 18 July 11am-3pm	Essex Carers Cake & Info Event The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	
Wed 25 July 2pm-4pm	Workshop 4 – Fire & Rescue Plan Hamptons Sports and Leisure, Tydemans, Great Baddow. CM2 9FH	Book Here
Fri 3 August 3pm-6pm	Thank You Garden Party Aspire Centre, Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford. CM2 7PX	
Tues 25 Sept 9.30am-12.30pm	2018 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	
Tues 4 Dec 9.30am-12.30pm	2018 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	

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