



Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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CVS News

One-off Group Volunteering Opportunities Wanted

Do you need help with a big project? Could a group of volunteers help your charity for a day? If so, we would like to hear from you.

The Volunteer Centre works with local businesses whose staff would like to volunteer their time with local charities. We can help arrange group volunteering activities so staff can so experience the work you do and find out more about the projects that have an impact locally.

Corporate group volunteering is flexible and whatever you need help with - whether it's painting a room or support at an event – we may know a business that can help.

If you would like to find out more please contact Marilena Luxmoore, BBWCVS Volunteer Co-Ordinator, on 01268294420.

Volunteers Encouraged to Join Time Bank

Volunteers are being encouraged to join the Basildon, Billericay & Wickford Time Bank to earn 'credits' for the time they spend helping others.

Timebanking is volunteering with a twist. It's a community-initiative which encourages local people to share some of their time and skills directly with others. For every hour spent volunteering, Time Bank members can earn one 'time credit' which they can then use to ask someone for an hour of their time.

If you have volunteers supporting your organisation, they can sign up and 'bank' the hours they volunteer with you as a group. Some of the hours earned by volunteers can also be donated back to charities – so if you need a hand, perhaps a Time Bank member can help!

It's free to become a member of the Time Bank. It's open to anyone 18 or over, regardless of ability, skills or situation and all help is free.

If you would like to find out more about the Time Bank and how it can benefit you and your volunteers, get in touch by email bbwtimebank@bbwcvcs.org.uk or call us on 01268 294 420.

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

People's Postcode Trust - Community Project Small Grants

Short-term, designated funding is available for projects which focus on the prevention of poverty, promotion of human rights, through combatting discrimination and employability and skills development in Great Britain.

Grants range from £500 to £20,000.

The Round 2 dates are as follows:

- Stage 1: 1 August - 15 August 2018
- Stage 2: 5 September - 19 September 2018.

The application form will appear online during the stage 1 dates.

The funding is for new projects, or significant expansions of existing projects, in Great Britain. The projects can be up to 12 months in length.

In 2018, the Trust will consider projects which focus on:

The programme has two funding rounds and an online two-stage application process involving an expression of interest form. Those who are successful at the initial stage will be invited to complete a full application. As this scheme is 'vastly oversubscribed', applicants are urged to read the guidance notes that can be found on the Trust's website before starting the application form.

Contact details:

Management Team

People's Postcode Lottery
76 George Street
Edinburgh
EH2 3BU
Telephone: 0131 555 7287

Email: info@postcodetrust.org.uk

Building Connections Fund

The £11.5 million Building Connections Fund is a partnership between Government, Big Lottery Fund and the Co-op Foundation which was set up in response to the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness to support projects that prevent or reduce loneliness.

The fund aims to:

- Increase social connections, helping people form strong and meaningful relationships and creating a sense of community and belonging, and helping people feel more connected
- Support organisations to build on their existing work, eg by reaching more people, or working in a new area or with a different method or group of people
- Encourage organisations to join up with others locally
- Improve the evidence base and use learning to inform longer term policy and funding decisions.

The fund is split into two strands:

1. Main Fund: available for organisations with existing projects that are already helping to build connections to prevent or reduce loneliness, projects that could reach more people and / or join up with others and include ways of utilising existing expertise in the sector, increasing geographical reach and improving impact.

Grants are between £30,000 and £100,000. It is open for applications now.

2. Youth Fund: this will be distributed by the Co-op Foundation, making grants of up to £80,000. It will open for applications in August 2018 – find out more on the Co-op Foundation blog.

Application deadline:

Main fund: Friday 24 August by 12 noon. For information click [here](#).



The Postcode Dream Trust

Funded by the People's Postcode Lottery, the Postcode Dream Trust is offering to fund organisations dream projects.

Projects must deliver on one of the following outcomes:

- Changing lives through early intervention
- Ending loneliness and social isolation
- Protecting Britain's biodiversity
- Sustainable systems change
- Transforming society through sport

Who can apply: All applications must come from at least two not-for-profit organisations who have joined forces to deliver their 'dream' project. The lead partner must be a registered charity.

Maximum grant: £1 million

Deadline: 31 August 2018

Work and Health Challenge Fund - Application Portal

The Work and Health Unit (WHU), which is jointly managed by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department of Health and Social Care, is using a £4.2m Challenge Fund to test new approaches that can help people experiencing mental health and/or musculoskeletal (MSK) issues stay in work.



They are looking to fund around twenty Initiatives which will improve their understanding of what works in one or more of the following areas:

- Helping people stay in work by increasing their ability to self-manage their conditions.
- Helping people access advice and support about what sort of work they might be capable of doing given their wider needs and circumstances.
- Developing new approaches to help employers and individuals develop workplace solutions, or ways of working that facilitate greater participation of people experiencing these conditions.
- Improving systems by joining up services to strengthen communication, liaison or joint action.

They welcome applications from employers, charities, social enterprises, local authorities, health bodies and others from across England, Scotland and Wales.

The deadline for receipt of Challenge Fund applications is Friday 17th August at 17.00. Projects are anticipated to run between October 2018 and February 2020.

To apply to the WHU Challenge Fund, you will first need to register your organisation (see below). From here you can access the [Challenge Fund Guidance](#) and [FAQs](#) (updated 25.07.18), the online application form and further support.

To register for our market warming events in Birmingham, London, Glasgow and Cardiff, please click [here](#). Please note that places are limited.

This application portal is managed by [Rocket Science](#) on behalf of the Work and Health Unit.

2019 GSK IMPACT Awards - Core Funding and Free Training for Health Charities

GSK's IMPACT Awards reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. Organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with income between **£80,000** and **£2.5 million**.

Up to **20 awards** will be made ranging from **£3,000** to **£40,000** plus free training valued at up to **£6,000**. Organisations will also have a film made, receive help with press and publicity and be given a set of promotional materials.

To apply or to view winners' films go to: www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards

Closing date: **20 September 2018**

National News and Events

The National FGM Centre



Developing excellence
in response to FGM and
other harmful practices

The National FGM Centre's vision is to keep children and young people safe from FGM and other Harmful Practices, including Breast Flattening and Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief.

Through their work they aim to:

- **Prevent** new cases
- **Protect** children and young people
- **Support** those affected by FGM and other Harmful Practices
- **Partner** to deliver services and learn

They have had 280+ case referrals between Sept 2015 – April 2018 from our Local Authorities in the East of England and 14 from other Local Authorities in England and Wales. **Of these, 100+ have been from Essex.** They have also supported the application of 16 FGM Protection Orders over this time.

How can the Centre help you in Essex?

Essex County Council has commissioned the National FGM Centre to work in the region covering the above topics. The National FGM Centre has a specialist worker, **Rohma Ullah**, who works across the county on all cases regarding FGM, Breast Flattening and Child Abuse Linked to Faith or Belief jointly with social workers. Please contact Rohma for any queries, questions or general requests around awareness raising sessions.

Email: rohma.ullah@barnardos.org.uk / 07715633414

Information on our website: <http://www.nationalfgmcentre.org.uk/>



Children Affected By Domestic Abuse Fund

The Home office have allocated £8 million of funding to fund interventions designed to support children affected by domestic abuse.

Interventions should:

- Demonstrate evidence for proposed plans
- Provide arrangements for safeguarding vulnerable children and young people as part of the planned activities
- Show how proposed support will link into wider support for victims of domestic abuse at a local level

Who can apply: Local commissioners. This can include police and crime commissioners, local authorities, health commissioners, or any other suitable organisations across England and Wales.

Partnership applications are also welcome. For more information, read the fund prospectus.

Maximum grant: Discretionary

While there is not a formal cap placed on the amount an organisation can bid for, all bids must be scalable. **Organisations must bid for a minimum of £500,000.**

Deadline: 19 September 2018

Cabinet Reshuffle – Implications for the VCSE Sector

Did you notice the flurry of changes within the cabinet in some key positions which may well impact upon the voluntary sector.

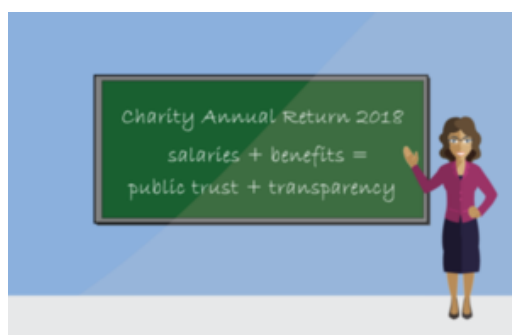
Jeremy Wright replaces Matt Hancock as Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The move to DCMS is a significant shift from his specialism. It's also notable that he has already been criticised for his lack of digital expertise (including not having a Twitter account). This marks him out as a polar opposite of his predecessor who is known for his enthusiasm for digital technology.

Jeremy Wright will have a key role to play in the implementation of the forthcoming Civil Society Strategy and potentially in digital skills and digital transformation across the charity sector.

Matt Hancock replaces Jeremy Hunt as Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. His predecessor secured agreement from Theresa May that the NHS would receive a £20bn real-terms funding boost by 2023. The recent NHS Provider's report outlines that the extra funding will only make up "lost ground" caused by years of austerity. Matt Hancock's key challenge will be to ensure that the new funding is distributed and invested as effectively as possible.

Moving over from DCMS where he also had responsibility for the charity sector we would hope that Matt recognises the amazing contribution that the voluntary sector makes and that they are a vital partner in Health and Social Care.

The voluntary sector plays a hugely important role in creating a stronger civil society and by connecting people to create powerful communities. We look forward to working with both figures to ensure that value of the VCSE sector is recognised and that it is supported through investment.



Prepare For the Charity Annual Return 2018

Last year the Charity Commission consulted with the charity sector about the annual return for 2018. Based on the outcome of this consultation, the Commission is introducing a tailored annual return later this summer. It will include new questions that charities can start preparing for now.

For some charities the new questions will create additional work, so the Charity Commission has published information which may help in preparing for the return. You can [find this information here](#)

Communities Can Be Powerful – But They Need Support

The new report, *The Future for Communities: Perspectives on power*, concludes an 18 month research project that asked ‘what needs to happen for communities to feel and be more powerful in the future?’ It paints a picture of strong, resourceful communities affected by the challenges of poverty, transience and isolation; but also people and places where resilience and hope offer the prospect of positive transformation and change. In particular, it highlights the need for sustained investment in supporting community-level infrastructure – places to meet, organisations to bring people together and people to facilitate engagement. The research was commissioned by Local Trust, carried out by the Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR), and funded by the Community Development Foundation (CDF) and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF).



Trust in Charities 2018

This report, published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales, presents the findings of independent research conducted by Populus into public trust and confidence in charities in 2018. The main objectives of the report are to:

- investigate overall public trust and confidence in charities, comparison with other sectors and changes over time
- identify what the public consider to be trustworthy behaviours in charities
- explore whether trust influences support, for example in terms of donations.

After Carillion: Public sector outsourcing and contracting

This report, published by the House of Commons Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, asks ‘How appropriate is it for public services or projects to be run by the public sector?’, making conclusions and recommendations in light of the recent Carillion failure and acknowledging the damage done to public trust in outsourcing, and what the government must now do in approaching contracting and managing risk.

Local News and Events

Voluntary and Community Sector Local Conversation Sessions

Basildon Borough Council has recently established a new Communities Committee, where matters affecting local neighbourhoods, voluntary and community sector organisations and other community issues are discussed and decisions made. The Chair of the Committee, Councillor Barnes and Vice Chair, Councillor Henry, would like to invite you or a representative of your group or organisation, to attend a Local Conversation session with them, to consider how the Council can better support local community groups and organisations across the Borough. Councillors Buxton and Smith will also be in attendance at the meeting.

There will be two sessions as detailed below:

Monday, 6th August 2018 **6.30pm – 8.30pm**
The Gielgud Suite, Towngate Theatre, St Martins Square, Basildon, SS14 1DL.

Thursday, 9th August 2018 **6.30pm – 8.30pm**
Function Room 1, Barleylands Craft Centre, Barleylands Road, Billericay CM11 2UD

If you would like to attend, you will need to book your place on Eventbrite, by following this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/community-involvement-team-basildon-council-16431843340>

This is a really good opportunity for the voluntary sector to ask questions of the Councillors, who are the local decisions makers in relation to community matters in the Borough and have a conversation about what kind of support you would like to see for your community in the future.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Community Involvement Team on 01268 208224, for further information.

Mid & South Essex STP: GPFV Online Consultations Market Event Afternoon

Basildon and Brentwood CCG along with the other 4 CCG within the Mid and South Essex STP are in the process of procuring an online consultation platform for our Practices. Some of the practices within our CCG have already been piloting this using WebGP.

They would now like to invite some of their patient representatives to an engagement event as well as GPs/Practice Managers, with some of the online consultation service providers as it would be very beneficial to have your input on what things you would like the online consultation platform to be able deliver so they can shape the platform that is procured.



The venue, date and time for the event is below and lunch/refreshments will be provided on the day, and if you are interested in attending please complete the attached registration form and return to Rosey.Woodhead1@nhs.net and sarah.kidd2@nhs.net by 1st August:



MSE Online
Consultation Event 8

Date & Time: Wednesday 8th August 2018 – 12:00-16:00

Venue: Carstairs Room, Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, Basildon, Essex, SS16 4UH (Parking available. Lunch & Refreshments provided)

This event will be recorded and made available as a webinar.

Key Event Agenda:

- Introductions & Afternoon Event Agenda – M&SE STP – Primary Care Lead (Nominated Speaker)
- Keynote Speaker – TBC: Rachel Marchant – RCGP – “GPFV Online Consultations in General Practice – The Questions to Ask” (for info: <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/policy/rcgp-policy-areas/online-consultations.aspx>)
- Online Consultations Supplier Showcase, Product Demos and Q&A sessions

All Ears! Living With Hearing Loss

8 August @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Free

The Education Centre at Basildon Hospital

Free to attend ‘All Ears’ events will take place at various locations during 2018. Any person living with hearing loss can come along to these free and informative events.

People who are new to NHS hearing aids will find it particularly beneficial, though established users, friends and carers are welcome to attend and find out more about the services and help available.

Hearing Help Essex, a registered not for profit charity assists people with acquired hearing loss. There are more than 11 million people in the UK with some degree of hearing loss and a quarter of a million people in Essex alone have some degree of hearing difficulty, which can come about for all sorts of reasons, making day-to-day communication far less easy.

Practical information, advice and guidance on how best to adjust to wearing NHS hearing aids and managing hearing loss will be made available. There will also be the opportunity to learn more about assistive equipment and the benefits of technology that can really help.

Places are limited and must be booked in advance. If they are not yet running a session near to you, please do email to express your interest in attending and the team can contact you when they have more venues secured. Better still, if you would like to host an ‘All Ears’ Session please let them know.

Phone: 01245 496347

Text: 07950 406173

Email: help@hearinghelpessex.org.uk

Web: www.hearinghelpessex.org.uk



LET'S GET QUIZZICAL!

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

FUN STARTS AT 6.45PM

BASILDON UPPER ACADEMY
WICKFORD AVENUE SS13 3HL



Teams of up to 8 or Join a Table - bring your own refreshments

TICKETS £2 PER ADULT AND £1 PER CHILD

(must be pre-booked)

CASH PRIZES AVAILABLE - FUNDS DONATED TO CHARITY

Order tickets online at eventbrite

(search for 'Heart of Pitsea')

email admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk

or call 07572 001671

PosterMyWall.com

Last Minute Offer



Do you have a Canon Pixma Printer?

A friend has contacted us, to say that they have had to replace their printer. As a result, they have a number of redundant print cartridges.

They are C550 & C551 cartridges and will fit the following models Pixma:

MG5450/MG5550/MG5650/MG6350/MG6450/
MG6650/MG7150/MG7550/IP7250/MX925/
MX725/IX6850/IP8750

The cartridges are free to anyone who can use them: contact Mandy on 01268 294125 or email admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Vacancies

Basildon Community Transport Services
supporting the community



They are looking for a well organised admin person to join their team.

Due to start October time, 4 days a week 8am-3pm.

Please call or email CV to communitytransport@bcts.org.uk 01268 465858

Do You Have a Vacancy That You Want Us to Advertise?

If you would like us to advertise jobs and contracts via our E-Bulletin, website and through our Twitter page!

Please note that this service is free to members of the BBWCVS. We advertises the latest vacancies from our members to a wider audience.

It is £25 for charities, £50 for statutory or private sector employers. The advertisement will stay up until the expiry date and we will also tweet it to our faithful following and include it in our newsletters.

Just send details including where possible a weblink to admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Training



****New Date**** **Hidden Sentence** **Training**

Wednesday 26th September 2018

HMP Warren Hill
Grove Road, Hollesley,
Woodbridge IP12 3BF

09:00am to 16:00

Please bring your own lunch

Price: £35

It is estimated that 200,000 children in England and Wales are affected by parental imprisonment every year – that is more than the number of children who are looked after.

This workshop is targeted at professionals working with children, families and/or offenders and aims to:

- Improve understanding about the impact of imprisonment on prisoners' families.
- Improve understanding of a family's journey on a prison visit.
- Understand the support needs of prisoners' families.
- Improve your own practice in order to support a prisoners' family.

The Essex CAPI workshop will include:

- Participatory exercises that encourage participants to understand the experience of family members who have a loved one in prison.
- Information about services and support for children and families of offenders.
- Film made by a young person about her experience of parental imprisonment.

There are a limited number of places available, to confirm your place, please book via:
www.bookwhen.com/capotraining

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

| Date | Event | Contact |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Fri 3 Aug 3pm-6pm | Thank You Garden Party Aspire Centre, Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford. CM2 7PX | |
| Sat 4 Aug 11am-3pm | Laindon Place Summer Fair James Hornsby Secondary School, Leinster Road, Laindon, Essex. SS15 5NX | |
| Sun 5 Aug 11.30am start | St Lukes Hospice Heroes Lake Meadows, Billericay | 01268 524973 Joannalucas@stlukeshospice.co.uk |
| Sun 12 Aug 12:00 - 4:00pm | British Red Cross Open Garden Ingatstone Hall CM4 9NR | |
| Sun 19 Aug 2pm – 5pm | British Red Cross Open Garden Mapledean Farm CM3 6LG | |
| Mon 10 Sept | Heart of Pitsea Health Market Dipple Medical Centre, Wickford Ave, Pitsea, Essex. SS13 3HQ | |
| Tues 25 Sept 9.30am-12.30pm | 2018 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL | 01268 294439 Catherine@bbwcv.org.uk |
| Sat 29 Sept 10am-2pm | Dementia Awareness Drop-in | 01268 524973 Amanda@stlukeshospice.co.uk |
| Tues 4 Dec 9.30am-12.30pm | 2018 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL | 01268 294439 catherine@bbwcv.org.uk |

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