



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

Creative Civic Fund

Grants and other support are available for 10 local communities across England that are using the arts and creativity to make positive change in their community.

Application Deadline: 28 September 2018

Grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 per area over three years as well as other support, such as advice and mentoring, are available.

At least 10 community groups will be selected.

Please note this is not a standard grant-giving programme and may not suit proposals that are already developed and simply seeking funding.

Further information, including the briefing document and FAQs, can be found on the Local Trust website. Contact the Local Trust for further information. <http://localtrust.org.uk/our-work/creative-civic-change/>

Justice and Equality Fund – Now's the Time

Grants are available for women's organisations in the UK to amplify the voices of all those who are calling for an end to sexual harassment and abuse, in their workplaces and in their communities and those organisations who are seeking to establish what works in changing the culture of impunity and preventing future harassment and abuse.

Two levels of grants are provided:

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 for one year. (Women's organisations can apply by themselves or in partnership.)

Grants of £25,000 and £100,000 for over one to three years. (Women's organisations will need to apply in partnership with at least one other organisation.)

Application Deadline: 27 September 2018

The Justice and Equality Fund (JEF) aims to bring an end to the culture of harassment, abuse and impunity by resourcing an expert network of advice, support and advocacy organisations and projects.

Inspired by the campaigners of #metoo, TIME's UP, Ni Nunca Mas, the #lifeinleggings movements and others, a group of UK-based women from the entertainment industry have come together to challenge the culture that permits people in positions of power to sexually harass and abuse others. Funding for the JEF comes from donations from individuals.

Details can be found: <http://www.rosauk.org/>

Fowler Smith and Jones Trust

Grants are available for voluntary and community organisations undertaking projects that benefit communities in Essex and overseas.

Fund Value: £ 500,000

Average Value: £ 2,000

Application Deadline: 31 August 2018

The Fowler Smith and Jones Trust offer grants to charitable organisations active in Essex. Funding is intended to support voluntary and community groups undertaking projects that will benefit communities in Essex in the following areas:

- Youth
- Health or medical
- Arts
- Church facilities of any denomination
- Community schemes
- Miscellaneous

Details can be found: <http://fsjtrust.org.uk/>

Local News and Events

**Heart of Pitsea supporting the
Dipple Patient Participation Group**

INCLUDING....

Alheimers Society **Community Agents Essex**
Basildon Mind **Therapy For You**
Young Carers **Parents 1st**
Essex Carers **REMAP disability aid
adaption** **....AND MORE**

**COMMUNITY
HEALTH
MARKET**

THE DIPPLE MEDICAL CENTRE
Monday 10 September
9.00am-12.00noon

Information help and advice from a host of local organisations
FREE to attend - everyone welcome
(not just Dipple Patients)

Wickford Avenue Pitsea SS13 3HQ

  @heartofpitsea 

PosterMyWall.com

Time is running! If you'd like to secure a pitch for your organisation at the Heart of Pitsea Community Health Market – 9.00am-12noon on 10 September at The Dipple Medical Centre - email admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk

Basildon Town Centre Provider Hub - The Advice Store



Basildon Council is excited to announce it is in advance negotiations to acquire a 12 month lease on a town centre shop unit, to provide a convenient place for residents to receive important information, advice and guidance from a range of providers focusing particularly on employability, skills & training - for those in or out of the labour market.

The Council has made funding available to meet the rental and associated costs of letting the unit for 12 months including utilities and service charge, and has also budgeted to convert the shop unit in to a welcoming place for residents and providers to engage in important dialogue.

The Council is committed to ensuring we support residents in accessing the opportunities which exist in and around our borough, but appreciate that connecting with individuals is not always easy, given restraints on transport links, mobility or meeting space. The location of this unit enjoys excellent footfall and is centrally located in the town centre.

Attached to this document is a brief which sets out the opportunity in greater detail, and how we are inviting a range of providers/agencies or services to register their interest on utilising this proposed facility on a shared and collaborative basis.

Please take the time to read the brief before completing the attached application form to register your organisations interest by Wednesday 22 August. Further details of the selection process will be made known to you after this time.

You need to meet the following criteria:-

- Must have an interest in the areas of Basildon, Billericay and/or Wickford
- Must work with residents or businesses located in the borough
- Must be funded sustainably and not charge residents directly for services
- Must be able to provide credible references from reputable sources
- Must be able to demonstrate the work your organisation has carried out previously and be able to provide evidence of outcomes achieved if requested



The Advice Store -
Brief .pdf



The Advice Store -
Application form.do

National News and Events

#CharityCommsSocialMediaGuide

What's your favourite pub? I bet it's on social media. Who do you bank with? They're on it too. Government departments, the celebrity you hate on Strictly Come Dancing and your dear old mum are on it.

You can use it to: reply to the Dalai Lama, admire Gerry Adams's pictures of wildlife and upset Gary Barlow. You can even reconnect with distant relatives should you decide to accept their kind invitation to water their crops, join their gang or donate a jewel for the rubbish Facebook game they're currently playing.

Put simply, everyone is on social media – and for that reason alone your organisation can't afford to ignore it.

Just being present isn't enough though. You have to use social media strategically in order for it to be truly beneficial and help achieve your organisational goals.

And that's where the CharityComms Insiders' Guide to Social Media for Charities comes in.

We spoke to top social media practitioners at a range of charities about the work they're most proud of, the work they admire and their top tips for making the most of the world of social.

We've picked the brains of social media experts from Age UK, The Children's Society, RNLI, Sue Ryder, Sightsavers, WaterAid, Alzheimer's Society, Dogs Trust, the British Heart Foundation and more to get the real inside track on making the most of this vital comms channel.

I'd put good money on the words "social media" creating a certain level of panic within some of your colleagues. Well, with the help of this guide and the wise words of those included in it, we hope you'll be able to prove its worth.

Social media can no longer be left to the intern; it shouldn't be seen as "something we should probably do," or be tagged on as a last minute addition to a campaign that's been months in the making. It's worth more than that.

It can help you engage with your current supporters, reach out to find new ones and show off your organisation's personality. It enables charities to build relationships and go about cost-effective campaigning.

This guide covers all this and more:

- Strategy, audiences, content
- Channels and tools
- Campaigning and lobbying
- Raising money
- Integration
- Dealing with a crisis

A three step plan for a guaranteed viral hit which will raise millions of pounds
That last one is possibly a lie. But you'll have to [download the guide](#) to find out.

Government Outlines Vision to Empower and Invest in Society



First Civil Society Strategy in 15 years sets out a vision to create stronger communities.

The strategy proposes significant reforms across the public and private sectors to build a fairer society.

People, communities and charitable organisations will be at the centre of decision-making.

The first Civil Society Strategy in 15 years will build stronger communities by bringing together businesses, charities and the public sector, the Government has vowed today.

Civil society refers to organisations and individuals working to create social value, enriching lives and building a fairer society for all.

Tracey Crouch, Minister for Sport and Civil Society, unveiled the new vision today, which places communities at the centre of decision-making and focuses on five key foundations of social value: people, places and the public, private and social sectors.

The work follows the Government's Industrial Strategy, published last year. The strategy complements plans to grow Britain's economy and boost productivity by building a more connected society, where everyone can play their part in a fairer, healthier and more prosperous country.

It creates more opportunities for people to actively take part in community decisions, as well as highlighting ways to harness the power of digital and technology for public good.

Follow this link for more information: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-outlines-vision-to-empower-and-invest-in-society?utm_source=33f732a9-2dee-4bcb-bf89-2ab8a6b4102d&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

Member News

Parents 4 Parents is a new BBWCVS member, here is some information about the organisation.

They are a parent support project which aims to improve the outcomes of children and families through access to trained Parent4Parent volunteers who can provide support to parents living in the Basildon area who are facing everyday challenges.

Who can access the service?

Any parent who would like support from someone who really understands the challenges of being a parent in Basildon.

How does Parents4Parents work?

Volunteers work alongside families who are having difficulties with school issues, child's behavior, debt, housing problems, or just need a listening ear to help cope with the everyday struggle of being a parent. We offer time, non-judgmental support and have a common sense approach to helping families.

The role of a volunteer is:

- To help parents make informed decisions to support their child's education and wellbeing.
- To assist parents in accessing local services.
- To provide parents with emotional and practical support.
- To assist parents with form filling and budgeting.
- To accompany parents to meetings/groups.
- To provide a listening ear.
- To be a "voice" for the local community and promote the importance of education and lifelong learning.

Who are the volunteers?

Parents4Parents volunteers are local parents who have undergone an extensive 15 week Me and My Community training programme, including:

- Coping with debt
- Child development
- Behavior strategies
- SEND
- Understanding domestic violence
- Developing confidence and self esteem

Confidentiality

All personal information about children and parents is treated as confidential within Parents4Parents, with the exception of child protection concerns.

For more information contact: m.odei@blueyonder.co.uk

Vacancies



**Special Needs
And Parents**

Family Information Adviser

The Family Information Adviser assists in providing high quality signposting of information to families and developing the specialist library and SNAP directory.

The role will eventually include providing support to families and assisting on the helpline, attending face to face meetings and supporting families in SNAP sessions.

Salary: anticipate the salary being between £19k and £24k dependent on experience but this is negotiable for an experienced candidate.

To apply: Send a full CV to recruitment@snapcharity.org

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 advertise 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



Do you Need a Phone?

We have a new phone system at BBWCVS and therefore have 9 SIEMENS OPTIPOINT 420 handsets; 7 in light grey and 2 are dark grey. All in very good condition to a good home.

Please contact Mandy on 01268 294125 or admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk if you could make use of them. You don't have to take them all, I'm happy to split them up.



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Emily Gray
Director of Development,
CPSL Mind

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018

Date	Event	Contact
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	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Fri 14 Sept Starts at 6:45pm	Heart of Pitsea Family Quiz Night Basildon Upper Academy, Wickford Academy, SS13 3HL	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Tues 25 Sept 9.30am-12.30pm	2018 Network Forums The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon. SS14 2FL	01268 294439 catherine@bbwcvcs.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@bbwcvcs.org.uk

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