



Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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CVS News

We are recruiting a new Volunteer Coordinator to replace our current coordinator. She is leaving us to join the team at St Luke's Hospice. We are sure that she will be a big success.

Details of the position and role can be found in the vacancies section below.

Membership Fees Outstanding

Member renewals were delayed this year due to staff changes, were delighted that so many of our members have already confirmed their renewals.

But if you haven't yet paid your fees and don't want to lose all the benefits of your BBWCVS membership (including access to this newsletter, training courses, funding information and advice, networking events) reminders are on their way – we don't want to lose you!

My Weight Matters

There will be no My Weight Matters sessions at The George Hurd Centre between 17th December 2018 and 6th January 2019.

We look forward to seeing you all again from Tuesday 8th January 2018 between 10:00 and 11:30 am.

CVS Forum

When: Tuesday 4TH December 2018

Where: The George Hurd Centre| Audley Way | SS14 2FL

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm (registration at 9.30am)

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/basildon-billericay-amp-wickford-cvs-2853722195>

We are pleased to invite you to our end of year Forum.

Kevin Garrod from Employ-Ability will be presenting on their support for voluntary, community organisations and how we can adopt mental health standards in our organisations to meet the individual needs.

Graham Richardson, Community Safety Officer will give an overview of the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service initiatives and how to make referrals for free domestic fire alarms.

There will also be time for networking and sharing ideas. We would like your thoughts on:

- What year have you had?
- What has had the most impact on your work/organisation and how did you get round the difficult roadblocks?
- What support can BBWCVS give you in 2019 (including training/workshop ideas)
- Come and share your experience, frustrations and achievements of 2018. We look forward to seeing you.

Funding News

VCSE health and wellbeing fund announced

A new fund has been announced by the government to support VCSE organisations that help children and young people with their mental health.

Applications are invited from existing schemes to trial a new approach to helping children and young people. The deadline for applications is midday on Friday 15 February 2019.

Projects should:

- adopt community and person-centred approaches to improving the mental health of children and young people aged 0 to 25 years
- particularly support children and young people through life-changing events
- have strong local connections already in place
- be delivered by the VCSE sector
- be co-produced with service users and stakeholders.

Through this programme, the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and Public Health England are working with VCSE organisations to promote equality, address health inequalities and support the wellbeing of people, families and communities. You can find out more about this fund, including dates for a series of 'meet the funder' webinars [here](#).



Department
of Health &
Social Care

Provide Foundation

Grants of up to £5,000 are available from the Provide Foundation to support charitable projects that improve the health and well-being of people in Essex, Southend or Thurrock.



Provide delivers a wide range of community health services across Essex and in Cambridgeshire (including Peterborough), Suffolk and Norfolk as well as the London borough of Waltham Forest.

This Fund was set up with ECF in 2012 and awards grants annually to support the many voluntary and community organisations whose work complements their own.

YOUR APPLICATION MUST DEMONSTRATE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF WORK:

- To help keep people out of hospital
- To help people leave hospital more quickly
- To help people stay healthy in their community
- To improve health and wellbeing in the community
- To maximise use of technology which will improve the way your service users access your services

HOW TO APPLY

To read the criteria for this Fund and submit an application, click [here](#). **All applications must be submitted by Wednesday 19 December at 5pm.**

All potential applicants are encouraged to call the our grants team on 01245 356018, in advance of starting an application form.

Strengthening local youth services: Co-op Foundation invitations to tender now open

As part of our Building Connections Fund Youth strand (in partnership with Government), the Co-op Foundation is inviting tenders from organisations with the right skills and expertise to deliver two key contracts to tackle youth loneliness by strengthening local youth services.

Two invitations to tenders opened on 6 November 2018, for:

- Up to £85,000 (including VAT) to develop and support the 'Belong' Learning Network.
- Up to £150,000 (including VAT) to develop a suite of resources aimed at improving the capabilities of youth workers and youth organisations to tackle loneliness.

Both contracts will run to the end of March 2021. Organisations can tender for one or both of these.

Tender responses must be submitted by midday on Monday 3 December 2018. Contracts will start in January 2019. Please see the Coop Foundation's website for more information.

<https://blog.coopfoundation.org.uk/index.php/2018/11/06/could-you-help-us-strengthen-local-youth-services-invitations-to-tender-now-open/>

Nationwide Community Grants

Nationwide Building Society has launched a new community funding scheme to tackle housing issues at a local level.

Grants of up to £50,000, over one or two years, are available for projects that support vulnerable people with their housing needs.

Eligible applicants must be a UK registered charity, Community Land Trust or housing co-operative.

Applications will be assessed by the local community foundation and then considered by a board, which is comprised of Nationwide members, employees and housing experts.

YOU CAN APPLY FOR

- Staff/Volunteer costs for project delivery
- Development and capacity building costs
- Activity costs
- Small scale capital costs (e.g. items for project delivery such as computers, paint, gardening equipment)
- Building works and refurbishment costs - where they are essential to the successful delivery of the project

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be submitted using this form: [click here](#). The deadline to submit applications is 5pm on Friday 7 December 2018. Funding decisions will be made in February 2019.

Vacancies

Volunteer Centre and Timebank Coordinator for BBWCVS

We are seeking a new Volunteer Centre and Timebank Coordinator. As Coordinator, you will be responsible for the operation of the Volunteer Centre in Basildon and the delivery of its projects. This includes the recruitment, placement and development of volunteering opportunities in Basildon. You will also be required to manage and help deliver our developing Timebank projects.

The closing date for this post is **Friday 14 December at 4.30pm**.

Shortlisted candidates will be required to attend an interview in the week commencing **Wednesday 2nd January 2019**.

The successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check and a right to work in the UK check.

Salary: SO1 scp 29-31 £26,470 – £28,221 (pro rata 21 hrs)

For more information and an application form visit:

<http://www.bbwcvs.org.uk/about/vacancies/>

National News

Local Charities Day - 14 December 2018

Local Charities Day builds on the work recently published Civil Society Strategy, where they are committed to enhancing relationships between businesses, charities and local areas, to help communities grow. Each year Local Charities Day shines a spotlight on the incredible work local charities do to build healthy and happy local communities. With your help they want every individual to do something special to celebrate **#LocalCharitiesDay**.

How can you get involved?

There will be lots of ways added, so you can champion the work you do and support the Day to the [Local Charities Day website](#) in the coming days, so do check back and ensure you're following Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport on social media for the latest updates ([Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)). You can also:

- Download the [Local Charities Day toolkit](#), with materials to help promote the day on your channels
- Add the [#LocalCharitiesDay Twibbon](#) to your social media profile pics
- Promote the [Local Charities Day Map](#) and encourage local charities you know to add their details so people can find great charities in their areas
- Let them know your plans for Local Charities Day 2018 - email us at LocalCharitiesDay@culture.gov.uk
- Share pictures and stories of what you're up to - **#LocalCharitiesDay**
- Share a brief sentence alongside an image of your charity for them to create you a I'm supporting Local Charities Day graphic for you to share
- Share the link to these free [Local Charities Day Webinars](#)

Want to write a short blog post about your work and why you're supporting Local Charities Day? Email at LocalCharitiesDay@culture.gov.uk

Charity Digital Code of Practice



An assessment tool has been launched to help charities test how well they are embracing digital innovation.

The tool is designed to be used alongside the [Charity Digital Code of Practice](#), which launched this week to offer advice to the sector on how to improve their digital capabilities.

The aim of the tool is to help charities establish where they fit within the standards set out in the code, and how they can most benefit from using digital. [Read more from Charity Digital News.](#)

Mental health first aid should be mandatory in every workplace, business leaders tell Theresa May

Theresa May should ensure “mental health first aid” is available in every workplace alongside staff trained to respond to basic injuries, according to a letter backed by British businesses.

Royal Mail, WH Smiths, Alan Sugar and management consultants PwC are among more than 50 companies asking the prime minister to fulfil her manifesto pledge to update health and safety regulations and put mental and physical conditions on equal footing.

They warn that the current burden of anxiety, stress and depression in the workplace carries an “astronomical cost” to the economy, but an untold human cost on individuals and their relationships.

<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/uknews/mental-health-first-aid-should-be-mandatory-in-every-workplace-business-leaders-tell-theresa-may/ar-BBPPrr1?ocid=spartandhp>

Why not book a place on our Mental Health First Aid Course in March or April. Details can be found on our website: <http://www.bbwcvs.org.uk/free-mental-health-training-november-8th-15th/>

Local News and Events

Knit for Peace', an initiative of the Charities Advisory Trust, has more than 20,000 volunteer knitters that are willing to knit warm clothing (sweaters, hats, scarves etc from adult to baby size) and blankets (baby, laps or single or double bed) free of charge for local charities and voluntary organisation's.

Should you be interested in this for your clients, please contact them directly on 020 7794 9835. They can also supply donated yarn, needles and haberdashery to any organisation's wanting to set up a knitting group. For more information visit: www.knitforpeace.org.uk

Do you shop at the Co-op?

Please choose Open Arts Essex as your Co-op local cause

Do you have a Co-op membership card? If not you can collect in store for £1 and register it online. Every time you shop at the Co-op, 1% of what you spend on Co-op branded products and services can **help raise funds for Open Arts**. Members can shop at any Co-op Group stores across the UK to raise money for our cause.

Please go online coop.co.uk/membership or call the membership helpline on **0800 023 4708** and make 'Open Arts Essex' your cause.

You can select Open Arts Essex as your chosen charity until **November 2019**

The following stores are promoting Open Arts, but you can call or go on line to register as well.

Store Name	Store Address	Store Postcode	Business Unit
Benfleet	Benfleet	SS7 5HA	Food
Benfleet - Kiln Road	Benfleet	SS7 1TE	Food
Canvey Island	Canvey Road	SS8 0QA	Food
South Benfleet	Benfleet	SS7 5UN	Food
Canvey	Canvey Island	SS8 7AE	Funeralcare
Pitsea (CF)	Basildon	SS13 2AF	Funeralcare

Thank you!

www.openartsessex.com



Registered Charity number 1053793



Public consultation on Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-2024) 29 November 2018 – 20 February 2019

At Essex County Council, they recognise library services play a unique and valued role in our society. But in the last five years use has slumped: loans have almost halved and fewer than one in five Essex residents use libraries. The current service needs to change to fit the way we live now and in the future.

Earlier this year they asked for people's views on library services. They have listened to what

Essex people have told them and come up with a set of proposals which are set out in a draft strategy. Five-year plan in that draft strategy is for a service that:

- Keeps books and reading at the heart of our library service offer
- Embraces digital technology and e-library services
- Has a smaller number of libraries which better meet community needs
- Works in partnership with communities to run library services.

It is vital they operate a service that is viable to run and is relevant to people's lives. The proposals therefore include some significant changes to the current service. They want to get your views on these proposals.

You can find more information about our proposals and complete the survey at www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation. You can complete the survey as an individual or on behalf of an organisation.

If you need help to complete the survey, would like it in large print, or would like a printed copy of the EasyRead versions, please ask at your local library or call 0345 603 7639.

During the consultation, we will also be holding information drop-ins at every library providing a further opportunity to ask questions, complete the consultation and find out more.

If you are from a community group or organisation they would also welcome your help to publicise the consultation to your members or service users. If you would like copies of publicity material please email libraries@essex.gov.uk.

The deadline for completing the consultation survey is 20 February 2019.

All the responses from the consultation will be analysed and findings published on the consultation website. These will be available on request for those without internet access.

Any changes proposed will be considered when the strategy is finalised in summer 2019.

Drop-in Sessions for Basildon, Billericay & Wickford area:

- Basildon Library, Friday 14 December 11am to 1pm
- Billericay Library, Friday 14 December 3pm to 5pm
- Fryerns Library, Thursday 7 February 11am to 1pm
- Laindon Library, Thursday 7 February 5pm to 7pm
- Pitsea Library, Tuesday 8 January 11am to 1pm
- Vange Library, Tuesday 8 January 2pm to 4pm
- Wickford Library, Wednesday 5 December 11am to 1pm

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2018 - 2019

Date	Event	Contact / Availability
Sat 1 Dec 10:00am - 4:00pm	Heart of Pitsea Community Christmas Event	admin@heartofpitsea.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
Wed 5 Dec 6:30pm – 8pm	Graphology Workshop Heart of Pitsea Community Connect Club, The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Wed 12 Dec 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Race Night Heart of Pitsea Community Connect Club, The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre	admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk
Thu 15 Jan & 22 Jan 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	FULLY BOOKED
Tue 29 Jan 9:30am – 12:30pm	Making Every Contact Count	PLACES AVAILABLE admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Thu 05 Mar & 12 Mar 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Thu 23 Apr & 30 Apr 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk

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