



Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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CVS News

FUNWALK

Later in the year we will be working with the Fun Walk Trust to deliver the walk. This will be held at Barleylands on Sunday 8th September so hold the date. As with previous years, the aim of the 2019 Fun Walk is to raise money for charities and good causes (projects), in what will be a family-fun afternoon.

If your organisation would like to register for the Funwalk, contact funwalk@hotmail.co.uk for an application form.

Does Your Organisation Offer a Befriending Service?

At the BBWCVS offices, we often get calls from people who need help or they want to become a befriender in their local community. It would be great if we could create a referral list which we can use to pass people onto the appropriate organisation in their community. If you would like to be on our Befriending Referral List, please contact Mandy admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk

Vacancies

Advertise Jobs and Contracts Through Us!

This service is free to members of the BBWCVS. We can advertise the latest vacancies from our members to a wider audience, using our website, this bulletin and social media.

For non-members we charge £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.

Send the details including a weblink to admin@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 Chris Evans on 01268 294781 or email chris@bbwcvs.org.uk

Fowler Smith and Jones Trust

Application Deadline: 15 April 2019

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



Details:

Fund Value: £ 500,000
Average Value: £ 2,000

The Trust distributes around £400,000 to £500,000 annually to between 120 and 150 organisations. 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.

Further information is available from the website: <http://fsitrust.org.uk/application/>

Magic Little Grants Fund Opens for Applications

Small local charities and community groups across Great Britain can apply now for a Magic Little Grant of up to £500 for local projects that support and inspire people to participate in physical activity.

Localgiving and Postcode Community Trust are working together again to provide small grants to small local charities and community groups that have an income of less than £250,000.

The funding is for projects which support and inspire people to participate in sports or exercise with the primary aim of improving the physical health of participants. The funding can be used to support the general running costs of new and existing sports and physical activities. For example, this could include facilities hire, kit and equipment, coaching qualifications, or other volunteer expenses etc.

In addition, first-time grant recipients will receive a free annual membership to Localgiving which is valued at £96.

Applications can be made at any time and are reviewed on a monthly basis. However, groups should note that they could wait up to two months to receive an update on the status of their application.

The final deadline for applications is midnight on 30 November 2019.

Full details can be found on the Localgiving website: <https://localgiving.org/what-we-do/magic-little-grants/>

Veolia Environmental Trust Accepting Stage One Applications for Autumn Projects

Not-for-profit organisations have until the end of May to submit their application for funding for environmental or community-based projects that are located within five miles of an operating Veolia site in England and starting from September.



The Trust provides grant funding for community and environmental projects in England through the Landfill Communities Fund, using money provided by Veolia.

Grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 are available for capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates. The maximum project cost should be less than £250,000 (including VAT and professional costs). Match funding of at least 10% of the total project costs is required. Successful applicants will need to pay 10% of the awarded amount to the landfill operator from a third party contributor.

The funding is for constituted not-for-profit organisations with a bank account that have a project that addresses at least one of the following categories:

- Community buildings and rooms, including community centres, village halls, community spaces within religious buildings, and Scout or Girl Guiding buildings.
- Outdoor Spaces, including public parks, nature reserves, community gardens, footpaths, bridleways and cycle-paths.
- Play and recreation, including play areas, skateparks, Multi Use Games Areas, sports grounds, pavilions and changing rooms.

- Biodiversity projects - applications from registered Environmental Bodies with projects that meet ENTRUST requirements

There are four funding rounds each year.

There is a two-stage application process. The next deadline for stage one applications is 30 May 2019 for projects taking place between 18 September 2019 and 6 January 2020.

Further information, including the postcode checker and examples of previously funded projects, can be found on the Veolia Environmental Trust website:

<https://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/>

Health and Social Care Update

£1.2m Fund Announced for Charity Safeguarding Training

Civil Society Minister Mims Davies has [this month announced](#) that the Government and The National Lottery Community Fund are investing £1.2 million to develop new training to improve charities' knowledge of safeguarding requirements.

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations will bring together a partnership of organisations to develop the high-quality training, and NAVCA is pleased to be part of this important piece of work.

The Minister said it is vital that all charity employees and volunteers are able to spot warning signs of unacceptable behaviour, bullying and harassment and know how to handle and report concerns.



The training is part of a package of measures that comes 6 months after the launch of the Civil Society Strategy. You can [read more about this story here](#).

Handling and Reporting of Safeguarding Concerns - Your Views Needed



Department for
Digital, Culture,
Media & Sport

Charities, government and regulators are working in partnership to provide support in the handling, recording and referral of safeguarding concerns and allegations.

Whatever the size and nature of charity they want to give support and information to help organisations to make the right decisions. New research on what charities need is being undertaken with plans in place to launch the resulting support

later in the year.

If you would like to contribute to the development of this work please complete this survey

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/52T2F/>

Ten Projects to Receive Total of £15m from Tampon Tax Fund

Ten projects will receive a total of £15 million to help improve the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable women across the UK in the latest round of funding from the Tampon Tax Fund.

The funding will support a diverse range of projects over the next two years including helping women at risk of homelessness or modern slavery to programmes that address problem gambling and violence against women.

Over 70 charities have received grants from the Tampon Tax Fund, with £47 million allocated since the Autumn Statement in 2015. This additional £15 million brings the total to £62 million.

The latest round includes an award to UK Community Foundations (UKCF).

Further details about the Tampon Tax Fund are [available here](#).

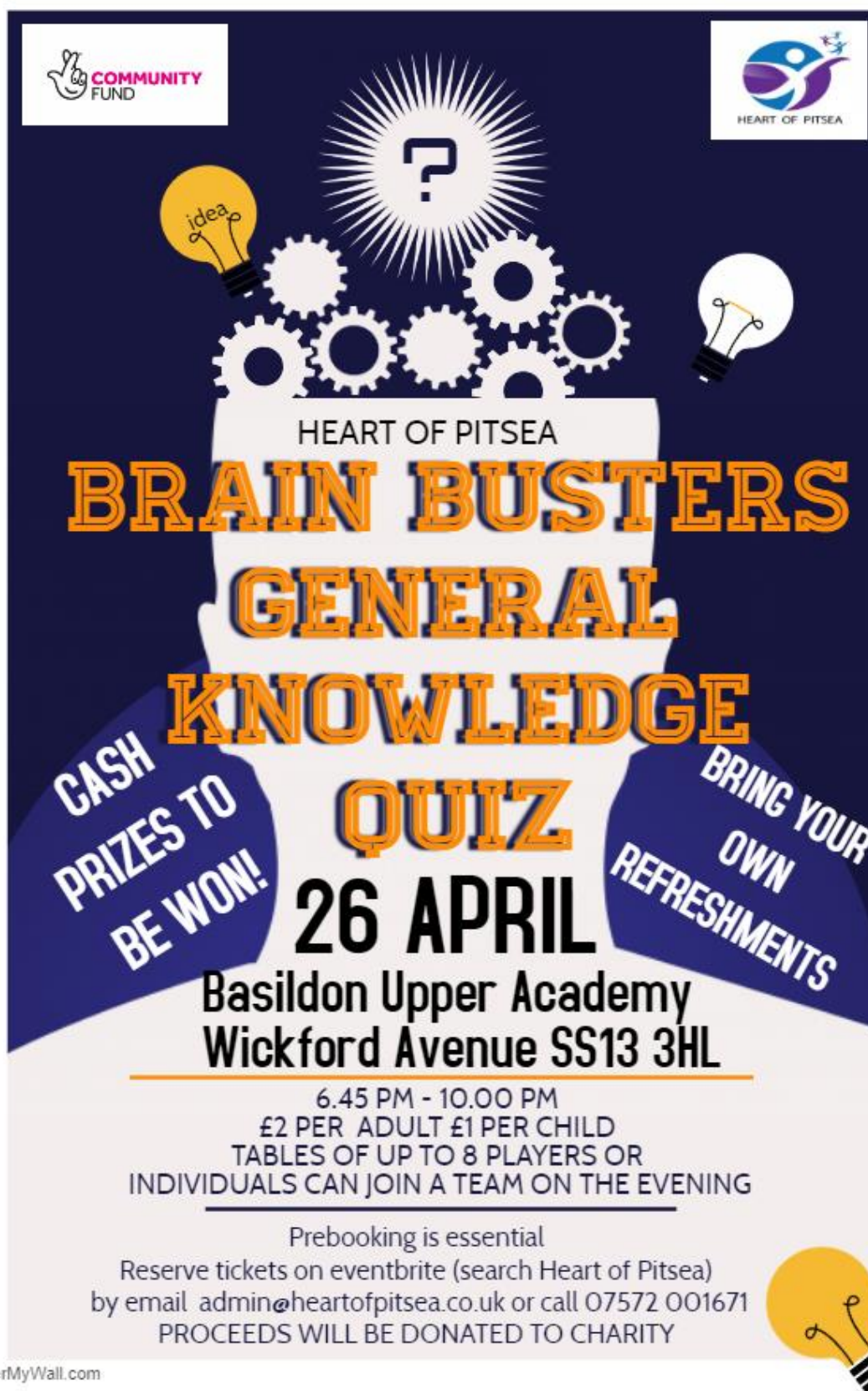
Consultation: Social value in government procurement

The Civil Society Strategy committed the government to use its buying power to drive social change. Central government will, in future, take better account of social benefits in the award of its contracts.


This will have the effect of levelling the playing field for all types of businesses including small businesses, voluntary and community sector organisations and social enterprises, encouraging employment opportunities, developing skills and improving environmental sustainability.


They are seeking your views on how government should take account of social value in the award of central government contracts. You can [respond to the consultation here](#).

The consultation closes on 10 June 2019.



The poster features a central graphic of a white brain silhouette on a dark blue background. Inside the brain, there are several white gears of different sizes. Above the gears is a large white question mark with radiating lines. To the left of the gears is a yellow lightbulb with the word 'idea' written inside. To the right is a white lightbulb. The text is arranged in a central column, with blue banners on either side. Logos for 'COMMUNITY FUND' and 'HEART OF PITSEA' are in the top corners. A yellow lightbulb is also in the bottom right corner.

 COMMUNITY FUND

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BRAIN BUSTERS

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QUIZ

26 APRIL

Basildon Upper Academy
Wickford Avenue SS13 3HL

6.45 PM - 10.00 PM
£2 PER ADULT £1 PER CHILD
TABLES OF UP TO 8 PLAYERS OR
INDIVIDUALS CAN JOIN A TEAM ON THE EVENING

Prebooking is essential
Reserve tickets on eventbrite (search Heart of Pitsea)
by email admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk or call 07572 001671
PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY

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Who Will Care? Awards 2019

The Who Will Care? Awards 2019 are an opportunity to pay tribute to those who have made an outstanding impact on their community and improved the lives of others – we really want to hear about the stars of Essex.

This year's award ceremony will be held on the evening of Wednesday 22th May 2019 at the Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford.

Nominations are open:

Tell us about volunteers, groups, a business or charity that has made an impact on your community and improved the lives of others. This is your opportunity to show just how much you appreciate them.

[To nominate fill in our online form.](#) Nominations are open until Friday 12th April 2019.

Categories:

- **Business Award:** awarded to commercial organisations who have made an impact on their community.
- **Individual Overcoming Adversity Award:** awarded to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding commitment within their community either independently or through a charity/community group or through their employer, whilst overcoming personal adversity.
- **Individual Volunteer – Young Person's Award:** awarded to a volunteer under 18 who have demonstrated outstanding commitment within their community. This may be something they have done independently or in connection with a charity or community / youth / school group or employer.
- **Individual Volunteer – Adult 18+ Award:** awarded to a volunteer aged 18+ who have demonstrated outstanding commitment within their community. This may be something they have done independently or in connection with a charity or community / youth / school group or employer.
- **Individual Volunteer – With a Disability Award:** awarded to a volunteer with a disability who has demonstrated outstanding commitment within their community either independently or through a charity/community group or through their employer.
- **Innovation Award:** awarded to social enterprises, commercial organisations and individuals of any age who have demonstrated innovation in developing a service / project to support the community.
- **Voluntary Community Service Award:** awarded to charities and community groups who are able to demonstrate outstanding service delivery to support their community and / or service users.
- **Volunteer Team Award:** awarded to a group of two or more volunteers of any age who have made an outstanding contribution to their community either independently or with a charity, community group or employer.
- **Social Media Volunteer Award:** awarded to a volunteer who has demonstrated outstanding commitment within their community through the use of social media. This may be something they have done independently or in connection with a social media group.

If you have any queries please email: WhoWillCare.Awards@essex.gov.uk

Training

Benefit Overview Training

The Benefit Overview training day is between 10am and 4pm on Thursday 2nd May at The Beehive in Grays.

The course is being delivered by Child Poverty Action Group and a description is listed below.



The cost will be £50 per person and includes a light lunch and drinks.

If you would like to attend can you please contact Jan Stevens TEL: 0333 366 1045
MOBILE: 07786 088538/07826 902087 or enquiries@dialsouthessex.co.uk

Benefits overview:

This one-day introductory level course provides an overview of the benefits and tax credits system and examines how the system is changing as universal credit is introduced.

The course covers:

- the structure of the benefits system
- the benefits and tax credits currently available in different circumstances
- the transfer to universal credit
- where to claim benefits and tax credits

This course is intended to help you understand how the system is changing and who is affected by them.

Welfare rights workers who need an in-depth working knowledge of universal credit and personal independence payment should attend the dedicated one-day courses.

Other News

Research Study

An opportunity for those who Volunteer and CEO's of a charity to take part in a research study. This study explores the relationship between volunteers and their organisation, through the question 'what is it like to volunteer'.

They are looking to recruit two groups of participants, to engage in this study. The first group are active Volunteers within a charity. The second group are CEO's who are responsible for leading a charity. The involvement in this study asks participants to complete a short online survey which will take around 10 mins or less to complete and is totally anonymous. These surveys will be open until end of May 2019. They are interested in hearing participants' perspective through their responses and participants not required to present their name or organisation, but just their views.

This research is of value to the voluntary sector in many ways and they are hoping to publish the findings.

Link for Volunteers who are active within a charity please follow this link:

<https://www.esurveycreator.co.uk/s/researchstudy-what-its-like-to-volunteer-volunteerperspective>

Link for CEO's leading a charity please follow this link:

<https://www.esurveycreator.co.uk/s/researchstudy-what-its-like-to-volunteer-orgleadsperspective>

Your views on The Future of Essex



In 2017 Essex Future consulted with more than 2,000 residents, representatives from public services and businesses across Essex, to better understand their ambitions for our County.

This formed the basis of a shared vision for the county – The Future of Essex.

<http://www.essexfuture.org.uk/vision/our-ambitions/>

It was agreed to work as a collective to achieve our ambitions for the county; unite behind a common sense of identity and work towards tackling some of our biggest challenges over the next two decades.

On behalf of Essex Partners, the Essex Strategic Coordination Group would like to invite you to share your views to help us assess their progress in delivering a shared vision.

Please can you take 15 minutes of your time to complete the survey, which is focused on assessing: -

- How the vision has landed within your organisation and how it is reflected in partnership strategies and by partnership boards
- Progress in developing a shared understanding of 'whole system' approaches (and working beyond as well as across the public sector)
- How we are doing in developing the building blocks that support collaborative effort directed at achieving our ambitions
- The barriers to successful collaboration and what we can do to address them

Your contribution to completing the survey will enable County, as components of the Essex system, to understand what is working well and what more we can do to unite and work better as a whole system to support delivery of the Future of Essex.

The survey will be open for responses until 21 April 2019.

[You will find the survey by clicking on this link.](#)

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2019

Date	Event	Contact / Availability
Tue 23 Apr & 30 Apr 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk
Wed 15 May 9:00am – 1:30pm	PENISULA Morning – Free Legal Update on Health & Safety and Employment Rights Update	
Tue 11 Jun & 18 Jun 9:30am – 4:30pm	Mental Health First Aid	PLACES AVAILABLE admin@bbwcvcs.org.uk

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