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Welcome to the latest edition of the CVS electronic bulletin.

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CVS News

BBWCVS New Chief Officer - Simon Johnson

BBWCVS is delighted to announce that Simon Johnson has been appointed to the position of Chief Officer effective November 11th.

Simon brings with him a wealth of experience in the Charity sector with the last 5 years as coordinator of the Big Local Heart of Pitsea initiative.

Please join us in welcoming Simon to his new role.

From Simon: "To Infinity and Beyond.....

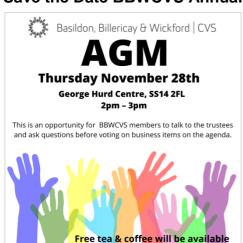


The Third Sector has been at the centre of my life since I was a young adult and a lot of what I am today can be credited to my experiences and successes in this sector.

I am delighted and proud to have been given this opportunity to lead BBWCVS. My mission is to inspire and drive positive change within the sector and to continue to enhance BBWCVS's ability to deliver value to our members.

I look forward to working with our members to support their organisations and provide the services they need. Watch this space!"

Save the Date BBWCVS Annual General Meeting - 28th November



BBWCVS Members are invited to attend the BBWCVS AGM happening on Thursday November 28th.

This is an opportunity for members to talk to the trustees and to ask questions before voting on business items on the agenda.

Free tea & coffee will be available

Location: George Hurd Centre

Time: 2pm - 3pm

Christmas Volunteers Looking for Opportunities

We have received a number of enquiries from members of the public who would like to volunteer over the Christmas period to help those in need. If you have any short term, or one off seasonal activities that require volunteer support, please let us know and so can spread the word.

Email: volcentre@bbwcvs.org.uk

There is a dedicated section on the Volunteer Essex website for one off volunteering opportunities if you would like to post a vacancy - https://www.volunteeressex.org/one-off-activities/

BBWCVS Mental Health Forum - December 3rd



Social Media: Understanding & Using This Successfully

It has come to our attention though various groups that our members feel they have a gap when it comes to social media knowledge and training.

If there is enough interest, we will look to run a basic and intermediate course on social media for those organisations looking to build their knowledge and extend their reach

If you would like to express an interest in participating, please email: development@bbwcvs.org.uk

Heart of Pitsea Community Events Heart of Pitsea Race Night – 27th November

Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Location: Pitsea Leisure Centre

Place your bets with 'funny money' on a thrilling series of real horse races shown on the big screen.

There are prizes up for grabs for the winner and runner up with the most money left at the end of the evening. No gambling – just lots of competitive fun!!

This event is just one of the activities being held at our free Community Connect Club, which runs every Wednesday evening at Pitsea Leisure Centre.



Heart of Pitsea Christmas Cracker Quiz – 13th December:



Time: 6:45pm – 10:00pm

Location: Basildon Upper Academy

Wickford Avenue,

Pitsea, Basildon, Essex SS13 3HL

Heart of Pitsea Poppies Crochet Group - Wednesdays

With Remembrance Day in our minds, the Heart of Pitsea Community Connect Club is on the lookout for members to join their new 'Pitsea Poppies' crochet group. Over the next year, their aim is to crochet 1000's of these pretty designs and create a cascade of remembrance poppies to mark Armistice Day in Pitsea for 2020.

Would you like to get involved? Can't crochet, but would like to learn how? Not a problem, they will be happy to teach you!

Pop along to the friendly free club, which runs on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm-8.30pm at The Place, Pitsea Leisure Centre.

Any questions please contact admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk

Funding News

FREE access to NCVO's Funding Central to Identify Possible Sources of Funding. BBWCVS is able to give funding advice and support on funding opportunities and approaches to fundraising.

This includes:

- 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.

For further assistance please contact Pippa Foster on 01268 294439 or email development@bbwcvs.org.uk



Nationwide Community Grants Programme



Comic Relief Community Fund – Rolling Programme



Garfield Weston Foundation – Rolling Programme



Basildon Winter Warmth Campaign Grants – Closing Date 26th November



LocalGiving Magic Little Grants - Closing Date 30th November



High Sheriffs' Fund Grants - Closing Date 2nd December



Children in Need Small Grants - Closing Date 2nd December



Carling Nominate your Cause - Closing Date 8th December



Local News and Events

'More In Common - Basildon' - Call for Committee Members

The Basildon Mayor's Office is excited to announce that a number of local charities and community groups are coming together to form **More In Common - Basildon** following the Mayor of Basildon Borough's support for The Jo Cox Foundation this year.

There are some really exciting plans and their aims will be:-

- · To reduce loneliness and social isolation in the borough
- To drive greater community cohesion through the premise of 'More In Common'

They are in the process of forming a formal committee who will take this work forward including an exciting project that will be funded by the Mayor's Charitable Trust this year. We are looking for people involved in local charities and community groups to take the key roles on this committee. They are:-

- Chair overall responsible for the coordinated direction of More In Common Basildon
- Vice Chair acts as a support to the Chair
- Secretary responsible for meeting minutes and acting as a key contact for communications
- Treasurer responsible for ensuring the finances stay in good order

- Events Coordinator Responsible for ensuring that our More In Common events come together in a coordinated manner
- Fundraising Officer Responsible for looking out for fundraising opportunities
- Committee Supporters Support the core committee with key projects.

If you think one of these roles would suit you then please get in touch ASAP by emailing mayorsoffice@basildon.gov.uk

Calling All Tea and Cake Lovers in Basildon



Swan Housing Commitment to Christmas Kindness – Volunteers Available

This year Swan is running a Christmas Kindness Campaign among its staff to encourage people to get involved in volunteering. Staff have been given time during the lead up to Christmas to provide some support to voluntary and community sector organisations, to help with activities such as fundraising events, helping at Christmas Socials, lunches, parties and events, providing support to homeless



people through the night shelters, providing reading support in schools or talking to someone who is socially isolated.

If you have any opportunities for volunteers and could use our support to help with your activities during this Christmas season, please contact Leah Douglas, Community Development Manager by telephone on: 01277 314376 or 07392 868141 or by e-mail at: ldouglas@swan.org.uk

Basildon at Christmas: Festive Event with Mulled Wine and Music- 16th November



The festive season will kick off with an ice rink, Bavarian food court, Santa's grotto and firework display this Saturday.

Activities will run from **10.00am to 6pm** on Saturday 16 November across Basildon town centre from Eastgate, and Town Square all the way to Basildon Market and St Martin's Square.

The whole day will be filled with activities for the whole family to enjoy.

The opening of the ice rink will be accompanied by the St Luke's Choir and the fireworks display will round off the day.

The whole event will have live coverage from Gateway 97.8 FM.

Poetry fundraiser for Open Arts – 16th November

Open Arts is a community based arts service, that helps people improve and maintain their own mental health and wellbeing, through creative learning, social inclusion and self-expression.



They are hosting a Poetry Raw session on Saturday 16th November 2019 at 7pm at:

The Old Waterworks:

https://www.theoldwaterworks.com/visit-tow

North Road Westcliff-on-Sea ESSEX SS07AB

FREE ENTRY - Donations welcome

If you would like to perform your original poetry you're welcome to just show up and put your name down on the night.

16+ welcome
Bring your own drinks
Off street parking available

British Red Cross Gift Fair - 20th November



Carers First - Free Activities for Young Carers in November & December

Carers First has been awarded funding for Young Adult Carers (18-24 yrs) to enjoy a variety of seasonal activities and a residential weekend.

There are 15 places for the activities and 10 places for the residential weekend.

These are free activities and designed to give the YACs some respite.

They can assist with transport if necessary.

22nd – 24th November 2019, Residential Weekend at St Mark's College, Saffron Walden.

11th December 7pm to 10.30pm

Pantomime Jack & the Beanstalk, Harlow Playhouse.





Active Essex – Long Term Health Conditions Workshops (26th Nov & 20th Jan)

Active Essex is holding a series of workshops for those who want to understand how to improve the health and wellbeing of those living with long term health conditions. The current campaign from Sport England called We Are Undefeatable is helping people with health conditions find ways to get active, whatever that looks like. There are over 15 million people in England who live with long term health conditions and there are many ways to get moving.

The workshops are designed for health, fitness or sport deliverers and volunteers. They aim to develop or update knowledge and understanding of Diabetes, Dementia and Cancer and will enable the learner to work effectively alongside individuals with these conditions.

For information on dates, times and locations please see the attached flyer or use this link: http://bit.ly/2B9yZTZ



Action for Family Carers - Free Events through 2019 / 2020

The Action for Family Carers project – 'Feeling Good, Caring Well' – is underway and is offering free events for Carers in and around Essex - please see the poster for the Essex events.

All of the Events (across the county) can be found on the following links:

INTERACTIVE MAP: https://affc.org.uk/feelinggood

EVENTBRITE - to book FREE tickets:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/action-for-family-carers-18824222583



Carers' Sessions at Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre - Mondays and Thursdays



Basildon Council Free Bid Writing Training - 26th November



Voices of the Vulnerable Survey – Closing Date 28th November

Are the voices of people living with mental ill-health used to influence your service delivery or commissioning?

Grant Taylor. Interim Manager of Leisure, Open Space and Community Facilities | Leisure Services | Basildon Borough Council is asking the community for their input. He has created a short questionnaire regarding voices of the vulnerable and would appreciate the completion by 28/11/19.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7D7S3Q6

Prince's Trust Get Started with Childcare FREE COURSE - Week Of 2nd December

The Prince's Trust is running a **Get Started** with **Childcare** programme in Southend the week commencing Monday 2nd Dec.

This will be based at Princess Caroline House in the town centre.

This is a great opportunity for young people aged 16-25 who are unemployed, not in training or education and live in Southend, Basildon and Grays or surrounding areas.

This programme is free of charge and offers the opportunity to:

- Gain NCFE/CACHE level 1 Award in Introduction to Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's Settings
- Find out more about working in Childcare
- Make new friends
- Receive support via PT staff or a Mentor at the end of the programme.

Travel will be refunded each day, and does not affect any benefits

Interviews take place at local job centres week commencing 18th Nov

Taster Day: Tuesday 26th Nov

The programme will run Monday 2nd Dec - Friday 6th Dec

If successful at interview young people will need to attend the taster day Don't miss out this programme will fill places fast!

Email today to find out more: Claire.Burgess2@princes-trust.org.uk

Partyman Basildon – Family Christmas Party – 27th December

Aimed at children who have lost a parent or sibling, Off 2 The Moon is hosting a Family Christmas Party on the 27th December and the @partymanworld team have generously given them use of the venue.

Do you have any clients or services users that could possibly benefit from this event?

Space for 250 guests - FREE entry and FREE PLAY.

Learn more about the cause & why this event is so important: https://facebook.com/off2themooncharity

To book please contact hboyle38@yahoo.com





Free VCS Leadership Development Training from March 2020 – Deadline for Applicants 9th December

An exciting free leadership development opportunity from The King's Fund for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations working in health and wellbeing.

Cascading Leadership provides an invaluable free opportunity for leaders working in health and wellbeing organisations in the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in the UK to develop their leadership skills and receive practical support.

It is built on a peer-to-peer model where an experienced VCS leader (a consultant) supports another VCS leader who is seeking support (a partner). They meet at least five times over a period of nine months where the partner has an opportunity to work through organisational issues and receive support. The consultant also benefits from being stretched to develop their own leadership and skills, while being supported and supervised by senior staff at The King's Fund. Both roles offer a learning and development opportunity.

The programme aims to create a diverse mix of participants including those from smaller organisations, individuals from minority groups and people from throughout the UK. Applications are especially welcomed from for consultants and partners from Black and minority ethnic communities, as people from these groups have to date been underrepresented on the courses.

The next course starts March 2020.

To apply go to: www.kingsfund.org.uk/cascadingleadership Closing date for applications 9 December 2019

Chelmsford Human Library Event – 6th February 2020



The Human Library® creates a safe space for dialog where topics are discussed openly between our human books and their readers.

This part of the "time to change" initiative to end mental health discrimination and celebrates Time to Talk Day 2020.

If you would like to share your experiences or just take part please email markdale10@hotmail.com.

National News

Fundraising Regulator New Code of Fundraising Practice Goes Live

The independent regulator of charitable fundraising in England, Wales and Northern Ireland has released an improved Code of Fundraising Practice, with changes intended to make it easier for fundraisers, charities and third-party organisations to understand the standards expected of them when fundraising. The new code is also aimed to be easier for the public to navigate, so that they know what to expect from ethical fundraising.

To obtain a copy of the guide go to: https://www.fundraisingregulator.org.uk/

National Children's Bureau releases Manifesto for a Better Childhood

The NCB has developed a Manifesto with children and young people, setting out its priorities for the new government ahead of the general election.



The Manifesto sets out a positive vision for improving young lives, starting in pregnancy and continuing until a young person's 25th birthday. The six priority areas demanded of the government in the document are:

- Develop a Children's and Young People's Strategy
- Put children's voices at the heart of the political process
- Stop children and young people growing up in poverty
- Improve outcomes in early childhood
- Deliver an inclusive education system
- Promote and protect our children's wellbeing and mental health

Read the manifesto here: http://bit.ly/2NPyeXf

Trustees Recruitment Advice

Last week was Trustees week, an annual event to showcase the great work that trustees do and highlight the opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.



The Trustees week website has some useful resources for those recruiting Trustees - https://trusteesweek.org/training/

Vacancies

Heart of Pitsea Big Local Coordinator

Heart of Pitsea in Basildon is one of 150 Big Local areas in England benefiting from £1 million Big Lottery/Community Fund investment. This is a resident-led programme which allows the local community to create and provide positive opportunities to all of its residents. We are looking to employ a new Coordinator to manage and oversee all of the brilliant and diverse work being done in the area.



Please see: http://www.bbwcvs.org.uk/about/vacancies/

Deadline for applications is Friday 29th November 2019, with Interviews held week commencing Monday 16th December 2019

Basildon Mind Charity Shop Workers



BASIS Fundraising Officer



Essex Community Foundation Head of Programmes – Closing Date Nov 24th

Essex Community Foundation is looking for a Head of Programmes, with the passion and commitment to make a difference to the lives of local people in Essex.



The successful applicant will have a strong track record of achievement gained at management level in the charity sector.

They will bring strategic thinking and creativity to the role to ensure the effective development and delivery of the Foundation's grant making and partnership programmes, matching the interests of our donors with the changing needs in our communities.

As a leading funder in Essex, this is an exciting time to join ECF. We have just agreed our new fiveyear strategic plan and the development of our grant making and partnership programmes is a key role as we plan to invest at least £15 million in local communities.

We are looking for someone who will bring energy, drive and is passionate about helping others. In return, this role offers an unrivalled opportunity to join a highly regarded and reputable organisation.

For more information about the role and how to apply, please download the Recruitment Pack from their website https://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/about/news/head-of-programmes

The deadline to apply is 5pm on Thursday 24 October.

Should you wish to have an informal conversation about the post, please contact Caroline Taylor, chief executive of ECF, on 01245 355947.

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 web link to admin@bbwcvs.org.uk

VCS Event Diary/Calendar 2019

Date	Event	Contact / Book Event	
Tue 19 Nov	BBWCVS Funding & Development	development@bbwcvs.org.uk	
10:00am - 12:30pm	Surgery		
Wed 27 Nov	Heart of Pitsea – Race Night	No Booking Required	
07:00pm - 8:30pm	Pitsea Leisure Centre	-	
	The Dipple Medical Centre, Wickford		
	Avenue, Pitsea.		
Tue 3 Dec	BBWCVS Mental Health Forum	http://bit.ly/CVSMentalHealthForum	
10:00am - 1:00pm	George Hurd Centre, Basildon		
Fri 13 Dec	Heart of Pitsea - Christmas	http://bit.ly/HoPChristmasCrackerQuiz	
06:45pm – 10:00pm	Cracker Quiz, The Basildon Upper	or by calling 07572 001671 or	
	Academy, Wickford Avenue, Pitsea	emailing admin@heartofpitsea.co.uk	
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