

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #18

Government launch online portal to claim for furloughed workers

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Today the Government launched the <u>online portal</u> to claim 80% of furloughed employees' wages. The expectation is that payments will be made within 6 working days.

We understand from Charity Tax Group that:

- applications need to be completed in one session and will time out after 30 minutes of inactivity
- there will be no e-mail confirmation so take a screenshot/print the confirmation and make sure you retain calculation information in case HMRC needs to review it in future
- to access the system on GOV.UK you or your agent will need to have a Government Gateway ID and password and an active PAYE enrolment. If you do not have these, you can register for them at <u>HMRC services:</u> <u>register</u> and <u>PAYE Online for employers</u>).

<u>Charity Tax Group's</u> Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme guidance hub collates all the information you need to access the scheme.

GETTING TO THE RIGHT INFORMATION QUICKLY

Many of us are feeling overwhelmed by the mass of information on COVID-19. If you are looking for a way to quickly get up to speed on a specific issue, webinars can be a perfect medium for pulling together all the information you need in a concise and easily-accessible format. We have highlighted just two below but will keep you updated as more are announced.

Similarly, you can contact our Lead for Groups, Helen Cracknell, (<u>support@communityimpactbucks.org.uk</u>) who can advise you on all aspects of running your organisation and can talk you through the relevant guidance for the voluntary sector during the pandemic.

INSIGHTS ON HOW THE GOVERNMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS AFFECT YOUR FINANCES

The Charity Finance Group (CFG) is hosting another free webinar '<u>Coronavirus</u> and your charity's finances – update' on Thursday (23rd April at 1pm). It will provide an overview of the latest government announcements, including the package announced by the Chancellor on 8 April and look at how it may affect your finances. If you have any questions for the expert panel, please email them to policy@cfg.org.uk.

WEBINAR SERIES - HOW TO OPERATE ONLINE

Charity Digital's series of webinars help charities learn and adjust to operating online during the COVID-19 lockdown. Topics range from how to fundraise digitally to implementing accessibility technology – for more information, visit <u>Charity Digital</u>.

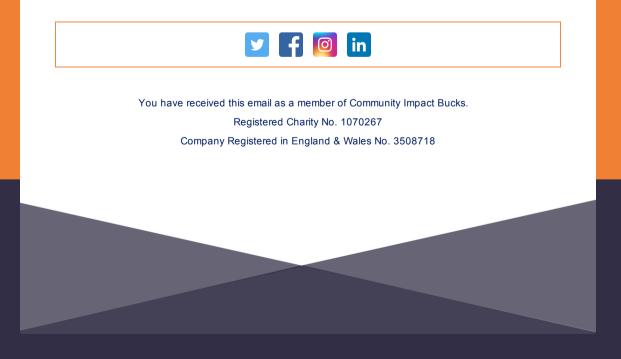
#FundAlert: HOMELESS SUPPORT

The Morrisons Foundation has opened it COVID-19 Homeless Support Fund grant, offering up to \pounds 10,000 grants. Charities that care for the homeless can apply for support to cover three broad areas:

- Outreach and support for rough sleepers, including provision of essentials
- Delivery of services in hostels and shelters
- Information and advice

To apply and check eligibility, go to The Morrisons Foundation.

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