

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #61

### COVID-19 State of the Sector Survey, learning opportunities & #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Can you help us understand how COVID-19 has affected your group by taking part in our new survey?

#### COVID-19 STATE OF THE SECTOR SURVEY

We are launching a new survey today to find out more about how COVID-19 has affected the VCSE sector here in Buckinghamshire. Findings from this survey will help the voluntary sector, statutory and other partners know what is needed so we can work together to support our voluntary sector to recover and rebuild.

We think it will take about half an hour, so grab a cup of tea first! You should be able to go back to the survey if you cannot complete it in one sitting, if your browser's cookie settings allow.

We understand that this is an incredibly busy time and we really appreciate you taking time to fill out this survey. Your responses will help inform a mid-year update to our annual [State of the Sector Report](#), which provides insight into VCSE sector trends, challenges and opportunities.

Findings will allow us to compare the VCSE sector in Buckinghamshire to the national picture. You will be able to use the report to support funding bids, help your strategic planning, and it will help inform local partners such as the Council, the NHS, businesses and independent funders so that they can make good decisions on how to work with the sector.

[Take the Survey](#)

#### VOLUNTEERING OR FUNDING & GOVERNANCE ADVICE SESSIONS

Whether you are already running an organisation or looking to set up something new, you can book a FREE one to one Advice Plus session on [Volunteering](#) or [Funding & Governance](#) for tailored support at a time that suits you.

Delivered ONLINE or via PHONE.

#### RECOVER & REBUILD WEBINAR SERIES

[The School for Social Entrepreneurs](#) has released a series of FREE webinar recordings covering funding bids, impact measurement, social media marketing and more to help individuals recover, build back, and grow.

#### DSC ZOOM TALKS

Directory of Social Change is hosting a series of ['Zoom talks'](#) aimed at creating an opportunity for people to get together for an honest discussion of the topical issues facing our sector today. Their latest topic focused on how racism has manifested itself in the charity sector and how we, as organisations and as individuals, can contribute to making the sector better. New topics and next available dates are the 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Scroll down to the bottom of their page and register now so you don't miss out.

#### LEAP WEBINARS

As the UK's deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Jenny Harries advises to "make yourself as fit as possible" in preparation for a potential COVID-19 second wave, being active and supporting others to be active has never been more important. We can all make a difference – whether that's through encouraging, signposting to useful resources, or raising awareness of the benefits.

Leap are running free interactive webinars for volunteers who would like to help their friends, family, and communities to be active – as well as themselves! We'll cover the importance and benefits of physical activity, guidance, practical tips, free resources and some positive conversation skills.

The [next webinar](#) is on Tuesday 11th August, 11am-12pm. You can also arrange a free webinar for your team by contacting [Casey.Dunlop@GetBerkshireActive.org](mailto:Casey.Dunlop@GetBerkshireActive.org)

#### #FundAlerts

To keep up-to-date with the latest announcements and for support on all aspects of funding, visit our [COVID-19 Funding webpages](#) and our [top ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#). Four new funds are highlighted below:

- [Postcode Neighbourhood Trust](#): Grants range from £500 to £20,000 for registered charities and up to £2000 for other not-for-profit organisations affected by the pandemic under the following themes: supporting your organisation's resilience & adapting/expanding services to meet new challenges. The deadline for applications is 19th August 2020.
- [Culture Recovery Fund](#): Grants of £50,000 to £3m for cultural organisations that were financially stable before the pandemic but are now at imminent risk of failure. The aim of funding is that by 31 March 2021, successful applicants are either fully or partially reopened, or operating on a sustainable, cost efficient basis, so that they can reopen at a later date.  
Round One: opens on 10<sup>th</sup> August and closes on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020.  
Round Two: opens on 21<sup>st</sup> August and closes on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
- [The Common Call COVID Fund](#): Grants of between £1,000 to £3,000 specifically aimed at supporting Black-led social enterprises and charities, particularly those that are providing services to people that have been negatively affected by the pandemic in terms of physical health, mental health or finances. The deadline is 31st August 2020.
- [Moving our Communities Fund 2020](#): offers grants from £250 to £2,000 for community organisations to support any of the following priority groups to be active: lower Socio-economic groups, BAME Communities, disabled people or people with long term conditions.

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