

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #71

Black History Month webinars, training & Volunteer Matching Service update

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

If you are part of a Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic (BAME) organisation or a BAME leader, find out below how you can take part in a series of Bucks-specific webinars during Black History Month. You will also find details of useful training and networking opportunities in Buckinghamshire, and an update on Volunteer Matching Service.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH COVID-19 WEBINARS

The Buckinghamshire Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic Community Network will be presenting a series of Black History Month webinars on COVID-19 and the impact it has had on communities in Buckinghamshire:

- Tuesday 20th October 2020 (6.30 – 8pm): Health Inequalities & the Impact of COVID-19
- Tuesday 27th October 2020 (6.30 – 8pm): A public health approach to serious violence
- Thursday 29th October 2020 (6.30 – 8pm): The Criminal Justice System

For more information and to book visit [Eventbrite](#).

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPEED MENTORING

To mark Black History Month, the [Media Trust](#) has partnered with Twitter to host a *Speed Mentoring* event for charities led by black leaders or supporting black communities to get on the spot advice, ideas and feedback directly from Twitter experts. For more information and to sign up for the event **tomorrow** (16th October/ 10-11.130am), visit the [Media Trust](#).

FREE WEBINAR – An introduction to board volunteering

Have you considered volunteering as a trustee on a charity board, or on the management committee of a community group, or even as a director of a social enterprise? Or are you already volunteering in one of these roles and would like a refresher?

If you have answered 'yes', our interactive webinar on 4th November (10-11.15am) is a great opportunity for you to fully understand what is expected of a board volunteer, including your role and responsibilities, how our guest speaker has benefitted personally from being a trustee, and what an effective charity board looks like. To find out more and to book your place, visit [Community Impact Bucks' events](#).

SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

Social enterprises have never been more important as now; recognising this, Buckinghamshire Business First (BBF) is launching a *Peer Networks Programme* to support these businesses with post COVID-19 recovery and future resilience.

The programme is free for all participants who will meet fortnightly for 2-hour online sessions over a period of 9 weeks, and look at topics ranging from accounting and social investment to sales and marketing and impact measurement. Individual coaching will also be included. To find out more and to register your interest visit [Bucks Business First](#). If you would like to speak to a member of the team about what's involved, you can also email peernetworks@bbf.uk.com or call 01494 927130.

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON YOUNG PEOPLE, EDUCATION AND CHARITIES

Organisations which support young people will be coming together for the Action4Youth's 2020 Conference via Zoom on 3rd – 5th November 2020. The workshops will cover a wide range of current issues including *Promoting Resilience in Young People, the Way Forward for Charities Post-Covid*, and *Understanding the Impact of Covid on the Third Sector*. You can register for any of the live webinars being held over the three days via [Action4Youth](#).

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SURVEY & WORKSHOP

The Buckinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership has launched an online survey to find out about the impacts of changes to health and care services due to COVID-19, and how services might be delivered in the future. If you help to run a community group, please share this survey with your service users to ensure their voices are heard. For more information visit [Your Voice Bucks](#). The survey closes on 19th October 2020.

It is also running an online workshop to gather feedback, thoughts, and ideas to make the most of the second phase of engagement about health and social care in Buckinghamshire. Register your interest via this [form](#) by 19th October 2020. For more information you can also contact [Sue Clegg](#).

RECRUITING THE NEXT WAVE OF VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Matching Service is recruiting a new cohort of volunteers who can be mobilised at short notice should further lockdown restrictions come into place. Therefore, at this time, we are pausing the volunteer matching for new requests for non-emergency/frontline roles as we plan for an expected increase in need in our communities over the coming weeks.

If you are part of voluntary organisation, please share this call for new volunteers within your networks. Individuals wishing to volunteer can register their interest by visiting [Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service](#).

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