



# BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Find out about the latest government safeguarding advice for people working in the community in this week's newsletter as well as a number of opportunities including training for community leaders, funding and local VCSE job vacancies.

## RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



### Community safeguarding guidance

The current national restrictions mean that vulnerable children and adults may be particularly isolated and unable to access family, community and professional networks for help. To help equip those who are operating in communities, the government has produced information and guidance covering signs to spot and what to do if there is a concern. For links to the guidance, the tool outlining steps to take if you have any safeguarding concerns, and where to report concerns in Buckinghamshire, visit our [Safeguarding webpage](#).

## DCMS webinar on winning central government contracts

If you are a VCSE organisation interested in finding out more about the new Social Value Model and bidding with central government, join the Department for Digital, Culture and Media and Sport in its webinar on Wednesday 17th March 2-4pm. To book a place on the webinar, visit [DCMS](#) as well as refer to the [government guide](#) to working with government (ref [Bucks Charity News/ 4th February 2021](#)).

## Women in Charity Awards

We are excited to see nominations for the first Buckinghamshire Women in Charity Awards start to come in. You have until **Sunday 28th February** to nominate someone who works or volunteers in the charity sector in Bucks. You need to submit just three bits of information: up to 300 words about your nominee (via the [relevant award form](#)), a photo of the nominee and a simple 2 minute video (via email to [comms@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:comms@communityimpactbucks.org.uk)). For tips on how to record a short video on your smartphone, read our short [blog](#).

## #RightNow campaign

This week saw the launch of #RightNow, a social media campaign encouraging supporters of the voluntary sector to send a public message to the government highlighting how charities urgently need an Emergency Support Fund to continue to provide vital support. You can take part by signing the open letter or showing support on social, as well as sharing with your networks. For more information, visit [#RightNow campaign](#).

## INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



### Volunteering by Minority Ethnic populations

In 2019 NFP Synergy set up a yearly research project to explore how Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) populations engage with charities. Its findings from 2019-2020 show that volunteering levels for the BAME sample is considerably higher than for the general public in every age group. Read more of the free report [here](#).

## STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



### Free training for community leaders

Eden Project Communities is currently recruiting participants on its Virtual Community Camp – an immersive learning experience, offering a mix of practical activities, workshop sessions and networking opportunities for people interested in becoming community leaders, or improving their existing skill set in this area. The free training will take place throughout March, consisting of two [online sessions](#) per week. To apply you will need to complete this [online form](#) by Sunday 21st February.

## Call for NHS vaccine volunteers

Can you help researchers ensure the NHS has the right COVID-19 vaccines for everyone? Volunteers are still needed for trials to ensure the health service has the best vaccines that work for different groups of people. More than 4,400 Buckinghamshire people have already signed up but more are needed; please share information on the [NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry](#) within your networks.

## #FUNDALERTS



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

- **Grants to support those disproportionately affected by COVID-19:** up to £1,000 is available to registered UK charities with a minimum operating income and operating expenditure of £100,000. The first grant round focuses on combating homelessness, giving priority to projects supporting BAME communities. With a deadline of 28th February, visit [Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust](#).
- **Funding for environmental charities:** the Green Match Fund is a match funding campaign for charities which are working on environmental issues as part of their core mission. All public donations made to participating charities via theBigGive.org.uk during the week of the campaign (22-29 April) will be matched up to a specific amount. For more information, visit [The Big Give](#).
- **Grants to help people manage money:** not-for-profit organisations that deliver activities which make a lasting impact on how people think, behave and manage their money can apply to MSE Charity for grants to support their activities. With a deadline of 26th February, visit [MSE Charity](#) for more information.

## LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



### Local job opportunities

- Community Impact Bucks is looking for an Interim Head of Finance and Operations (21 hours p/w for 3 months) to provide financial and operational management. The role is home-based so the candidate does not have to be resident in Bucks. The closing date for applications is 24th February; for more information, visit [Community Impact Bucks vacancies](#).
- Wycombe Wanderers Sports and Education Trust is looking to recruit a Head of Fundraising & Communications. The closing date for applications is Friday 12th March; for more information on the part time role visit [WWSET](#).

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