



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is now open for nominations – read on to find out how to nominate your organisation for this prestigious award. Have a look too at the great new online resources and training opportunities which are available covering topics from charity leadership to digital communications including social media for mental health charities.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Nominate your organisations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

Nominations are now open for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS), the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK.

Considered to be the 'MBE for voluntary groups' that is awarded for life, it is given to outstanding groups of volunteers

whose level of initiative and impact are truly exceptional. With a deadline for nominations of 15th September 2021 (5pm), you can find out more about the Awards and how to nominate your organisation by visiting the [QAVS website](#), and contact us if you would like any advice on the process via info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk.

Free events for charity leaders

[The Cranfield Trust](#) has produced a free webinar series for charity leaders to help them successfully manage the most pressing issues of today. The webinars are an opportunity to learn practical solutions, best practice and be able to get answers to your questions from leading industry experts. To find out more, visit [Cranfield Trust](#).

If you are interested in exploring what lies ahead, the Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership is holding its annual conference on 12th May 2021 (9.30am – 4.30pm). This free online conference is an opportunity for members of the voluntary sector and academics to come together to learn, share and reflect. To find out more and to register, visit [Centre for Voluntary Leadership](#).

Celebrating Buckinghamshire's women in charity: 2-month anniversary

It has been almost two months since we announced the winners of the first Buckinghamshire Women in Charity Awards and hosted the Buckinghamshire Charities, Women and Leadership seminar which looked at women and leadership in our community. If you weren't able to join us on the day or would like a reminder of the insights and tips from our panel, read their blogs which are now published on our news page:

- Top 3 tips for women's wellbeing and careers in the charity sector by [Nova Fundraising](#)
- How women can secure more senior leadership and trustee roles in the charity sector by [Karen Satterford](#)
- Five tips on how to build an inclusive charity culture by [Nicola Hannam](#)

NCVO digital and technology resources

NCVO has put together a comprehensive resource of digital tools and ways of working for charities. Topics include digital leadership, planning a new website, and safeguarding online. To find out more, visit [NCVO](#).

TikTok for non-profits: the Beginner's Guide

If your organisation is interested in reaching younger audiences, have you considered exploring the possibilities of TikTok? If you are not sure where to begin, [Wild Apricot](#) has produced a Beginner's Guide for non-profits. To find out more, visit [Wild Apricot](#).

Resource site for deaf and disabled people-led organisations

Talk Kit is a resource site for deaf and disabled people-led organisations (DDPOs) which want to get their communities talking about the issues that matter. On the site you can find advice and guidance about low-cost tools for stimulating discussion in your communities, increasing community engagement, and improving information-sharing. For more information, visit [Talk Kit](#).

Social media masterclasses for mental health charities

As part of their Headlining Mental Health programme, The Media Trust will be running two mornings of free social media masterclasses during next week's Mental Health Awareness Week (10th – 16th May):

- **Mental Health & Digital Connection – Tuesday, 11th May**
Join speakers from Facebook and Instagram to learn how to create content which connects and resonates with people including tips on mental health safety and insights into how mental health communities are connecting online. To book, visit [Media Trust](#).
- **Mental Health & Young People Online – Wednesday, 12th May**
Hear from Glitch, Snap and TikTok and explore how mental health organisations can join thousands of young people discussing mental health online and engage with youth audiences. To book, visit [Media Trust](#).

Water checks for charities and community groups

Whether you are running a large group of support centres or a single charity shop, have a look at the advice from [WaterPlus](#) to help keep water costs down and support the environment. To find out more about the advice for voluntary groups, visit [WaterPlus](#).

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



Loneliness and social prescribing webinar

The National Academy for Social Prescribing will be holding its next Thriving Communities webinar on 11th May 2021 (3pm – 4pm) to explore how social prescribing can help tackle loneliness. To find out more and to book, visit [Eventbrite](#).

Thames Valley Community-Led Housing Festival

There is still time to book onto the Community-Led Housing Festival which starts next week (Monday 10th May - Friday 14th May 2021), bringing together Thames Valley residents, housing associations, councils and landlords to collaborate and learn from each other in order to build better homes, and stronger places. To find out more about the daily events and to register for the events, visit [Eventbrite](#).

#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 [latest funding opportunities page](#), and read our online resources on [trusts & foundations](#) as well as [ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#).

New funds are highlighted below:

- **Funding to support communities affected by the Windrush scandal:** the Windrush Community Fund is open to charities, community organisations and/or grassroots groups to bid for financial assistance from a £500,000 fund to help raise awareness and support engagement amongst those who are eligible for the Government's Windrush Scheme and Windrush Compensation Scheme. The deadline for applications is 30th June 2021. For more information visit [Voice4Change](#).
- **Funding to support the Arts:** funding is available to help individuals and groups who would not be able to carry out an arts project or activity without financial support, particularly those who are at an early stage in their careers. Deadline for applications is 14th May 2021. For more information visit the [Fidelio Trust](#).

EVENTS



There are a number of digital training opportunities coming up soon – many of which are free:

Digital Marketing Strategy workshop – London and the South of England

Hosted by The Media Trust (18th – 20th May 2021/2pm to 4.30pm), the workshop will show you how to assess your organisation's current digital marketing resource and capabilities, understand and identify your audience online, plus

how to use and incorporate digital marketing into your marketing strategy. For more information and to book, visit [Media Trust](#).

Digital skills training for the third sector

The Curve is a series of free, 90-minute workshops for third sector organisations (May-July 2021). These online workshops aim to build knowledge around best digital practices, raise awareness of digital tools and ultimately help increase impact with digital. To take a look at the upcoming workshops, visit [Third Sector Lab](#).

Mobile-first video workshop with Facebook

Partnering with Facebook, The Media Trust has created this free masterclass on Mobile Anatomy (Mobile-First Video) to be held on Wednesday 19th May 2021, including an overview of simple tools for editing and optimising content. For more information and to book, visit [The Media Trust](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



The Wednesday Club – Waddesdon (job vacancy)

The Wednesday Club in Waddesdon is looking to recruit a Charity Manager. The ideal candidate will have experience of working with older people, health and safety, safeguarding, managing and working with others, charity administration, and event management. To find out more information on the role, call 01296 294 031.

Chilterns Green Gym

[The Conservation Volunteers](#), a charity which connects people to their local green spaces and to others in the community, is opening the Chilterns Green Gym project to help improve individual's physical health and mental wellbeing, and green spaces within the local community. The Green Gyms will consist of a gentle warm up and cool down exercise and a conversation activity, such as tree planting or path clearing.

Running every Wednesday from 10am - 1:30pm, the sessions are free, Covid-19 secure and suitable for all abilities and ages. For more information, visit the [Conservation Volunteers](#).

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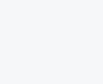
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