



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

In this week's Bucks Charity News we have collated a range of opportunities – from free DBS training, being part of a consultation looking at tax administration to featuring in Vale Life – plus two new #FundAlerts.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Free training on DBS and safeguarding guidance

Did you know that occasionally shopping for an elderly neighbour is not 'regulated activity' and would not be eligible for a DBS check? However, if you offered the same person lifts in your car, you should have a DBS check.

The Home Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) are running a series of safeguarding events to remind people of current Charity Commission guidance, partnering with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) on the role of DBS checks. To join the *Safeguarding and Protecting People for Charities and Voluntary Organisations - The Role of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)* on 15th July (11.30-12.30pm), [click here to join the Teams meeting](#) just prior to the meeting start time.

Tax administration consultation

As part of its 10-year tax administration strategy, the government is [calling for evidence](#) and seeking views on how the legislation underpinning HMRC's administration of the tax system could be updated. [The Charity Tax Group](#) wants to ensure that the voluntary sector's voice is heard on what will lead to fundamental change. If you have any comments to add towards the consultation, please email info@charitytaxgroup.org.uk.

Media Trust's Digital Summer School is back

Returning in August 2021, The Media Trust's Digital Summer School is a free, three-week online programme where you'll learn how to inspire, engage and mobilise your audience. Digital and charity experts will provide specialist training and mentoring to help you take your communications to the next level. For more information on the programme of events and to apply for space (there are only 60 available), visit [The Media Trust](#).

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



Vision for Volunteering consultation

Vision for Volunteering is a collaboration across the voluntary and community sector, led by NAVCA, NCVO, Volunteering Matters and the Association of Volunteer Managers. Their aim is to bring together people and organisations across England to collaborate and create a long-term vision and shorter-term objectives for volunteering over the next decade. To sign up to receive updates and take part in the consultation, [click here](#).

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



Guide to Rural Affordable Housing

As part of Rural Housing Week (5th – 9th July 2021) the [Rural Housing Alliance](#) has published a new Parish Councillors' guide to rural affordable housing outlining how local councils can support the delivery of rural affordable homes. To find out more about Rural Housing Week and a link to the guide, visit [ACRE \(Action with Communities in Rural England\)](#).

Helping adults to become active

Leap is hosting a free one hour online workshop on 15th July 2021 (1pm) on helping people become more physically active. It is aimed at staff working in any resident-facing role (council or charity), as well as volunteers. Take a look at Leap's [flyer](#) for more information on booking a place.

Bucks Open Weekend

The Bucks Open Weekend (22nd – 25th July) is a celebration of creativity, culture and stories taking place across Buckinghamshire. Organisations, artists/creatives, community centres, businesses and community groups are invited to contribute creative/cultural and story-themed activity over this long weekend in July. For more information, visit Buckinghamshire Culture's [What's On listing](#).

#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](#).

Funding to help reduce loneliness: microgrants from £300 to £2,500 are available to small charities for activities which are aimed at bringing people together in safe and secure ways. Deadline for applications is 6th August 2021 (5pm). For more information, visit the [National Lottery Community Fund](#).

Funding to support the development of communities and places: grants of £1,000 to £5,000 are available for charitable, not-for profit voluntary or community organisations and groups (annual turnover less than £100,000) to fund activities or items which encourage people to work together in positive and sustainable ways, and building on relationships which were developed during the pandemic. Deadline for applications is 14th July. For more information, visit the [IKEA website](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



More than just buildings

Find out more about the role of community buildings in our most [recent article in Vale Life](#), which features the Healthy Living Centre in Aylesbury. The vast range of activities that it offers illustrates how community buildings are hubs for community support, keeping them together and well. If your organisation is based in Aylesbury Vale and you have a story that you would

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