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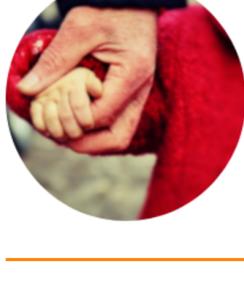
Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

With only a few weeks to go before Volunteers' Week 2021 (1-7 June), read how your organisation can get involved in this national awareness week which celebrates the invaluable work carried out by volunteers in Bucks. We also have new safeguarding guidance from the Charity Commission and the latest #FundAlerts.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



10 steps to good safeguarding governance

The Charity Commission has created a new infographic that illustrates the [10 actions boards need to take to ensure good safeguarding governance](#).

If your organisation needs support on its safeguarding strategy, check out our updated [Safeguarding webpages](#) for guidance.

Free webinars for Charity Finance Professionals

[Sayer Vincent](#) is holding a series of free webinars through May and June 2021 aimed at the development of charity finance professionals. The free live webinars will cover key areas including charity tax and tax for fundraisers. Each session will be made available on demand for a limited time afterwards. To read the full programme and to book visit [Sayer Vincent](#).

How to improve your donor experience strategy?

Is your organisation doing enough to engage people who make online donations? Salesforce.org has found out by becoming mystery donors to 630 organisations across nine countries and has uncovered some useful tactics that could be crucial in honing your donor experience strategy. You can hear what they learned and benchmark your organisation against your peers in the UK charity sector by signing up for the [Salesforce event](#) on 18th May 2021 (3-4pm).

Influencer Marketing Guide

Influencer marketing is a great way to reach new audiences and raise awareness for a cause. CIPR has developed an Influencer Marketing Guide to help organisations identify opportunities and navigate the rules and regulations. Visit [The Media Trust](#) to read the full guide.

Building Skills Workshop: Reframing and reinvigorating purpose post Covid-19

The next Building Skills Workshop, Reframing and reinvigorating purpose post Covid-19, will take place on 19th May 2021 (3-5pm). Delivered by [Cultural Associates Oxford](#), the free session is aimed at people working within creative and cultural organisations and will look at resetting and reframing practice through an exploration of entrepreneurial and socially responsive practice. For more information and to book visit [Buckinghamshire Culture](#).

INVOLVING VOLUNTEER



Volunteers' Week 2021 – recognising volunteers in Bucks

The 37th national Volunteers' Week is taking place in a few weeks' time (1-7 June) and is a great opportunity for VCSE organisations in the county to recognise the fabulous work volunteers do within our communities.

To help groups say 'thank you' to their volunteers, [NCVO](#) has published a range of Volunteers' Week resources including ideas on [how to get involved in the week](#) and themes for each day, which can be found in the [comms pack](#).

Look out for more information which we will be sending out next week but, in the meantime, have a look at the [Volunteers' Week website](#) for inspiration and resources.

Trustee recruitment tool

Reach Volunteering is launching its Trustee Recruitment Cycle, a resource containing tools, inspiration and reassurances to help organisations with recruitment, diversify and make boards the best they can be. Find out how to identify the mix of skills and experience your board needs to lead your charity, plan your recruitment process, write a trustee role description, and get ready to engage with candidate. Visit [Reach Volunteering](#) for more information.

NHS Volunteer Responder Scheme Survey

NHS England is currently conducting an evaluation into the effectiveness of the national [NHS Volunteer Responder Scheme](#) and what the future of the scheme should look like. To take part in the evaluation, you will need to complete a [three-part survey](#) which takes approximately 15 minutes.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

Learning from the community response to Covid-19

The Health Creation Alliance has published a report which considers how NHS stakeholders can learn from the community response to Covid-19. It contains practical guidance and will help build a better future where people are at the heart of keeping communities well. To read the report visit [Health Creation Alliance](#).

#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 clubs and community groups returning to play during the pandemic:** grants of up to £10,000 are available to help organisations adapt their delivery to make it safe to return, whether that is physical adaptations to buildings or delivering to smaller groups to support social distancing. Supporting Older People will be a particular priority. Funding can be for capital and revenue costs so may be of particular interest to village halls and playing field associations. For more information and to apply visit [Sport England](#)
- **Funding to support flood recovery and awareness in the form of training or education:** grants of up to £5,000 to support flood damage/prevention or awareness in the form of training or education can be applied for by Bucks voluntary and community groups that are charitable in purpose and town/parish councils. Expression of interest deadline is 9th June 2021, with the application deadline of 30th June 2021. For more information and to apply visit [Heart of Bucks](#).
- **Funding for projects that benefit vulnerable young people:** with grants of up to £2,000 available, the Youth Bank fund aims to give young people a voice within the community and an opportunity to be part of the panel. Expression of interest deadline is 9th June 2021, and the application deadline is 30th June 2021. For more information and to apply visit [Heart of Bucks](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Mediation Bucks – job vacancy

Mediation Bucks is looking for a Development Officer to maintain its current income level, to identify and develop new income streams, and to assist the board to attain strategic objectives. This is a new post providing an exciting opportunity for a creative, proactive self-starter to help shape a much-valued community service, expand its reach, and help secure its future. For more information visit our [Vacancies & Opportunities webpage](#).

Age UK Bucks – vacancies

Age UK is currently recruiting for a number of roles to bring in new skills and experiences to help address challenges faced by people and communities in later life. For more information visit our [Vacancies & Opportunities webpage](#).

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