



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

For August we are sharing updates about apps, podcasts, jobs, events and learning opportunities.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Getting Match-Fit for Social Prescribing

15th September, 2pm-3.30pm, Online

The [National Academy for Social Prescribing](#) and [Buckinghamshire Culture](#) are working with local Social Prescribing Link Workers to deliver a practical and supportive session on 15th September specifically aimed at creative and cultural organisations in Bucks interested in engaging in Social Prescribing.

Sign up to find out:

- What is Social Prescribing?
- What policies and governance does an organisation need to have in place to enable a referral from a social prescriber?
- How will I let Social Prescribers know my offer?

The session will include presentations, speakers from within the Bucks Social Prescribing landscape, an opportunity to talk to local Link Workers, as well as your sector colleagues about what cultural Social Prescribing might look like, discussion of how you can share your offer effectively, and practical advice to inform your next steps.

To book a place please email: southeast.thrivingcommunities@nasp.info

The DSC Governance App: improve your governance, together

New Governance App developed by DSC is a free and easy way for your Board of trustees to review and improve their governance, together.

It combines the Charity Governance Code with the successful face-to-face model for improving governance, and have created an online tool that any Board can use to review their governance – and turn it into collective action and improvement.

What does it do?

- Gathers responses from your whole Board
- Gives you a performance score out of ten in seven different areas, including leadership, board effectiveness and equality, diversity and inclusion
- Highlights where board members have different views on performance
- Makes it easy to have targeted discussions about what's going well, and where to focus on improving

Discover more about the [Governance App](#).

Charities are Embracing Digital

The annual #CharityDigiReport gives insight into charity digital skills & attitudes. This year's report shows promising signs of improvement in adoption of digital, particularly in challenging the digital divide & thinking of long-term digital strategy. 83% of #CharityDigiReport charities had started offering online services - but 52% expressed concern about excluding people from those services. Read the [full article](#) on Charity Digital.

Expert Support for Senior Leaders - Community Impact Bucks Coaching Programme

Are you grappling with a strategic challenge, planning organisational change, or just looking to compete within the current economic climate?

Who are these sessions for?

These sessions are for trustees, leaders or senior managers of small charities, community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises already delivering services in Buckinghamshire, as well as for people looking to set up new organisations delivering services in Buckinghamshire.

If you are a charity leader looking to develop your management skills, improve yours and your team's performance, build your confidence as a leader and develop the strategy and vision for your organisation, our Expert Support for Senior Leaders is the perfect solution for you. [More info](#).

FUNDRAISING



Preparing for a Successful Capital Appeal: 6 Key Steps – IFC (International Fundraising Consultancy)

As fundraising efforts continue to ramp up, will your organisation be embarking on a long-overdue capital appeal? Make sure you're prepared...don't miss their guide to ensure your appeal is a success: [Read more](#).

New Podcast Episode - WONDER WOMAN! MAXIMISING A CHANCE AND MULTIPLYING RESULTS 10X - Rob Woods – Bright Spot Fundraising

In the latest episode Rob talks to Dan McNally and hear the story of a young, heroic supporter of his charity Muscular Dystrophy UK. He relates how a brave six-year-old girl named Carmella set out to raise £5000 for the charity, and ended up smashing this target, raising more than £50,000.

Listen to the [episode here](#).

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



WISE FAMILY FUN DAY 2021

Saturday 21st August, 11am to 5pm at The Hive | High Wycombe

A fun day for the whole family with traditional outfits, scarves, books and toy stalls. And lots of food including gourmet smash'd burgers, biryani, kebabs, samosas, cakes and more!

All proceeds will go to WISE charity projects. Its particularly geared to Muslim women as they are the ones who organise the whole event but open to all. [Full Details](#).

Buckinghamshire Town Council and the Buckinghamshire Society presents... Celebrate Buckingham

Saturday 4th September, 11am-3pm. The Paddock, Bourton Park, Buckingham, MK18 7AB

A fantastic free day of summer fun! Stalls from the local community, voluntary and social enterprise groups and a host of diverting amusements including a bouncy castle, coconut shy, tennis, bowls and cadet games. Performances by Winslow Concert Band and Buckingham Ukelele Group and the Bard of Buckingham

Celebrate Buckingham Day is being held with the Buckingham Society and, for the first time ever, will incorporate the robing of the Mayor, Cllr Margaret Gateley and Buckingham Society Civic Day prize giving." For [further information](#) on the event contact Amanda Brubaker, Events Co-ordinator events@buckingham-tc.gov.uk

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



New Volunteer Case Study - Katy Volunteers at Shopmobility

Katy is a volunteer with High Wycombe Shopmobility and is really enjoying her role there.

What led you to volunteer?

"During the pandemic I saw lots of stories about people volunteering and I just wanted to help, to 'give something back', so I registered with the Volunteer Matching Service.

When one of the team spoke to me about the Shopmobility role, I knew nothing about the charity or what it does, but I thought I'd give it a go, I find I am really enjoying it." Read the [full story](#).

NEW JOB - Freelance Community Engagement Opportunity

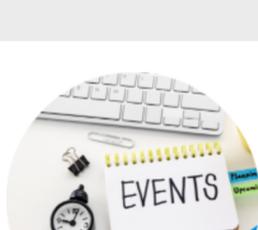
Healthwatch Bucks - Up to 6 months (part time)

Do you have community engagement & project management experience?

Do you have experience working with diverse communities in Buckinghamshire?

We're looking for someone to help us develop a diverse and sustainable volunteering programme. [More details and apply](#).

EVENTS



Creative Arts Training – Buckinghamshire Culture

Free training for artists/creatives/practitioners who are interested in developing their work with communities, planned for Autumn 2021: Practical training with artists and creatives new to, and established in, developing creative projects with communities. Tailored to support individuals and collectives to re-establish or launch themselves post Covid 19. Delivered online over eight Wednesday mornings – 22nd September to 24th November. The deadline for registrations is 5pm, 1st

September 2021. [Register](#)

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