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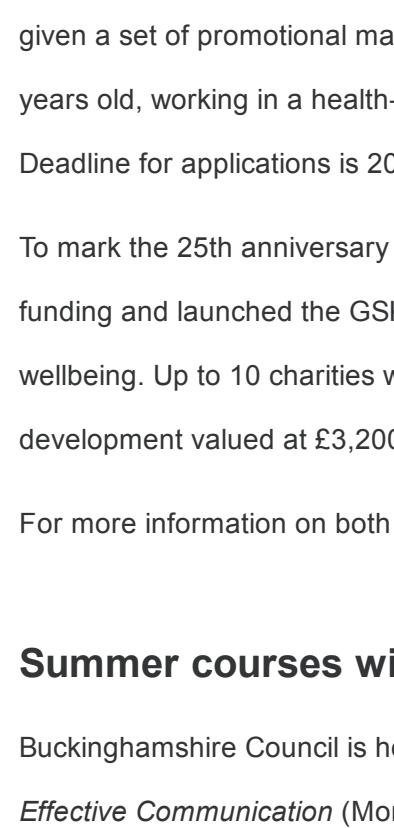
Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

22nd July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the move into Step 4 of the Roadmap to Recovery on Monday 19th July 2021, the Government has released updated guidance for volunteers and volunteering-involving organisations and groups – find links to latest Government guidance below as well as guidance for charity shops from the Charity Retail Association.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Easing of restrictions – guidance for charity shops

The Charity Retail Association has produced guidance on easing of restrictions within charity retail. The guidance includes advice on face masks, social distancing, ventilation, risk assessments, and fitting rooms. To view the guidance, visit [Charity Retail Association](#).

Step 4/ Roadmap to Recovery – new guidance for clinically extremely vulnerable people

On Monday 19th July 2021, Step 4 of the Roadmap to Recovery was activated and, while many restrictions were lifted, the Government is still urging people to use caution and maintain [key protections](#). It has also issued a new guide on protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19 which can be viewed [here](#).

Funding and free leadership training for health and wellbeing charities

Charities helping to improve people's health and wellbeing have the chance to access funding, free training and development through the 2022 GSK IMPACT Awards. Up to 20 awards will be given, ranging from £4,000 to £50,000, plus free training and development valued at a further £9,500. Organisations will also have a film made, receive help with press and publicity, and be given a set of promotional materials. To enter the Awards, organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health-related field and with an income between £120,000 and £3 million. Deadline for applications is 20th September (5pm).

To mark the 25th anniversary of the GSK IMPACT awards, the Kings Fund has also increased its funding and launched the GSK Grow Programme which is open to charities supporting health and wellbeing. Up to 10 charities will receive £10,000 in unrestricted funding plus training and development valued at £3,200.

For more information on both the Awards and the funding programme, visit [The King's Fund](#).

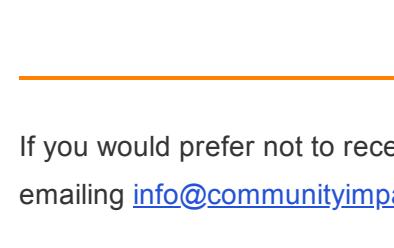
Summer courses with Buckinghamshire Council

Buckinghamshire Council is holding two online courses in August: *Building Confidence Through Effective Communication* (Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th August) and *Managing Stress with Mindfulness Techniques* (Monday 16, Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 August). You can find out more in the [promotional flyer](#).

How to succeed with video on social networks

Social Media Today has published an infographic with some useful insights into key video usage and engagement behaviours on each of the major social media platforms. Visit [Social Media Today](#) to find out more.

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



Step 4/ Roadmap to Recovery – new guidance for volunteers

As we enter Step 4 in the Government's Roadmap to Recovery, the guidance on volunteering has been updated:

- If you are an organisation or community group and you are planning on or are already involving volunteers within your activities, please refer to the Government guidance

on [Enabling safe and effective volunteering during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) in order to do this as safely as

possible.

- If you are currently volunteering or are planning to volunteer, please refer to the government guidance on

[Volunteering during coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

NCVO is planning to adapt both its coronavirus guidance on NCVO Knowhow and its practical support offering. It will also be feeding back concerns to the Government and have created a survey to capture the sector's thoughts about the recent transition to Step 4. [Click here to access the survey](#).

Volunteer Matching Service open for requests for volunteers

The Volunteer Matching Service had temporarily paused accepting new requests due to overwhelming demand (except for urgent frontline roles) but has now resumed processing new requests. Please note that the Volunteer Matching Service continues to experience a high demand for roles requiring a longer-term commitment e.g., befrienders and mentors, so please bear with us if you are requesting longer term roles. For more information about the service and to register [visit our website](#).

#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 bring people together and tackle loneliness: The National Lottery Community Fund is offering

micro-grants of between £300 and £2,500 to help smaller community groups fund projects that help to bring people together and tackle loneliness. Organisations need to have an income of less than £50,000. The deadline for applications is Friday 6th August 2021. For more information and to apply, visit [The National Lottery website](#).

Funding for range of projects and initiatives: grants of between £10,000 - £50,000 are available for specific projects or innovative initiatives including those supporting education and skills, rural or community development; arts, culture or heritage; climate change; and human rights or equality. The deadline for applications is Friday 6th August 2021. For more information and to apply visit [Ecclesiastical](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Vacancy with Community Impact Bucks

We are currently recruiting for a new VCSE and Community Development Assistant to join our team on a full-time basis (35 hours per week, 9-month fixed term contract). If you are highly organised and enjoy talking to people from a variety of backgrounds, this could be the role for you. For more

information and to apply visit our [Vacancies & Opportunities webpage](#).

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