



## BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

29th July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

Find out more about the Government's new funding scheme to support charities and community groups below, plus read the latest volunteering guidance from NCVO, training and funding opportunities.

### RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



#### Government funding scheme to help charities run local assets

Charities and community groups can apply for grants from a new Government programme to help take over local assets such as pubs, theatres and parks. The first round of the Government's Community Ownership Fund (COF) opened to applications last week (15th July 2021) and will close on 13th

August 2021. It will distribute £150m in the next four years. Charities can bid for grants of up to

£50,000 in revenue funding, with the Government match funding up to £250,000 in capital. For more information [click here](#).

#### Free recruitment toolkits

Roots HR CIC is giving away a Recruitment Toolkit worth £399 containing useful guidance, templates, tools and a training webinar to support social sector organisations. For more

information and to order a free toolkit visit [Roots HR CIC](#).

#### Masterclass on building online communities

The Media Trust has teamed up with Facebook's Community Partnerships Team to offer a free masterclass on 15th September 2021 (10am) on Building Communities through Facebook

Groups. This masterclass will unpack the power of community and outline the key skills necessary for how charities can effectively manage online communities. For more information and to book visit [The Media Trust](#).

### INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



#### Volunteering guidance from NVCO

If you need practical and step-by-step guidance to help you manage volunteers and the process of volunteering, visit [NCVO](#)

[for detailed guidance](#). Areas covered are:

- Understanding volunteering
- Planning for volunteers
- Recruiting and welcoming volunteers
- Supporting and managing volunteers
- Valuing and developing volunteers
- Ending volunteering well

### STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



#### Heart of Bucks 'Love Bucks' Campaign

Heart of Bucks has launched its *Love Bucks* campaign which aims to help those in the local community who have been most

affected by the pandemic. The campaign will help local not-for-profit groups to continue their vital work and donations will make

a difference in a variety of ways:

- £12 could enable one child with special needs and living in poor socio-economic conditions to go and watch a theatre performance.
- £50 could cover the cost of hiring a hall, enabling an isolated group to meet up and socialise.
- £100 could pay for a tablet to connect an elderly person in a care home with their relatives.
- £250 could provide a wheelchair-friendly picnic table for a community meeting space

For more information and to donate, visit the Love Bucks fundraising page on [Total Giving](#).

#### Deadline of 1st August to request FREE PPE for the voluntary sector

The Department of Health and Social Care is offering free PPE (personal protective equipment) for use by voluntary sector organisations. You can express your interest in this free PPE by

[completing this short form](#) with a few details by 1st August 2021 and then a representative of DHSC will contact you to arrange delivery.

### #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 for small organisations (with an income below £50,000):** round two of small grant funding (£200 to £2,500) is

available from the National Lottery Community Fund to help bring people together in safe and secure ways, making people aware of what services are available to reduce loneliness and to

build lasting connections. Deadline for applications is 6th August 2021. For more information and to apply visit [The National Lottery Community Fund](#).

**Funding to help prevent male suicide in Bucks:** grants are available for activities promoting positive mental health for men and boys in any age group in Buckinghamshire, specifically with the aim of reducing the incidence of male suicide. Projects are expected to run for a maximum of

12 months. Deadline for applications is 4th August 2021. For more information and to apply visit [Heart of Bucks](#).

**Funding to support mental health organisations:** round two of a small grants funding of up to £5,000 is available to support the sustainability of mental health voluntary, community and social enterprise provider organisations, with a turnover of up to £250k. Deadline for applications is 13th

August 2021. For more information and to apply visit the [Association of Mental Health Providers](#).

### LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



#### Paid work experience for young jobseekers (16-24 years)

Buckinghamshire Council has a number of [paid work experience placements](#) through the Kickstart Scheme for young

jobseekers on Universal Credit (aged 16-24 years). Applicants must ask their work coach to refer them (deadline 4th August),

and support is available for those who have additional needs.

Contact [BEN.STYKUC1@DWP.GOV.UK](mailto:BEN.STYKUC1@DWP.GOV.UK) for advice.

#### Community centre job vacancies

Buckinghamshire Council is recruiting for its Aylesbury's community centres (closing date for applications is 4th August 2021). Details as follows:

- **Community Centre Caretaker - 12 hours a week, permanent contract, evenings and weekend work only, £6,697 -£7,041.**

If you live in Aylesbury and want a part time local job that makes a difference in the community and are looking for a role outside of school hours, then this could be the [role for you](#).

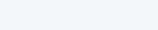
- **Community Centre Casual ( 2 posts ) – no fixed hours, £12.01 an hour**

Casual staff to join a small team of Community Centre staff working with and [supporting local groups](#) that hire the venues in Aylesbury Town.

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