

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #29

Charity fraud update

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

There has been a rise in fraud during the pandemic, including fundraising fraud which has a negative impact on the voluntary sector as a whole; to combat this, Action Fraud has issued an update on advice for potential donors – see link below.

There is also a wide range of free training and advice available to voluntary organisations and social enterprises on topics including managing investments, legal consultations and volunteer safety. Click on the links below for further information.

UPDATE ON CHARITY FRAUD

With fraudsters taking advantage of the increase in charity donations during the pandemic, Action Fraud has updated its fraud page with tips for individuals to check if charities are legitimate before donating. Please share this information within your networks to help maintain trust in charity fundraising. For full details, visit [Action Fraud](#).

FREE WEBINAR ON HOW TO MANAGE INVESTMENTS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Civil Society is hosting a free '**Managing investments in unprecedented times**' webinar **tomorrow** (Wednesday 6 May) at 11am. Exploring key challenges on the financial implications of COVID-19 crisis, the webinar will look at whether you should stick to your current investment strategy during the pandemic. There will be a range of expert advice from the industry and an opportunity to join the discussion. Book your place [here](#).

FURTHER TRAINING AND ADVICE

- **Free legal consultation for charities and social enterprises:** Bates Wells law firm is offering a free 30-minute phone consultation for charities and social enterprises to discuss any related concerns they may have. To find out more, visit [Bates Wells](#).
- **Free online training on safety during the pandemic:** British Red Cross is offering training for anyone responding to the coronavirus outbreak. This training tells you everything you need to know in order to look after yourselves and others safely. Go to [British Red Cross](#).
- **Free webinar on safeguarding your volunteers:** NCVO is running its webinar, '[How to involve and safeguard your volunteers during coronavirus](#)', on the 14 May at 10:00am (free for members and non-members). This training will provide up-to-date information on common volunteering roles, key safeguarding principles and well-being tips for your volunteers.

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