

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #59

### Volunteering support & #FundAlert

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This briefing highlights some new free opportunities available for voluntary organisations in Buckinghamshire to support your volunteering activities, including the chance for your volunteer team to attend Leap's webinar which supports people be active during the pandemic and in the future.

#### SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO BE ACTIVE: FREE WEBINAR FOR VOLUNTEERS

As the UK's deputy Chief Medical Officer Dr Jenny Harries advises to "make yourself as fit as possible" in preparation for a potential COVID-19 second wave, being active and supporting others to be active has never been more important. We can all make a difference – whether that's through encouraging, signposting to useful resources, or raising awareness of the benefits.

Leap is running free interactive webinars for volunteers who would like to help their friends, family and communities to be active as well as themselves. The webinars cover the importance and benefits of physical activity, guidance, practical tips, free resources and some positive conversation skills.

The next webinar is on Tuesday 11th August (11am-12pm); to book a place click [here](#), or to arrange a free webinar for your team, contact [Casey.Dunlop@GetBerkshireActive.org](mailto:Casey.Dunlop@GetBerkshireActive.org).

#### VOLUNTEERING AND TRUSTEE SUPPORT

You can find a range of online resources to support your volunteering activity on our [COVID-19 volunteering webpages](#) as well as receive one-to-one advice about recruiting or supporting volunteers by emailing [volunteering@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@communityimpactbucks.org.uk).

- **SHORT NOTICE – help and guidance for trustees during crisis:** Civil Society is running its annual conference Trustee Exchange Online to support trustees as they navigate the COVID-19 crisis. Taking place over two days to make it more accessible, the conference is being held online on 29th (9.30am – 1pm) and 30th July (9.30am – 1pm). For more information and to register, visit [Civil Society](#).
- **Guide for returning volunteers:** Volunteer Matters has published a useful [guide for volunteers](#) designed to help make them aware of what to expect from their volunteering organisation before returning.
- **Recruiting and inducting trustees remotely:** Reach Volunteering has noticed an increase in the number of charities that are starting to advertise trustee opportunities, with many wanting to recruit and induct remotely. Drawing on organisations that have already gone through the process, and the experience of its bespoke trustee recruitment team, Reach's Chief Executive, Janet Thorne, provides some [helpful tips](#) on remote recruitment and induction.
- **Available volunteers ready for placement:** the [Volunteer Matching Service](#) has now matched over 450 volunteers with local voluntary groups including [18 volunteers](#) with Lindengate's Rest & Reflect programme which recently featured on [BBC's South Today programme](#). If you need volunteers, all you need to do is complete the [volunteer request form](#) and we will put you in touch with volunteers who match your requirements.
- **Nominations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service:** in 2019, ten voluntary organisations in Buckinghamshire received this prestigious award, the highest award given to volunteer groups in the UK. Nominations are now open for any volunteer groups which have been running for three years or more, and consist of two or more people. The deadline for nominations is 25th September 2020; for more information and to nominate a volunteer group, visit [Queen's Award for Voluntary Service](#).

#### #FundAlert: funding for grassroots music venues

Grants of between £1,000 to £80,000 are available from The Arts Council for grassroots venues which present live music events for a public audience. The fund is open to live music venues across all music genres as well as multi-arts venues that host other events within which music is a major component. Opened over the weekend, there is an application deadline of 3 August (midday). For more information and to apply, visit [The Arts Council](#).

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