

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #80

Tier 2 Restrictions guidance for voluntary organisations & #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the move out of national lockdown and into Tier 2, read below how the new restrictions affects voluntary organisations in Buckinghamshire in particular volunteering activity. We have also highlighted a new opportunity for leaders of cultural organisations in the county plus two new fund alerts.

GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE - TIER 2 RESTRICTIONS

With the ending of the second lockdown, the country is entering a new tier system of restrictions. Currently Buckinghamshire is at Tier 2. Groups and charities should familiarise themselves with the latest [Government Guidance for Tier Two](#).

There are exemptions from gatherings limits in all tiers, some of which may be relevant to groups and charities:

- for work or providing voluntary or charitable services, including in other people's homes.
- for childcare, education, or training – meaning education and training provided as part of a formal curriculum.
- for supervised activities provided for children, including wraparound care (before and after-school childcare), groups and activities for under 18s, and children's playgroups.
- for children's support groups, and parent and child groups – up to 15 people aged 5 and older.
- to provide emergency assistance, avoid injury or illness.
- to fulfil a legal obligation, such as attending court or jury service.

Specific Government Guidance for the charity sector can be found on the [Government website](#) which was last updated on 6 November.

Government advice remains that everyone who can do, should work from home. If you have employees who are not working from home - the latest Government Guidance for working safely is [here](#), last updated on 1 December. You should also follow [HSE's advice for employers](#).

TIER 2 RESTRICTIONS AND VOLUNTEERING: 2 December 2020

To reflect the new tier system, the government has updated its guidance for people who run volunteer-involving organisations or groups who manage volunteers. Visit the [Government website](#) for advice about enabling safe and effective volunteering during COVID-19.

You can find further advice on managing and recruiting volunteers during the pandemic by visiting our [COVID-19 Volunteering webpage](#); for advice for volunteers, visit our dedicated [Advice for Volunteers webpage](#). If you have any general queries regarding volunteering, please email volunteering@communityimpactbucks.org.uk.

DO YOU MANAGE VOLUNTEERS? 1:2:1 ADVICE IS AVAILABLE

If COVID-19 has put your volunteering programme off course, or you have general questions about volunteer recruitment and management – we can help. Book a free, confidential [advice session](#) at a date and time to suit you. It can be held over the phone but you may find it more beneficial to access the service online via Zoom if possible. Please email hazel@communityimpactbucks.org.uk to arrange your session.

We also have a free networking opportunity on 14 January 2021 (10-12am). The Volunteer Managers' Network is suitable for anyone involved with recruiting or managing volunteers for charities, community groups for social enterprises delivering services. It is a great place to ask questions, share experiences and exchange fresh ideas. To book a place visit our [Training and Events](#) webpage.

DO YOU NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS?

If your group needs more volunteers before the start of the new year, the deadline for submitting a new request for volunteers through the Volunteer Matching Service before the Christmas break is **Monday 7th December at noon**. You can request volunteers by completing the [volunteer request form](#). To find out more about the Volunteer Matching Service, including how the service works, visit the [webpage](#).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SUPPORTING CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS TO RESPOND TO THE PANDEMIC

If you are a Director or Senior Manager of a creative or cultural organisation in Buckinghamshire, you could be eligible to apply for the Bucks Cultural Leaders Programme which begins in Spring 2021.

[Buckinghamshire Culture](#) has partnered with [Cultural Associates Oxford](#) to offer a free, year-long programme of leadership development and workshops supporting cultural organisations to innovate and respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. Funded by the [Rothschild Foundation](#) - with seed funding from the Arts Council England and Buckinghamshire Council – the programme will provide support to help the county's cultural professionals re-frame their offer and re-engage with the community in the aftermath of the pandemic.

The deadline for applications is 17 December 2020; for more information about the programme and how to apply, visit [Buckinghamshire Culture](#).

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON NEW TAXI LICENSING POLICY

Every day hundreds of people in Buckinghamshire use taxis and mini cabs to get to or from work or school, to get to appointments, to shop or for pleasure activities.

Buckinghamshire Council is proposing new taxi rules which will be brought in next year and is inviting anyone who uses, or drives, taxis or minicabs in the county to comment. More information and the opportunity to comment, visit the [Draft Licensing Policy](#) by 21 December 2020 - please feel free to share this with your beneficiaries who may be affected by any changes.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY: 12 DAYS OF GIVING

12 days of Giving is a fundraising opportunity created by [Ecclesiastical](#) where you can nominate a charity to receive £1000 as a donation from the company.

Ecclesiastical will draw 10 winners at random each weekday from 7-22 December 2020. The draw is open to registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, and community interest companies with nominations remaining open until midnight the day before each draw. To find out more and to nominate a charity, visit the [Movement for Good](#).

#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 [COVID-19 Funding webpages](#) and read our [top ten tips on how to write a successful funding application](#).

Two new funds are highlighted below:

- **New bursaries available for BAME fundraisers and charity leaders:** the FSI has a small number of bursary places to support applicants from under-represented groups who, without the bursary, may otherwise miss out on accessing the FSI's SQA-accredited qualification in Fundraising Practice. To be eligible you must be [a member of the FSI](#) and your charity must have an annual income of less than £250,000. The deadline for applications is 11 December 2020; for more information and to apply, visit [the FSI](#).
- **Grants available for charitable organisations supporting communities in deprived urban or rural areas:** grants of up to £10,000 are being offered for core costs, salaries, support and project costs. Projects must have a focus on Community Running. For more information and to apply, visit the [Trusthouse Charitable Foundation](#).

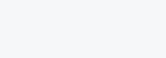
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