

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #82

Brexit transition toolkit & #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

17th December 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Community Impact Bucks' team will be stopping for the festive period from this Friday (18th December) and will return on Monday 4th January 2021. If you need any advice or information, please get in touch with one of the team this week either directly or via info@communityimpactbucks.org.uk.

Wishing you all a good break over Christmas and New Year, and here's to a less eventful 2021.

BREXIT TRANSITION TOOLKIT

The Government has produced a guide for sharing information about the UK Transition campaign at a local level. The [toolkit](#) outlines specific steps that businesses and residents need to take and includes useful tools such as local contacts, FAQs and links to guidance and support.

REDUNDANCY SUPPORT PART 2

In [COVID-19 briefing #79](#) we highlighted Bucks Business First's Redundancy Support web resources for people who have been made redundant. Working with BBF, Keith Higgins at Wycombe Sound has produced six podcasts entitled 'Back to Work' to give further help and support to anyone who is currently looking for employment.

The podcasts include interviews and information related to employability skills, the education and training opportunities available in Bucks, mental health, networking, and working from home. Two podcasts look in detail at sectors which currently have jobs available – Construction, and Health & Social Care. To access the podcasts, visit [Wycombe Sound](#).

CHARITY GOVERNANCE AWARDS 2021

The Charity Governance Awards celebrate outstanding governance and trusteeship in charities across the UK, allowing large and small not-for-profit organisations to inspire and learn from one another. The Awards are open to any charity registered in the UK and winners receive £5,000 each. The deadline for applications is 25th January 2021 with a shortlist announced in April and an awards ceremony in May where the winners are announced. For more details, visit [Charity Governance Awards](#).

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND FUNDING ADVICE

If you are part of a cultural organisation in Buckinghamshire and are looking to apply for Arts Council England funding, Arts Council England is running a free online advice session on Monday 11th January 2021 (4pm-6pm).

The session will look at different funds and initiatives, and explain the process and criteria for applying. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To register, visit [Arts Council Funding Webinar](#).

#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](#). Three new funds are detailed below:

- **Grants to cover core costs:** Heart of Bucks' *Moving our Community Fund* provides grants from £250 to £5,000 for staff, equipment, training, premises, IT or insurance costs to enable groups working with the community to remain active, to recover early from lockdown and from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline for applications is midday on 5th January 2021; for more information, visit [Heart of Bucks](#).
- **Grants to support Community Businesses:** grants of up to £5,000 alongside matched equity investment is available to support community businesses to raise community shares capital that can help their recovery, pivot or expand the business in response to COVID-19. They will prioritise community businesses operating in deprived neighbourhoods, or those led by and supporting BAME communities and those led by and supporting disabled people. The deadline for applications is 6th January 2021 and 3rd February 2021; for more information, visit [Power to Change](#).
- **Relaunch of Children in Need's grants programmes:** having focused on awarding emergency COVID-19 grants over the summer period, Children in Need has relaunched its small and main grant programmes (deadlines of 21 December 2020 and 18th March 2021). The first round of applications is expected to be very competitive so it may be worthwhile taking your time to put a strong bid together for the March deadline. Visit [BBC Children in Need](#) and scroll to the section marked *Our upcoming funding programmes*.

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