

Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #84

Increased enforcement of lockdown rules, fundraising support & #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Greater enforcement of lockdown rules, resulting in local police issuing fines more quickly, may impact your organisation's activities – see below for further guidance on this as well as a local networking opportunity and fundraising support. Fund Alerts this week include an update on Rothschild Foundation's Covid-19 Support Fund and The Fore's unrestricted grants for small organisations.

INCREASED ENFORCEMENT OF LOCKDOWN RULES

There are reports in the media that fines for those who break Covid-19 rules are being enforced more quickly (see [BBC's article](#) on the measures local police can take to enforce lockdown restrictions.)

There are specific circumstances when you can leave your home, including to volunteer or support a vulnerable person, and we would recommend that your staff or volunteers who need to leave the home carry a letter outlining the reason for their movement. Full details on the 'reasonable excuses' for going outside can be found on the [Government's National lockdown: Stay at Home page](#).

TIPS ON NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS REMOTELY

There is a great opportunity to pick up some tips on how to increase engagement with staff and clients at [Charity Meetup's](#) next event, "Nurturing Relationships Remotely", on 21st January 2021. For more information on this skill sharing and networking session, visit [Eventbrite](#).

WINNING CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS AND NEW SOCIAL VALUE MODEL

VCSE organisations that are interested in finding out more about the new [Social Value Model](#) and bidding with central government are invited to attend one of the webinars which are being hosted by the [Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport](#). The webinars are being held on the following dates:

- 2pm-4pm, 20th January 2021
- 2pm-4pm, 3rd February 2021
- 2pm-4pm, 17th March 2021

To register a place, visit [Eventbrite](#) to select your preferred date.

IDENTIFYING THE BEST ONLINE FUNDRAISING PLATFORMS

There has been an increase in the number of online fundraising platforms allowing charities to fundraise for specific causes quickly and effectively. [Charity Digital](#) has published a guide identifying the best free and low cost online fundraising options for charities. Visit [Charity Digital](#) for more information.

#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](#).

New funds are outlined below:

- **Funding for Bucks third sector organisations adversely affected by Covid-19:** The deadline for The Rothschild Foundation's Covid-19 Support Fund has been extended and is open for applications until end of April 2021. The Fund has already awarded approximately £0.6m in grants to 21 local organisations which provide a range of services to communities across Buckinghamshire. For more information and to apply, visit [The Rothschild Foundation](#).
- **Unrestricted grants for small organisations:** The Fore is offering unrestricted grants of up to £30,000 to charities, CICs and CIOs for work which have a transformational impact on the organisation. This could include helping the organisation become more sustainable, more efficient, or grow significantly. Funding is open to organisations with a turnover of under £500,000 and can be spread over up to 3 years. To apply for funding, organisations must first register at the start of each funding round. Registration for Spring 2021 opened on 7th January 2021. For more information and to apply, visit [The Fore](#).
- **Funding for communities, community/ arts organisations and individuals:** DISRUPT, a new digital arts festival taking place 8-9 July 2021, is offering funding of up to £5,000 for charities and arts organisations working in partnership with creatives and artists on projects that can be premiered at the DISRUPT digital festival. The event will explore how the performing arts has supported communities during the pandemic and how a year of uncertainty and change has encouraged new and radical ways of working. For more information and to apply visit the [Guildhall School](#).
- **Funding to schools and community authorities to benefit families in poverty:** The Getaway Foundation offers tailored funding to support impoverished families by creating positive memories through holiday provision or other poverty relief measures. For more information and to apply visit [The Getaway Foundation](#).

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