



Community Impact Bucks'

COVID-19 Briefing #86

How Brexit affects voluntary groups & #FundAlerts

Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Find out how your organisation may be affected by the UK leaving the European Union and about a range of free training opportunities including a chance to get tips on how to make the most of your BBC Children in Need grant application - directly from the funder's South East regional officer.

BREXIT GUIDE FOR CHARITIES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

Bates Wells has published a briefing outlining how UK law is affected by Brexit, and what the UK's new relationship with Europe is likely to mean for charities and social enterprises. *Brexit – where are we now?* looks at the following areas:

- Data protection
- State aid/ Subsidy control
- Competition
- Procurement
- Funding for social impact
- Employment
- Trademarks
- VAT
- Cross border disputes
- Immigration

To view the briefing, visit [Bates Wells](#).

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FUNDER BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

If your organisation supports disadvantaged children and young people, and you are looking to increase your knowledge and confidence when applying for funding, we will be hosting a new **FREE** event, What Makes a Good Grant Application, with the BBC Children in Need regional officer for the South East on **25th February (10am)** via Zoom.

During the session, you will hear about BBC Children in Need's funding opportunities as well as pick up some key hints and tips on how to make the most of your application. BBC Children in Need is about to open the next round of funding through which charities and CICs can apply for either its Small Grant Programme or its Main Grants Programme; for more details on the grants, go to its [grants webpage](#).

If you would like to be part of one of these sessions, please read the [fund and eligibility criteria](#) before booking your place and be aware that, as the session is limited to 20 attendees, priority will be given to charities and non-profit organisations that have not previously been successful with BBC Children in Need.

To find out more and to book your place, go to our [events and training page](#).

EVENTS AND TRAINING

We have picked out a range of upcoming training opportunities of interest to voluntary and community organisations:

- **Fundraising platform webinar:** Could your organisation benefit from free donations from leading retailers? [Easyfundraising](#) is a free to use fundraising platform that has enabled not for profit organisations to raise over £34m to date. This webinar is free and will explain how the platform works. Register for the webinar on [Monday 1st February 2021, 7.30pm](#) or [Tuesday 9th February 2021, 2pm](#).
- **Free gas safety training:** The [Gas Safe Charity](#) is offering free online Zoom workshops for frontline staff and volunteers who visit or work in the homes of vulnerable people. Covering high and low level carbon monoxide risks in the home and what steps to take if carbon monoxide poisoning is suspected, there are 9 workshops before the end of March 2021. To find out more and to book, visit [Eventbrite](#).
- **Virtual event for organisations supporting women/ girls/ those identifying as female:** [The Media Trust](#) is running its Women's Voices 2021 Virtual Event on Monday 8th March 2021 (10am-3pm) to help these organisations reach new audiences, develop a campaign or raise awareness about a cause. To register, visit [The Media Trust](#).
- **Free digital communications training:** The Media Trust in partnership with Google Digital Garage, is launching its new Digital Comms Programme to provide free digital communications training, mentoring and resources tailored to charities across the UK. Topics to be covered include social media strategy (10th February), writing for social media (23 February) and getting started with analytics (10th March). For more information, visit [The Media Trust](#).

COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR BAME GROUPS

[The Media Trust](#) is working in partner with [Edelman](#) to mark next week's [Race Equality Week](#) (1-7 February 2021) by delivering multiple Charity Challenge Days for charities led by or supporting Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people and communities. They will match charities looking to review and rewrite their communication strategy with Media Trust's own team of experts with a mixed set of skills from PR and campaign management, through to social media and digital content. To find out more, contact Carly Bell on carlyb@mediatrust.org.

#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:

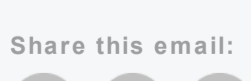
- **Funding for youth organisations:** grants of up to £250,000 are available to youth organisations working with 5 – 18 years olds (25 years old if there are special educational needs present) to help mitigate the impact of lost income due to the coronavirus pandemic and ensure that support services remain open. Deadline is 5pm on 12th February 2021. For more information, visit the [GOV.UK website](#).
- **Funding to help tackle loneliness over the winter period:** Government funds are available to help provide immediate and targeted relief to those most at risk of loneliness during the pandemic. The funding will target sectors that are well-known for having the power to bring people and communities together such as the arts, libraries, charities, and radio. For more information, visit the [GOV.UK website](#).
- **Funding for black-led organisation:** Black Lives Matter UK will be releasing more than £100,000 to black-led organisations across the country by the end of January. The group will be moving forward as a resource organisation that black-led organisations could turn to for support. For more information on this resource, read the article from [The Guardian](#).
- **New grant for projects using tech in vocational learning:** VocTech Trust is providing grants of £15k - £50k for early-stage projects that use digital tech in vocational learning. The scheme looks to fund proposals that are at a relatively early stage, helping to prototype ideas and work out next steps. Deadline for applications is Monday 11th February 2021. For more information, visit [VocTech Trust](#).

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