



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

November is Men's Mental Health Month – find out how you can get involved as well as information on Buckinghamshire Mind's new Adult Mental Health First Aid training.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION

Adult Mental Health First Aid Online



Buckinghamshire Mind, in partnership with Public Health, is offering fully funded Adult Mental Health First Aid training to Buckinghamshire charity, community or public sector employees or volunteers who work directly with service users.

This course qualifies participants as Mental Health First Aiders and will give you the skills to identify, understand and help someone who may be experiencing a mental health issue. To register your interest, [complete this form](#). Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

Men's Mental Health Month

November is Men's Mental Health Month. In England, around one in eight men has a common mental health problem such as depression, anxiety, panic disorder or obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). The aim of this campaign is to address the causes of poor mental health and equip men and those who identify as male to find the path to better mental health. For more information on how to get involved, visit the [Mental Health Foundation](#).

Deloitte Digital Connect: expert help for charities

At the beginning of November, Deloitte launched a new programme to help charities close the digital divide. 'Deloitte Digital Connect', which is being delivered in collaboration with CAST, will bring together up to 50 charities, connecting them with expertise, advice, and a network to support their digital development. Whilst the programme is not open for general applications, a key outcome will be providing best practice advice more broadly across the sector. Charities can sign up to receive updates by emailing deloitteconnect@deloitte.co.uk.

SMK Campaigner Survey 2021

Every year the Sheila McKechnie Foundation asks campaigners what's going on in their world. Not matter the size of your organisation or whether you are employed, freelance or volunteer, you can share your experience. The [Annual Campaigner survey](#) is open until 12th November 2021.

Charity Governance Awards 2022: now open for entries

Following on from Trustees' Week last week, entries are now open for the Charity Governance Awards, a not-for-profit initiative created to celebrate outstanding governance and trusteeship in charities across the UK. The four categories for 2022 are: Board Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Transforming With Digital, COVID-19 Response: Embracing Opportunity and Harnessing Risk for Long-Term Change, and Improving Impact in Small Charities

The winner of each category will receive a £5,000 unrestricted grant as a prize, with runners-up receiving £1,000 each. Find out more and [enter before 26th January 2022](#).

Essential resources for navigating the Chair – Chief Executive relationship

The Association of Chairs has created a series of guides and workshops aimed at helping to manage the relationship between Chair and Chief Executive. Find out more on the [Association of Chairs website](#).

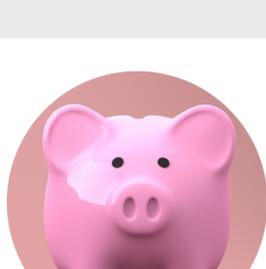
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



Open Culture Event

Buckinghamshire Culture is hosting a cultural strategy sharing event on 16th November 2021 (1-3.30pm) via zoom. Find out what Buckinghamshire Culture has been doing, what other cultural organisations have been delivering and get the opportunity to help develop new, innovative ideas. You can book your place by emailing allie@buckinghamshireculture.org.uk.

FUNDING ALERTS



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 [Funding pages](#), including [Current Funding Opportunities](#). New funds are highlighted below:

Funding to support local people in need: grants of £5000 are available through the 'Here to Help' Small Grants Programme. Applications for funding must meet both of the following criteria:

- Projects/activities which provide a demonstrable and direct benefit for local people
- Projects/activities which relate to the impact category of either 'Community Cohesion' or 'Isolation & Disadvantage'

The application deadline is 24th November 2021. For more information and to apply, visit [Heart of Bucks](#).

Funding to support vulnerable people with long term illnesses and physical or mental disabilities: The Edward Gosling Foundation is offering grants of up to £5,000 to help organisations maintain their existing services, and Capital Grants for sums above £5,000 to fund new projects by registered charities. It aims to support vulnerable people to have the opportunities and aspirations as others more fortunate than themselves. Applications are considered four times a year. For more information, visit the [Edward Gosling Foundation](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



WheelPower Annual Seasonal Shopping Evening

On Thursday 25th November 2021 (4.30-8.30pm) the annual Seasonal Shopping Evening will be returning to Stoke Mandeville Stadium, in support of the national wheelchair sport charity WheelPower.

There will be over 20 stalls present at the evening, selling everything from handmade chocolate to Christmas hampers, to jewellery and lots of brilliant festive craft products. All money raised will go towards the vital work of helping disabled children and adults take part in sport. For more information visit the [WheelPower website](#).

Job Vacancies

We have several new vacancies on our website (paid and voluntary):

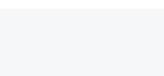
- **Talkback Volunteer Coordinator:** Talkback is looking for someone who has previous experience working with and/or overseeing volunteers. Last date for applications is 2nd December 2021.
- **Action for Youth volunteer roles:** Action for Youth is currently seeking an Office Volunteer and a Youth Worker Volunteer.
- **Healthwatch Bucks Board volunteering roles:** Healthwatch Bucks is currently looking for new Board members to add their skills and perspectives to those of the current Directors. Last date for applications is 20th November 2021 (5pm).

For more information on the vacancies and to apply visit our [Vacancies & Opportunities webpage](#).

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