



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Take a look at the Strengthening Communities section of this newsletter for two Social Prescribing events coming up in the next few weeks, and also information on Social Prescribing Week (4th-10th March 2022).

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Mental health workshop for charity workers

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is running a one-off course for charity workers on 7th and 8th March 2022 at the Florence Nightingale Hospice Centre. The course will cover how to recognise warning signs of mental ill health, develop the skills and confidence to approach and support someone while keeping yourself safe. You will also find out how to empower

someone to access the support they might need for recovery and successful management of symptoms. The course is at a subsidised price of £80 + VAT; to register your interest, visit the [Mental Health First Aid website](#).

Youth work event

At the *Local Youth Partnerships-learning from practice* event you will have the chance to hear about the experience of Local Youth Partnerships from West Midlands, Southwest and Southeast. The session will include learning from current practice and look at the benefits and challenges of Local Youth Partnerships as ways of co-ordinating youth provision across an area. The event will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 8th March 2022 (10am – 1pm); visit [Eventbrite](#) for more information and to book.

Free resources for charities

The [Open Working Library](#) created by Catalyst contains templates, guides, prototypes - and even whole cloneable no-code websites - made available by charities, for charities. The library currently contains 27 resources; to ensure the user journey remains as smooth as possible as the library expands, Catalyst is asking individuals to explore the site and give feedback or suggestions for new entries. Take a look at library and send any comments to hello@thecatalyst.org.uk.

How to plan a new website for your charity

A website should work for multiple sets of users: it needs to accurately reflect the organisation, whilst efficiently meeting the needs of a wide range of visitors. Each stakeholder therefore should be involved in the planning of a new website. Gemma Hampson from design studio Hactar outlines four key questions to ask before embarking on a website project and includes a seven-point guide to help identify the right steps to take and the right people to involve along the way. You can read Gemma's article on [Catalyst's website](#).

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



Free volunteering workshop for parents and carers of school aged children

Buckinghamshire Council's Adult Learning team is offering a free workshop on 21st March 2022 (9.30am - 12.30pm) for parents and carers of school aged children who would like to build their confidence and explore volunteering to help start or return to employment. It is also a great opportunity for parents to reflect on transferable skills which they could apply in a

volunteering role. For more information and to book visit the [Adult Learning website](#).

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



Social Prescribing Events

There are two Social Prescribing events coming up in February and early March:

- Join Natural England, Surrey Green Social Prescribing Programme, and the South Downs National Park on 28th February 2022 (10-11.30am) to learn more about the work to connect people with nature through social prescribing. Find out more and book on [Eventbrite](#).
- Join Thriving Communities Southeast, including guests from the Arts Council and Historic England, to learn about innovative social prescribing projects in the Southeast on 2nd March 2022 (10-11.30am). To register your interest, email southeast.thrivingcommunities@nasp.info.

Social Prescribing Week

The National Academy for Social Prescribing has published a range of resources, including logos and case studies, to help you get involved in Social Prescribing Week (4th to 10th March 2022). For more information, visit the [National Academy for Social Prescribing website](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Successful applications for Here to Help Fund announced

Buckinghamshire Building Society and Heart of Bucks have announced the winning charities set to receive £75,000 of funding awards, thanks to the Buckinghamshire Building Society "Here To Help" Fund. Congratulations to Youth Concern which receives the Large Award and the nine other charities which

also receive funding. Read the full article on the [Buckinghamshire Building Society website](#).

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