



BUCKS CHARITY NEWS

Weekly bulletin from Community Impact Bucks

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Community Impact Bucks is looking to fill four Trustee vacancies, and we'd particularly love to recruit more trustees with direct experience of our services, and/or lived experience of some of the challenges Bucks communities face - take a look at the Local Sector Spotlight for more details. We also have information on the recent Local Voluntary Sector Network meetings, upcoming Digital Transformation Week and a Platinum Jubilee Resource Pack developed by local Burnham charity LaST.

RUNNING YOUR ORGANISATION



Platinum Jubilee Resource Pack

The team at LaST (Learning and Sharing Together) in Burnham have created a Platinum Jubilee Resource Pack, which they've been trialling with Year 5 children from St Peter's Church of England School as well as residents and friends of Perry House sheltered housing scheme. The Resource Pack is divided into two parts. Part One includes material for three intergenerational sessions focussing on the Platinum Jubilee and the Coronation, whilst Part Two explores some key events during the Queen's 70-year reign. Resources include factsheets, quizzes, memory sharing activities, word games, timelines, and video links. LaST is encouraging other groups to use the resource pack, and Part One is now available to [download for free from their website](#). Part Two will be available after half term.

Introducing Digital Transformation Week

Taking place from 14th - 18th March 2022, Digital Transformation Week will explore the challenges, trends and actions needed for charities to set themselves up to excel with digital going forward. Across the week, Charity Digital will release daily webinars, podcasts, articles, tools, and resources - and you can engage with whichever content suits your needs. Each day caters to a different area of digital transformation - namely, Digital Strategy, Digital Challenges, Leadership & Culture, Digital Fundraising and Small Charities. You can find out more and sign up on the [Charity Digital website](#).

Health Alliance Meeting

The fourth BOB VCSE Health Alliance meeting will be held on Wednesday, 27th April 2022, bringing together Community Partners from the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise sector to build a formal alliance of organisations working towards Health and Care outcomes. If your not-for-profit or voluntary sector organisation is delivering wellbeing priorities across Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire, you can find out more and register for the event for free by visiting [Eventbrite](#).

How to make your board more inclusive

In this article, digital expert Zoe Amar details five practical ways in which leaders and trustees can go about ensuring that their boards are inclusive forums. In the article Zoe states, 'Inclusion is a verb, not a noun. It's about actions and commitment and ambition, just as digital transformation is. And the first steps towards making it happen begin around the board table.' You can read the full article on [Zoe Amar Digital](#).

INVOLVING VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer Matching Service update

Due to high levels of demand the Buckinghamshire Volunteer Matching Service has paused taking requests from voluntary organisations that are looking for volunteers, except for urgent frontline volunteers. Potential volunteers can still register with the service and continue to be matched to suitable roles.

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES



Cost of Living Crisis

A recent article published by Civil Society News has highlighted the impact the cost-of-living crisis will have on low-income households. Charities such as The Trussell Trust, Citizens Advice, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Age UK are just some of the charities that are calling for the government to increase benefits in line with the levels of inflation. You can read the full article on [Civil Society News](#).

Update on the Local Voluntary Sector Events

75 people attended the three new Local Voluntary Sector Network meetings last week. There are three Networks which cover North, Central and South of the county, following Buckinghamshire Council's Community Board localities.

There was a fantastic spectrum of our communities represented, from youth and older people's projects, hospices, parish councils, churches, foodbanks and LGBTQ forums. Attendees heard more about the work of the Community Boards, were able to seek and offer advice, network and share areas where they need support. Each Local Voluntary Sector Network will meet several times a year, initially online via Zoom, with the next events planned for the summer and late autumn. [Visit our website for more information](#).

LOCAL SECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Community Impact Bucks Trustee Vacancies

Community Impact Bucks is seeking to recruit committed and dynamic new Trustees to join their Board. Do you have experience and expertise in rural issues, comms and marketing, direct experience of our services, or direct experience of the issues faced by communities in Buckinghamshire? For more information and to apply, visit our [Vacancies & Opportunities web page](#).

Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Service Job Vacancy

The RSASS is looking for a Clinical Supervisor to join their team on a part time basis, 16 hours per week, based in High Wycombe. The ideal candidate will provide clinical support, training, and guidance to their team of counsellors and support workers. You can find out more by [downloading their full job advert](#).

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