



DVC News Bulletin for VCSE Groups
April/May 2019

1.VCS Support Information

VCS Funding Fair Event June 26th 2019 (see Poster attached to this Newsletter)



A FREE FUNDING EVENT
for the voluntary and community sector:
Wednesday 26th June 2019
(from 10.00am to 3.00pm)
at The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD.

Building on the success of last year’s event, we will be hosting a local Funding Fair to support people running local voluntary or community groups with funding advice and information.

There will be a wide variety of exhibitors and presentations providing information on available grants for local voluntary and community groups to help them in their work.

- Presentations by many popular funders:
 - ***already confirmed – Sport England, Tesco Bags of Help, South Northants Council, Daventry District Council***
- Opportunities to network with successful community groups
- Free tea and coffee – and cafe on site
- Fully accessible venue with free adjacent car parking

For any enquiries please telephone 01327 358264

We will be inviting registrations for this event during May

Esmée Fairbairn Report to Funders on Core Funding



Caroline Mason Chief Executive of Esmée Fairbairn has written a report to Funders on Core Funding – a key issue for most VCS organisations. The report is for funders who care not just about the impact of what they fund, but the impact of how they fund.

Despite rising need and falling incomes in the charity sector, the overall amount of core funding has “remained reasonably consistent” over the past five years - It is not going up, and Esmée Fairbairn want to help change that.

Esmée Fairbairn have offered core funding since 1961 and today, 64 per cent of their active grants (£92.7m) give core or unrestricted support.

Over the past three years they have gathered data and insights from over 600 grants, and their report shares powerful feedback on the impact of core funding on outcomes and organisations and asks why they, and other funders, don’t give more unrestricted funding. The report is honest about the limits of core funding, shares performance data on core and project grants and makes four recommendations for funders, including themselves:

1. Invest in the ‘what’, and let organisations you fund determine the ‘how’

Most funders are not experts. We are confident that the organisations we fund know best how to plan and carry out their work. So why, as well-resourced charities ourselves, would we imply we know better what resources those organisations need to do that work? Why not let organisations choose the type of support that best fits?

2. Acknowledge your place in the complex jigsaw of funding

Consider whether you can really attribute the effect of your grant. How much does the impact of your grant depend on the contributions of others? What about the unintended negative effects of the way you fund - what is the transaction cost of your grant? How much time are the organisations you fund spending in re-applying, reporting and recruiting as a consequence of the way you fund?

3. Consider what barriers are real and what you’ve built for yourself

If you made more of your grants unrestricted, what might the consequences be? What are the reasons you are not doing this, and do they conflict with your strategy? Are you a high-trust funder with low-trust systems?

4. Make longer grants

The duration of a grant you make could be more important than the type of support you provide. For the organisations we fund, the restrictions around the grant could be less important than the security of multiple years of funding.

We also hope it will help provide the organisations out there doing the work the ammunition to continue to make the case for what they need to thrive.

Caroline Mason’s full report is available on the Esmée Fairbairn website:

<https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/voices/caroline-mason-core-funding-we-know-it-s-important-so-why-isn-t-there-more-of-it.html#sthash.rX7xnuRt.dpuf>



Collaborative Stakeholder Forum Round-up

Northamptonshire

Health and Care Partnership



1. Communications

There was a Primary Care event looking at progressing four “Early Adopters” for Primary Care Networks in the county last week – Primary Care Networks will be new entities built on contiguous geographies with populations between roughly 30,000 and 50,000 residents, integrating health and social care with voluntary sector organisations. The four Early Adopters are: a project in part of Northampton focussing on mental health; a project in Corby focussing on an ageing population, a project in Wellingborough also focussing on the ageing population, and a project in Daventry looking at children and young people.

2. Healthwatch Event



Healthwatch reported on their 2nd May engagement event, which will focus on Primary, Community and Social Care work. The event has been broadly communicated and most places are now taken, with 25% being held back currently for members of the public.

3. Social Prescribing

Stuart Mallett presented the agreed outcome for the Social Prescribing Programme - “People living in Northamptonshire with Long Term Conditions, Mental Health and Wellness issues, living in Social Isolation and acting in the role of carers are provided with the necessary non-clinical empowerment, support and infrastructure to self-manage their condition and/or situation without recourse to medical treatment, maximise their potential and lead happier healthier lives” and the outcome measures that will be used to demonstrate success based around reductions in the use of health and care services, improvement in activation/empowerment in self-managing their medical condition and improved health and wellbeing.

**SOCIAL PRESCRIBING
COLLABORATIVE
WORKING GROUP**



A social investor for the Social Impact Bond is now in place, and work with the investor is progressing.

4. Primary Care Development

Julie Curtis, the HCP lead for Primary Care, gave details on the developments in Primary Care:

New GP contracts are in place, which includes the need for Primary Care Networks to be established (as discussed on the Communications Update). General practice will take the lead in the development of Primary Care Networks and there are expectations about the introduction of new roles in each Primary Care Network (e.g. a Clinical Pharmacist, a First Contact Physio).



As the early adopters progress, other Primary Care Networks will develop until the entire county is covered.

Daventry District Forum (DDF) (see attachments with this Newsletter)



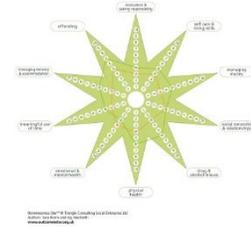
The Daventry & District Forum (DDF) are an independent body run by the over fifties to enhance the quality of life to those living in Daventry District. They are looking to raise awareness of the group and to encourage more members.

Membership is free and will give access to quarterly newsletters and invites to public event forums. The free forums provide an opportunity for members to get together and make new friends, whilst relaxing over a cup of tea, listening to guest speakers and visiting information stands of the organisations invited. Information and advice includes a wide variety of subjects from health care, to safety in the home, adult learning, fun and relaxation along with a raffle to enter.

Please feel free to share the leaflet and application form attached to this newsletter with people who you think might be interested in joining.

Contact Emma Parry Supporting Officer for The Daventry & District Forum (DDF) for more information at: eparry@daventrydc.gov.uk

Outcomes Star Case Studies



The Outcomes Star is widely used by hundreds of organisations with frontline services in the UK. As a practical way of delivering person-centred, strength-based, outcome-driven support, the Star can be used by organisations of all shapes and sizes, from individual practitioners and local charities through to local government departments and NHS Trusts.

Triangle, the social enterprise behind the Outcomes Star, has developed case studies that show how the Star has been effective in different projects, services and organisations.

Triangle exists to help people reach their highest potential and live meaningful and fulfilling lives, often in the context of social disadvantage, trauma, disability or illness. They do this by creating and supporting the Outcomes Star and other tools to unlock the potential of both individuals and the workers and organisations who support them. Find out more about who we are, what we do and why we do it using the links below.

For more information copy and paste the link:
<http://www.outcomesstar.org.uk/about-the-star/>

Red Cross - Getting Hospital Discharge Right



The British Red Cross has published a report which sets out recommendations to improve care when patients return home from hospital.

Home to unknown: Getting hospital discharge right focuses on research about patients' experience of discharge from hospital and their transition from hospital to home. Although the British Red Cross has seen many examples of excellence, including successful partnerships with the voluntary and community sector in delivering home from hospital transition, the research has found a lack of consistency of provision, with many people falling through the gaps.

Copy and paste the link to read a summary of the key findings and recommendations:

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/we-speak-up-for-change/more-support-when-leaving-hospital/getting-hospital-discharge-right>

Young Healthwatch Cinema Showcase

Young Healthwatch Northamptonshire has made a video to show how young people are making a difference to healthcare services locally.

NHS England has awarded a Celebrating Participation in Healthcare grant to Young Healthwatch Northamptonshire to showcase their work as an example of good practice in involving young people in healthcare.

The grant enabled Young Healthwatch, Shooting Stars and Kettering General Hospital to produce a short video documentary, which they will be presenting on screen at Cineworld Northampton on Tuesday 16 April, 9-10am.



The video tells the story of their recent visit to Kettering General Hospital. During the visit young people spent time in the Paediatric Emergency Department, Paediatric Outpatients and on Skylark Children’s Ward. They spoke to patients and staff and were very impressed with the facilities the hospital had for children and young people.

This video showing is for professionals, young people, parents and organisations that work in and around the health care sector locally, regionally or nationally.

Free tickets are required and are available at: <https://yhwn.eventbrite.co.uk>

2.Consultations

NHS Long Term Plan Survey



With pressure growing on our health and care services - people living longer and with long-term conditions, and lifestyle choices affecting people's health – changes are needed to make sure everyone gets the support they need.



The NHS has produced a Long Term Plan, setting out all the things it wants health and care services to do better for people across the country. Now your local health and care providers need to hear from you about what those changes should look like in our community.

Your views matter!

Take part in a short survey today by copying and pasting the link below into your browser the link below and share your views about what you would do to make health services in Northamptonshire better: **#WhatWouldYouDo**

https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/what-would-you-do-general?utm_source=Healthwatch+Northamptonshire+Newsletter&utm_campaign=bb5547db3d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_04_09_10_00&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2b13c1cda0-bb5547db3d-442299933&mc_cid=bb5547db3d&mc_eid=8d81ad6a45

3. Funding Opportunities

Masonic Charitable Fund for Core Costs



The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) has launched a new grants scheme specifically for running costs and other core costs of small charities.

Available to charities with an income of £500,000 a year or less, the grants are a maximum of £5,000 per year, over three years.

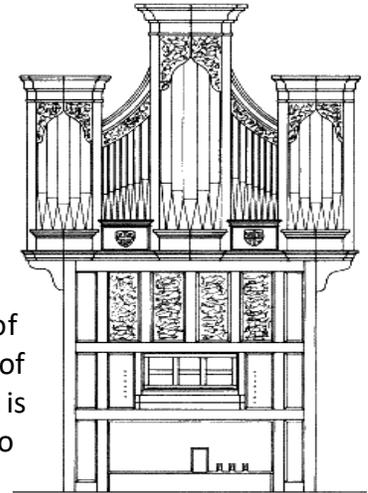
The MCF has recognised that smaller charities face difficulties in accessing funding for core costs, with many charitable foundations – including the MCF – choosing to concentrate on project-based funding. The foundation hopes that its policy shift on grant-making will help smaller charities be able to continue delivering their vital services and activities.

For more information copy and paste the link into your browser:

<https://mcf.org.uk/charity-grants/>

On Organ Fund

The On Organ Fund



The Fund exists specifically to give financial support towards the installation, renewal, rebuilding, improvement, maintenance, preservation and restoration of pipe organs, including the making of contributions to any fund or collection established for the purposes of acquiring or purchasing a pipe organ. It is the Trustees' belief that this is the only national fund of its kind in this country, devoted exclusively to the support of pipe organs.

An application can be made only if and when **all** of the following conditions have been met:

- the project is for the main organ in the church;
- a fund has been set up and at least half the amount required (including VAT if applicable) has been raised;
- a contract has been signed with the organ builder;
- a faculty (if applicable) has been granted.

The Fund receives many applications and most grants are currently between £100 and £1000.

Application Form: Available to download from the website. It should be completed and posted to the address below.

Deadlines: Applications are considered in May and November of each year and the final dates for receipt of application by the Secretary are **30 April** and **30 September** respectively.

Contact: Dr Alan Thurlow, 8 Old Bakery Gardens, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8AJ

Email: alanjthurlow@btinternet.com

Website: <http://www.onorganfund.org.uk/index.htm>

Village Hall Improvement Grant



A £3 million fund to improve village halls and better connect rural communities across the country has been launched today by the government.

Village hall committees are now able to apply for grants of up to £75,000 towards refurbishment and alteration of their buildings, from improvement works on existing facilities through to new meeting rooms.

The new funding will cover 20% of the total costs of a project. The remaining funding comes from a combination of charity reserves, fundraising, local authority funding and other grants.

The application must be a village hall or similar rural community building and a registered charity. New build projects will not be eligible to apply to the fund due to their high costs and long timescales.

Applications will be assessed by a panel including Defra officials and Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) staff with extensive experience of halls and grant schemes.

For more information copy and paste the link into your browser:
<http://acre.org.uk/our-work/village-hall-improvement-grant%20fund>

Local Community Sports Funding



MICK GEORGE

Local construction business company **Mick George Ltd**, working in collaboration with Living Sport charity, Northamptonshire Sport and Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport, has set up a Sports Fund which will permit applications throughout the majority of Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. The funding will help more people in Northamptonshire become engaged in sporting activities and leisure led schemes.

Mick George Ltd has doubled the available grant funding during 2019, to £100,000.

Individual grants will be available between £500 and £1,500, for capital community sports projects or developments, open to the general public. These could include, but are not limited too; changing room improvements, clubhouse renovations and training or facility maintenance equipment.

Interested parties in Northamptonshire are encouraged to submit registrations throughout the year. Entries will remain open for the current round until 26th June.

For more information, please visit www.northamptonshiresport.org/mickgeorge

Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grant



Bags of Help



To mark 100 years of operating, Tesco has created the Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants scheme.

The funding is for projects in England, Scotland or Wales that provide a significant benefit to communities across their region, which are very large geographic areas and cover multiple counties, unitary authorities or boroughs. There are 23 regions across England.

Three community projects in each region will be voted on by customers in Tesco stores in two voting rounds:

- The July/August 2019 voting period is for projects with a health and wellbeing theme. Priority will be given to projects focussing on cancer, heart disease and diabetes. The deadline for applications is 19 April 2019.
- The theme and deadline for round two have not been published yet.

Eligible applications that meet the programme criteria which do not have a Health and Wellbeing focus will be considered for a later funding round.

Community charity Groundwork is working in partnership with Tesco to deliver Bags of Help Centenary Grants. greenspace scotland support projects in Scotland.

The deadline for applications to the first voting period (July/August) is 19 April 2019. This round is for projects with a health and wellbeing theme. Priority will be given to projects focussing on cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

Copy and paste the link:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/faqs/Category/boh-centenary-grants-apply>

4. Next Daventry VCS Forum

Next Daventry VCS Forum – Friday 21st June 2019



Dear Colleagues,

Please see below an agenda for our next **Daventry VCS Forum meeting on Friday 21st June 2019 from 1.00 pm to 2.30pm** at The New Street Centre, DDWF Building (Next to Tesco's), 13, New Street, Daventry NN11 4BT. You can park free of charge in Tesco car park for up to 2.5 hours.

Please can you let DVC know as soon as possible if you would like to attend, *and if you would like a free lunch ordered?* Call DVC on 01327 300614 or email to: info@daventryvolunteers.org.uk.

Many thanks,
Carella Davies, Manager Daventry Volunteer Centre.

Daventry Voluntary and Community Sector Forum

Friday 21st June 2019, From 1.00pm – 2.30pm

**At The New Street Centre, DDWF Building (next to Tesco's), 13 New Street,
Daventry NN11 4BT**

AGENDA

1. Lunch available on arrival (please pre-order)
2. Welcome, introductions and apologies: Carella Davies (Chairing)
3. Minutes of last meeting 22nd March 2019 and Matters Arising
4. Speakers: To be arranged
5. VIN : Countywide Forum and Commsortia updates
6. News round-up from Members
7. Best "Good News" story
8. Any Other Forum Business
9. Dates of next Forum meetings in 2019: 20th September, 13th December 2019
10. Networking

5. Free Training

Free Training: Charity Digital Code of Practice



Zoe Amar, the author of the Charity Digital Code of Practice has teamed up with the Cornwall Museums Partnership to create an e-learning project to help organisations use the code to improve their digital capabilities.

The Charity Digital Code of Practice aims to help charities increase impact, develop skills and improve sustainability. An introductory module and then a masterclass is available FREE for those wanting to learn how to embed the code's seven principles into their organisation at the Cornwall Museums Partnership's website:

<https://www.cornwallmuseumspartnership.org.uk/elearning/>

The first e-learning module offers charities an introduction to the code, looking at current digital challenges facing charities, quick insights into the code and how it can help the sector to thrive.

The second module looks at the code's principles in more detail and invites charities to think how they can be applied to their organisation. Areas covered include leadership, culture, strategy, skills, managing risks and adaptability.

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