



Volunteer Centre

Daventry

VCSE Newsletter



TRUSTEES' WEEK

Between the 4-8 November 2019 we will celebrate the people that are in charge of our charities, who play a pivotal role, volunteering their time to make important decisions and helping to make the UK the sixth most giving country in the world – our trustees.

Trustees' Week is an annual event to showcase the great work that trustees do and highlight opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

There are lots of resources and ideas on the Trustees Week website about how you can take part in the celebration, as well as information about trustees in the UK, such as how many there are, as well as information about becoming a trustee and offering your trustees training.

The website can be found at: <http://trusteesweek.org/>

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NEW FUND FOR FRONTLINE ORGANISATIONS TACKLING LONELINESS



The government has announced it will launch a £2 million fund to help organisations at the frontline of tackling loneliness across the country.

The funding aims to support frontline, grassroots organisations that bring people together and help them build social connections. The investment will help small organisations promote themselves more widely, help fund the use of suitable venues and accessible transport, and bring established groups together to best serve local people at risk of loneliness.

The funding marks one year since the publication of the Government's landmark Loneliness Strategy which outlined almost 60 commitments to end loneliness. This included funding 126 projects through its £11.5 million Building Connections Fund.

Baroness Barran, Minister for Loneliness, said:

“Loneliness is one of the biggest public health challenges our country faces and we are committed to tackling it head on. This new fund is a fitting way to mark one year since the launch of our landmark strategy and will help grassroots organisations address the issue in their own communities.

“I have had the privilege of meeting so many people, young and old, who are unsung heroes and heroines in their communities, bringing people together through cafés, reading groups, arts and crafts, gardening, sports and more. They have told me how they want a chance to celebrate their work, together with other local groups, so they can raise awareness and encourage more people to be involved.

“This new investment shows how much we value their work and our continued commitment to beating loneliness.”

More information about the funding application process, including eligibility and when it will open, will follow in due course. Read more about it on the Government website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fund-for-frontline-organisations-tackling-loneliness>

NHS 111 CAMPAIGN Launched 21st October

The NHS 111 phase of the 'Help Us, Help You' Winter Pressures campaign launched on Monday 21st October. The campaign will run nationally with TV advertising, video on demand, out of home, search, social media and partnerships activity.

People can use NHS 111 to find out what to do and where to go when they have an urgent but non-life-threatening medical concern. The campaign encourages people to call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk online, instead of worrying, self-diagnosing, or second-guessing what they should do when they have an urgent health problem.

The primary audience is all members of the public over the age of 16, with a focus on groups that NHS data show to be more frequent users of A&E departments, such as young adults aged 20-29 years.

The campaign assets are available on the PHE Campaign Resource Centre found at <https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/88-nhs-111/overview>

and include the following:

- Campaign toolkit with key messages
- Posters
- TV advertisement (30 seconds)
- Social media tool kit with social cutdowns (x3) of the TV ad and a gif
- Static and digital screens for GP surgeries
- Partner content calendar
- Media plan
- Accessibility guides

For further information about the campaign please contact Partnerships@phe.gov.uk.



NEW SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES

NCVO KnowHow has launched their new Safeguarding Resources. They will act as a one-stop shop for the key guidance and resources on safeguarding that have produced in association with expert organisations. Safeguarding is a priority for everyone, and these resources will help you get it right.

Over the past six months, NCVO has been working in partnership with some of the leading organisations in the sector to develop a range of briefings, guides, practical tools, podcasts and videos about good safeguarding practice and safe culture.

They have been working together with safeguarding specific groups, to user engagement in developing digital content, and developing practical guidance – and have built something that will make a real difference to the sector.

What these resources will do

Their vision has been for all organisations to be a safe place for their beneficiaries, volunteers and staff, and their support and guidance in easy to use materials, will help organisations regardless of their experience so far in safeguarding.

They have focused on new resources which will help proactively build safer cultures and supportive policies, procedures and behaviours for safeguarding. They have been particularly mindful that small charities and voluntary groups face the biggest barriers to getting the support they need.

The resources will be helpful for the whole sector, but especially for those taking their first steps in safeguarding, in a way that is appropriate and proportionate for their organisation.

Full information & resources at:

<https://knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/safeguarding/safeguarding#>



KnowHow
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Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility

REGISTER FOR THE FREE CHARITY FRAUD AWARENESS HUB



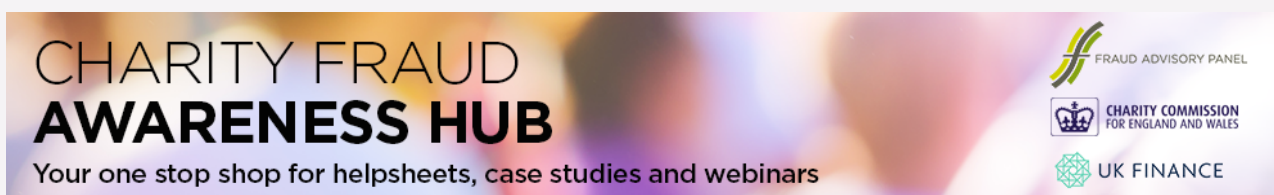
Charities are increasingly being targeted by fraudsters, in particular through sophisticated cyber-crime scams.

A raft of free digital resources to help charities better understand the mind set of fraudsters and how to beat them has been made available on the Charity Fraud Awareness Hub, which has been compiled by the Fraud Advisory Panel, the Charity Commission for England and Wales and UK Finance.

Charities are urged to register for free, and gain access to materials including: help sheets, case studies, webinars and tutorials.

Access the Hub at:

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/elitebba/1917599/2071337/charity-fraud-awareness-hub>



GROUND-BREAKING NEW PLATFORM LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH



Public Health England (PHE), in partnership with the NHS, has launched Every Mind Matters to help people take simple steps to look after their mental health, improve their mental wellbeing and support others.

A new PHE survey reveals more than 8 in ten (83%) people have experienced early signs of poor mental health including feeling anxious, stressed, having low mood or trouble sleeping in the last 12 months. While these can be a natural response to life's challenges, they can become more serious if people don't take action, and many wait too long.

Over a quarter (27%) of people who experienced signs of poor mental health waited at least 6 months before taking action to manage their mental health, with three quarters (74%) of those who waited this long wishing they had done so sooner.

Every Mind Matters shows people the simple steps they can take to be better prepared for life's ups and downs. The launch follows 18 months of planning and local and regional piloting, developed with clinical and academic experts, national mental health charities and input from people with experience of poor mental health.

Find out more at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/groundbreaking-new-platform-launched-to-support-mental-health>



REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH FRAILTY

As part of the VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance, Friends, Families and Travellers is delivering a project to help the NHS identify why there are inconsistencies in delivery of healthcare services to disadvantaged people experiencing frailty earlier in life.

They are issuing a call for evidence for examples of best practice for services that have improved access to and experience of health care services for disadvantaged people living with frailty much earlier in life, including within health and social care, the voluntary sector, grassroots community groups and more.



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You can find out more and share your experiences in a survey, which can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/98YDXPJ>

SCHOOL GRANTS SCHEME - INSITUTE OF PHYSICS

The aim of the scheme is to provide schools with grants of up to £600 for projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and engineering.

Since the scheme was established in 2005 the STFC and IOP have awarded almost £250,000 to projects that have benefited over 94,000 pupils. Grants can be used to support a range of projects, for example:

- running a school/college based science week activity
 - purchasing materials/resources outside of the normal department resources
 - organising a visit to or from a working physicist
- Eligibility and timing

The scheme is open to all UK educational institutions (schools and colleges) catering for pupils/students in the age range 5-19.

Application form: available on the website below and submit it by email to schoolgrants@iop.org.

Applications will only be accepted by email.

Deadlines: There are three deadlines per year - usually 1st February, 1st June and 1st November

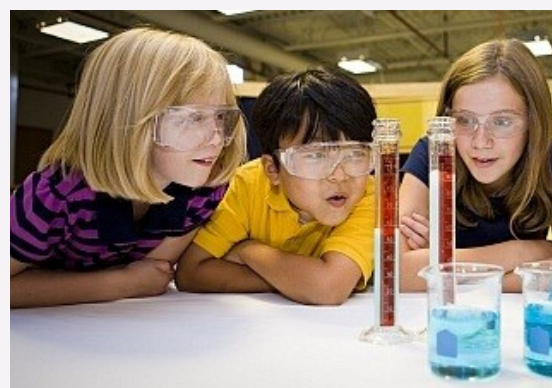
Contact: Institute of Physics, 37 Caledonian Road, London N1 9BU

Telephone: +44 (0)20 7470 4800

Fax: +44 (0)20 7470 4848

Email: schoolgrants@iop.org

Website: www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html



THE EARLY YEARS OPPORTUNITIES GRANTS PROGRAMME



The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) offers grants to local and national charities in England and Wales. Over the last 40 years, the MCF has provided more than £130 million to charities. Their work is funded solely through the donations of Freemasons under the United Grand Lodge of England, their families and friends.

Based on conducted surveys which indicate which areas Freemason care most about, the MCF has set out new target areas for its grant-making programme:

- Creating the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people.
- Reducing isolation in later life.
- Medical research into degenerative disease.
- Care services in the hospice sector.

The Early Years Opportunities Grants programme offers both small and large grants to registered charities in England and Wales to create the best start in life for disadvantaged children and young people.

Depending on their annual income level, charities can apply for either a:

- Large grant, which is for projects and can be used for salary costs, activities, materials, etc., or
- Small grant, which is for general running and/or overhead costs of the charity – core funding.

Small Grant applications will next be accepted from 14 October 2019 to 3 January 2020 (4pm).

First stage applications for Large Grants will next be accepted from 16 September 2019 to 4 November 2019.

Full details can be found at: <https://mcf.org.uk/charity-grants/>

MO IBRAHIM FOUNDATION GRANTS



This Foundation makes grants to organisations which aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK, both now and in the future. They like to consider work which others may find hard to fund, perhaps because it breaks new ground, appears too risky, requires core funding, or needs a more unusual form of financial help such as a loan.

The foundation has always believed in the need to support and maintain a free, stable and socially cohesive society, where enterprise is encouraged and people are able to realise their potential, take advantage of opportunities and play their part in democratic life.

The grants range from £500 - £10,000. Extraordinary projects may receive grants up to £50,000.

The Foundation does not have areas of focus in grant making. They believe those on the front lines in the community best understand the particular needs and where grants will bear the greatest fruits. They look for situations where small amounts of funds will make significant impact. However, they are particularly interested in the following areas:-

- Community Building
- Strengthening Nonprofits
- Environment
- Supporting Families

Application Form: Apply in writing following the guidance on the website.

Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time.

Contact: grants@ibrahimfoundation.com

Website: www.ibrahimfoundation.com/apply.html

AGE UK GRANTS



Age UK grants are for organisations working with people in later life. Grants help organisations that make life better for older people, by addressing people's immediate needs or tackling the root causes of problems they are experiencing. Organisations receiving grants must be independently constituted, not-for-profit and accessible to all people in later life.

Age UK grants give out several million pounds each year from grant funds that are built up from donations by individuals, charitable trusts and companies. They also distribute government and national lottery funding to local projects when funding is available.

They do not make grants to individuals.

For further information on grant programmes currently open to applications, please contact the team.

Tel: 0203 033 1735

Email: grants@ageuk.org.uk

Website: <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/professional-resources/grants/#AgeUKgrants>

ANDREWS CHARITABLE TRUST



ACT was set up to achieve social change. The Trust has two charitable objectives:

- The advancement of the Christian religion.
- The relief of sickness, poverty and distress in any part of the world as an expression of Christian love.

They welcome applications from both secular and Christian organisations who are also wanting to achieve social change.

Applicants must have:

- An idea that is innovative, sustainable and replicable
- A commitment to performance measurement, and evaluating the impact of their work on those they intend to support
- A positive approach to collaboration, networking and partnering
- Strong and passionate leadership with some track record in (social) entrepreneurialism
- Simple solutions to an identified need
- An idea that could leave a mark on the world

Application Form: Apply in writing - see guidance on the website.

Deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time

Contact: Andrews Charitable Trust, The Clockhouse, Bath Hill, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1HL

Tel: 0117 946 1834

Website: www.andrewscharitabletrust.org.uk

Email: info@andrewscharitabletrust.org.uk

Email is the preferred mode of communication as the trust only has part time staff. However you can leave a telephone message on the following number. If you leave a message please be clear about the number to call you back on and the times at which you will be available.

THE DIGITAL BOOTCAMP IS OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!



Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire is putting on a day of Digital training for the VCSE sector. The Digital Bootcamp is a day of digital workshops to help you increase your skills and knowledge. You will need to book for each of the workshops you would like to attend individually. If you would like to attend all sessions, you will still need to book on each session individually.

Date: Wednesday 4th December

Location: One Angel Square, Northampton

Workshop 1: 09:00-09:45

Using Apps to Help

Manage Your Organisation

Clare Elsby will introduce a series of apps to help you manage projects, keep track of your customers and help you in day-to-day work.

To book your place

visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-bootcamp-for-charities-using-apps-to-help-manage-your-organisation-tickets-75994448441>

Workshop 2: 10:00-10:45

Writing for the Web

Alex Donohue from Macmillan Cancer Support will share his expertise on writing for the web in a mobile-first world.

To book your place visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-bootcamp-for-charities-writing-for-the-web-tickets-75999433351>

Workshop 3: 11:15- 12:00

A Celebration of Transformation Digital Experience Designer

Lucy Cox demonstrates business analysis tools and techniques and how to implement them in your organisation. To book your place visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-bootcamp-for-charities-a-celebration-of-transformation-tickets-75999676077>



Date: Wednesday 4th December

Location: One Angel Square, Northampton

Workshop 4: 13:00-13:45

Graphic Design for Social Media and Print

Rebekah Broady from Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire demonstrates free tools to produce professional graphics for your social media and leaflets.

To book your place visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-bootcamp-for-charities-graphic-design-for-social-media-and-print-tickets-75999850599>

Workshop 5: 14:00-14:45

Managing Social Media Networks

Patricia Greaves, Senior Information Manager for Northamptonshire Libraries, shares her experience and expertise in managing social channels.

To book your place visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-bootcamp-for-charities-managing-social-media-networks-tickets-76000253805>

DAVENTRY DISTRICT VCS FORUM



Date: Friday 13th December 2019

Time: 1pm

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

Dear Colleagues,

Please see below an agenda for our next Daventry VCS Forum meeting. 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?

Tel: 01327 300614

Email: info@daventryvolunteers.org.uk.

AGENDA

1. Lunch available on arrival (please pre-order)
2. Welcome, introductions and apologies: Carella Davies (Chairing)
3. Minutes of last meeting 21st June 2019 and Matters Arising
4. Speaker: Holly Carey- Marie Curie Community Fundraiser
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: To be arranged
10. Networking