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NEWS

BUDGET 2018: KEY POINTS FOR CHARITIES

The Chancellor announced various measures of specific interest to charities and their beneficiaries. Find more details in NCVO's article '[Between a rock and a \(potentially\) hard Brexit](#)'.

CHARITY COMMISSION STRATEGY 2018-2023

The Charity Commission has published a new Statement of Strategic Intent, which sets out its core purpose and priorities until 2023. It has said it will work to ensure charity can thrive and inspire trust so that people can improve lives and strengthen society. [Details](#)

CHANGES TO 'UPDATING CHARITY DETAILS' SERVICE

Trustees of all charities have a legal obligation to keep the details on the charity register accurate and up to date. This helps maintain public trust and confidence in the charity sector, and enables [the Commission](#), as the regulator, to contact you with important regulatory information. On 12 November 2018 the service you use to update your charity details is changing. [Details](#)

NEW PARTNERSHIP TO SUPPORT SMALL CHARITIES

The [NCVO](#) and the [FSI](#) have announced a new strategic partnership. By working together, they hope to increase awareness among smaller charities of each other's advice, support and training. [Details](#)

FUNDING SURGERY

The Big Lottery's Reaching Communities Grant Fund awards grants of over £10k in support of organisations with ideas which will enable communities to thrive. Local Funding Officer, Claire Webley, will be hosting a Funding Surgery on 22 November 2018, 10am-1pm, at [East Grinstead Town Council](#). If you would like to discuss your project idea, first [check if you are eligible to apply](#), then [email Claire](#) to book a 15 minute appointment.

FINANCIAL ADVICE FROM THE NATWEST

Community Banker, Jacob Watts, supports Sussex areas with no bank branches. Jacob hosts drop in sessions (such as a Monday morning (10am -12pm) surgery at Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point) and delivers presentations to groups, clubs and businesses on topics like scam awareness, digital safety or alternative ways to bank. He also delivers financial education sessions for people aged 5-18. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from Jacob's advice, then get in touch with him by [email](#) or phone 07825 606389.

ARE YOU READY FOR SEVERE WEATHER?

[coldAlert](#) is a free service for residents of Sussex providing cold weather alerts to vulnerable individuals. It is open over the winter from November 2018 to March 2019. Who should register for coldAlerts? Carers of elderly relatives or friends, parents of young children and people with health conditions.

CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERING

Are you looking for volunteers over the festive period? Every year we get enquiries from people looking to spend some of their time over Christmas helping those less fortunate than themselves. We want to put together a list of organisations that are looking for volunteers on Christmas Day specifically, but also over the wider period so people have somewhere they can go to help. If you can accommodate volunteers over Christmas, please do [drop us an email](#).

'PHIL THE BAG' FOR THE YEWS

The Yews Centre in Haywards Heath is asking for donations of unwanted textiles in order to raise funds. If you can help, then please put your unwanted textiles into a black sack (or ten!) and get it to them by Friday 16 November. [Details](#)

HELP AT CHRISTMAS

The King's Church in Burgess Hill works together with other local organisations and churches to provide and distribute Christmas hampers to people in need across the Mid-Sussex area. [The Christmas Hamper Project](#) is a great way to support the local community over what can be a difficult time for many people and you can get involved in several ways.

SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN

[Nature Nurture](#) runs groups for families with children with additional needs (diagnosed and undiagnosed) on Thursdays in Turners Hill. The groups are very small (with a maximum of 8 children) and accommodate siblings which makes for a relaxed atmosphere. Nature Nurture also offers free sessions for other groups and would like to encourage organisations to [get in touch about running a taster session](#).

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust's Aphasia Befriending Scheme has been making a real difference to those affected by the condition. Aphasia is an impairment of language, affecting the production or comprehension of speech and the ability to read or write. The condition is always due to injury to the brain, most commonly from a stroke, particularly in older people. [Details](#)

FUNDING

VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT GRANT

Deadline 12 November

Grants for organisations providing **accessible transport**. [Details](#)

NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY GRANTS

Deadline 7 December

Grants of up to £50k for **housing projects** that will strengthen the community by supporting the most vulnerable, finding new approaches to increasing the supply of housing or by reinventing renting for both tenants and landlords. [Details](#)

INNOVATION FUNDING

Deadline 9 December

Funding of up to £7k designed to support co-working between groups of people that have an interest in increasing **young people's participation in Higher Education**. [Details](#)

SUSSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

Next deadline 11 January

This grants programme is made up of a range of funds which help **to address disadvantage and deprivation** and build resilience in Sussex communities. It is particularly keen to support grassroots community groups and small-to-medium sized voluntary organisations. [Details](#)

TRAINING

SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR CHARITY CHAIRS

Training and support is available for Chairs of charities with an income of under £1m through the Association of Chair's Beacon Programme. [Details](#)

MAKING TOMORROW A BETTER DAY

13 November, Falmer, free event

Impact Initiatives' conference to discuss how we build more resilient people and communities in times of statutory funding constraints. National, international and local speakers will give presentations alongside discussion. [Details](#)

CASCADING LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Deadline 30 November

This is an invaluable free opportunity for leaders working in health and care organisations in the voluntary and community sectors to develop leadership skills and receive practical support. [Details](#)

INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH WORK - LEVEL 1

16 February & 16 March, Crawley

Sussex Clubs for Young people's course designed to help workers think about youth work approaches and the basics around delivering sessions to young people.

[Details](#)

JOB VACANCIES

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Age UK West Sussex

Closing date 12 November

Full Time

£55k - £65k per annum

Based at Littlehampton

A highly skilled, motivated, creative and dynamic person is required to lead a forward thinking organisation into the next stage of development. You will be passionate about making a significant difference to older people's lives and bring experience of an entrepreneurial approach. [Details](#)

RESOURCES

FREE TOOLKIT TO HELP CHARITIES BOOST END-OF-YEAR FUNDING

With the Christmas campaign period fast approaching, non-profit software provider Blackbaud has released its new '[End of Year Fundraising Toolkit](#)' designed to ensure organisations are best positioned to make the most of their end-of-year fundraising. You can read more about this in [Charity Digital News](#).

OFFICE 365

Charity Digital News has highlighted three useful Office 365 tools which charities might not know about, beyond the obvious Word, Excel and Outlook. [Details](#)