

# Volunteer Management Newsletter

November/December 2019



*to all volunteer-involving organisations in Central Beds for the amazing work you have achieved in 2019!*

## In 2019, we have...

- Over 100 new volunteers registered on Volunteer Connect
- 500 potential volunteers in Bedfordshire currently registered on the Volunteer Bank
- Seen an increase in the number of highly-skilled professionals registering on Volunteer Connect
- Delivered two networking events for Volunteer Managers in Central Bedfordshire and four Safeguarding Awareness sessions for volunteers and staff from small community organisations
- Provided ongoing support to volunteer-involving organisations on Volunteer Management best practice
- Promoted your volunteering opportunities at a variety of events across Central Bedfordshire

## Christmas Opportunities

Are you still looking for volunteers to support with your Christmas activities and events? If you haven't already registered your Christmas opportunities then please get in touch:

Email [volunteer@cabeds.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cabeds.org.uk) or call us on 01525 850559



## Corporate Volunteering

### Do you have a project or one-off event that needs additional people power?

Ringway Jacobs (Highway Service Provider for Central Bedfordshire Council) are looking for volunteering opportunities for 80 members of staff who can each give 2 days of their time to volunteer during Monday - Friday from now until November 2020. The members of staff have varied skills sets including HGV licences and, in some instances, they may be also be able to provide equipment.

Task preferences include:

- Environmental/Outdoor
- Practical/DIY
- Driving
- Homeless/Housing
- Food Banks/Community Work



- Sport/Coaching
- Mental Health/Hospital/Hospices
- Older People/Veterans/Armed Forces

If you have a project or one-off event (or an idea of a project) which needs an extra pair of pairs of hands, then please email details of your opportunity to [volunteer@cabeds.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cabeds.org.uk)

## Central Bedfordshire Volunteer Managers' Networking Event

Do you deliver services and manage volunteers in Central Bedfordshire?

Our next **Volunteer Managers' Networking Event** will take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, from 9.30am – 11.30am** at **Parkside Community Hall** in Ampthill.

### Discussion topic: Assessing the impact of volunteering

Part of the session will include a series of group discussions and activities around discussing how to assess and measure the impact of volunteering. There will then be plenty of time for networking with other attendees.

This is a great opportunity to meet and share ideas with other Volunteer Managers!

[Click here for a booking form](#)

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**9.30am—11.30am**  
**Parkside Community Hall,**  
**Woburn Street, Ampthill, MK45 2HX**

*Assessing the Impact of Volunteering*

Importance of assessing the impact of volunteering



Discuss ways to assess the impact of volunteering

Share ideas & experience

Network with other Volunteer Managers & share best practice

Promote your organisation

**Complete a booking form to secure your place today!**  
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## FREE Safeguarding Awareness Sessions

Our **free Safeguarding Awareness sessions** are for **workers, volunteers or trustees** from **small** voluntary organisations or community groups in **Central Bedfordshire** who:

- are working with vulnerable adults, families or children
- are new to safeguarding
- want to refresh and up-date your knowledge
- need to undertake 'approved safeguarding training' to meet funding requirements.

### Dates:

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10am – 1pm at Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 1pm at Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 10am – 1pm at Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA**

[Click here for a booking form](#)

Please note that all those attending are required to complete a separate booking form.

**Are you a small organisation or community group in Central Bedfordshire, with a group of 10-12 workers, volunteers or trustees who would benefit from a Safeguarding Awareness session?**

If so, please get in touch and we can discuss delivering a session for your organisation.  
Please contact [kay@cabeds.org.uk](mailto:kay@cabeds.org.uk) to discuss this in more detail.

## Additional information

### **Directory of Social Change – Manifesto Mashup – General Election 2019**



The Directory of Social Change (DSC) has produced this non-partisan summary of the key election issues for charities. [Click here](#).

### **Lead Trustee FREE Guidance**

New guidance on when and how charities should appoint a “lead” trustee as an expert on a specific area has been published by the Chartered Governance Institute (ICSA) in response to calls for individual trustees on boards to lead on specific aspects of a charity’s activities such as safeguarding, staff welfare, digital or fundraising. [See here for more info](#).

### **Training opportunity**

#### **Small Charities: transform your fundraising & governance, just £12.50 - £25**

If you’re a small but vital charity in or around London, don’t miss the FSI's popular small charity training this 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Explore 14 different courses covering topics such as trusts & foundations, project management, fundraising strategy, charity leadership, earned income and many more! These sessions are heavily subsidised and fill up fast, [click here to find out more](#).

### **Volunteer Connect**

Volunteer Connect is our online volunteering platform, accessed via our website: [www.cabeds.org.uk](http://www.cabeds.org.uk). As an organisation, it only takes a few minutes for you to register your organisation and once registered, you can add and manage your volunteering opportunities.

Once you have registered and added your roles, we will help to promote them via a number of channels including;

- Local press
- Face-to-face meetings with potential volunteers
- Community events
- Recruitment fairs
- Partnership working
- Social Media channels, Nextdoor App

Individuals can also register on Volunteer Connect, create a profile, search and apply for your volunteer opportunities – putting you directly in touch with potential volunteers. Volunteer Connect also automatically suggests **possible matching volunteers**, based on their skills and interests. You can then invite over **500 potential volunteers** to apply for your roles!

If you haven't already registered with our online volunteering platform – [Volunteer Connect](#) – register today and expand your volunteer recruitment in Bedfordshire!

[Find out more here](#)

We would be happy to arrange a meeting at your premises to discuss how we can support your organisation with volunteer recruitment and management.

Contact us on [volunteer@cabeds.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@cabeds.org.uk) or call 01525 850559. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Please note our offices will be closed over the festive period from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and will re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Vacancies

**Friends of Bright Eyes Project Worker** for Disabled Children's Activity Clubs – A Luton based opportunity to oversee projects for disabled children and be involved in various aspects of the operations and administration of such projects, helping achieve the best standards of service delivery possible for children & families. Salary £19,760. Closing date 21 December. [Find out more here.](#)

**SNOOSC (Special Needs Out of School Club)** in Houghton Regis has a part-time vacancy for an **Administrator**. Responsible for the smooth running of the charity office, dealing with enquiries by telephone, email and post. Part-time (Tues-Thurs, 9am-1pm) Salary will be dependent on experience. [Find out more here.](#)

**MIND BLMK Luton** has an exciting role for someone with lived experience of mental health issues to use their experience of mental health to support others to deescalate a crisis; facilitate crisis focussed 1:1s and peer group sessions that offer structured interventions and support. We are looking for an individual who is a highly motivated peer worker, who is keen to apply their own experiences and develop knowledge and experience of supporting vulnerable adults using the recovery approach in service provision. Flexible 12-30 hours a week. Salary £20,700.00 pa. [Find out more here.](#)

**Do you have information about events and training opportunities for the Voluntary and Community Sector in Central Beds?**

**Send us details of anything particularly relating to volunteering and volunteer management and we can include it in future newsletters.**

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