

COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT NEWSLETTER



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Health & Wellbeing Young People Survey



Safeguarding Partnerships Business Office want to hear from as many children and young people between the ages of 11 years and 18 years as possible across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to understand how COVID-19 has impacted on them during this challenging time.

The partnership have been working alongside their Young Peoples Advisory Group in order to understand the impact of COVID-19 upon Young People and their wellbeing.

They have created a survey and are rolling this out locally in order to gather a more timely picture of young people's experiences and views so that we can respond to any emerging themes ahead of the Barnardo's UK wide report.

We would be very grateful if you could disseminate this to any members of your organisation who are supporting young people and to encourage young people to complete this to ensure we can gather a local picture. Could you also post on any social media platforms you have to ensure the maximum coverage and response.

The deadline is short (**the survey closes on Sunday 28th June**) to enable the quick processing of results and potential service responses in the ever changing landscape.

Please click [here](#) to access the survey.

Tablet Loan Scheme Funded

Enrych has teamed up with Hospice Hope in order to reach more people with disabilities.

They are collaborating together on a pilot scheme that will offer free loaned equipment and free training to people with disabilities who want to borrow tablets to keep connected with friends and family.

They have been funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, Ashby Hastings Rotary Club as well as other community fund foundations..

Do you know someone who would benefit from this scheme?

Contact Liz - liz@hospicehope.org.uk or telephone 07591 952027.



NWLDC - My Account



Over the last few weeks we have seen an increase in antisocial behaviour, fly tipping and environmental nuisance complaints.

Please encourage residents to register and use their [My Account North West Leicestershire](#). Help us by promoting this service on your social media pages.

Using "My Account" online you can

- ⇒ Manage your account
- ⇒ Report problems /issues
- ⇒ Request council services
- ⇒ Report changes in circumstances
- ⇒ Make complaints

When the council does open it may not be as accessible to visitors as it previously was due, to a reduction in staff and social distancing rules. An A - Z of services online can be found [here](#).

Thinking of Recovery

As the economy tries to recover, services return to normal, and restrictions are lifted you may find that volunteers are less available due to them returning to work or they are available less as they create bubbles with loved ones.

Community Response Units (CRU's) are asked to start considering your next steps. Is the demand still high? Are you able to continue providing the same level of support? Do you need additional assistance from us or maybe buddying up with another CRU? Monitoring your service demand is important so you can plan for the months to come.



Their door is shut Ours is open

Watch out for children's welfare during lockdown.

Residents are being urged to be extra vigilant of children's welfare during lockdown and report any concerns they may have.

The 'Their door is shut. Ours is open' campaign has been launched following a fall in calls to local safeguarding teams since the introduction of social distancing measures. However, the Leicester and Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Partnerships are concerned that, despite this fall, cases of child abuse may be on the rise, with fewer opportunities for it to be seen, reported and stopped.

Local councils, police and health partners acknowledge there are additional pressures on families at the moment which could potentially lead to increased safeguarding concerns for children.

Posters and leaflets have been produced for the Safeguarding Partnerships' 'Their door is shut. Ours is open' campaign to encourage the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to be extra vigilant of children's welfare during lockdown and report any concerns they may have.

Knowing what signs of abuse to look out for will help to keep our children safe. If you or your volunteers have noticed ANY of these, you need to tell us:

- aggressive or repeated shouting
- hearing hitting or things being broken
- children crying for long periods of time
- very young children left alone or outdoors by themselves
- children looking dirty or not changing their clothes
- children being withdrawn or anxious

Whether you're a relative, a neighbour or an adult passing by, if you see something that isn't right, we need to check things.

Leaflets and posters for the campaign can be downloaded [here](#)

Introduction to Business Planning & Strategy

On 16 June 2020, 10:30am—12 noon VAL are providing free training to help your organisation develop a Plan of Action that will allow you and your organisation to direct people, funding, & resources once you are out of Lockdown.

The Zoom Webinar session is an introduction to the 'What & Why' you will need Business Planning and Strategy, where it will provide you with the structure, objectives, procedures and outcomes along with some hints and tips.

This session is aimed at Charity/VCSE Groups with limited experience of Business Planning and Strategy. This session would be of particular help to anyone with responsibilities of Business Planning and Strategy, including Trustees of these types of Organisations.

At the end of this session, you should be able to:

- discuss the difficulty that you find yourself in via COVID19 and lockdown
- discuss your plans for your organisation/s post COVID19 lockdown
- explain and discuss the importance of having a clean and clear Business Plan and Strategy
- define what is meant by Business Plan and Strategy
- explain what, why and how to actively use your Business Plan and Strategy
- explain and discuss what support exists to help you with your Business Planning and Strategy.

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ESFA Community Grants



Futures is delighted to announce that the Round 3 of the ESFA Community Grants funding programme, will be accepting applications from **15th June 2020 to 15th July 2020**.

Jointly funded by the SFA and the European Social Fund, Community Grants give charities and community organisations with a turnover of less than £500,000 an opportunity to access funds to deliver projects that help engage and progress 'hard to reach' individuals towards the labour market.

The grants will support participants' progression so that they are confident in their ability to move into employment. Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for projects or initiatives that help people take steps towards a future career and reduce unemployment and inactivity, including:

- initial help with basic skills
- taster work experience including voluntary work
- training, advice and counselling
- confidence building
- job search assistance and other help necessary to secure employment
- first contact engagement activities

Find more information [here](#)

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