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An EXTRA issue of our newsletter this Bank Holiday weekend including: -

- **Landing grants - 10 top tips**
- Covid-19 impact studies
- Loneliness monetisation report
- Free tool to help organisations facing financial difficulty
- Guidance - Safe use of community centres & multi-use facilities
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hvoss jobs - We are looking for 3 people to join our team.....

Post Title: Development Support Lead (Talk Community)

Salary: Scale Point 26 (£22,780 per annum)

Post Title: Volunteering Lead (Talk Community)

Salary: Scale Point 26 (£22,780 per annum)

Hours: 37 hours per week

Both posts are funded by Herefordshire Council as part of the Talk Community Programme. Our current contract with Herefordshire Council is funded until July 2022.

BBO Herefordshire

The BBO project helps us to provide pre-employment advice and support for people aged 19 and over who are not in work. The team focuses on providing access to a wide range of

volunteering opportunities, enabling people to move into further education or training having acquired basic skills, increased confidence and motivation through participation in project activities.

Post Title: Building Better Opportunities Engagement Coordinator

Salary: SCP 26 (£22,780 per annum FTE 37 hours/week)

Hours: 30 hours/week (£18,470 for actual hours worked)

Job Purpose: To co-ordinate placements and engage with disadvantaged people aged 19 and over who are not in work, to move towards and into employment, through volunteering, training, education and other pre-employment support.

For an informal discussion about this role please contact Mandy Furniss, Project Lead, email mandy.furniss@hvoss.org.uk or call 07741 741148.

This post is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and the European Social Fund. It is part of the Building Better Opportunities project in Herefordshire.

Building Better Opportunities funding will support projects in England that tackle poverty and promote social inclusion. It is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and the European Social Fund.

The closing date for all applications is Noon on Monday 7th September 2020. For further information and to apply visit our website

<http://www.hvoss.org.uk/jobs.aspx>



BBO Herefordshire
where will your journey take you?



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Landing a grant: Ten top tips

Ian Pembridge, Senior Researcher at DSC (Directory of Social Change) has used his and DSC's years of experience of studying grant-making charities to publish his top ten tips on landing a grant. [Click here for the full ten.](#)

10,000 people now signed up to COVID-19 immunity study

10,000 health workers from across the NHS have now signed up to take part in 'SIREN' (SARS-CoV-2 Immunity and REinfection Evaluation) study, which is exploring whether specific COVID-19 antibodies provide immunity. Scientists do not yet know if people who have been infected in the past are protected from becoming sick again, or how long any protection lasts. [Click here for the full article.](#)

DCMS survey on the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak on organisations

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has issued a survey to understand the impact of the Coronavirus outbreak on organisations in the digital, culture, media, sport, gambling, telecoms and tourism sectors and their engagement with the available government interventions. [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

Free tool to guide charities facing financial difficulty

Bates Wells has launched a free tool for charities, social enterprises and other non-profit entities facing financial difficulty and unsure of the next steps to take.

Decision Tool, developed following consultation with NCVO on the sector's needs, gives organisations detailed guidance and information on issues including insolvency advice and mechanisms, mergers, collaborations, cost cutting, raising finance, and other relevant content.

Users need to answer up to six questions to receive a tailored report on the options. [Click here for more information.](#)

Loneliness Monetisation Report

DCMS has published the Loneliness Monetisation Report which estimates the monetised impacts associated with loneliness stemming from subjective wellbeing, health and productivity.

The report states that the combined wellbeing, health and productivity impacts associated with severe loneliness are estimated to be at least £9,976 per person experiencing severe loneliness per year.

These estimates are calculated using best-practice techniques endorsed by the HM Treasury Green Book. [For more information and to read the report please click here.](#)

COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities

Updated in line with the latest advice - here is guidance for community centres, village halls, and other multi-use community facilities that support a wide range of local activity.

This guidance sets out:

- Core principles for safely reopening community facilities
- Permitted activities in multi-use community facilities: signposting to relevant guidance
- Enforcement

It states that this is national guidance of a general nature and should be treated as a guide. In the event of any conflict between any applicable legislation (including the health and safety legislation) and this guidance, the applicable legislation shall prevail. [Click here for more details.](#)

Hereford Make Consultation Survey

Our friends at Hereford Make CIC need your views on future services. So they have put together a **survey** to inform the future design, equipment and facilities in the community. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/herefordmakecic> for more about Hereford Make CIC.

Getting on Board webinars on trustee diversity

Join national trustee recruitment and diversity charity, Getting on Board, for a practical webinar about how charities can diversify their trustee boards.

Only one third of trustees are women, 8% are people of colour and one third are under 50. 59% of charities report that their board does not reflect the communities they serve. And 74% of charities struggle to find the trustees they need.

9 September, 11-12 and the cost is £10. [Click here for more details.](#)

Obesity 'increases risks from Covid-19'

Being obese doubles the risk of hospital treatment from Covid-19 and increases the risk of dying by nearly 50%, a global analysis suggests.

Obesity makes other diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure more likely, the US researchers say.

Along with a weakened immune system, this can make these individuals more vulnerable to severe Covid-19. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

Number of volunteers offering to participate in UK COVID-19 vaccine studies shown in new NHS Digital dashboard

The Coronavirus Vaccine Studies Volunteers Dashboard shows the number of volunteers in the UK who are offering to be contacted for possible recruitment into approved trials to find an effective vaccine for the virus.

The registry dashboard provides an anonymous count of volunteers across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and can be broken down by region and local authority area and by age and gender.

The NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry enables people across the UK to sign up to participate in COVID-19 vaccine trials.

[Click here for full details.](#)

Deaths from coronavirus: how are they counted and what do they show?

This article by The King's Fund examines how deaths from Covid-19 are counted and what the numbers show to date.

As with deaths from other causes, deaths from Covid-19 are registered and recorded in official statistics. However, these processes take time and some delay in reporting the numbers is unavoidable. Being a new, potentially dangerous and highly infectious virus, monitoring its spread and impact on a daily basis is vital for containing and managing it. This means new ways of counting Covid-19 deaths had to be developed.

[For more information please click here.](#)

Open consultations and inquiries

Below you can find current and relevant open inquiries and consultations that you may be interested in submitting evidence to. If you have any questions about submitting to these inquiries please [watch this useful video from UK Parliament.](#)

Life beyond COVID

The COVID-19 Committee is inviting people to share their hopes and fears about what the pandemic might mean in the long-term for our home and working lives, and for how we function as a society - what might it mean for social cohesion, for (in)equality, for our environment or for arts and culture? **Deadline for submission is 31 August.**

[Click here for full details.](#)

Levelling up - local and regional structures and the delivery of economic growth

The Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee is looking for evidence on how local and regional government structures in England could be reformed or better equipped to deliver growth locally, with specific reference to the Government's 'levelling up' agenda. **Deadline for submission is 1 September.** [Click here for details.](#)

No Wrong Door

All partners are busy working in partnership to ensure their provision and support for children and young people across the county at this critical time. Weekly updates are being produced. The latest one is [here](#), Visit the [NWD facebook page](#) for latest updates and activity programmes.

Crafts in the Centre

The Big Skill in partnership with Saxon Hall, we will be running Crafts in the Centre activities every Tuesday from 8th September. Rebecca Buck of Osprey Studios will be helping participants to take part in our 'Standing up for Peace' and 'Remember and Rebuild' sculpture project. Creating 2 community clay sculptures for the gardens at Saxon Hall, for present and future generations to enjoy.

Alongside our Accessible Crafts Group tutors who will be offering a series of hands-on craft activities. With some of these sessions also being broadcast live over the internet, to join in from home.

Booking is essential for both these workshops, as social distancing limits the number of places we can make available. [Booking is open now on Eventbrite.](#) Crafts at your Fingertips sessions will be available to book by the end of August. Plus, each Tuesday, we will be providing a pick-up point for our free Crafts at Home kits. Along with the opportunity to take part in Camera on the Community, a journal in words, pictures and sound of the effects of lockdown on our lives.

If for any reason we have to cancel a workshop, then participants who have booked will be offered their choice of Crafts at Home Kit, safely delivered to their door.

It may also be possible for individuals to book a different session by telephone, depending on places available each Tuesday. Plus, we may be able to arrange additional Sculpture or

Crafts sessions for groups at other local venues, subject to adequate social distancing.

If you hear of a voluntary group who would like to enquire about arranging extra sessions, please ask them to contact Trevor by email at thebigskill@gmail.com. These Tuesday workshops will run until 27th November. We expect the unveiling of our community sculptures to happen in Spring 2021.

Hereford Towns Board

Hereford is one of 100 places invited by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government to be part of the £3.6 billion Towns Fund, a scheme that seeks to support economic growth in towns and cities around the UK. An independent Towns Fund board, backed by Herefordshire Council, has now been established to lead this work locally.

Over the coming months the new group, known as the #StrongerHereford board, will connect with local people to create an ambitious vision for Hereford city's future. They will be asking residents, local businesses, colleges, schools, and many others to help them identify major projects that would bring about economic and social improvements.

Members of the #StrongerHereford board (which includes Will Lindesay, Chief Executive, hvoss) have been drawn from the private, public and community sectors and all have Herefordshire in their heart. They are a mix of parents, students, educators, business owners, employers and employees, creatives and politicians. Mark Stevenson, who runs Work Here - a co-working space in Hereford's High Town, is the chair of the group.

He said: "We're going to be working hard to make sure residents can put forward their ideas for capital projects. Our responsibility as the board is to then take those ideas to the Government and strike a deal to fund local projects.

"We will need big ideas and ambitious suggestions from people who live and work locally. These might be sustainable transport, culture and heritage, or/and regeneration.

"With your backing we can secure a Towns Deal that will create jobs, a stronger visitor economy, reductions in carbon emissions and thriving communities."

Fellow board member Ruth Parry, Director of Operations and Marketing at Hereford-based Simple Design Works added: "We really value making a contribution to our local economy. Like many entrepreneurial and rapidly growing businesses we're passionate about being part of the community where we live and work.

"It's exciting to be working with like-minded people who also want to make great things happen. Having the support of Jesse Norman and other business folk who understand the challenges will be invaluable to lead us through to a successful outcome for Hereford."

Town Deals are part of the government's plan to level up all regions by boosting productivity, skills and living standards.

The #StrongerHereford board - whose members are meeting virtually every few weeks - will soon announce more details on how to get involved.

Until then, you can share your thoughts on what you want to see in Hereford online at mytown.communities.gov.uk/town/hereford.

Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust to close after fulfilling its purpose

A Hereford charity that has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds since its inception is closing.

The Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust has supported many worthwhile projects over the past 14 years but the trustees believe it has now fulfilled its purpose. The Hereford Times has followed Colin's story since 2000 when he dived into deceptively shallow water, breaking his neck, paralysing him from the shoulders down, with no sensation or movement below his shoulders. His fortitude turned into determination to become as independent as possible and to live his life as fully as possibly.

Motivated by his childhood dream of driving home to the country of his birth, Kenya, in a Land Rover, his dream evolved in 2006 into the Driving Home Expedition, a trans-African expedition from Stoke Mandeville Hospital to Cape Town in South Africa. A first for a man with his level of disability.

The Colin Javens Spinal Injury Trust was created off the back of Driving Home. It supported the expedition and ran as its fund-raising arm. The aim of the Trust was to raise funds for research into spinal cord injury and for people in similar situations to Colin.

Colin was greatly humbled by the CJSIT's success; it was supported by so many people who were so generous in all senses of the word, enabling so much to be achieved. Over £600,000 was raised and supported projects ranging from a research project in Canada, four spinal cord injury projects in Africa, a micro-finance project in Kenya, and a specific research room at Stoke Mandeville Spinal Injury Centre named the Colin Javens Research Room.

Continuing the fund-raising initiative after his return from Africa, Colin subsequently travelled the UK giving inspirational talks to young people encouraging them to live their dream in spite of the obstacles that stand in their way. In closing its doors for the last time, Colin's charity benefits three other charities with its residual funds of £28,104 and Colin took the opportunity to reiterate his thanks to all those Herefordians who have supported his charity so generously and unstintingly. It is mind blowing to think of the worthwhile projects we have supported and continue to support" added Colin.

"And I am so grateful for the backing I received from so many people, especially in my home county of Herefordshire."

The three charities to benefit, all concerned with spinal injury, are the Back Up Trust, Canine

Partners and Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research.

"Our Board of Trustees are assured that these donations are meaningful and will make a lasting enhancement to the lives of people living with disabilities, generating a tangible improvement to their independence," said Colin.

Val Javens, who along with Phil Brace and Colin make up the charity's current Trustees, said closing the Trust was an incredibly difficult decision, but "its goals have been met".

She added: "It's time to move on, and the poignancy for us is that the Trust's final donations will enable other people to be more independent, hopefully as much as Colin found independence through all the Trust's activities"

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Thank you to everyone for the recent feedback on our regular newsletters. We are always looking out for relevant articles and community news items. Please email articles and information to will.lindesay@hvoss.org.uk and we will do our best to let over **1300 people across our community know!** **The deadline for the next issue of hvoice is 21st September 2020.**

**And finally.....
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