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Hello, and Happy New Year!

We are bringing you a slightly shorter newsletter this month, with February's edition just around the corner. However, we have some great training, events and funding opportunities that we couldn't wait to tell you about.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

SAVE THE DATE:

**Celebrating Exeter's Voluntary,
Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE)
Sector**

Thursday 17 March, 2022, 4pm- 7pm
St James' Park (Exeter City Football Club)
Includes food and refreshments

Exeter Connect is delighted to be hosting a special event in March showcasing the wonderful work of Exeter's VCSE sector. It will also be an opportunity to network and build collaboration.

More details and booking information will be shared soon. Please email us at info@exeterconnect.org.uk if you would like to be kept up to date when these details go live.

TRAINING & EVENTS

We have some exciting workshops and training sessions coming up for individuals and community groups in Exeter. These sessions are all free and will be delivered via Zoom.

Crowdfunding: Making the most of your campaign - Tuesday 25th January, 12pm - 2pm

Are you considering using crowdfunding to raise funds for your group? Do you want to know more about how it works?

Join us for tips on running a successful campaign, how to increase your reach, what match funding is available, and find out about local groups who have successfully used this method.

[Find out more and sign up.](#)

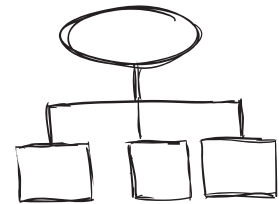


Introduction to Legal Structures - Wednesday 2nd February, 10.30am - 1pm

- In a dilemma about how to formally set up your new project?
- What are the pros and cons of charity status?
- CIC, CIO, CBS...finding it a bit confusing?
- Want to understand better the legal structure of your community organisation and your options moving forward?

Join us for this online session and get the answers you are looking for.

[Find out more and sign up.](#)



Green Ideas for Community Gardens - Wednesday 16th February, 6.30pm - 8pm

What should we plant in community spaces? What are some of the pitfalls? Join this session to hear from two community growing projects in Exeter about their experiences.

There will also be plenty of time for a breakout session to discuss the presentations and share knowledge of each other's projects and challenges.



[Find out more and sign up.](#)

Sustainable funding: what does it look like for your organisation? - Wednesday 23rd February, 10.30am - 1pm

- Is your income stable, secure and sufficient enough to sustain and grow your organisation?
- Funding your organisation – what is the recipe for success?
- Does your charity earn its own living or is it still grant dependent?
- Are you setting up a new organisation? What is your plan for its financial viability?

Join us for this free workshop to find out what sustainable funding might look like for your group.

[Find out more and sign up.](#)



OTHER TRAINING & EVENTS

Connections Conference - February 17th 2022 12.30 - 5.30pm

All's Well, Exeter Community Centre, 17 St David's Hill, Exeter

Bringing together those working with community and culture to celebrate, challenge and learn how best we can contribute to the wellbeing of our City.

All's Well and the Thriving Communities network are hosting their first Connections Conference. This event will be a wonderful opportunity to get together to share successes, challenges and questions relating to arts, heritage and culture at work in the community.

The conference will include a Community and Cultural Initiatives Fair which the team is looking for contributions to. They particularly want to hear about projects and initiatives that have made innovative or surprising connections, using the creative diversity and heritage of Exeter and Devon to develop engagement, belonging and wellbeing with a range of participants.

Find out more or request a space by emailing Pippa Marriot at pippa.marriott@eccentre.org.

FUNDING

Exeter Connect is subscribed to various grant finder and search services, some of which are only available as a paid subscription. If you would like us to make a search on behalf of your group, please get in touch.

Let's Create Jubilee Fund



Supported using public funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND**

Grants of between £750 and £10,000 will be awarded to not-for-profit organisations to deliver creative and cultural events that engage local communities for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June 2022.

The fund has been created by Arts Council England (ACE) with funds from the National Lottery, and will provide an opportunity for community organisations to work collaboratively with artists and cultural organisations to produce creative events.

The public-facing event should take place in June or around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend (2nd-5th June 2022), but projects can begin from 1st April 2022.

Constituted voluntary and community organisations with charitable aims can apply.

Projects must engage with at least one of the following art forms supported by Arts Council England:

- Combines Arts, including carnivals and festivals.
- Dance.
- Library services.
- Literature.
- Museum services.
- Music.
- Theatre, and
- Visual Arts.

Grants can be used for:

- Artist fees (both creating and delivering the event).
- Costs of making your event accessible to all, such as BSL interpreters, translators, additional signage.
- Costs of organising events and people needed to manage the project.
- Food and non-alcoholic drinks.
- Marketing cost and promotion of the event.
- Materials or equipment needed for the activity.
- Overheads relating specifically to the project, such as insurances, and
- Volunteer expenses.

Applicants are encouraged to partner with an artist, creative or cultural organisation that has been in receipt of Art's Council England funding within the last four years to help to deliver the project. While this isn't an absolute requirement, awards of between £5,000 and £10,000 are only likely to be made where an applicant can evidence that an artistic partnership is in place.

Application deadline: Monday 28th February 2022

[Find out more and apply.](#)

FUNDING

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are also available through the [Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund](#) for projects which help inactive people get active, or less active people become more active.

In particular, they are looking for projects that support people who may have less opportunity to be active. Projects should also consider how they add value to their local community and work collaboratively with other groups to maximise their impact.

Only not-for-profit organisations, with a minimum of three unrelated/non-cohabiting, trustees or directors where decision-making/voting rights are equitably distributed, are eligible to receive funding under this fund. However, you do not need to be a sports organisation to apply.

Covid Outbreak Management Funding

Grant funding is available for voluntary and community organisations supporting the COVID-19 response in Devon over the winter months.

Devon County Council (DCC), Devon Voluntary Action (DeVA) and Devon Communities Together (DCT) are working in partnership with voluntary sector organisations to deliver a major programme of Covid Outbreak Management funding across Devon. This includes a Small Grants Scheme and COVID Management Large Grant Fund.

COVID-19 Small Grants Scheme

Grants of up to £300 are available for projects that are helping to mitigate the impacts of Covid-19 over the winter months. All funding must be spent by the end of March 2022.

The closing date for applications is 21st January 2022. Applications will then be assessed 28th January 2022.

COVID Management Large Grant Fund

Grants of £10,000 – £25,000 are also available for voluntary, community groups or social enterprises who are providing support for people over the winter in response to COVID-19.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. All funding must be spent by the end of March 2022.

[Find out more.](#)

Household Support Grants

[Devon Community Foundation's Household Support Grant scheme](#) provides funding of up to £10,000 to organisations working to alleviate food and fuel insecurity in the coming months. Grants can be used to alleviate immediate needs and help those who are struggling to afford food, energy and water bills, and other related essentials.

Application deadline: 15th March

FUNDING

Community Fridge Funding

Groups can apply for £4000 of funding to set up a community fridge. Eligible not-for-profit groups must not have set up a fridge already, be planning to set one up in the next 6 months, and then plan to run it for at least 3 years.

Groups must also have a bank account that the money can be paid into.

Application deadline: 1st February 2022

[Find out more and apply.](#)

South West Water Neighbourhood Fund

The [South West Water Neighbourhood Fund](#) supports projects in Devon with a focus on nature & the environment, providing opportunities for learning & development, bringing communities together and supporting the upkeep of local neighbourhood centres and facilities.

Funding can be applied for through Action Funder - sign up, register your organisation and post a project you want funding for. Your project will automatically match with any funds you meet the criteria for (grant amount, location, focus area), and your project will remain live on the platform (ready to match with new funds) until you successfully win funding.

Please contact us at info@exeterconnect.org.uk if you would like any support making a funding application.

VOLUNTEERING

If you would like us to promote a volunteering opportunity for you in our newsletter, going out at the start of February, please email us a short blurb by **Monday 31st January**.

The **Exeter Library of Things** is hoping to open soon and will have a wide range of items available for members to borrow including power tools, hand tools, household and leisure items. They are currently looking for volunteers to help run the library. Express your interest on [their website](#), or email exeterlot@gmail.com to find out more.

Devon Voluntary Action (DeVA) has a new volunteer recruitment campaign to encourage everyone to volunteer. This campaign is funded by the Covid Outbreak Management Fund from Devon County Council and is aimed at getting more people to help those who are self-isolating, clinically extremely vulnerable, or are otherwise impacted by the pandemic.

[Find out more.](#)

JOB VACANCIES

Female Assertive Outreach Support Worker – Spark Project x 2 (CoLab Exeter): CoLab Exeter Resilient Women is a trauma-responsive provision that supports women to build their capacity for change and aspirations for their future. They work to support women with a range of complex needs including homelessness, domestic and sexual violence and abuse, and lack of access to services.

The Spark Project Team will be working 'out of hours' during evenings and weekends on a rota basis developing relationships, offering brief interventions and navigating into local women's services.

Hours: 37.5 hours per week – Evenings and Weekends Only

Salary: £24,074 FTE (job share options available)

Closing date: 12pm, Friday 28th January 2022

[Find out more and apply.](#)

Resilient Women Safe Spaces Coordinator (CoLab Exeter): Taking a 'woman first' approach, the Resilient Women Safe Spaces Coordinator will focus on building strong links across the whole improving safety offer to women. The focus of this role will be to improve access to the range of services and support available to women, and through consultation and development enable them to coproduce priorities for safety for the future.

Hours: 21 hours per week fixed term for 12 months

Salary: £27,269 FTE

Closing date: 9am, Monday 24th January 2022

[Find out more and apply.](#)

Head of Business and Finance (CoLab Exeter): This is an excellent opportunity to use your professional expertise to provide robust financial management, alongside developing organisational systems and sustainability.

This role would suit a qualified accountant with experience or knowledge of charity finance, and an ambition to drive forward financial management, projects, and business sustainability within an innovative and growing charity.

Hours: 21 hours per week

Salary: £37,244 FTE (pro rata)

Closing date: 12pm, Friday 4th February 2022

[Find out more and apply.](#)

Transitions Project Worker: Exeter Community Initiatives is looking for an experienced and enthusiastic Project Worker to join its Transitions project. Transitions aims to help vulnerable adults to improve confidence, connect with others and find strategies to become more resilient and independent. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills are essential, as is the ability to facilitate groups and support relationship building.

Hours: 22.5 hours per week

Salary: £23,080 – £24,012 pro rata

Closing date: 9am, Monday 14th February 2022

[Find out more and apply.](#)



USEFUL RESOURCES

On the Exeter Connect website, we have various resources for community groups and organisations. These are focused on a range of topics including:

- Legal structures
- Constitutions
- Recruiting to and managing volunteers
- Insurance
- Digital

[Why not take a look?](#)

For more detailed information and support tailored to you, including template policies, please do get in touch.

HAVE AN IDEA?

We offer FREE, professional support and training to help Exeter's community organisations to develop and grow.

Whatever stage you are at, Exeter Connect can provide one-to-one mentoring, advice and group workshops and discussions including:

- Starting up
- Funding
- Financial and governance structures
- Working with volunteers

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