



Welcome to the February update from Essex Community Foundation

Poll reveals giving habits

A recent poll has revealed that 90 per cent of charitable donations are given to the 12,000 'main players' despite the fact there are nearly 200,000 registered charities in the UK.

One-in-five people said they didn't give to smaller charities as the donation process was 'too complex and time consuming' - whereas it was 'easy' to give to larger charities as they had better websites and donation systems in place.

ECF uses its knowledge of the voluntary and community sector in Essex, to help you identify organisations that tackle the issues close to your heart. We liaise with the organisations on your behalf and by giving through ECF you can have confidence that your money will be spent wisely.

To find out how ECF can help you support local charities, click [here](#).



Engaging young people in Harlow

ECF is delighted to be managing the Youth Social Action Fund which will provide community organisations working with young people in Harlow with grants totalling £160,000 over the next two years.

The Fund seeks to engage young people in their community and increase their learning and understanding of local issues. To find out more, click [here](#).



Match-funding success

We are elated to announce that our previous appeal to match-fund the £75,000 donation by Essex Police to the Proceeds of Crime scheme has been fulfilled.

The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has doubled the funds available and their generosity means that twice as many community safety projects in the county will now receive support.



Grants available in Maldon

Community and voluntary organisations in the Maldon District are invited to call us on Wednesday 1 March for a dedicated phone-in funding surgery.

Grant officers will be on hand to speak with you about your projects and will supply information on specific funds we have inviting applications for your area. To participate please call 01245 356018 on the day between 10am-12 noon.



Interested in joining a fund panel?

We are inviting residents of Burnham-on-Crouch and Southminster to join a community benefit grants panel which will make decisions on the distribution of charitable funds from the Turncole Wind Farm. [Read more.](#)

If you are interested in joining the panel please contact the grant's team at grants@essexcf.org.uk or call 01245 356018.



Voluntary Sector Training

Voluntary Sector Training (VST) is a not-for-profit training provider which offers all the courses you need to ensure your staff, trustees and volunteers develop the skills they need.

VST is currently offering a two day accredited trustee course for new or experienced trustees of charities and community organisations.

If you or any of your colleagues would benefit from receiving the Level 3 Award for Trustees, click [here](#) to find out more.

For more information about VST and the range of courses they offer, click [here](#).



Funds inviting applications

ECF accepts applications at any time but please be aware that there are funds which have specific deadlines.

Please regularly check our website and social media accounts to find out when funds are inviting applications or call our grants team on 01245 356018. [Read more.](#)



More information

If you would like more information about any of the stories featured in this update or about Essex Community Foundation, please contact Jo Murphy on 01245 355947 or email jo@essexcf.org.uk.

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