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News from NAVCA

NAVCA members: How are you doing digital?

NAVCA is working on the next 'In Practice' publication, in which we'll be sharing the ways that our members are using digital technologies. This can include any area of your organisation, whether it be operations, internal communications, marketing, fundraising, reaching your beneficiaries or service delivery – we want to hear about it! We know that implementing new digital technologies doesn't come easily so tell us about the challenges and the problems you've experienced, as well as the good stuff.

Please send an overview of your experiences and examples to linx@navca.org.uk.

Did you catch our Brexit briefing?

Following the rejection of Theresa May's Brexit deal, our Policy and Research Lead, Amanda Stevens, produced a briefing which outlines possible implications that the UK's exit from the EU could have on VCSE organisations, and on life in general in the UK. The briefing looks at the impact of a no-deal Brexit, and the effect of leaving the EU on the economy, public services and VCSE organisations. The piece also includes lots of links to relevant information, news articles, research and policy on Brexit. Our members can access this briefing on [NAVCA Connect](#).



News, views and opportunities

The Big Lunch 2019

The Big Lunch was a huge success in 2018 so the organisers, Eden Project Communities, are asking you to Save the Date for **June 1-2 in 2019**. [Sign up now](#) to receive your Big Lunch pack and begin planning how you'll bring your community closer together this year.

[Watch the video](#) and visit thebiglunch.com for ideas and inspiration.



Training from Dorset Community Action

Dorset Community Action is offering the following courses in partnership with Volunteer Centre Dorset to help voluntary, community and statutory groups recruit and train trustees:



[Recruiting the Right Trustees](#): 25 February 2019, 9.45am registration for 10am start through to 1.00pm (includes coffee break)

Venue: Community Learning and Resource Centre, Wimborne

[Trustee Training – Being Effective and Compliant](#): 27 March 2019, 9.45am registration for 10am start through to 1.00pm (includes coffee break)

Venue: CLaRC, Wimborne

Diversity in the social investment sector

Diversity Forum, supported by the [Connect Fund](#) has released its Inclusive Impact Report and toolkit. The report offers a comprehensive review of diversity in the social impact sector. It found that the sector lacks diversity in gender, disability, and ethnic and economic backgrounds. The toolkit provides practical guidance to make the sector more inclusive. You can [find both resources here](#).

Digital roundup

BT to close MyDonate fundraising platform

BT has this week announced that it will close its online fundraising platform, My Donate at the end of June. The news has been met with disappointment from the sector, with the impact on small charities causing concern.



NAVCA member, Cambridge CVS tweeted: *The closure of @BTGroup #BTMyDonate is a disaster for small organisations. Other platforms cost more or had higher fees and in our *unscientific* research MyDonate always came out as the best site. This will mean so much work for #smallcharities.*

Small charity, Caberet vs Cancer wrote: *BT My Donate provide a simple and fast service. As a small charity we rely on donations and the bigger platforms just take too much commission and pay themselves significant bonuses. This is not what our supporters want.*

BT has said that it has been “really proud to have supported charities and fundraisers over many years” and that the evolving nature of fundraising technology has brought “many alternative fundraising platforms, including several fee-free offers to the UK.” The company has said that it will re-focus its outreach initiatives, helping people to develop technology skills and supporting national education programmes.

Read more on this story from [Civil Society News](#).

Good Things Foundation helps a million people to gain digital skills

Social change charity [Good Things Foundation](#) has helped over 1 million people to gain the digital skills they need for life and work.

This major milestone has been achieved through the Future Digital Inclusion programme – backed by a £15 million investment by the Department for Education – and delivered in communities across England.

The five-year programme is working with community organisations in the Online Centres Network to help people who are excluded from the digital world learn the skills they need to benefit from technology. Over 80% of those helped face social exclusion, including unemployment, poverty, low skills or a disability.

However, the charity warns that by 2028 there will still be 6.9 million people without the digital skills required for life and work. You can read more on this, and about how Good Things Foundation is [tackling digital exclusion here](#).

Events

[**Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 5 February 2019, National.**](#)

This year's campaign slogan, 'Together for a better internet', is a call to action for all stakeholders to join together and play their part in creating a better internet for everyone, and especially for younger users. There are lots of ways to get involved [on the website](#).

[**The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of trustee board behaviours - how to identify a welcoming and effective board, 7 February \(18:30-19:45\), London.**](#)

Do you want to be a charity trustee, but you worry about joining a dysfunctional board? Are you a charity planning to recruit new trustees, but you want to ensure that your board stays effective? Or perhaps your charity's board doesn't operate as usefully as it might?

In this talk - organised by trustee recruitment charity, Getting on Board and kindly hosted by ICSA The Governance Institute - Diana Garnham will use her extensive experience to explore some of the board behaviours that lead to ineffectiveness including lack of diversity of thinking, self-interest, focus on the operational, disengagement from the wider world, dominant trustees or too many long-serving. These are the situations that those who are new to trusteeship probably want to avoid so Diana will also highlight the characteristics of the effective board where new trustees are most likely to be both welcomed and valued.

The event is aimed at aspiring and current trustees, charity leaders and advisers and anyone with an interest in charity governance. [Book your free place now](#).

[**Time to Talk Day, Thursday 7 February 2019, National.**](#)

This year's Time to Talk Day is all about bringing together the right ingredients, to have a conversation about mental health. Whether that's tea, biscuits and close friends or a room full of people challenging mental health stigma, we want you to get talking. Having conversations about mental health helps break down stereotypes, improve relationships, aid recovery and take the stigma out of something that affects us all. There are lots of different ways to have a conversation about mental health. And you don't have to be an expert to talk. However you do it, make sure you have a conversation about mental health this Time to Talk Day. [More information](#).

[**The Social Media Exchange Event, 11 February, London 2019**](#)

The event is for anyone working in the charity sector with an interest in the power of storytelling in raising awareness, changing perceptions, inspiring action, recruiting volunteers, engaging supporters and generating funds.

Jobs

Visit our [jobs page](#) for more details on current vacancies in the voluntary and community sector:

[Chief Executive Officer](#), Poole CVS and Bournemouth CVS
[Giving Back in Bolton Project Lead](#), Bolton CVS

Also here's a [quick guide](#) to selling yourself when applying for a job in the voluntary sector.

Advertise jobs and contracts here, on our website and through our Twitter page!
Just send details including a weblink to webedit@navca.org.uk. This service is free to members.

Funding, contracts & awards

Our funding section is brought to you by [Community Matters Yorkshire](#).



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[Erasmus + Youth Funding](#)

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport. Each year, UK youth organisations and young people can access Erasmus+ funding to support life-changing international opportunities. Deadline 5 February.

[D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust](#)

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust funds United Kingdom Registered Charities operating in the UK in the fields of the advancement of the arts, health and medical welfare and environmental protection or improvement. The majority of the Trust's grants are single grants over a one-year period. Occasionally longer-term grants (usually up to 3 years) are agreed by the Trustees when deemed to have particular merit. Deadline 7 February.

[Thomas Wall Trust](#)

The Thomas Wall Trust was established in 1920 for the "encouragement and assistance of educational work and social service" Today, the Trust continues to assist in these areas by providing grants to individuals and organisations. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for individuals and registered charities. To apply you should create an account on the website and request a form. Applications can be made at any time and will be considered at Trustee meetings held twice a year usually in July and November.

[All England Netball Association - Youth Trust](#)

The All England Netball Association Youth Trust supports individuals and organisations in the development of sport for young people under the age of 21 in England. There is no minimum or maximum level of grant available, although funding is limited and applicants should bear this in mind.

[Boshier - Hinton Foundation - UK](#)

The Boshier-Hinton Foundation exists to improve quality of life for people with disabilities or learning difficulties, and their families, by the awarding of grants.

Active Communities Funding Programme - People's Health Trust

The Active Communities Funding Programme aims to close the gap between those communities which experience the worst health in England, Scotland and Wales and the majority of the population. The programme focuses on people living in the poorest neighbourhoods.



Finance Training for Small Charities

Providing resources & training for charities with an income of under £1m, available to book now at smallcharityfinance.org.uk

Blogs

[Carol Botten](#), CEO of VONNE, shares her journey so far in supporting social investment in the North East of England.

[Marketing Week](#) reports on the quiet marketing revolution that has been happening in the charity sector, as focus is shifting to empowerment over charity.

[James Blake](#), CEO of YHA reflects on cross-sector leadership, considering his journey from civil and public sector service, to the charity sector.



Health and social care

Patients avoid 7,500 nights in hospital with tailored home help scheme

A pioneering NHS programme in Somerset has helped patients avoid 7,500 nights in hospital and freed up at least £2m for other services.

Somerset's Homefirst scheme offers patients who are healthy enough tailored help to finish therapy at home, with personalised care reducing stays in hospital by up to ten days.

Homefirst is delivered by specialist teams of staff who have been given additional training in a range of care techniques, so they can do more with patients once they are home, to help them regain independence faster. [Read more.](#)

Mental health services for children and young people

A new parliamentary report has found that in 2017/18 only three in ten children and young people with a mental health condition received NHS-funded treatment, and many more faced unacceptably long waits for treatment.

It concludes that the government has no comprehensive, long-term plan for how it will fulfil its commitment to implement Future in Mind, which set out a cross-sector vision for how to support young people's mental health. You can [read the report here](#).

Consultation: A review and update of CCG guidance on Items which should not be routinely prescribed in primary care

NHS England continues to partner with NHS Clinical Commissioners (NHSCC) to support clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) in ensuring that they can use their prescribing resources effectively and deliver best patient outcomes from the medicines that their local population uses. A national public consultation has been launched on proposals to update and review commissioning guidance on eight more products that cost the NHS more than £68 million.

In the majority of cases there are other more effective, safer and/or cheaper alternatives available to the items that NHS England is recommending should not be routinely prescribed in primary care.

The consultation runs until 28 February 2019. Details of public consultation events can be found [here](#). If you would like any further information please email england.medicines@nhs.net.

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