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News from NAVCA

### The NAVCA Awards: DEADLINE EXTENDED

We have extended the entry deadline for The NAVCA Awards 2019 to midnight on **Friday 1 March**.



That means you have almost a full week extra to get your entries in. Don't forget, you can apply for as many of the nine categories as you like, and you can find answers to some of the common questions in our FAQs document, which [you can read here](#).

The awards are all about showcasing the stars of local social infrastructure, and we have nine categories covering digital, leadership, partnership working and advocacy. You can find the [full list of categories and criteria here](#) and you can [submit your entry here](#).

The extended entry deadline is midnight on Friday

**Save the date: NAVCA Awards Ceremony**

We will be announcing the winners of the NAVCA Awards 2019 at an awards ceremony during the evening of **19 March 2019**, at St Bride's in London.

### Join team NAVCA!

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our small but mighty team at NAVCA! We are looking for an Engagement & Communications Lead to develop a compelling narrative around sector support on behalf of our members, influencing policymakers, commissioning organisations and fundraising bodies at national, regional and local level.

The successful person will lead on communication to our members and future members, emphasising our unique offering for local sector support and development.

If you have a passion for the aims of the social action movement and the priorities of NAVCA's members, are digitally astute and are able to act as the organisation's voice across a range of social media and digital channels, whilst embracing the wide variety of opportunities to engage with members, partners and the wider public; then we want to hear from you!

This role is home based with regular travel to London. The closing date is Monday 4 March and interviews will take place on Thursday 14 March. [Find out more about this role and how to apply here.](#)

## Policy news

### Public Information Campaign

The government has launched a public information campaign to ensure that UK citizens, businesses, civil society organisations, EU citizens living in the UK and UK nationals living in the EU are well informed about how Brexit will affect them and the practical steps they will need to take to be ready.

The campaign is available at [euexit.campaign.gov.uk](http://euexit.campaign.gov.uk) and includes the latest advice and information. For instance, there is information on what to do if you receive EU funding as well as advice on preparing for a no deal Brexit.

Government is inviting feedback on this and welcomes any thoughts you may have on how to make the website more user-friendly for civil society stakeholders. The

Cabinet Office has developed [a very short survey](#) where you can provide your views on the website which will influence any improvements. Please feel free to skip any questions that you do not feel apply to your organisation.

### Settled Status Scheme

The settled status scheme is open to some EU citizens and their family members now. The scheme will open fully by 30 March 2019. On 21 January [the Prime Minister announced that there will be no fee](#) when the scheme opens fully on 30 March 2019.

The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021. The deadline for applying will be 31 December 2020 if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. For more information please review the [Settled Status Scheme website](#).

### Data Protection in the event of a No Deal

Specific guidance has been published on data protection in the event of a no deal. The government's [technical notice on data protection](#) and [guidance for organisations on data protection](#) has recently been published by the Information Commissioner's Office.

In a no deal scenario, the continued free flow of personal data between the EU and the UK is not automatic and the guidance sets out the actions UK organisations should take to enable the continued flow of personal data between the UK and the EU.

## News, views and opportunities

### Eliminating workplace bullying in charity leadership

ACEVO and Centre for Mental Health have this week announced a partnership to research bullying in charity sector leadership.

'Leading safe cultures: eliminating workplace bullying in charity leadership' aims to understand the conditions in which bullying occurs in the charity sector, its effects on individuals and why in some organisations bullying behaviour continues for a significant period of time unchecked.

ACEVO and Centre for Mental Health are asking for those who feel able to share their experiences to complete a confidential online questionnaire, and are also seeking to

conduct in-depth interviews with individuals who have experienced bullying in the sector. The survey can be completed [here](#).

The research will focus on bullying that has taken place within the last five years, with a specific focus on the role of leadership and culture in bullying behaviour. Those interested in being interviewed as part of the research can contact ACEVO's head of policy, [Kristiana.wrixon@acevo.org.uk](mailto:Kristiana.wrixon@acevo.org.uk) or [find out more here](#).

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### Free legal assistance

The Not-for-Profits Programme from Law Works is for small not-for-profit organisations that cannot afford or would struggle to pay for legal advice.



Where a not-for-profit organisation needs help with a one-off legal issue, Law Works match the organisation with a volunteer lawyer from its network of member law firms and in-house legal teams who can advise on that matter. The advice is given for free (pro bono).

Examples of discrete matters volunteers can help with include:

- drafting a contract
- reviewing a lease
- updating a constitution/articles, or
- clarifying rights in a commercial dispute.

You can find out more about eligibility and how to apply for legal advice [here](#).

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Digital roundup

## Parents support NSPCC's call for social media regulator

A survey carried out by the NSPCC has found that nine out of ten parents want to see a social media regulator with legal powers to protect children from online risks.



The survey findings back the NSPCC's recent report which sets out how a regulator would enforce a legal duty of care to children on social networks. You can read [Taming the Wild West Web here](#).

The NSPCC has also set up an online petition urging people to back their call for a regulator and other recommendations including the creation of safe accounts for children. You can [sign the petition here](#). Read the full story from [Charity Digital News](#).

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## Tech Trust's 2019 whitepaper report released

Tech Trust's annual whitepaper has revealed that charity trustee's IT skills are dropping, whilst the divide is deepening between charities making the most of digital to drive their mission, and those at the other end of the spectrum.

The report reveals that 40% of charities consider their trustees' IT competence 'below average' – a significant increase from last year's 29%. The report warns that this skills gap could be detrimental to charities, given the need for digital transformation to be enabled by charity leaders and trustees.

The report findings, which are based on a survey carried out in 2018 across 1,100 charitable organisations, showed improvement in areas such as cloud usage and the prevention of cyber attacks. The report is free to download and can be [accessed here](#).

## Events

[Cheshire West Voluntary Action, Creating Conversations Conference, Tuesday 26 March, 9:30am – 4:00 pm, Chester Racecourse.](#)



The theme for the day "Creating Conversations," stems from CVA's commitment to helping

community groups, charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises throughout the Cheshire West area continue to thrive, learn and maximise the value of collaboration and working in partnership.

The day will include inspirational speakers, practical workshops, networking, exhibition and consultancy corner advice sessions. It will be a jam packed day to inspire staff, trustees and volunteers, reigniting their passion for delivering better outcomes for all. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is also free parking available throughout the day.

It costs £30 per delegate, £10 for additional delegates and £10 for volunteers/individuals from volunteer-led groups (plus a small Eventbrite booking fee). You can [book your place here](#).

### The Big Lunch 2019 - save the date

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](http://thebiglunch.com) for ideas and inspiration.

### Jobs

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

[Engagement and Communications Lead](#), NAVCA, home based

[Funding and Group Development Officer](#), Warwickshire CAVA, Warwick District

[Communications and Engagement Officer](#), Nottingham CVS

[Enterprise Development Officer](#), Nottingham CVS

[Group Development Officer](#), Nottingham CVS

[Health and Care Development Worker](#), Manchester Community Central

[Active Communities Worker](#), Manchester Community Central

[Philanthropy Development Lead](#), Manchester Community Central

[Chief Executive Officer](#), Voluntary Action Swindon

[Shopmobility Supervisor](#), Voluntary Action Swindon

[Development Manager](#), Voluntary Action Swindon

[Development Officer](#), Voluntary Action Swindon

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](mailto: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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### [Peter Cruddas Foundation \(England & Wales\)](#)

The Peter Cruddas Foundation aim to benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK by ensuring their funding reaches those most in need. Deadline 01 March.

### [A B Charitable trust](#)

A B Charitable Trust supports charities that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals whatever their circumstances. The Trust is particularly interested in charities that work with marginalised and excluded people in society, with a focus on: migrants, refugees and asylum seekers prisoners and penal reform human rights, particularly access to justice. Deadline 01 March.

### [National Churches Trust - UK](#)

The National Churches Trust has supported important projects at a wide range of places of worship through its grants programmes. They consider applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship throughout the UK. Deadline 04 March.

### Women First Fund

The Smallwood Trust is inviting applications for projects that demonstrate good practice in achieving outcomes for women on low incomes by building their skills, confidence and aspirations to enable them to enter into employment. The fund is open to charities, social enterprises and other non-profit organisations who have projects that support its mission of enabling women to become financially resilient. The Smallwood Trust fund existing projects that show evidence of good practice. Organisations can apply for grants of £10,000 to £15,000. Deadline 4 March.

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### **The Bright Ideas Fund: opening soon!**

The Bright Ideas Fund supports new [community business](#) ideas through the start-up and planning stages with tailored business support, to the implementation stage with grants of up to £15,000. The fund will open on 26 February 2019.

The Bright Ideas Fund is funded by [Power to Change](#), the independent trust supporting community businesses in England, and delivered by [Locality](#), the national network for community organisations, in partnership with [Co-operatives UK](#), the [Plunkett Foundation](#) and [Groundwork UK](#).

The Bright Ideas Fund application will open on 26 February 2019, and close on Tuesday 9 April 2019. [Find out more here.](#)



### **Finance Training for Small Charities**

Providing resources & training for charities with an income of under £1m, available to book now at [smallcharityfinance.org.uk](http://smallcharityfinance.org.uk)

**Blogs**

[New Local Government Network](#) is embarking on a new research project, supported by Local Trust, to set out how a new model of community-led commissioning would work in practice. This blog sets out the thinking behind it and how you can get involved.



[Julia Unwin](#) sets out the vision of the Civil Society Futures Inquiry as it looks to take its findings forward in 2019, and invites the sector to join the movement.

## Health and social care

### Social care sector reaches ‘tipping point’

Following the release of its recent report on the learning disability sector, the chief executive of Hft has described the social care sector as reaching ‘tipping point’, in an interview with Civil Society News.

Hft’s report revealed that the majority of social care providers had been made to cut services and hand back contracts in the past year. CEO, Robert Longley-Cook, said: “...cutbacks have all been coming since 2010 really when austerity started. For me this felt like a tipping point. Before you felt we were on a trajectory towards a painful place, but this actually feels like we might be there.”

He also said the quality of social care services is dropping because high standards are not being rewarded. You can [read the full story here](#).

### **CLOSING SOON: Consultation on 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.



# England

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 is closing later this month on 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](mailto:england.medicines@nhs.net).

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