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FUNDING



**North
Northamptonshire
Council**

NNC has a new Rural Community Capital Funding round opening from March 4th to April 2nd. There is £217,840 available from the Shared Prosperity Fund and the criteria is as follows:

The creation of or improvements to local rural green spaces, existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions and active travel enhancements e.g. community transport

Organisations will be able to apply for up to £20,000 and must be in a rural area of North Northamptonshire.

Full details will be available on the council's community funding pages 4th March

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/communities-assets-and-grants/community-funding/rural-community-capital-funding>



Tesco are inviting applications to the July - August voting period.

Each Store region: Brackley; Corby; Kettering; Northampton (East); Northampton (West); Towcester & Wellingborough has 3 voting opportunities to include 1x School, 1x Children & Young People & 1x Other project.

<https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

Any Not for Profit organisation can apply including: Constituted Community Groups, Charities, Community Interest Companies (must be operating 2 years), Town & Parish Councils; Local Authorities, Health bodies, Social Housing providers and Sports Clubs.

**The programme is supported by Groundwork UK, and local support is provided by Sean Silver
sean.silver@groundwork.org.uk or 07912480537**

Mental Health



Awareness courses

FREE half-day courses for frontline staff and volunteers across Northamptonshire

Build your knowledge of mental health to equip you in supporting others.

2024 COURSE DATES:

Rushden Mind:

- Thursday 8 February
- Friday 22 March
- Friday 7 June

Northampton Mind:

- Wednesday 28 February
- Monday 29 April
- Tuesday 25 June

All sessions 9.30am – 1pm

This course is free to attend under The All-Age Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training Framework



Register your interest [here](#) or by emailing:
mhsptesting@westnorthants.gov.uk



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Connect Northamptonshire have now extended the deadline for applications for the second Cohort of Ambassadors of Change to Wednesday 10th April 2024 COP

Northamptonshire's VCSE Community (Voluntary & Community Groups and Social Enterprises) have been awarded three years of funding from the National Lottery Community Health Equalities Fund to embed it's skills and expertise in the county's Integrated Care System – the project aims to transform the culture of collaborative working practices with our System Partners in Public Health, NHS Partnerships, as well as our two unitary Local Authorities, and develop Senior Leaders for the future resilience of the VCSE Sector in an ever-changing sphere of influence and decision making.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/ZzoqWuMYOeiojMJy?ref=email>

I would like to invite you all, as VCSE representatives of your communities, to our FULLY FUNDED training course "Representing your Community - People and Places" taking place (face to face) at the Wellingborough African and Caribbean centre on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May 2024.

This training has been funded through the National Lottery Communities Fund to support reducing inequalities through the developing Integrated Care System, to support our sector to fully represent the health and wellbeing needs of the people we work with, when designing our Health and Social Care system to be preventative in its approach and provide early support within community settings.

We have an exciting agenda prepared with Karen Spellman, Partnership and Strategic Manager at the ICB introducing the day with her thoughts on the value of our VCSE partners in designing solutions for our residents.

Please book you space early on this link, that provides further details of the agenda

<https://vcse-ics.co.uk/representing-your-community-people-and-places-29th-30th-may>



Northamptonshire Emergency Response Corps
MONTHLY TRAINING EVENINGS

Northamptonshire Prepared



TTX
TABLE TOP EXERCISE

THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024

IN-PERSON COURSE, Starts at 7pm

Venue to be confirmed

More joining instructions will be sent upon registration (see below)

THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND TEAM LEADERS AND HOSTED BY NERC & NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT OPERATIONS TEAM

- It ensures that volunteers are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to respond to emergencies effectively.
- This can prevent confusion and improve coordination among responders.
- Training can boost volunteers' confidence and reduce anxiety, enabling them to perform their duties more effectively.
- Training can help volunteers to develop new skills, which can be useful in their personal and professional lives.
- Trained volunteers can serve as ambassadors for emergency preparedness in their communities, promoting awareness and encouraging others to get involved.
- Training is essential for emergency key skills volunteers to ensure they are prepared and capable of responding to emergencies and serving their communities.

OUR TRAINING HAS NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES.



The TTX is ...

a short table-top exercise that we are introducing to the NERC training programme. These sessions will discuss the roles of the public services as well as the role the community and voluntary sector can play in response to an emergency.

The training will involve:

- Skills and Capabilities of the community and voluntary sector
- Tactical and Strategic Commands structures within Northamptonshire LRF
- JESIP Principles of Working
- Problem solving skills
- Briefing and situational awareness

BOOK NOW
 COMPLETE THE
 ONLINE REGISTRATION





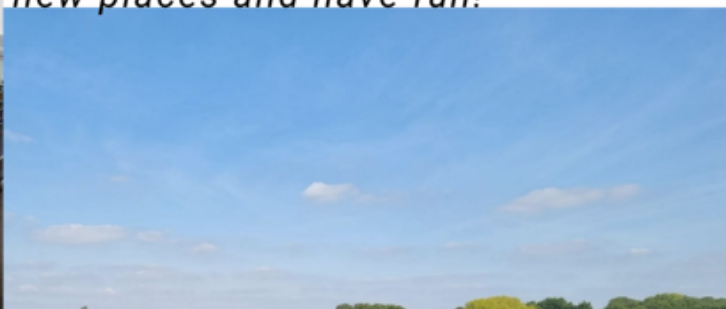
Join us

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Drivers take people on day trips to a wide variety of locations, seaside to shopping centres and pub lunches.

Lunch and drinks provided.

Combat social isolation, help people make new friends and see new places and have fun!



www.serve.org.uk

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8 West Street, Rushden, NN10 0RT

Charity Number 1043321 Company Number 2951827

EMAIL info@serve.org.uk for more information

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for volunteers to step forward for this worthwhile project. Help us to change the lives of lonely, isolated people. Help us make a difference.

If you would like to become a VOLUNTEER, and you are 18+ you can download our Volunteer Befriender Role Description and Application Form from our website Countywide Befriending (serve.org.uk)

If you would like to speak with us about the Befriending Service you can contact one of the coordinators directly (details on poster) or our Befriending Manager, Jonathan Cook on 01933 315555. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER

IS YOUR ORGANISATION LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS?

If the answer is "YES" then please register your organisation on the brand new countywide volunteering website.

www.communityactionnorthants.org.uk

You can register your volunteer opportunities on our database

- New opportunities will be viewed by us before going live
- You can look forward to receiving more volunteer enquiries

Please see attached volunteer database guide

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supporting independence

BEFRIENDER VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ACROSS

- East Northants
- Wellingborough
- Kettering
- Corby

PROVIDE COMPANIONSHIP

... to older people aged 65+ who are lonely, isolated & frail who need a weekly visit to help improve health and wellbeing

COME & JOIN US AS A BEFRIENDER

East Northants & Wellingborough
cheryl.smith@serve.org.uk
07764 560 863

Kettering & Corby
sonia.stewart@serve.org.uk
07711 185 917

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COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHANTS
creating volunteering connections
in Northamptonshire



Community Responder Volunteer

We need you to make a difference to older people.

This service aims to provide company, reassurance, and low-level support to an older vulnerable person in their own home. This could be anything from a welfare check to offering some companionship when a delay is anticipated for Primary or Secondary care support. It can be a worrying time when older people are waiting for further support at home, our aim is to assign a volunteer to be that much needed "friendly face" for up to two hours.

This service currently covers Northampton and Wellingborough and the surrounding areas, including East Northamptonshire.

To join this rewarding service, we ask that you are:-

- age 18 or over
- a confident caring person with empathy for older people
- able to stay calm and offer reassurance
- living locally in the current service area

Your visit could include:-

- making a drink
- packing an overnight bag
- making someone comfortable following a fall
- contacting a family member or friend
- providing reassurance and a listening ear
- liaising with your Service Manager as required

Please note this role will not involve any manual handling (lifting or moving) of people. We are sure that you will enjoy volunteering with us, and that you will always feel supported and safe.

If you would like an informal chat to find out more, please call Kathy Smith on 01604 210618 or email communityresponders@ageuknorthants.org.uk

Scan me to apply.



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Integrated Care Northamptonshire



Volunteer Opportunity

We are putting transformation in practice and embarking on an exciting new way of working between partners. Led by the North Northants voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) sector we are working with the Integrated Care Service (ICS) to transform how services are delivered.

The service motto is: 'We don't give up on people'.

We are looking for positive and motivated volunteers in North Northants, who want to make a difference by supporting people to access the services they need:

Can you

- Accompany someone to an appointment – GP, other
- Drive and/or escort someone to an activity or group
- Help someone with their shopping
- Assist SNN staff at appointments
- Make wellbeing calls
- Practical support such helping make appointments etc..

Full training will be provided, flexible hours to suit.

For more information email info@serve.org.uk



Are you passionate about enhancing people's life chances? Do you have experience managing programmes that support people into employment or education?

Northampton Town FC Community Trust is an award-winning and pioneering charity that uses the unique appeal of Northampton Town Football Club to deliver activities that connect our communities and improve people's lives

Due to the expansion of our education provision, an exciting opportunity has arisen for a passionate, enthusiastic and driven individual to join our team in the following position:

Employability & Skills Manager

Why work with us?

We know that people are the key to us achieving our mission – and that's why we look after our dedicated team. We believe that everyone on our team should grow as the organisation grows – and we do that by encouraging constant learning and development. We know that if we invest in our team, our team go the extra mile.

Please see documentation attached, closing dates for applications is 9.00am Monday 8th April 2024, Interview Date Tuesday 16th April 2024

**For more information go to
<https://ntfccommunity.livevacancies.co.uk/#/job/details/20> or
email community@ntfc.co.uk**



SERVE are recruiting a new CEO!!

About Serve

We are an award-winning charity in Northamptonshire committed to supporting older people, people with disabilities and their carers.

We operate out of our HQ's in Rushden, Northamptonshire with a Day Centre in Higham Ferrers and a small office in Kettering.

Our vision is a society that fully respects the rights of older people and people with disabilities and where age and disability are not barriers to opportunity, fulfilment and dignity.

Our mission is to help adults who require support services to maintain their independence.

About the Role

As the CEO of Serve, your role will be to provide the strategic leadership, vision and direction to help the organisation to deliver its mission to support independent living for older adults and people living with disabilities and their carers. You will collaborate with the Trustees to provide strategic direction, operational management and impactful leadership to ensure the effective delivery of our services and the fulfilment of our organisational goals.

You will play a vital role in the continued growth and financial sustainability of Serve and will work alongside sector partners to improve the lives of service users across Northamptonshire and North Bedfordshire.

How to Apply

If you would like an informal conversation about the role with Jess Slater, CEO of Serve, please email Jess at jess.slater@serve.org.uk.

Please apply by completing the Serve application form and equal opportunities form on the website or complete the attached application form and equal opportunities form

Please send completed applications to info@serve.org.uk

Closing Date for applications: Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 4.00pm.

Interviews Dates: 11th and 12th April 2024.



You're Invited
SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday 16th April

FREE EVENT

**HEALTHY ACTIVE AGEING -
ADDING LIFE TO YEARS**

VENUE:

**Waterside Campus, University
of Northampton, NN1 5PH**

TIME:

1 pm until 5 pm

BOOKINGS OPEN ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2024



Keynote speaker:

**Sir Muir Gray, Founder
of the Live Longer Better
Revolution and leading
adviser for the Optimal
Ageing Programme.**

MOVE

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

www.movenorthamptonshire.org

AGM & Conference

on Saturday, 18 May, 2024

11.30 am to 2.30 pm

with the theme this year being...

SAVE THE DATE

MASKING



Venue: Priors Hall Community Centre, CORBY, NN17 5EB

Line up of speakers to be announced. All welcome. Free luncheon



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Interested in the Voluntary Sector in Kettering & Corby? Consider joining Kettering Voluntary Network (KVN) and/or Corby Voluntary Network (CVN)! It keeps you in touch with like minded organisations! Receive mailings and invitations to networking meetings and events! It's local and free! Contact sean.silver@groundwork.org.uk or mobile 07912 480537

Could your organisation benefit from some Support? We offer support to KVN & CVN (Kettering Voluntary Network & Corby Voluntary Network) members to help you to check that your policies and procedures are up to date and discuss business planning or funding applications. We are also here to support Trustees with Governance matters!

CAN (Community Action Northants) provides support in Volunteering brokerage! Sign up and see volunteering opportunities near you, and advertise your organisations volunteering offers! Community Action Northants - Volunteering opportunities in Northamptonshire

Tesco Community Grants (formally Tesco Bags of Help)! Groundwork administers and support groups to apply to this fund for Tesco! Any not for profit organisation can apply & criteria is anything to benefit community!

More info click here: [Tesco Community Grants](#)

Comic Relief Funding! Groundwork UK administer & support groups to apply to this fund! More information on application and criteria for funding here! <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/>



As a Registered Body for Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), we provide a countywide service taking care of all administration for you, providing any documentation required and processing forms on your behalf.

The following prices apply:

Volunteer DBS Checks £10 each

Paid Staff Standard Checks £41 each

Paid Staff Enhanced Checks £57 each

This above costs include all administration charges and documentation



**Disclosure &
Barring Service**

If you require any further information,
please contact Michelle on 01933 315555

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Please see ENFOLD newsletter attached