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Free Positive Coaching Workshops for West Yorkshire Clubs

Coaches and sports organisations across West Yorkshire are invited to take part in a series of free online Positive Coaching workshops, presented by Yorkshire Sport Foundation and funded by the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership.

Designed as an introduction to trauma-informed and holistic sports coaching, the workshops will help participants explore what makes an effective coach, recognise poor coaching practices and learn how a trauma-informed approach can better support athletes. The sessions will also highlight further learning and development opportunities.

The workshops are interactive and include breakout room discussions and opportunities to contribute through the chat. Participants will need access to a device with a camera and microphone to take part fully.

There are four sessions to choose from, each limited to 25 places:

- Monday 30 November, 12pm to 1.30pm
- Tuesday 1 December, 10am to 11.30am
- Wednesday 2 December, 6pm to 7.30pm
- Friday 4 December, 1.30pm to 3pm

Everyone who completes the workshop will receive a certificate and a £100 Decathlon e-voucher for their club or organisation to help enhance the delivery of activities.

These sessions are specifically for clubs and organisations based in West Yorkshire. Places are expected to fill quickly, with additional workshops potentially being offered in the new year if demand is high. Book a place here. For further information, contact Lisa Moseley at lisa.moseley@yorkshiresport.org. Organisations based outside West Yorkshire should contact Nicola Holmes at nicola.holmes@yorkshiresport.org to discuss alternative options.

The DPS Social Commitment Programmes

The School for Social Entrepreneurs is offering support through the DPS Social Commitment Programmes. Charities and social enterprises in England and Wales that are tackling the causes and consequences of homelessness can apply. The programmes combine learning, mentoring and grant funding to help organisations increase their impact and strengthen their long-term sustainability.

Open to organisations working in areas such as housing support, employability, financial inclusion, mental health, domestic abuse and refugee integration, the programmes are designed to support those helping people find and maintain a safe and stable home.

Two programmes are available. Activate is aimed at smaller or earlier-stage organisations, while Scale is designed for more established organisations looking to grow their reach and impact. As well as tailored support and peer learning opportunities, participants may be eligible for grant funding of up to £7,000 or £10,000, depending on the programme. Participants will take part in practical learning designed specifically for leaders of charities and social enterprises, helping them develop their organisations and increase their impact. They will also become part of a supportive network of fellow social entrepreneurs, with opportunities to share experiences, learn from peers and build valuable connections.

The programmes offer a valuable opportunity for social sector organisations to build skills, strengthen resilience and connect with a network of like-minded changemakers working to address homelessness and housing insecurity.

Funding

Visit our Community Action Funding Finder to see more funding opportunities

Unlock Up to £20,000 for Active Travel Initiatives

The West Yorkshire Combined Authority is offering **match-funded grants of up to £20,000** to help businesses make walking, cycling and wheeling more practical for employees.

Funding can support workplace improvements such as showers, changing facilities, lockers and secure cycle parking, as well as equipment, events and initiatives that encourage active travel. Businesses can also work towards Active Travel Business Champion Accreditation.

The programme is **open** to businesses based in commercial premises **across the Bradford District.**

The scheme aims to improve employee wellbeing, reduce car dependency and support greener, healthier travel choices.

Expressions of interest should be sent by email to info@investinbradford.com.

Living Well Brain Matters Community Micro Grants

Bradford Public Health are inviting voluntary and community organisations to help promote the Brain Matters initiative through holding events or activities across Bradford district. Each event/activity will receive **£500** to support delivery. They are looking for organisations who can organise events or activities to be delivered between January and March 2027 (maximum of two awards per organisation). These will be to share the campaign messages on keeping brains healthy to reduce the risk of dementia in a way that is relevant to their communities. The grants are now open and the deadline to apply is 5pm on 27 November. The grants will be awarded in December. An information webinar will be held online on 10 November from 10am to 11am. Email sharron.mcmahon@bradford.gov.uk to attend.

Rosa's Voices from the Frontline Fund

Women's and girls' organisations can apply to the Rosa Voices from the Frontline Fund for grants of up to **£10,000 over 18 months**. Funding is available to support campaigning and influencing work that helps women and girls use their voices to create change in policy, practice, culture and public attitudes.

The fund recognises the important role women's and girls' organisations play in driving social change through organising, mobilising and advocacy. Applicants are encouraged to read the guidance and FAQs and attend a 'How to Apply' webinar before submitting their application. The deadline for applications is **4pm on 16 November**. Applications must include both an application form and a video submission. A webinar for prospective applicants will take place on **5 November, 2pm to 3pm**, with BSL interpretation provided.

The Leap: Bradford Community Led Heritage

The **Bradford Community Led Heritage Programme**, funded by **The National Heritage Lottery Fund**, supports community organisations across Bradford District to explore, protect and share local heritage. Focusing on underrepresented communities, the programme provides funding, guidance and skills development to help local people celebrate and showcase Bradford's diverse histories, cultures and traditions. Applications for the Pioneer Heritage Awards, Our Heritage Awards and Young Heritage Awards **close at 5pm on 7 December.**

- Pioneer Heritage Awards: **Up to £10,000** for ambitious projects that celebrate and preserve Bradford District's heritage, with priority given to projects that can continue beyond the funding period.
- Our Heritage Awards: **Up to £2,500** to help organisations develop heritage ideas into community-led projects.
- Young heritage Awards: **Up to £500** for projects that enable young people aged 16 to 25 to explore and share local heritage while building skills, confidence and community connections.
- Heriatge Festival Awards: Coming soon, with grants of **up to £500** for community-led activities celebrating Bradford's heritage as part of **the Bradford Heritage Festival 2027.**

VCSE Jobs

Staying Put: Domestic Abuse Case Worker x2
Hours: 30 -37.5
Salary: £27,554
Closing date: 3 November 2026
Details: snicket.org

Staying Put: Mental Health and Wellbeing Advisor
Hours: 37.5
Salary: £27,554
Closing date: 3 November 2026
Details: snicket.org

SNOOP / Tadpoles Nursery: Play Support Worker
Hours: 30
Salary: £20,358
Closing date: 6 November 2026
Details: snicket.org

SNOOP / Tadpoles Nursery: Adults Support Worker
Hours: 37
Salary: £25,108
Closing date: 6 November 2026
Details: snicket.org

SNOOP / Tadpoles Nursery: Floating Play Support Worker
Hours: 37
Salary: £25,108
Closing date: 6 November 2026
Details: snicket.org

VCS Alliance: Director of Culture
Hours: 35
Salary: £50,000
Closing date: 8 November 2026
Details: snicket.org

Bradford Trident: Home Energy Adviser
Hours: 14
Salary: £28,000 (pro rata)
Closing date: 9 November 2026
Details: snicket.org

Education Alliance for Life Chances Deputy Director
Hours: 37
Salary: £45,000 - £60,000
Closing date: 19 November 2026
Details: snicket.org

Carers' Resource: Specialist Carer Navigator (Palliative Care and Discharge Planning)
Hours: 30
Salary: £21,891
Closing date: 22nd November 2026
Details: snicket.org

Bradford Rape Crisis & SASS: Helpline Service Coordinator
Hours: 21
Salary: £33,000 pro rata
Closing date: 30th November 2026
Details: snicket.org

Training and Events

Time Management
When? Tuesday November 10th, 10.30 to 12.00
Where? Online
Book your spot

Role and Responsibilities of Trustees
When? Wednesday November 11th, 17.30 to 19.00
Where? Online
Book your spot

Getting Started – Safeguarding
When? Monday November 16th, 13.30 to 15.00
Where? Online
Book your spot

Community Outreach
When? Thursday November 19th, 10.00 to 12.00
Where? Manningham Library
Book your spot

Duties and Responsibilities of a Safeguarding Lead
When? Wednesday November 25th, 12.30 to 15.00
Where? Online
Book your spot

Community Outreach
When? Thursday November 26th, 15.30 to 18.50
Where? Online
Book your spot

Beginners' guide to fundraising
When? Thursday December 3rd, 12.30 to 15.00
Where? Online
Book your spot

IDOX how to use the Community Action Funding Finder for Bradford district
When? Tuesday December 8th, 10.00 to 11.00
Where? Online
Book your spot

Leader's Network
When? Wednesday December 9th, 10.00 to 12.30 Where? Cardigan House BD16 2TA
Book your spot

Getting Started – Manage volunteers
When? Wednesday December 9th, 13.30 to 15.00
Where? Online
Book your spot

Getting Started – Measure your impact
When? Thursday December 10th, 13.30 to 15.00
Where? Online
Book your spot

Big Advice Day

Returning on **Tuesday 22nd June 2027,** the Big Advice day is designed specifically for VCSE organisations that want to learn, grow and connect, this will be a day not to be missed.

Taking place at Bradford City Hall.

If you'd like to be kept in the loop as a possible attendee or stallholder, fill out this form and we'll share details with you as they are confirmed.

The Big Meet 2027

Returning on **Thursday 23rd September 2027** at Fountains Church, the Big Meet is the annual event that brings together the people who make this sector what it is: Chairs, Trustees, leaders and passionate VCSE colleagues who understand that we are stronger together.

If you'd like to be kept in the loop as a possible attendee, fill out this form and we'll share details with you once confirmed.

View our Event calendar or contact us info@cabad.org.uk for more information.

Getting Started | Leaders' Network | Chairs' and Trustees Network | Community Outreach | VCSE Big Meet 2027 | Big Advice Day 2027

Voice and Influence

StreetGames: Mapping Positive Activities Across Bradford

Voluntary and community organisations are being invited to take part in a new survey designed to build a clearer picture of the positive activities available for 10-17 year olds across Bradford.

Bradford Children's and Families Trust, StreetGames, Active Bradford and the Bradford VCS Alliance are leading the project, which is open to organisations providing sports, physical activity, arts, culture, or other activities for young people.

The information gathered will help partners understand provision across the district, identify gaps and opportunities, and support future planning and investment. It will also be used to create an open-access dashboard showing where activities take place and the communities they serve. For organisations delivering sport and physical activity, the exercise will help strengthen the evidence for future investment, raise the profile of community provision, and improve links with local partners.

Organisations will need basic information about the activities they deliver, including the locations where sessions take place. Following the survey, contributors will be invited to view the findings and access the dashboard, which is expected to launch in winter 2026. The survey closes on 13 November.

For support completing the survey, contact Sonia Fayyaz (sonia@activebradford.com), Nadine Osuji (nadine@thevcsalliance.org.uk) or Katie Spreadborough (katie.spreadborough@streetgames.org).

Bradford Centre for Qualitative Research Significant Contribution Award

The Bradford Centre for Qualitative Research (BCQR) brings together researchers and communities to support and celebrate qualitative research across Bradford. Its Significant Contribution Award recognises individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to research in, or for, the district.

The award celebrates qualitative and community researchers who have demonstrated excellence in their work, supported others on their research journey, and created meaningful impact through research and engagement. Nominations are welcomed from colleagues, partners, students, peer researchers, volunteers, and community members. Nominations close on 20 November. To put someone forward, complete the nomination form before the deadline. For more information, please contact BCQR.Enquiries@bthft.nhs.uk.

Consultation Opens on Youth and Community Work Standards

People working, studying or supporting youth and community work are being encouraged to take part in a national consultation on the latest QAA Subject Benchmark Statement for Youth and Community Work.

Subject Benchmark Statements help inform higher education courses by setting out the knowledge, skills and standards expected of graduates. Universities and training providers use them when designing and validating programmes, meaning they have a significant influence on the development of future professionals entering the sector.

The consultation forms part of a wider QAA review of Subject Benchmark Statements. Alongside Youth and Community Work, draft Statements are also being consulted on for Welsh, Dietetics, Events, Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism, Materials, Paramedics and Sport & Exercise.

The draft Subject Benchmark Statement for Youth and Community Work is now open for feedback from practitioners, employers, students, professional bodies and other stakeholders. Responses will help inform the final version, which will guide course design and academic standards across the sector.

Responses can be submitted through the online consultation survey until midday on Friday 13 November.

This is an opportunity to help ensure that future youth and community work training reflects current practice, emerging priorities and the needs of communities across the UK.

Resources and Opportunities

Social Work Student Placements Available for VCSE Organisations

Could your organisation benefit from extra capacity to support projects, community work or service delivery? The University of Leeds is looking for voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations across the district to host social work students on placement for 70 days, to be completed by late February.

Students can support a range of activities, including frontline advocacy, community groups, service mapping and targeted development projects.

What you need to know:

- No in-house social worker is required. The university provides a dedicated Off-Site Practice Educator to manage all formal assessment and professional requirements. Host organisations simply provide day-to-day supervision and support.
- Students will complete 70 placement days by late February.
- A placement tariff is available to help support workplace supervision.

To register your interest or arrange an informal conversation about hosting a student, complete the online form.

Staying Safe from Crime: a Competition for Young People

Young people across West Yorkshire have the chance to turn their ideas into a real public campaign through a new competition launched by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

Creative ideas are being sought to help children and young people stay safe from gangs, crime and pressure from others.

Anyone aged 11 to 25 who lives, studies or works in West Yorkshire can enter, either individually or as part of a group. Entries can be submitted in a variety of formats, including posters, artwork, digital designs, written pieces and short videos.

The winning idea will be developed into a regional campaign with support from a professional creative company. The winner will also meet Tracy Brabin, Mayor of West Yorkshire, and Alison Lowe, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

The competition **closes** at midnight on **30 November**. Schools, youth groups and community organisations are encouraged to support young people to get involved.

The initiative aims to amplify young people's voices and encourage them to play an active role in creating safer communities across West Yorkshire.

Visit the campaign page for full details

Webinar on the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026

Healthcare professionals, community organisations and partners are invited to a **webinar** to learn more about the Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 and what its implementation in January 2027 will mean for local communities.

The Act is one of the most significant public health measures introduced in recent decades and aims to create a Smokefree Generation by gradually ending the sale of tobacco products to future generations.

The session will explore the key provisions of the legislation, its impact locally and how organisations can help raise awareness and support implementation.

The webinar will also provide an opportunity to discuss how partners can work together to encourage people who smoke to quit, create healthier environments and protect future generations from the harms of tobacco and nicotine addiction.

Delivered by My Living Well, the webinar will take place on **2 December from 1pm to 2.15pm.** Register now to learn more about the Act, its implementation and how you can help create a *Smokefree Generation*.

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Walking Groups Across Bradford District

Walking is a simple way to stay active, improve wellbeing and meet new people. A range of local organisations offer friendly, supportive walking groups for people who would like to enjoy gentle exercise and good company.

Age UK Bradford District runs regular walking groups of one-hour walks designed to be accessible and welcoming, whether you're returning to walking, building confidence or simply looking for companionship. Routes are carefully chosen, with public transport links and nearby cafés available. Ongoing groups take place in Shipley every Tuesday from 11.30am to 12.30pm and in Allerton every Thursday from 1pm to 2pm. To register your interest in either walk, email sam.armitage@ageukbd.org.uk.

Wellwalk CIC also offers guided wellbeing walks across the district, helping people improve their physical and mental wellbeing while exploring local green spaces. Their walks provide an opportunity to connect with others, enjoy the outdoors and take positive steps towards a healthier lifestyle.

People can sign up to become a Walk Buddy, supporting others to get out and about, or request a Walk Buddy for encouragement, companionship and support on walks.

Whether you're looking for a regular walk, extra encouragement to get active or the chance to meet new people, there are opportunities available across the district. For more information, contact the individual organisations directly.

AI Support for Charities and Social Impact Organisations

CAST (Centre for the Acceleration of Social Technology) is a charity that helps organisations use digital technology and AI for social good. It offers a range of free learning opportunities, practical resources and peer support to help charities and social impact organisations build confidence with AI and make the most of new technologies.

Its free AI learning offer includes four self-paced email courses covering topics such as getting started with AI, supporting your organisation to use AI, AI for Leaders and leading AI adoption within small and medium-sized charities. Participants receive weekly guidance, activities and practical tips designed to help them develop their skills step by step.

CAST has also created 17 AI guides covering common charity tasks, including writing funding applications, improving website content, generating service ideas and creating impact reports. The guides include template prompts, practical advice and can be used with any generative AI tool.

Organisations can also sign up to CAST's monthly newsletter to receive updates on new courses, resources and events.

What can Bureaucratic Justice do for Mental Health?

Have you ever tried to access mental health support for yourself or someone else? Researchers are looking to hear from people with experience of navigating the administrative side of seeking support for common mental health problems, such as anxiety and depression.

The study will explore experiences of forms, referrals and waiting lists, and how these processes affect people seeking help. Participants can choose to take part in a one-to-one interview, a group workshop, or both, and will receive a voucher as a thank-you for their time. The research is being carried out in collaboration with Wellcome, King's College London, the University of York and the University of Manchester. Complete the expression of interest form or email the research team at simona.manni@york.ac.uk or aisling.ryan@kcl.ac.uk for more information.

Community Action Bradford & District

We have a long history of supporting voluntary and community groups across Bradford district, from brand new community groups to established charities. Many of our services are free for smaller organisations and low cost for larger ones.

As well as this newsletter, we offer operational support, payroll and accounts, training, marketing and communications support and peer networks for VCSE Leaders and Chairs and Trustees.

Whether you're just getting started or have been around for years, there's likely something we can help with. Our development officers work directly with groups to tackle day-to-day challenges, while our training programme covers a wide range of topics to help you and your team build skills and confidence. The peer networks are a great way to connect with others in similar roles, share experiences and find practical solutions together. For advice or queries, email info@cabad.org.uk.

New Course Alert: Capital Fundraising

Community Action Bradford & District is pleased to offer a new course for community organisations looking for funding for capital projects. The inaugural online session of the new Capital Fundraising course is on 20 January 2027, from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

This course is for trustees and staff with some fundraising experience who are looking for funding for capital projects, including buildings, vehicles and large items of equipment.

What we will discuss:

- Making the case. Options appraisals and why they matter.
- Options appraisal template: make a start on your plans.
- Grant funders to consider, who funds what, how to apply and where to search for more options.
- More than grants: repayable finance, social investment and community shares. What they are and where to start.
- Examples: how did other organisations do it and what can you learn from their experiences?

This course is perfect for people with some fundraising experience. It is aimed at organisations that have been running activities for at least 12 months and are looking to raise money for buildings, vehicles or large items of equipment.

If you are already a very experienced member of staff, why not recommend this course to a trustee or colleague with less experience? It could help improve fundraising knowledge across your organisation.

No fundraising experience at all? Our Beginners' Guide to Fundraising is a better option and will answer lots of your questions. This course is also not suitable for new organisations that do not yet have a full year of activity and accounts. Instead, consider the Beginners' Guide or our Getting Started DIY fundraising course. Getting Started courses are free for organisations with an income under £100,000.

> Capital Fundraising (online course): 20 January 2026, 10.00am to 12.30pm
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> Capital Fundraising (online course): 14 April 2027, 12.30pm to 3.00pm

Health and Care System News

Wellbeing Network Wins National Award

The Bradford District and Craven Wellbeing Network has been named Community Impact of the Year at the National Charity Today Awards 2026 and were also highly commended in the Partnership of the Year category.

The award recognises the Network's collaborative approach, bringing together VCSE organisations and health and care partners to support local communities.

Since launching in 2022, the Wellbeing Network has helped more than 15,000 people. It has also supported over 5,000 residents to secure around £6 million in additional benefits and helped more than 200 people into employment. Working through local Wellbeing Hubs and community-based programmes, the Network supports people with mental wellbeing, welfare advice, financial hardship, employment, cancer support, falls prevention and reducing loneliness. More than half of those supported live in some of the most deprived neighbourhoods in the country, highlighting the Network's role in tackling health inequalities across Bradford District and Craven.

The achievement reflects the dedication of staff, volunteers and partner organisations whose collective efforts continue to improve wellbeing and strengthen communities across the district.

VCSE Spaces Availability in Bradford

The VCSA and Sam Kirkby, Bradford South Locality Lead, are asking VCSE organisations across Bradford District to share information about the spaces and facilities they have available. This could include offices, meeting rooms, community venues, sports facilities or any other space that can be used by local groups and residents. The survey aims to map community assets across the district, helping to highlight the valuable resources already available within the VCSE sector. Findings will be shared with Bradford Council and NHS partners as part of their Strategic Asset Review, helping to inform future investment, neighbourhood health planning and resource allocation. The information will also help identify pressures, gaps and opportunities for future collaboration across the sector. Organisations are encouraged to take part and ensure their assets are represented in future system-wide planning and decision-making.

Flu Vaccination for Frontline Social Care Staff

Flu can cause serious illness, particularly for older people, those with underlying health conditions and people with weakened immune systems. Frontline health and social care workers may be exposed to flu through their work and can unintentionally pass it on to vulnerable individuals. Widespread staff illness can also place additional pressure on services during the winter months.

The NHS flu vaccination programme has been available since 1 October for eligible frontline workers in social care settings who do not have access to an employer-funded occupational health vaccination scheme. This includes staff working in registered care homes, domiciliary care services, voluntary hospices and eligible personal assistants.

Organisations are encouraged to identify eligible staff, promote the benefits of vaccination and support staff to access their flu jab. Vaccination helps protect individuals, reduces the spread of infection and supports workforce resilience throughout the winter period.

Eligible staff can receive their flu vaccine through their GP or a participating pharmacy (for those aged 18 and over). They may be asked to provide proof of employment, such as an employer letter, ID badge or payslip.

For more information, visit the NHS flu vaccination webpage.

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