

New Charity & Voluntary Sector Grant Writing Services

Involve Community Services are the local support organisation for voluntary, community and faith groups in Bracknell Forest and the Wokingham Borough Districts. Involve can support these groups with training, funding advice, development and support work, volunteering (Bracknell) and more.

Working in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council and Bracknell Forest Council, involve Community Services has appointed new full-time grant writers for the next 12 months and will be expanding the funding Advice Service. The grant writers will be available to undertake grant writing and bidding, and possibly partnerships and crowdfunding opportunities at no cost for charities and voluntary groups that:

- 1) Are most at risk due to the impact of COVID19 on their organisation and
- 2) Contribute significantly to the strategic objectives of the council and the wellbeing of council residents.
- 3) Hold reserves of less than 6 months expenditure
- 4) Lack a fund writer or have insufficient fund writing support

The Involve grant writer will provide the focused support that is required to help your organisation rebuild and or strengthen its sustainability.

At the same time Involve will be launching a complimentary service but separate service to support charities and voluntary groups which do not meet the criteria for the free service above but would like the services of a skilled and experienced grant writer for a modest fee. Involve have established a register of a small number of skilled and experienced grant writers, selected on the basis of their experience, examples of work submitted, success history and references.

Look out for more details of both schemes on the involve website in the coming weeks or contact Jackie.Leslie@involve.community