

Local and National Training Opportunities, Conferences, Networking and Events

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Date and Location	Detail
JANUARY 2023	
<p>Power of Staff Networks: Lunch & Learn with Bath Mind, 24 January 2023, Online</p>	<p>Join 3SG and Bath Mind's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion network in exploring the power of staff networks in the workplace.</p> <p>Bath Mind will be share information about their staff and volunteer EDI network and how it's helped Bath Mind so far as an organisation growing to fulfil an ongoing commitment in inclusion. We'll be discussing setting up staff networks when charities are already limited on resource, and how staff networks are a valuable 'critical friend' for organisations looking to address inequalities within the charity sector.</p> <p>Please feel free to have your lunch or grab a cuppa for this informal session.</p> <p>Date: 24 January 2023 Time: 1pm – 1.45pm Location: Online Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.3sg.org.uk/event-details/power-of-staff-networks-lunch-learn-with-bath-mind</p>
<p>Sexual Health Training, 25 January 2023, Keynsham</p>	<p>All courses are free to anyone working with young people and/or parents and carers in the Bath and North East Somerset area.</p> <p>To book a place on any of the courses on the programme, please visit the Eventbrite page link below</p> <p>Supporting the sexual health needs of young people with learning disabilities</p> <p>Date: 25 January 2023 Time: 10am – 2.30pm Location: Keynsham Civic Centre BS31 1S Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/411904707067</p> <p>Cancellations made less than 10 working days before the course date or non-attendance on the day will incur a charge for the delegate.</p>
<p>Local councils and community</p>	<p>Join the National Association of Local Councils for this online event:</p>

<p>engagement, 25 January 2023, Online</p>	<p>Engagement with residents for local (parish and town) councils is more crucial than ever. But not all local councils or principal authorities do this, or at least not well enough – so local councils must develop a community engagement strategy.</p> <p>Most local council areas have permanent residents who use all or most facilities and services and visitors who stay for a short time using far fewer. Local councils must be able to gather views from all people who live and visit their communities to provide value-for-money services and assets and to listen and act on feedback to improve a place.</p> <p>Join us to learn how to engage with residents, which consultation methods to use, and how to involve people in local council decisions.</p> <p>Date: 25 January 2023 Time: 12.00pm – 1.15pm Location: Online Cost: From £38.93</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-councils-and-community-engagement-tickets-452880426547?aff=ebdsoporgprofile</p>
<p>Safeguarding Training for Volunteers, 26 January 2023, Online</p>	<p>Do you volunteer your time helping others in your community? If so then someday it might be vital to know how to spot signs of risk, abuse or exploitation, and know what you can do about it.</p> <p>This session will be practical and highly interactive. Using a range of exercises and materials it will introduce you to the basic safeguarding concepts:</p> <p>What is abuse, what are the signs of abuse, what should you do if you think someone is at risk?</p> <p>Giving you a clear understanding of our roles and responsibilities in preventing abuse to others.</p> <p>Date: 26 January 2023 Time: 10am - 12pm Location: Online Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk/Activity/online-safeguarding---adults-and-children---st-mungo-s/10514</p>
<p>BANES 3SG Senior Leaders Network, 26 January 2023, Bath</p>	<p>Senior Leaders' Network: Building & Retaining a Resilient Workforce</p> <p>Join fellow senior leaders across the local 3rd sector for an in-person networking event where they will be exploring how you and your staff can develop and maintain resilience.</p> <p>Date: 26 January 2023 Time: 12pm – 2pm</p>

	<p>Location: Cassia, Unit 1, Sovereign Point, Midland Road, Bath, BA2 3GJ Cost: Free for 3SG members</p> <p>https://www.3sg.org.uk/event-details/senior-leaders-network-building-retaining-a-resilient-workforce-2023-01-26-12-00</p>
<p>Holocaust Memorial Day – 27 January 2023 (nationwide)</p>	<p>Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD), the International Day of Remembrance for those murdered in the Holocaust and more recent genocides, will take place on 27 January 2023</p> <p>Held in January each year on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, it aims to educate, commemorate and prompt action against discrimination and hatred in our communities today.</p> <p>Every year, activities take place in a variety of settings across the UK to mark HMD. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust has made available advice, guidance and free resources to support local organisations, including a ‘Get Involved Guide’ for councils.</p> <p>Resources: https://www.hmd.org.uk/resource/your-local-authority-and-holocaust-memorial-day/</p> <p>Guides: https://www.hmd.org.uk/resources/</p> <p>Interactive map: https://www.hmd.org.uk/letusknow</p>
<p>WECA Skills Bootcamps Launch, 30 January 2023, Online</p>	<p>The West of England Combined Authority are about to open applications for the latest wave of Skills Bootcamps.</p> <p>£5.1m of funding is available for sectors with skills shortages, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics – Bus drivers • Green Skills – Retrofit, green transport, organisational sustainability • Digital – Marketing, workplace skills, technical skills • Accelerated apprenticeships (all sectors) • Leadership and management (all sectors) <p>West of England Combined Authority are looking for employers who can use this fund to support their business needs, as well as training providers who have experience delivering relevant training.</p> <p>Find out more: https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/skills-bootcamps-wave-4/</p> <p>Register for the launch:</p>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wave-4-skills-bootcamps-launch-event-tickets-510525183567>

FEBRUARY 2023

We Hear You MBCT Course – Starts February 2023

We Hear You is a small charity based in Frome and serving BANES, Wiltshire and Somerset from 17 locations, plus online and telephone.

They provide free counselling and emotional support to anyone affected or bereaved by cancer or any life-threatening condition. This includes the patient, their friends, colleagues and family, including children as young as four.

They are keen to promote the following:

WHYbemindful – an eight-week mindfulness-based cognitive therapy (MBCT) course. Next course starts February 2023 and is aimed at bereaved adults. Further courses planned, which will be for patients and their friends and family members. Short animation about WHYbemindful on our YouTube channel.

<https://www.wehearyou.org.uk/whybemindful/>

WHYtogether – face-to-face or remote counselling for couples, or any pair of linked adults, to talk about the impact of a life-threatening diagnosis/related bereavement on their relationship

<https://www.wehearyou.org.uk/whytogether/>

Counselling in Bath – one-to-one and WHYtogether – thanks to a grant from RUHX via NHS Charities Together, they have recently expanded their services in Bath and have shorter waiting times here.

The referral route is the same for all WHY services – call 01373 455255 or email info@wehearyou.org.uk

Mental Health Course for Carers, **starts 3 February 2023**, Radstock

Supporters who come on the course have usually been caring for over a year and are looking to enhance the way they provide support. The training consists of four, weekly, sessions of 3.5 hours for family and friends supporting someone with a mental health need.

The four sessions are:

Understanding Mental Health Challenges: An opportunity to explore what it can be like to experience mental health challenges and how mental health needs can impact on people's behaviour.

Conflict and Crisis: Reducing and managing conflict and crises with the person you support.

Support People with Mental Health Needs to Make Changes: To explore some of the challenges of supporting people to make changes and introduces some techniques for working with change.

	<p>Learning, Reflecting and Support: To be better able to establish clear boundaries, positive communication and relationships</p> <p>Date: 3 February weekly until 24 February Time: 10am – 1.30pm Location: Hope House Surgery, The Street, Radstock BA3 3PL</p> <p>https://www.wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk/Activity/mental-health-course-for-carers---ks2-st-mungo-s/10437</p>
<p>Fraud Safety Information Session - South West, 7 February 2023, Online</p>	<p>Fraud is the most common crime in the UK today and this insidious crime has crept into every facet of our daily lives, from business and charities, to socialising and leisure.</p> <p>In this session you will learn about the true extent of fraud in the modern world, as well as discussing the most commonly encountered deceptions, so that you can be better prepared when they may enter our lives – finally the session will conclude with the 'golden tips' to avoid fraud as we progress along our life journeys.</p> <p>Date: 7 February 2023 Time: 10am – 11am Location: Online Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.3sg.org.uk/event-details/fraud-safety-information-session-south-west-2</p>
<p>Dementia Awareness Training, 13 February 2023, Bath</p>	<p>Delivered by Dementia Friends, this engaging information session aims to make people more aware of the nature of dementia and the challenges faced by those living with the condition, and their carers.</p> <p>This is an accessible course that is suitable for anyone hoping to develop a greater understanding to help others.</p> <p>Friends Information Sessions are run by Dementia Friends Champions to help you understand what it's like to live with dementia and the actions you can take</p> <p>The information session lasts for 2 hours and afterwards all attendees will be able to declare themselves a 'Dementia Friend'</p> <p>Date: 13 February 2023 Time: 3pm – 5pm Location: St Michaels Day Centre, St. Michaels Place, Bath BA1 1SG Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk/Activity/dementia-awareness-dementia-friends-information-session/10520</p>
<p>Bath Fundraising & Communications Network, 14 February 2023, Online</p>	<p>This is an opportunity to meet and connect with others involved in fundraising and communication across Bath and North East Somerset's Third Sector.</p>

	<p>Date: 14 February 2023 Time: 11am – 12pm Location: Online Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.3sg.org.uk/event-details/fundraising-communications-network-4</p>
<p>Charity Bop, 14 February 2023, Widcombe, Bath</p>	<p>Genesis Bath Food Bank have organised this fundraising event. Join them for an evening of live music – the band plays covers of great dance hits from the 60's on and everyone will find something to like! There is a bar and snacks plus a raffle</p> <p>Date: 14 February 2023 Time: 7.30pm – 10.30pm Location: St Marks Community Centre, Widcombe, Bath BA2 4PA Cost: £10 on the door.</p>
<p>Sexual Health Training, 16 February 2023, Keynsham</p>	<p>All courses are free to anyone working with young people and/or parents and carers in the Bath and North East Somerset area.</p> <p>To book a place on any of the courses on the programme, please visit the Eventbrite page link below</p> <p>Supporting young people with their sexual health</p> <p>Date: 16 February 2023 Time: 10am – 2.30pm Location: Keynsham Civic Centre, BS311FS Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/411900464377</p> <p>Cancellations made less than 10 working days before the course date or non-attendance on the day will incur a charge for the delegate.</p>
<p>The essential trustee and governance in practice, 16 February 2023 (online)</p>	<p>Stone King has developed its training programme to equip charity trustees and members of senior management teams with the knowledge they need to carry out their roles effectively.</p> <p>The sessions are built around the Charity Commission's core guidance, including "The Essential Trustee", "Conflicts of Interest: a Guide for Charity Trustees", and the Charity Governance Code endorsed by the Commission. This training will improve understanding of the way in which the Charity Commission operates by exploring its regulatory functions, strategy and approach in a variety of areas including in relation to financial management and serious incident reporting. The session will look at case studies to examine best practice governance in practical settings. Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key duties and liabilities of charity trustees • financial governance and resilience • meetings and decision making in a virtual space

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Charity Commission’s approach to regulation • recognising and reporting serious incidents <p>All sessions provide the opportunity for you to put questions to expert advisors.</p> <p>Date: 16 February 2023 Time: 10am – 11.30am Location: Online Cost: Free</p> <p>Find out more and book:</p> <p>https://www.stoneking.co.uk/event/virtual-charity-training-essential-trustee-and-governance-practice-16022023</p>
<p>Local 3rd Sector - Integrated Care System Update, 21 February 2023, Bath</p>	<p>Join the BANES 3SG and Place Director for Bath & North East Somerset, Laura Ambler, for the second in a series of quarterly updates on the BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire Integrated Care System (BSW ICS).</p> <p>This is an opportunity to hear the latest information, to put your questions to Laura and to bring the voice of the VCSE sector to the table.</p> <p>Date: 21 February 2023 Time: 9.30am – 11.30am Location: Apex Hotel, James Street West, Bath BA1 2DA Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.3sg.org.uk/event-details/local-3rd-sector-integrated-care-system-update-2</p>
<p>Social isolation and loneliness from the Local Council perspective, 22 February 2023, online</p>	<p>Join the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) for this event.</p> <p>Social isolation and loneliness are two of the most significant health issues facing us. Social isolation, defined as the absence of social contact, can lead to low self-esteem and anxiety. Loneliness occurs when there is a mismatch between the quantity and quality of social relationships that individuals have and want to have. The Campaign to End Loneliness estimates that 45% of adults occasionally, sometimes or often feel lonely in England. Recent research on loneliness has shown that people who felt most lonely before the COVID-19 pandemic now have even higher levels of loneliness.</p> <p>So why are social isolation and loneliness such a big problem? How can social prescribing and other coordinated efforts help improve the wellbeing of people who are socially isolated or lonely? And how can local (parish and town) councils get involved?</p> <p>Find out how to connect those suffering with practical and emotional community support and how local councils can explore options such as setting up a health and wellbeing board and employing health and wellbeing coordinators.</p>

	<p>For more information on NALC's online events, visit www.nalc.gov.uk/online-events.</p> <p>Date: 22 February 2023 Time: 12pm – 1.15pm Location: Online Cost: From £38.93</p>
<p>Safeguarding - Adults and Children for Volunteers, 23 February 2023, Bath</p>	<p>Do you volunteer your time helping others in your community? If so then someday it might be vital to know how to spot signs of risk, abuse or exploitation, and know what you can do about it.</p> <p>This session will be practical and highly interactive. Using a range of exercises and materials it will introduce you to the basic safeguarding concepts:</p> <p>What is abuse, what are the signs of abuse, what should you do if you think someone is at risk?</p> <p>Giving you a clear understanding of our roles and responsibilities in preventing abuse to others.</p> <p>Date: 23 February 2023 Time: 3pm – 5pm Location: St Michaels Day Centre, St. Michaels Place, Bath BA1 1SG Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk/Activity/safeguarding---adults-and-children---st-mungo-s/10518</p>
<p>Trauma and Recovery UK Conference, 24 February 2023, Bath and online</p>	<p>The Trauma Recovery Centre in Bath is delighted to announce its annual Trauma Recovery UK conference.</p> <p>This one day event designed to equip professionals working with children, young people and families who have experienced trauma.</p> <p>This is their third conference and this year, they will be discussing the theme Traumatized Communities to Trauma Informed & Relationship Centred Communities.</p> <p>The event will be a hybrid event, accessible both online via Zoom and in person, hosted by our flagship Trauma Recovery Centre in Bath.</p> <p>Date: 24 February 2023 Time: 10am – 4.30pm Location: Online or at the Trauma Recovery Centre, Lower Bristol Road, Twerton, Bath BA2 1EP Cost: £25 for early bird tickets</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trauma-recovery-uk-conference-2023-tickets-</p>

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<p>Sexual Health Training, 2 March 2023, Keynsham</p>	<p>All courses are free to anyone working with young people and/or parents and carers in the Bath and North East Somerset area.</p> <p>To book a place on any of the courses on the programme, please visit the Eventbrite page link below</p> <p>Impact of the internet on young people's relationships and sexual health</p> <p>Date: 2 March 2023 Time: 10am – 2.30pm Location: Keynsham Civic Centre BS31 1S Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/411902590737</p> <p>Cancellations made less than 10 working days before the course date or non-attendance on the day will incur a charge for the delegate.</p>
<p>NALC Standards Matter Conference, 3 March 2023, London</p>	<p>The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) will hold its first in-person conference since 2019 on why professional standards and ethics matter.</p> <p>These provide confidence, increase reputation, define best practices, and boost legitimacy in the public, private or voluntary sectors. With the first tier of local government responsible for over £3 billion of public money and assets, striving for higher standards has never been more critical. Good governance, civility and respect, training and development, and continuous improvement are the foundations of effective and well-functioning local councils.</p> <p>You will have opportunities to put your questions to expert panellists and speakers, visit the sector-specific exhibition, network and share good practices, and participate in The Big Debate.</p> <p>Date: 3 March 2023 Time: 10am – 3.30pm Location: America Square Conference Centre in London. Cost: From £60</p> <p>Register your place and find out more about this event</p> <p>https://www.nalc.gov.uk/news/entry/2339-nalc-to-hold-an-in-person-conference-on-why-standards-matter</p>
<p>Every Victim Matters, 20 March 2023 (Online)</p>	<p>The Diversity Trust, SARI and SWAN Advocacy invite professionals working in BANES, North Somerset and Somerset to their Every Victim Matters FREE Hate Crime Awareness Training Sessions funded by National Lottery Community Fund.</p>

	<p>Within the three-hour session, each organisation will be leading on their speciality; SARI on Race and Faith Hate Crime, The Diversity Trust on LGBTQ+ Hate Crime and SWAN Advocacy on Disability Hate Crime.</p> <p>This session will equip professionals with knowledge and confidence on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different types of Hate Crime • How to support someone who has been a victim of Hate Crime. • How to recognise and report Hate Crime and Hate Incidents. • Best Practice. <p>Date: 20 March 2023 Time: 2pm – 5pm Location: Online Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/every-victim-matters-hate-crime-awareness-session-tickets-335271515127</p>
<p>Safeguarding Training for Volunteers, 21 March 2023, Online</p>	<p>Do you volunteer your time helping others in your community? If so then someday it might be vital to know how to spot signs of risk, abuse or exploitation, and know what you can do about it.</p> <p>This session will be practical and highly interactive. Using a range of exercises and materials it will introduce you to the basic safeguarding concepts:</p> <p>What is abuse, what are the signs of abuse, what should you do if you think someone is at risk?</p> <p>Giving you a clear understanding of our roles and responsibilities in preventing abuse to others.</p> <p>Date: 21 March 2023 Time: 2pm - 4pm Location: Online Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk/Activity/online-safeguarding---adults-and-children---st-mungo-s/10514</p>
<p>Festival of Sustainable Business Conference, 23 March 2023, Bristol and Online</p>	<p>The Festival of Sustainable Business Conference encompasses critical sustainability themes.</p> <p>With 5 seminars taking place over the day, the event will delve into ways businesses can act on their sustainability, ensuring education, knowledge-sharing and the development of better business practices.</p> <p>Come and network with inspiring organisations, learn from engaging experts and get motivated to progress your sustainability journey.</p>

	<p>All physical attendees are invited to enjoy a vegan selection of food as part of their ticket.</p> <p>Date: 23 March 2023 Time: 8am – 7pm Location: The Bristol Hotel & Online (Hybrid Event, Prince Street Bristol BS1 4QF Cost: From £14.61</p> <p>Find out more:</p> <p>https://www.festivalofsustainablebusiness.co.uk/conference-overview</p> <p>Book:</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/festival-of-sustainable-business-conference-tickets-461776825917</p>
<p>Local Councils and Emergency Planning, 29 March 2023, Online</p>	<p>The outbreak of COVID-19 has highlighted that unexpected events can and do happen, with the potential to change how we live our lives.</p> <p>Local (parish and town) councils are essential to many communities, so they must be prepared for potential emergencies. From weather or climate-related to future public health crises.</p> <p>Join NALC to learn more about emergency resilience planning and what your local council can do.</p> <p>Date: 29 March 2023 Time: 12pm – 1.15pm Location: Online Cost: From £39.22</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/what-local-councils-can-do-about-emergency-planning-tickets-481518905007?aff=website</p>
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<p>Safeguarding - Adults and Children for Volunteers, 25 April 2023, Bath</p>	<p>Do you volunteer your time helping others in your community? If so then someday it might be vital to know how to spot signs of risk, abuse or exploitation, and know what you can do about it.</p> <p>This session will be practical and highly interactive. Using a range of exercises and materials it will introduce you to the basic safeguarding concepts:</p> <p>What is abuse, what are the signs of abuse, what should you do if you think someone is at risk?</p> <p>Giving you a clear understanding of our roles and responsibilities in preventing abuse to others.</p> <p>Date: 25 April 2023</p>

	<p>Time: 3pm – 5pm Location: St Michaels Day Centre, St. Michaels Place, Bath BA1 1SG Cost: Free</p> <p>https://www.wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk/Activity/safeguarding---adults-and-children---st-mungo-s/10518</p>
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Ongoing Activities

Event	Description
<p>Interagency Meetings - BANES wide (currently online)</p>	<p>A number of Interagency Network meetings take place across the district each year. They give service providers an opportunity to share information, promote projects or events and improve partnership working. Some of the meetings are organised by Bath & North East Somerset Council and others by partner organisations. The meetings are very informal (do feel free to bring your lunch) and are open to anyone working or volunteering for an organisation in the area.</p> <p>Forthcoming Meetings:</p> <p>All meetings are on a Tuesday and take place by Zoom between 12pm and 2pm. Click on the link to register to attend.</p> <p>2023</p> <p><u>24 January 2023</u></p> <p><u>21 March 2023</u></p> <p><u>23 May 2023</u></p> <p><u>18 July 2023</u></p> <p><u>26 September 2023</u></p> <p><u>28 November 2023</u></p> <p>These meetings are currently taking place on-line and will be advertised via our Interagency Bulletin. Sign up to receive it here:</p>

	<p>https://bathnes.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=aaac7864bba59ea322ceb662d&id=ac4365a3e8</p>
Wellbeing College BANES	<p>The Wellbeing College provides a range of training for staff and volunteers, much of which is free. It also offers community courses designed to improve wellbeing. Some of their courses are featured below but do keep an eye on their website too for the latest opportunities.</p> <p>https://www.wellbeingcollegebanes.co.uk/</p> <p>A number of the featured training sessions are provided by St Mungo's. Their team are also able to provide bespoke training sessions for your organisation's volunteers, catering to their specific needs. If you would like to book a course for your organisation or talk further about our offer, please contact Paul Rimmer: paul.rimmer@mungos.org</p>
Adult Community Learning – Bath College	<p>Bath College Adult Community Learning provides a wide range of courses intended for those who want to improve their chances to find work, support their families or live independently.</p> <p>From art to IT, they have a selection to suit nearly every need and interest taking place at venues across Bath and North East Somerset.</p> <p>Courses are free of charge for people who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are not currently in work and/or on benefits, and looking for new skills, ideas and advice • Want to gain skills that will help with volunteering, improving confidence and working within their home and community • Are earning less than £19,305 if a resident of B&NES or £17,374 if outside of the area • Have been a resident in the UK for 3 or more years <p>https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/acl</p>
Somerset Skills and Learning Courses and Workshops, (online)	<p>Somerset Skills and Learning offer a range of free courses for learners aged 19+, who live in Somerset or BANES, and have lived in the UK for the last three years.</p> <p>Learners must be able to access Zoom and will need to bring a pen and paper to the online workshop.</p> <p>Somerset Skills and Learning also offer bespoke courses and workshops, which can be tailored to the needs of your service users/community. To find out more, contact Lucy Hill by e-mail to lhill@sslcic.co.uk</p> <p>You can find the Somerset Skills and Learning Website here:</p> <p>https://www.sslcourses.co.uk/</p>
Community Farm – Chew Magna	<p>Wellbeing activities on a working vegetable farm overlooking Chew Valley Lake. Find out more about how to grow food, look after wildlife</p>

	<p>and connect with your wider environment. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lakeside Wellbeing - therapeutic mindfulness, movement and creativity programme, 10am - 3pm on Mondays. • Grow and Make - therapeutic horticulture programme, 10am - 3pm on Wednesdays. • Wild Steps - therapeutic conservation programme, 11am-3pm on Thursdays. <p>Other, volunteering opportunities, available too:</p> <p>https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3044&Itemid=190</p>
<p>Courses in England – Free Online Training for Training courses for businesses & organisations - All sectors, all sizes..</p>	<p>Are you looking to upskill and develop your team? Could your employees or volunteers benefit from some staff training? Free Courses in England is a government-funded scheme offering free, online training courses to organisations of all sizes, and it's worth checking out.</p> <p>Taking advantage of the Free Courses in England scheme can allow third sector organisations to offer learning and development opportunities to their staff, and enhance their in-house skill sets.</p> <p>Courses are delivered online by market-leading training providers, offering nationally recognised qualifications in a wide range of subjects across Mental Health, Business, Digital Skills and Health & Social Care. There are currently 63 training courses available.</p> <p>https://freecoursesinengland.co.uk/training-courses-for-businesses-and-organisations-2/</p>
<p>Bright Start Children's Centres, B&NES</p>	<p>Bright Start Children's Centres' family support workers can support families, if they have at least one child under five years old and will visit clients at home or at one of their Children's Centres. Clients can either be referred by others working with them, or for some courses, clients can approach the team directly. They offer general family support, personal and employment skills support, as well as home learning services.</p> <p>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/childrens-centre-services</p>
<p>Energy Advice, First Wednesday of the month, Bath</p>	<p>Residents wanting to reduce their bills or insulate their homes will be able to get guidance from trained energy experts at a monthly pop-up event in Bath.</p> <p>Staff from the Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) will be manning a stall outside Bath Central Library on the first Wednesday of every month</p> <p>The Centre for Sustainable Energy, based in Bristol, is a national charity supporting people and organisations across the UK to tackle the climate emergency and end the suffering caused by cold homes. Their Home Energy Team provides residents in B&NES with free, local and impartial energy advice.</p>

	<p>The CSE staff can answer questions and provide information about saving energy in the home, keeping warm in winter and lowering fuel bills. They can also explain how to adjust your thermostat, the best way to use electric storage heaters or how to draught proof or insulate your home.</p> <p>Residents can also get help managing their gas and electricity bills and find out about any financial assistance which may be available. Residents on low incomes can find out if they are eligible for energy related home improvement grant schemes such as Bright Green Homes, which could fund the installation of insulation, glazing, heat pumps or solar panels.</p> <p>The CES stall will be in place on the first Wednesday of every month, at the top of the stairs in the Podium, from 11am to 2pm.</p> <p>Further information on can be found on the CSE website, which contains plenty of information about saving energy around the home.</p> <p>https://www.cse.org.uk/advice</p> <p>Residents unable to visit the pop-up stall can call the CSE freephone home energy advice line for help on 0800 082 2234, or email info@cse.org.uk.</p> <p>The council's Energy at Home website has information on energy related home improvement grant schemes for B&NES residents on low incomes.</p> <p>https://www.energyathome.org.uk/</p>
<p>We Find Any Learner</p>	<p>This organisation offers opportunities to gain a free Level 2 qualification.</p> <p>The courses they offer take around 30 to 60 hours in total to complete online. You will be given up to 12 weeks to complete your course. You will have tutor support throughout your learning journey. On completion you will be awarded a nationally recognised certificate from CACHE or NCFE.</p> <p>To be eligible, you simply need to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over 19 as of the 31 August 2022• Living in England• Not on an Apprenticeship <p>If this is of interest or you would like further information, then please register your interest by following this link</p> <p>https://www.wefindanylearner.com/course-list/</p> <p>or call 01226 958 888.</p>

