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Bulletin

Please submit any information you would like included in the next bulletin by Monday 15th February to info@cna.org.uk

**FUNDING
AVAILABLE**

Matthew Good Foundation—Grants for Good

Making a positive difference to communities, people & the environment. Grants for good is our first fund that invites charities, community interest companies and social entrepreneurs to apply directly for funding. On going—funding awarded every 3 months.

[Grants for Good – Matthew Good Foundation \(Reg Charity 1143550\)](#)

Garfield Weston Foundation

Welfare grants supporting organisations that have effective solutions to helping those most in need. Application is ongoing and guidelines are here: [Layout 1 \(garfieldweston.org\)](#)

Eventbrite

COVID-19

CROYDON'S

BLACK COMMUNITY ASKS

" SHOULD WE TAKE THE VACCINE?"



Pastor Damien Luke
Pastor Luke, Co-leader of Churches in Croydon, Leader of Together Croydon Churches



Dr John O Afolayan
Safely Surgeon, Consultant, and Chief Medical Officer of Medicity24



Marlene Johnson
Head of Nursing in Health, Haematology, Oncology/Palliative care



Dr Nwakuru Nwaogwugwu
FRCR, FRCS, GP & FRCR/Medica member (A clinical arm of The Ascension trust)



Dr Daniel Oaigbe
MRCS, FRCS, MRCP (Gen), Local GP at the Practice for Redwood surgery, and recently comp. London School of Tropical medicine and hygiene.

Guest Panellist : Sarah Jones MP – Councillor Janet Campbell

Live on Zoom, Youtube and Facebook



Date: Thursday 11th February 2021

Time : 19:00 - 21:00

Register : www.eventbrite.co.uk

Location: Zoom Meeting | 385 207 6159

Please send in your questions in advance to Wellness@bmeforum.org



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Information & Updates from Community Connect Alliance

1. COVID Winter Grant Scheme

The COVID Winter Grant Scheme is government funding issued to local authorities to support those most in need with the cost of food and energy bills.

This information was previously shared, but I just wanted to share it again.

Croydon has been allocated a sum which will support families and vulnerable adults at risk of food or fuel poverty between now and March 2021.

Please see full details and how to apply in the link below:

<https://new.croydon.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-and-service-updates/covid-winter-grant-scheme>

2. Clinically extremely vulnerable residents who are shielding

A reminder that if any residents who are shielding ask about additional support, they can be directed to the council's website for information, advice and support - <https://new.croydon.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-and-service-updates/shielding>

There is also a dedicated helpline for residents who need urgent help as a result of COVID-19. Call: 020 8604 7787 – open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Or requests for support can be made by completing a [Coronavirus support form](#).

CROYDON TRADING STANDARDS COMMUNITY ALERT

National Insurance Number Scam Calls

A local resident has reported that they received a call stating that their National Insurance number had been suspended due to illegal activity and that they needed to speak to an agent – **this is a scam**.

Other variations of the HMRC scam states you must contact the caller as failure to appear at Magistrates Court will result in the suspension of your National Insurance Number. There has been a recent surge in these scam calls; they generally request you call a number and divulge personal details.

HMRC are aware of these scam calls – they are designed to frighten people into handing over personal and banking details. HMRC would never use an automated message like this. **DO NOT call the number provided or provide anyone with your personal or banking details. If HMRC genuinely needed to contact you they would write to you.**

If you have the details of the caller please report them via email to phishing@hmrc.gov.uk and include:

- The date and time of the call
- The phone number used
- The content of the call – words used.

If you are an older or vulnerable person and have actually been the victim of a fraud please call 101 and request to report to a police officer. Whilst many frauds are now reported over the phone to Action Fraud – any vulnerable person should be reporting directly to the police.

The Croydon Library Service are carrying out a consultation for residents and stakeholders about the proposals for the library service which runs to Sunday 7th March: <https://getinvolved.croydon.gov.uk/project/678?fb>

Do you have a spare laptop, mobile phone, tablet or webcam?
#keepcroydonconnected

There are hundreds of children in Croydon who do not have any access to IT devices and many hundreds of families who are having to share a device. We know there is a wonderful community spirit in the borough so we are calling on everyone to get behind our KeepCroydonConnected campaign and donate money or any old or unused devices that can benefit a Croydon schoolchild.

Croydon Commitment and Go2Games are working together to ask businesses, organisations and local people to support our #keepcroydonconnected campaign. We are asking for donations of laptops, android phones, android tablets and webcams that we can refurbish and give to local school children and isolated elderly people. We also have a Gofundme page and all monies raised will be used to buy re-furnished laptops and tablets for Croydon schoolchildren <https://www.gofundme.com/f/keepcroydonconnected>

Drop off to
The Volunteer Centre, Unit 32, Centrale Shopping Centre, Centrale, Croydon (10.30am – 3pm Tue -Fri)
CVA Resource Centre, 82 London Road, Croydon, CR0 2TB (10am-3pm Mon – Fri)
Post to:
G2G Limited, PO Box 2069, London CR90 9NF
If you would like further information or to discuss how your business can support this appeal please contact melinda.ashford-mm@mottmac.com 07786 438964



Covid-19 Vaccine Information

Please signpost and share: <https://new.croydon.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-and-service-updates/covid-19-vaccination-programme>

These videos are from people sharing their experience of the vaccine: <https://drive.google.com/drive/>

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- GRANTS AND DEBT

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0333 335 5265
BESN@UNLT.ORG


Volunteer Co-ordinator's Forum

Keep up to date with Volunteer Management issues and opportunities

Online Volunteer Co-ordinator's Forum Wed 24th Feb 1:30pm

If you recruit or support volunteers in Croydon you are invited to join our regular Forum to discuss ideas, issues and information. The session will be lead by Hilary Bell from the Volunteer Centre Croydon.

This will be a Zoom session, the meeting link will be emailed prior to the event.
[Book via Eventbrite](#)



Active Minds Programme
Leaflet.indd
mindincroydon.org.uk

2021 Activities

Here is the latest CVA Volunteer Centre Newsletter
[Volunteering Opportunities and local](#)

KOMP is a one button computer, made specifically for isolated individuals who have little or no experience using smartphones, computers and tablets: <https://www.noisolation.com/uk/komp/what-is-komp/>



Laptop Self Care

Laptop Self Care is an 8-week programme designed to help you learn how to use your own laptop or computer better, to be able to update it, manage it, install software and troubleshoot problems for yourself.
[Laptop Self Care - ClearCommunityWeb](#)



Purley Cross Centre

Purley Baptist Church
Banstead Road
Purley CR8 3EA
Call us on: 020 8668 4189
or email
info@purleycrosscentre.org
more details online at
purleycrosscentre.org

A community resource centre providing advice, information and training.
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LOOKING FOR HELP TO GET A JOB?
Come and Join CAP JOB CLUB 's 8-week course
For more information about our services contact us on **020 8668 4189**

Computer Training	Available online
English Language for Beginners	Free group learning, lunch included
Legal and Will Advice	Free 15 min advice provided by Streeter Marshall
Family Law Advice	Free 15 min advice provided by Streeter Marshall
Tax Help for Older People	Free professional and confidential advice service
Citizens Advice Croydon	Referral service
CAP MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE	Free course - get to grips with your finances

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