

Bolsover CVS Q1 24/25 Round Up

As always, it has been a busy and eventful quarter for BCVS as we move into Q2 including:

- Recruitment of new BCVS staff
- Successfully securing National Lottery Funding to support young volunteering across Bolsover (watch this space)
- Working with Lloyds Bank Foundation to feed into the evaluation and support for the programme by hosting the new Local Implementation Lead moving forwards
- Ongoing Chairing of the Bolsover Skills and Employability Partnership
- Further developing the [Bolsover Community Grants Programme](#) - 10 projects funded to date and application round 5 about to launch w/c 15th July
- Organising the next Bolsover Voices meeting – This will be held on the 5th August, location and time TBC
- Participation in each [DDIA](#) meeting (Derby and Derbyshire Infrastructure Alliance)
- BCVS led collation of data and creation of an [infographic](#) to raise awareness of the impact and scale of the work of both infrastructure organisations and the wider VCSE sector across Derbyshire with the new [East Midlands Combined County Authority](#)
- Research and procurement of software to support our members to demonstrate impact and utilise AI to support development of member funding applications – this project kicked off last week and please get in touch if you'd like to be part of the member trailblazer group
- We are Hosting an [Anti-Racism Awareness Training session](#) on the 23rd July 10 am – 12pm. The location is to be confirmed.

We welcomed two new members of the Bolsover team in Q1, a new Bolsover Group Development Officer, Clare Morton, and Pauline Kimantas has also joined us as the new cross district Programme and Business Development Manager and will be picking up leadership of the Community Grants Programme. Claire and Pauline are fantastic additions to our team and have settled in well already, please do reach out to them to introduce yourself. pauline.kimantas@bcvs.org.uk claire.morton@bcvs.org.uk



Unfortunately as many of you know, Steve Morris has been unwell and will be away until at least 18th July. Many partners have reached out to us to send their good wishes to Steve thank you and the wider team has been stepping up in Steve's absence.

We have pushed back and extended the deadline for [Bolsover Volunteer of the Year Awards](#) and will be presenting to winners at an event in Autumn, so if you didn't have time to submit nominations please do so as this is a key way to thank local volunteers, celebrate their contributions and highlight the difference volunteering makes to both volunteers and communities.

The July DDIA meeting met most recently in South Normanton and focused on the response to the proposed ending of DCC VCSE grant funding (link previously circulated and will be including in mailings until the deadline on 20th August). We will include a spotlight on this in the next Voices meeting and are developing both a BCVS, DDIA and wider Bolsover sector response. However please do submit a response directly too. Information previously shared: 'The consultation began on Tuesday 28 May 2024 and will remain open until 20 August 2024. Whilst the consultation takes place and until any decisions are made, any currently funded organisations will continue to receive your agreed grant. When the consultation begins you will be able to find full details of our proposal and give your views by filling in our online questionnaire through the 'Have Your Say' section of the Derbyshire County Council website at Consultations - Derbyshire County Council. An easy read version of the questionnaire will also be available. [Consultations - Derbyshire County Council](#)'.

BCVS has been working with Bolsover District Council, Bolsover Partnership and Northern College to develop a course and some free places to support capacity building for volunteers and groups across Bolsover and Bassetlaw. Please contact bcvs@bcvs.org.uk if you'd like to express interest in securing one of the free places

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