

# BRIEFING BRADFORD

## Hot Picks

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### Covid: Support and Advice in our District

We know most of us have been affected by Coronavirus somehow and in some way. If you're finding things hard, you're not alone.

We have taken some time during this pandemic to reflect on what residents may be feeling and experiencing, we spent time listening to you. Based on what you said, we've produced a [simple booklet](#) to give you information and tips to help you cope during this time, as well as a brief outline of some of the symptoms you may be experiencing.

You can find the [booklet on our website](#) where you can share with others, and if you'd like printed copies please [email us](#).

### Training Events with our Development Officers

All sessions with the Development Officers will be held on Wednesdays, to start at 10:00 and end at 12:00.

January 20<sup>th</sup> - [Starting a new group](#)

February 3<sup>rd</sup> - [Registering a charity](#)

February 10<sup>th</sup> - [Social enterprise](#)

February 24<sup>th</sup> - [Applying for small grants](#)

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - [Social enterprise](#)

March 10<sup>th</sup> - [Starting a new group](#)

March 17<sup>th</sup> - [Registering a charity](#)

March 24<sup>th</sup> - [Social enterprise](#)

To keep up to date with all of our training events, keep an eye on our [training calendar](#).

### Bradford and District VCS Infrastructure Review:

In 2019, Bradford Council and Bradford CCG's commissioned a review of the infrastructure and support for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector across Bradford District. A report was produced that outlined the current provision with a set of recommendations for future commissions.

This was followed by a series of workshops which were then interrupted by Covid-19 but as the original workshops were held before the pandemic there may be new needs not previously identified. The aim of this questionnaire is to sense-check with stakeholders that the original themes and priorities are still relevant and provide an opportunity to identify any new issues.

To have your say please complete the [survey](#) which closes **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**. This will help shape future infrastructure support that is provided to your organisation.

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### WY&H Suicide Prevention

The West Yorkshire and Harrogate [‘Check-in’ campaign](#) aims to reduce staff suicide and promote a wellbeing culture by normalising the conversation around suicide and mental health. ‘Staff’ includes all colleagues, working and volunteering, in your org, across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership and they are inviting you to [sign up and join in](#) with the campaign.

#### Why this campaign, why now?

In England there were 5,316 confirmed deaths to suicide in 2019, this is an average of 102 people dying every week. Read the [West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership Suicide Prevention Five Year Strategy](#) and the [co-creation and insight report](#) to find out more.

#### Join the campaign to prevent staff suicide

[Sign up](#) to access free resources and guidelines available to your organisation – which will include presentations, social media materials, email signatures, links to credible online training, posters, zoom backgrounds and much more.

**The campaign will launch at the end of January – so please do sign up as soon as you can. If you work for a large organisation you may want to discuss further with your HR and organisational development colleagues if you haven’t already.**

West Yorkshire and Harrogate  
Health and Care Partnership



### Digital Inclusion Programme

People over 55 can benefit so much from being connected to the internet in terms of being able to gather information, connect with friends and family and access services in a convenient way.

Until February 2021, Worth Connecting intends to support as many people as possible to get online.

Worth Connecting can offer individual telephone support and will be setting up small, safe groups in a number of locations in Bradford, Harrogate and Skipton as soon as they are able.

They can lend tablets and the means to access to the internet.

They have extensive teaching materials to help people understand popular digital activities both within a teaching session and when they are practising on their own.

Please call 01274 449660 or email [info@worthconnecting.org](mailto:info@worthconnecting.org)

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