

BRIEFING BRADFORD

Hot Picks

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Womenzone Rebrand Survey

Do you want to shape how [Womenzone](#) grows and evolves into the future and have the chance to win a £25 voucher?

Womenzone Community Centre would like to hear from people who have or haven't engaged with them before to have their say. The survey will help them to rebrand in a way that is inclusive to others and takes only 5 minutes.

Fill in and share this short survey before 28th Feb to make a big difference: <https://bit.ly/39oFxzG>.

Our Training Opportunities

[Using Zoom for Effective Meetings](#)

Thursday 11th February, 9:30

This session will focus on the different ways that Zoom can be used to make meetings more efficient and effective. Each person in the session will have the opportunity to take over as 'host' and facilitate the group.

[Positively Dealing With Stress](#)

Tuesday 16th February 10:30

This course is designed to take a practical look at what stress is and how we can deal with it in positive ways in our workplaces. This is not about eliminating stress; it's about managing it.

[Organising the Volunteer Programme](#)

Thursday 18th Feb 09:30

Before you recruit volunteers, you need to have policies and procedures that are compliant with the law, clear task descriptions with a plan for volunteer development.

Apply your mind to mental health

- Paid two-year fast-track route into mental health social work.
- Make a real difference to adults with mental health problems.
- Take on a challenging, varied, and rewarding role.
- Learn on the job.
- Study for a fully funded master's degree.
- Develop your leadership skills.

Four participant places available starting in July 2021 at Bradford Metropolitan District Council – [apply here](https://thinkahead.org/about-the-programme/how-to-apply/): <https://thinkahead.org/about-the-programme/how-to-apply/>



I wanted to have a positive impact on people's lives.

Mo, Think Ahead participant



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1:1 Support, Advice and Guidance at Shipley College

Need help finding your way back into employment or changing career? Shipley College's 'Back to Work' team are here to support you! Sign up for a FREE 1-1 advice session, where they can discuss your skills, CV, and free training opportunities to help you secure a job during the pandemic. Find out more, download their brochures and book your place via [their website](#).

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Positive News!

We know there isn't enough positive news being shared right now, so the chance to share this has made us a little giddy!

St Oswald's West End Centre celebrates after receiving nearly £313,000 from the National Lottery to work with their community to reduce isolation, improve access to the internet and to support and help each other.

[Take a look at their full press release.](#)

Census 2021 is coming:

March 21st is only a few weeks away and the Census 2021 national campaign is building up. Every household will receive an information postcard from February 22nd and their Census packs from March 3rd.

Census activity will be Covid-safe, staff will not enter people's houses and will always wear PPE and be socially distanced. There are [digital info leaflets](#) online as well as a [flyer](#).

Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund

The [Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund \(RRLF\)](#) has already approved loans and grants totalling £16m to 35 organisations and has another £9m still available.

The scheme is intended for organisations with a minimum turnover of £400k where the organisation has been disrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and it's set up to make the government Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILS) more accessible to charities and social enterprises.

Key features are:

- Funding packages from £100k to £1.5m
- Loans available from 1 to 5 years
- Assessed on a case by case basis alongside the loan, grants that are awarded range in size from £40k to £300k and can be 20% to 40% of the loan amount.
- All loan interest and fees covered by the government for the first 12 months
- All loans come with a 12-month capital repayment holiday and no early repayment fees
- Loans up to £250k unsecured, and above that a simple fixed and floating debenture will be taken
- All purposes considered except refinancing existing debt.

How to apply

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2021. If you are interested, please email [Michelle](#).

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No Child Cold

As a result of lockdown, 75,000 children in our district are currently at home all day, every day at a time of year when temperatures have reached -4 degrees.

At least 21,000 children in our district live in homes where the pressures of the pandemic mean that families are struggling to afford to heat their homes for this extra time.

No Child Cold has been set up by Bradford partners to make sure that no child in the Bradford District is left in the cold this winter as a result of lockdown.

Find out [how you can support](#) this campaign.

You can also [apply for help](#) from the scheme if you need it.



The Digital Services Survey

[National Mind](#) are undertaking an important piece of research, and as the local branch of Mind in Bradford and Craven, [Mind in Bradford](#) want to inform local networks about this and encourage participation. The below message is sent from national Mind:

“We are seeking to gather information from individuals who have accessed services digitally and remotely since March 2020. We are primarily interested in those that have had to access NHS services in this way, but this would include services provided by the VCSE on behalf of the NHS through contracts or grant funding. It would also include those that are digitally excluded, and for this, we are asking if service providers can offer assistance to those that fall into this category to complete [this survey](#).”

Whilst they are seeking to reach those who are digitally excluded, they are also asking if service providers would be able to use any social media channels they have to promote the survey more widely as they do want to reach a wide range of service users.

The survey will be open to responses until mid-February. [Find out more](#) about the survey.



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