

# VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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## NWLDC News

### The Chief

**Executive of North West Leicestershire District Council** has



announced her resignation from the position as she moves on to new challenges. Bev joined in 2017 and will leave on 30 April 2022. The council is looking to have a new Chief Executive in place as soon as possible after this date.

### North West Leicestershire Local Plan review – have your say

How can the district move towards zero carbon? Should there be a new town or village near the airport? These are among the key questions people are being asked as part of the North West Leicestershire Local Plan review.

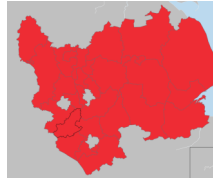
The Local Plan, which sets out a strategy for providing the homes, jobs and infrastructure needed in the district, is currently being reviewed and now local people can give their feedback about what the plan should include.

The consultation can be found at [www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanreview](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/localplanreview).

**New state of the art leisure centre!** The wait is over for people wanting to see inside the new Whitwick and Coalville Leisure Centre, which is opening its doors on Monday 14 February. The £22.5 million centre, boasts an eight-lane 25 metre swimming pool, learner pool, gym, cycling and dance studios, squash courts and eight court sports hall. With a café, Clip 'n Climb, and sauna, steam and spa pool too. Memberships are [now available](#).

## COVID-19

**As at 10 February**, over the past seven days North West Leicestershire has recorded 530 new COVID cases, which is a rate of 505.7 cases per 100,000 people. This is less than the East Midlands rate and less than the England rate. [For the full data sets log on to the Local Government Association's website.](#)



## COMMUNITY

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### Furnace Fables

Story and Shadow Puppet workshops for Adults- inspired by the landscape of the National Forest.

Join us for a free and friendly evening of storytelling story creating and shadow puppet making.



Work with Professional storytellers and shadow puppeteers on site at Moira Furnace.

Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd March  
7pm to 9pm

For more Information or to book contact Tom at [office@moirafurnace.org](mailto:office@moirafurnace.org) or 01283 224667

Have the opportunity to return in May to see your stories incorporated into a professional Storytelling and Shadow Puppet show.

[Quetzal](#) is a charity supporting women who experienced childhood sexual abuse in their journey towards trauma recovery. They provide **FREE counselling sessions** face-to-face, online and over the telephone to women survivors of childhood sexual abuse aged 16 and above living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (Click for [self-referral](#) or [refer someone you know](#)).

## FUNDING

### [Queen's Platinum Jubilee Grant](#)

Get ready for this new NWLDC grant, which will launch on 31 January and will be open to parish councils, community groups and schools. Grants of £250 will be available to help communities celebrate this historic milestone.

### [Other NWLDC grants](#)

Don't forget that we have a range of other small grants available. Has your group applied recently?

### Leicestershire Holiday Activities and Food Programme - 2022



Leicestershire County Council, working with Active Together (formerly LeicesterShire and Rutland Sport), are coordinating the Department for Education funded Holiday Activities & Food Programme, across Leicestershire in 2022.

**HAF Easter 2022** - applications should be submitted to [haf@leics.gov.uk](mailto:haf@leics.gov.uk) by 5pm on 25th February 2022. [Apply now](#)

Please see attached LCC February's list of grants and funding opportunities [here](#).

The second round of the OPCC's Commissioner's Safety Fund is now open. Funding is available for community projects that help reduce the risk of crime and abuse and increase public safety, in line with the Commissioner's recently-published Police and Crime Plan. [Find out more](#)

For Economic Growth funding (including funding for businesses and EU funding opportunities), please go to the [LLEP website](#).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING



Leicestershire County Council | ACTIVE TOTS

**EARLY YEARS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONFERENCE 2022**

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH 2022  
LEICESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB  
KING POWER STADIUM, LEICESTER  
9.00am - 2.00pm

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW:  
[ACTIVE-TOGETHER.ORG/EARLYYEARSCONFERENCE](https://active-together.org/earlyyearsconference)

**LET'S GET MOVING**



**Food Waste week, w/c 7 March – 13 March**  
**Get involved. Community engagement offering:**

**Free talks, workshops and assemblies** on food waste prevention (face-to-face or online) for community groups, schools and other educational establishments: [Find out more](#)

**SHIRE Environment grant** to support community action around household food waste prevention (and other topics): [Environment Grant - Grants \(leicestershirecommunities.org.uk\)](https://leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/EnvironmentGrant-Grants)

**The community fridge network** in Leicestershire (map here): [Community Fridges | Hubbub Foundation](#)

**Community kitchens grant:** [Find out more](#)

**Food waste prevention themed cooking courses** (more dates coming soon): [Find out more](#)

**GoLearn!** Open Day  
Leicestershire Adult Learning Service Coalville Library  
16 February 2pm to 4pm. Free activities.



**The Get the Ball Rolling** campaign encourages men to talk about mental health. Open the link on the image above.

## EVENTS & TRAINING



**Boys to Men** - free training course in March and April for Voluntary and Community Sector

Organisations who are working with boys and young men.

The training aims to explore the challenges facing boys and young men in the world today and some of the causes of male violence.

It is a facilitated E-Learning course which starts with a 1 hour session for all participants via Zoom on Tuesday 7 March at 12:45pm, e-learning and a 2 hour reflective session on Monday 4 April at 2-4pm or Tuesday 5 April at 10am-12noon. Booking form attached.



**Setting up/ reviewing voluntary group governance structure;** - Online

The idea of this course is to encourage people who are thinking of setting up a VCSE to book on. But also those that have set up recently but didn't get advice from VAL, so they can re-check they did it correctly. Or they may be others that need to review their present structure because circumstances have changed or the group has evolved. [Book Now](#)

**Volunteering Network and Learn event** - face to face in Charnwood Borough. [Book Now](#)

**Introduction to social media and marketing** - Online. [Book Now](#)

**Introduction to writing a business plan**  
[Book Now](#)

**GoLearn!** February "What's on" attached.  
Leicestershire Adult Learning Service

## VOLUNTEERING & EMPLOYMENT

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### Measham Pop up Employment Hub

Are you at a career crossroads? Take the next step towards your future, join us at Measham Library (10am to 12pm).

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| Thursday 17 | Thursday February 17 | Thursday 3  | Thursday March 3  |
| Thursday 24 | Thursday February 24 | Thursday 10 | Thursday March 10 |



THE WORK, LIVE, LEICESTERSHIRE (WILL) PROJECT IS FUNDED BY THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND AND THE NATIONAL LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND.

Coalville CAN are recruiting 18-24 year olds who are on Universal credit. They have 11 - 25hour paid roles on offer. For more information please contact Thomas.coalvillecanbs.org.uk. See the link to check their [website](#) to see what Coalville CAN offers.

**Leicestershire Cares** is looking for an experienced, enthusiastic and passionate Project Development Manager to lead, develop and manage the Unlocking Potential (UP) Project. [Apply here.](#)

## NWL POLICE

Did you know you can keep up to date



**Leicestershire Police**  
Protecting our communities

with policing information in your area by visiting [Your area | Leicestershire Police \(leics.police.uk\)](#). Simply enter your postcode and information on your local beat team and Beat Surgery location dates can be found.

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