



Newsletter

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Introduction to Community Action course!

There's a completely free online course coming up, "Introduction to Community Action", from Eden Project Communities.

The course is fully funded and jam-packed with workshops, inspirational talks, networking and fun. The course is for anyone interested in making a difference in their community. Previous participants have described it as "life-changing!".

The course starts on 6 November and takes place every Monday evening from 6.30pm-8:30pm for 5 weeks, via Zoom, from the comfort of your own home.

If you're interested, you can apply now and it takes just 15 minutes. [Apply through the Eden Project Communities website.](#)



Are you a kinship carer?

A kinship carer is someone who is raising a relative's or friend's child. The grandparents and siblings, the aunts, uncles, and family friends who step up to raise children when their parents can't.

If you, or someone you're supporting, is a kinship carer, then there's a new group that they'll be happy to know about. The group that's starting is a way for kinship carers to come together - a chance to meet, listen, share and support one another.

The when and the where: The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 10.30am to 12pm, at Revive Cafe on Edgar Street in Hereford.

For more information about the group, contact Denise on 07355 036064 or e-mail denise.beckett@kinship.org.uk and for further details about kinship, visit the [Kinship website](#).



Magic Little Grants (nice and easy)

If you're a small charity or community group, we think you'd like to know that the small, but magical, Magic Little Grants are still open to apply for (what it says on the tin).

Localgiving are once again offering their small one-off grants of £500, for projects under certain themes. The themes include providing support to improve mental health, enabling participation in physical activity or in the arts, preventing or reducing the impact of poverty, responding to climate emergency and improving green spaces.

There's a simple 20-minute application process and an outcome within six weeks, which helps grass-roots organisations to access the funding they need to launch or strengthen their services.

For more information and to apply, visit the [Localgiving website](https://www.localgiving.org/magic-little-grants). The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 31 October 2023**.

A promotional banner for Magic Little Grants. The background is a light blue grid pattern with a crumpled paper texture. On the left, the text 'MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS' is written in large, bold, blue capital letters, with three blue stars of varying sizes to the right of 'MAGIC'. Below this, in smaller black text, it says 'Grants of £500 for small charities and community groups thanks to the players of the People's Postcode Lottery.' At the bottom left, the website 'localgiving.org/magic-little-grants' is listed. On the right side, the text 'Now accepting applications!' is written in blue. Below this is the People's Postcode Lottery logo, which features a yellow ribbon banner above the words 'PEOPLE'S POSTCODE LOTTERY' in blue, green, and red. At the bottom right, the 'localgiving' logo is displayed in a black, lowercase, sans-serif font.

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[localgiving.org/magic-little-grants](https://www.localgiving.org/magic-little-grants) localgiving

Woolly and Warm: National Lottery fund helps keep people warm with craft

Weaving, sewing and felting – what do you fancy trying? Running since December 2022, 'Woolly and Warm' is designed to help people with the cost of living and develop craft skills with wool (craft your way to cosiness).

Cultivating Learning and Nature have been awarded a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund to run Woolly and Warm. People have been enjoying the opportunity to take part in wool-based workshops for free, to make draught excluders, hand warmers, neck warmers and rugs, to help keep warm in the cold months ahead. It's also a great way to connect with people.

"Woolly and Warm" encourages people to get active, be with others in a safe and non-judgemental space, and to be able to create something using natural materials.

All the work Cultivating Learning and Nature does supports wellbeing and since the pandemic they have focused more heavily on encouraging people to connect again.

There are numerous dates across the county to try out weaving, sewing and felting throughout a series of sessions. The workshops are on our What's on calendar – check out our What's new section for details. The dates are also on the [Cultivating Learning and Nature page on the Talk Community Directory](#).

For more information, and to book a free place, please contact Caroline Gilbert on 01981 550043 or email caroline@clan-cic.org



Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Herefordshire Communities

Calling all community groups in Herefordshire – there's a survey that's seeking your views.

Sustainability West Midlands, in partnership with Herefordshire Council, are developing a user-led climate change adaptation plan for the county. It's about Herefordshire's people, environment, infrastructure, buildings – helping to ensure they're protected from the impacts of climate change.

Your thoughts on how the county is already dealing with extreme weather events, and what more it needs to do, will form a key part of the plan's content, and will better enable the actions going to the right organisation. The survey, is specifically asking for views from community groups within Herefordshire. The survey **closes at 5pm on Thursday 28 September**. Thank you.

[Take the survey](#)



Save energy and money with Keep Herefordshire Warm

Join the 500 people each month who save an average of £500 per year from Keep Herefordshire Warm's new provider YES Energy Solutions.

YES Energy Solutions can achieve this for people through their eligibility assessments for grants to improve the energy efficiency of homes, benefit entitlement checks, top tips to save money, and financial help on energy bills (wow that's good to know).

Through Keep Herefordshire Warm, YES Energy Solutions can help with over the phone support along with their energy saving pack which contains gadgets to save energy, helpful guides, plus in-depth energy efficiency reports.

YES Energy Solutions is an award-winning Community Interest Company dedicated to saving people money on their energy bills. With no shareholders to satisfy, YES invests their profits into the communities they support.

Start saving money on your energy bills or refer someone for support.

Call **0800 677 1432** (Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm)

or email khw.advicecentre@yesenergysolutions.co.uk

To find out more [visit Keep Herefordshire Warm website.](#)



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What's new on the directory?

We are pleased to welcome lots of new events to the directory this week.

[Ladies Lunch](#) – third Friday of the month, Hereford

[Start cooking with Ross Community Garden](#) - Learn some basic skills in the kitchen, make some nutritious, affordable and delicious meals that you can continue to make at home. FREE course.

[Herefordshire Mind Parent/Carer support group](#)

It's time for those "Woolly and warm" workshop dates across Herefordshire that we mentioned:

[Nuno felted neck warmer workshop](#) – 5 October, Vowchurch

[Nuno felted neck warmer workshop](#) – 11 October, Hereford

[Nuno felted neck warmer workshop](#) – 18 October, Clehonger

[Nuno felted neck warmer workshop](#) – 19 October, Bromyard

[Pegloom mini-rug workshop](#) – 5 October, Vowchurch

[Pegloom mini-rug workshop](#) – 11 October, Hereford

[Pegloom mini-rug workshop](#) – 19 October, Bromyard

[Felted hand warmer workshop](#) – 27 September, Hereford

[Felted hand warmer workshop](#) – 30 September, Vowchurch

[Felted hand warmer workshop](#) – 21 October, Clehonger

[Hand-sewn draught excluder workshop](#) – 27 September, Hereford

[Hand-sewn draught excluder workshop](#) - 21 October, Clehonger [Hand-sewn draught excluder workshop](#) - 30 October, Vowchurch

The Workers' Educational Association (WEA) team have been busy adding their fantastic online courses onto our directory website this week. WEA are an adult education charity which can provide free courses to those on means tested benefits (that's good to know). From cooking and crafts to creative writing, take a look at some of the courses on offer this autumn:

[Craft: Introduction to creative paper-craft and card making](#) – starts in September

[Craft: Nature inspired creative collage](#) – starts in September

[Craft: Event cards for special occasions](#) – starts in September

[Creative writing: Writing ghostly and gothic fiction and poetry](#) - starts in October

[Creative writing: Poetry half-day workshop \(beginners\)](#) – 29 November [Creative writing: Poetry half-day workshop \(improvers\)](#) – 22 November

[Creative writing: Poetry half-day workshop \(advanced\)](#) – 15 November

[Cooking: Risotto masterclass](#) – starts in October

[Cooking: East Asian cooking](#) – starts in November [Cooking: Sauce](#) – starts in November

[Personal development: An introduction to wellness and wellbeing](#) – starts in October

[Personal development: Inspiring adult learning](#)

[Personal development: Understanding ADHD](#) – starts in October

WEA have some lovely courses coming up with Christmas in mind – we'll pop these on our What's new section next week.



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