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Bi-weekly Early Help Update: 24th March 2021

We are here to help you support families, children and young people to get the help they need throughout lockdown. To request help for a young individual, their family or to get support with an Early Help Assessment, please complete a [Family Connect Form](#) or give us a call. If you would like to share information about your organisation's support services or a change in your services or needs, please contact one of our community connectors.

News

Food vouchers over the Easter holidays - B'ham City Council have secured an additional **£1.8 million** in funding from the government's **Covid Winter Grant** to provide food vouchers for 72'000 children for two weeks running over the Easter holidays. Find out more on their [website](#).

TAWS and FJN launch online foodbank map - The Active Wellbeing Society has published an [online map](#) with the help of the **Food Justice Network**, showing all the locations of foodbanks and community cafes across Birmingham.

Job alert: Parenting Support Worker - Family Action are looking for a full time **Parenting Support Worker**, 37 hours a week, permanent contract. Please see the **attached flyer** for more details.

Car Free Cities campaign - climate charity **Possible** will be working with communities across Birmingham to reimagine our streets. The project is working to improve clean air, reduce traffic and inspire exciting changes from parklets to low traffic neighbourhoods across the UK. See their [website](#) for more info and how to get involved.



Youth Opportunities

Get Started in Customer Care with ASOS - a 5-day virtual programme from **Prince's Trust** for NEET 16-30 year olds in Birmingham/Solihull. Get a taster of what a career in Customer Care with ASOS looks like. E-mail hanna.bodley@princes-trust.org.uk for further details (closing date 5th April).

TEAM programme with Prince's Trust - TEAM is a 12 week programme for NEET young people aged 16-25, starting on Tuesday 4th May. It enables students to receive a **Princes Trust Level 1 Qualification** in employability, teamwork and community skills. Please **see the attached** for further details.

The DoMore Study is recruiting - finding new ways to help children and young people with physical disabilities to move more. They are looking for people to take part. For eligibility and further info, please see their [website](#).



I Am My Sister CIC: Events & Activities - providing a safe space for girls and women from the African diaspora. Please see **the attached** for a wide range of regular events.

BCFC Traineeships - 12 week programme for 19-24 year olds to enable them to gain qualifications that will provide pathways to employment. Email craig.gill@bcfc.com to find out more.

Ripple Effect programme from Near Neighbours (THURS 25th) - for 16-21 year olds interested in increasing their knowledge and community impact. Learn, practice and develop skills. Further details on the **attached flyer**.

Positive Futures opportunity - for NEET young people aged 16-25. A 4 week course designed to provide valuable qualifications & experience to prepare them for future employment. Please see the **attached flyers** for further info.



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Community & Hardship Funding

Emergency Food Assistance - grants are available at £100 per household to assist with food & fuel costs. To refer a family please fill out a [family connect form](#) or call us.

Home Office Grant: County Lines (Specialist Victim Support) - The Home Office is seeking to award grant funding to charities and non-profit making organisations to provide support to under 25s and their families who are criminally exploited through county lines. See the [contract summary](#) or e-mail j.myattjones@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk (Joanne Myatt-Jones) for further details.

'Celebrating Communities' small grants funding scheme - the Council has developed a £2 million small grants funding scheme, part of a wider package to maximise the benefit and legacy of hosting the **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**. Grants will be available to people and communities to run initiatives which deliver against one of three themes: **'Getting Active'**, **'Ready, Steady, Fun'** and **'Celebrating Culture'**. Find out more on the [Council website](#).

Local Welfare Provision - scheme available through the council to help vulnerable people in short term crisis access food and essential items. Full details [here](#).

External Funding for Covid Response - Food Justice Network shared an extensive document that details lots of the currently available funding for community organisations/charities who are responding to the pandemic. Please **see attached** for details.



Support

Severn Trent Water's 'The Big Difference Scheme' - customers could receive up to 90% off the company's average water bill. Eligibility based on household income. Please see the **attached flyer** for details.

British Gas Energy Trust - families who are experiencing hardship and are British Gas customers can liaise with the Trust to reduce/remove outstanding debts. Please visit their [website](#) for further details.

Out on Your Loan - an inclusive cycling programme which aims to help disabled people in the West Midlands who want to travel and be active by cycling. Offering training, guidance and long-term loans of adapted cycles suited to individual needs. Find out more on their [website](#).

Back to School Covid Resources - a useful, regularly updated [resource hub](#) from the **Birmingham Early Years Networks**. Information on home testing, preparing children for classroom learning, safeguarding, plus much more.

Learn My Way - a [website](#) featuring free online courses designed to help people develop their digital skills. Built by **Good Things Foundation**.

Jobcentre Plus Support for Schools in B'ham & Solihull - Government funded initiative designed to inform young people about the range of opportunities available to them, as well as supporting them in their transition from school to work/training/study. Support is intended primarily for disadvantaged young people and those at risk of being NEET. **See attached** for more info.





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Hall Green Families Events & Training

Hall Green Communities Monthly Networking Meeting - Wed 31st March @ 13:30-14:30.

Sharing community updates about local support, funding and activities. Co-hosted by the locality NNS and Early Help Teams. Please sign up via our [Eventbrite page](#).

Family Debt & Benefits Awareness - Thurs 22nd April @ 12:30-14:30. To raise awareness of those struggling, highlight how professionals can support them and share insights from local organisations. Please sign-up via our [Eventbrite page](#).

We are currently developing future events around EU Settlement awareness and the Covid Road to Recovery. Keep an eye out on the Events & Training Calendar in Newsletters to come.



Other Events & Training

Meet the Doctor: How to get the best help for your child in an emergency - 26th March @ 11-12:30pm. Hear from Birmingham Children's Hospital A&E doctors on how to get medical help for your child in an emergency. Learn about situations you can manage at home or with help from your local pharmacy. Find out more and register for free via the [event link](#).

Birmingham Community Matters: Bringing volunteers back safely - 29th March @ 11-12pm. An informal session about starting back or moving to a new way of working with volunteers in 2021. Please sign up through their [Eventbrite page](#).


Stronger Together conference - 22nd April @ 8:30-16:30. Presented by **Birmingham Social Enterprise City**, this is a summit bringing together thinking around 'growth in social enterprise' full of context, opportunities and ideas. See the [Eventbrite page](#) to register and for further info.

Get Grants: Virtual Fundraising Networking event - 28th April @ 1-2pm. Opportunity to share experiences and connect with other fundraisers in the region. Chances for discussions about how the grant fundraising world is changing in response to the current Covid-19 crisis and what opportunities & challenges this presents. See their [website](#) for further info.

Events & Training Calendar: Hall Green Families & more...*



WEEK COMMENCING
22/3



FRI 26/3 @ 11-12:30pm: Meet the Doctor: How to get the best help for your child in an emergency

WEEK COMMENCING
29/3

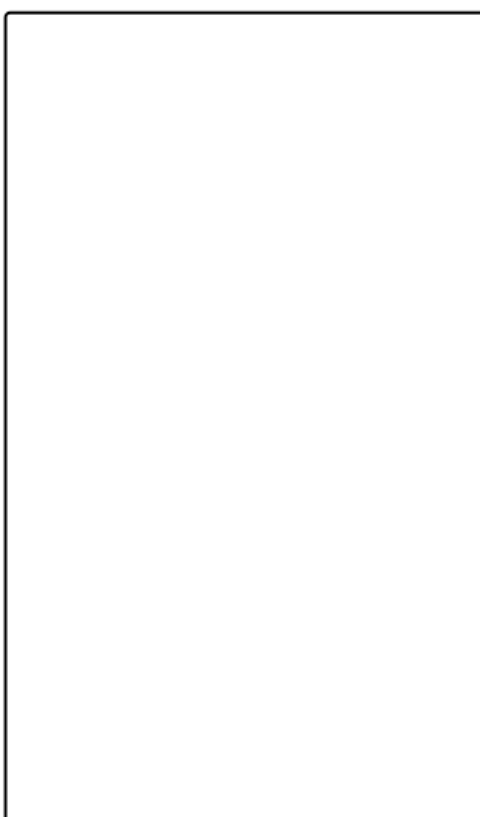
Monthly

Updates and Networking

WED 31/3 @ 1:30-2:30pm: Hall Green Communities Monthly Network Meeting

**MON 29/3 @ 11-12pm: Birmingham Community Matters: Bringing volunteers back safely**

WEEK COMMENCING
5/4



LATER IN APRIL...



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