

Welcome to the March 2019 edition

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- Grant funding to improve energy efficiency in County Durham Community Buildings - read [more](#)
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Each month we are going to focus on a specific topic to help with the running of your organisation.

This month we are focusing on **Fundraising**

Did you know....large numbers of trust funding and grant applications are unsuccessful because the sender does not read the criteria correctly?

Find out more [here](#)



Farewell to Liz!

As Dr. Liz Charles, our Manager for the Food Durham project, prepares for (semi!) retirement next week, we would like to pay tribute to her time here at Durham Community Action - we will all miss you Liz!

Read Liz Charles: The Next Big Step in Keeping Small a Beautiful Thing [here](#)



Free Community Learning Courses

We will shortly be running our final series of free Community Learning courses for this academic year. Topics include good governance, managing finance, managing volunteers, attracting new business and managing risk. There are limited places available - full details [here](#)



Congratulations to Fishburn Youth and Community Centre on £85,000 grant success

One of the community groups that Durham Community Action has supported with funding advice is celebrating after being awarded £85,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund - read [more](#)



Durham Community Action signs pledge to tackle single use plastics

Durham County Council and a number of its partners, including Durham Community Action, have signed a collective new pledge as part of an ongoing campaign to eradicate single use plastics.

Read [more](#)



County Durham Volunteer Coordinators Forum

This forum provides the opportunity for staff/volunteers who are responsible for volunteer management in their organisation to network with staff/volunteers from other organisations who have similar responsibilities. The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 2nd April at Bowburn Community Centre and will focus on volunteering with young people. Read [more](#)

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