

DEAR MEMBER

So much has happened over the past few weeks and days, the news is moving fast and we are now having to change the way we live our daily life. With that, all the staff and Trustees at Hunts Forum are sending good health to you all, and want you to know that while we are all having to work slightly differently we are still here to support our members.

CONTACTING STAFF

Should you have any questions regarding Maple Centre or wish to speak to a member of staff at Hunts Forum please call **01480 420 601** or email **info@huntsforum.org.uk**

For bookings of the Maple Centre please email **jackie@huntsforum.org.uk**

If you are a group and want to speak to Keith Johnson, our Development Officer please call **07809 214895** or **01480 420604**. You can also email **keith@huntsforum.org.uk**

TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO THE MAPLE CENTRE

Due to the current situation around Covid-19, the Trustees and staff of Hunts Forum have agreed to the closure of the Maple Centre between 18 March until 8 April 2020. This will be reviewed and may be extended based on government guidance. Within this time staff are still working from home and will be available for virtual meetings and email correspondence. Though working hours have been amended all staff will get back to you as soon as they can.

MEMBERSHIP

As you will all be aware, we are coming to the end of the financial year, With that we have agreed that membership for 2019/20 will be extended till July 1st when you will be receiving your invoices.

In the meantime, if you want to check your details or know that last year's contact has changed please email **info@huntsforum.org.uk** and speak to Trisha or Jackie who can update your details on our CRM.

TRAINING

All face to face training has been cancelled till the 30th April and future training will be reviewed later. Within this time other support material will be produced.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

At this time we believe Hunts Forum is a point of contact to make sure you have the most up to date and relevant information for you to be able to support your community. Therefore, the team at Hunts Forum are going to be doing a few things as this situation develops.

All information will be found on a central website : www.huntsforum.org.uk/coronavirus

- Collecting information from larger organisations including Councils, government bodies and larger support bodies such as NAVCA and NCVO.
- Cascading this information out via social media. Make sure you follow us on Twitter ([/huntsforum](#)) and like us on Facebook ([/huntsforum/](#)) and have followed us on LinkedIn ([/company/hunts-forum-of-voluntary-organisations](#)) We will also be updating the news section on our website.
- The team here at Hunts Forum will also be creating a range of support materials for the voluntary community sector around different issues and topics relevant to the current situation.

SUPPORT MATERIALS

The team have created these three handouts for different types of groups. As we are aware our members come in all shapes and sizes. Please feel free to download from our website (www.huntsforum.org.uk/coronavirus) and circulate where needed or email us and we will forward them over.

1. Financial information for current organisations
2. Using your current volunteer pool to support the community
3. A Community grassroots approach- what to think about

Other information will be uploaded onto our website in due course and promoted across social media. We will also be looking at supporting in other ways. If you have a topic or something you think we need to think about contact the team via Keith at keith@huntsforum.org.uk

NEED VOLUNTEERS?

It has come to our attention that there are a large number of individuals out there wanting to help where they can. If your organisation is looking to use your volunteers in other ways or looking at adapting what you do to help the efforts and would like more volunteers then we are happy to share all requests for support throughout networks on social media.

If you want us to share something make sure you link us into all your posts. You do this by making sure you're following us and putting @huntsforum in your message along with #HuntsForum. We will share as much as we can.

That's all from the Team for now