

Dear Communities of Interest network, here's this week's email of updates and resources for you to use, and please do also share with the other organisations in your network.

[This page](#) provides the latest advice and guidance from the Leeds Public Health team, and signposts you to the relevant local services and resources.

Vaccine attitudes in Diverse Communities

York University is working with Leeds Black Health Initiative to research feelings and attitudes towards vaccination in diverse communities. The survey will only be open for the next two weeks so please do share [this link](#) to the **online survey** and help us spread the word as far and wide as possible.

Community Champions Project

[Full details of the project can be found here:](#)

If you are a volunteer coordinator, or you support volunteers who are already connecting with people who are sharing messages on Covid-19 and vaccination and would like to know more about how you can link with the project, please attend our briefing session:

Thursday 25 March 10.00 – 11.00am

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 628 7042 1664 Passcode: 531662

<https://eu01web.zoom.us/j/62870421664>

If you are unable to attend the briefing session, but would like to know more, please contact Hannah, Jess or Sam at CommunityChampions@leeds.gov.uk.

Information about the Oxford AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine

There's a [statement](#) on the CCG website as well as information in the [FAQs](#) re the vaccine – information will be updated in light of the announcement made by the European Medicines Agency (Thursday 18 March), who have found the vaccine safe and effective and not associated with a higher risk of clots. The EU's leading states are to restart their roll-out of the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-56440139>

Updates and FAQ's from the Leeds NHS CCG Website

[Our FAQ section on the website](#) has responses to some of the common questions we are getting from community members as well as staff and has been updated this week to include information about eligibility and priority groups

Launch of vaccination minibus

The new vaccination minibus will be on Maud Avenue in Beeston until Friday 26 March from 10am to 3pm – **please note this is only for people who will have received a text message from their GP practice inviting them to the vaccination minibus**

Bi-lingual Advocacy phone line services

Leeds Refugee Forum have a new bi-lingual advocacy phone line service with interpreters available in various languages - you can [find out more and how to use this service here.](#)

Young Black Minds Peer Support

Young Black Minds provides peer support to anyone in the Black community across the district of Leeds aged 16 – 25 who identifies as male. This is a safe space to talk with a group of likeminded men about any struggles and to learn ways to manage stresses you are facing. Please see the [flyer with more details here.](#) or contact Abdullah.Adekola@leedsmind.org.uk

Developing Strategic Leadership for Underrepresented Communities

Voluntary Action Leeds are working with underrepresented communities to develop their strategic leadership skills. The new project which you [can find out more here](#) will also work with organisations who would like to diversify their committee or board to become more inclusive.

#TogetherLeeds Community & Voluntary Sector Bulletin – March

This Bulletin is a system wide resource produced jointly by Healthwatch, local NHS, council partners to provide an overview of the key messages local people need to know and contributed to by Forum Central.

You can read the latest edition [here](#), which provides updates about the national lockdown, the vaccine programme, mental health and more, and see previous editions [here](#)

The messages have been written so that you are able to easily copy and paste them to share with your networks.

This edition covers:

- National Lockdown
- COVID-19 vaccine update
- COVID-19 emotional support
- Mental health funding boost

- Wellbeing @ Work 2021
- Breastfeeding support
- Learn new cooking skills
- Helping people who have had a stroke
- Training & development

Many thanks

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