

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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SRO DIARY DATES

APRIL

13 Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum meeting, 2pm, contact Rosey Sanders.

CORRYMEELA SUNDAY

Corrymeela Sunday is on March 14. Corrymeela was begun in 1965 by Ray Davey, a former chaplain in World War II, who was incarcerated in a prisoner of war camp in Dresden and saw the bombing of that city. This experience profoundly changed him. He returned to work as a chaplain in Belfast and became concerned at the tensions brewing between people of different political, religious and ideological differences in Northern Ireland. Corrymeela grew out of this concern promoting tolerance between people of differing backgrounds and beliefs. [More information here.](#)

SPECIAL SUNDAYS

There is a list of Special Sundays and Dates of Interest for 2021 available [here](#).

PRAYERS FOR COMMUNITY

The current need for self-isolation and social distancing as exceptional measures speaks to the greater need we have as humans to be in community. The world needs community like never before.

God of bursting early bulbs, God of links to last year's growth: stored within us are lessons and corrections, a-ha revelations and moments still taking on meaning. As we open ourselves up to a brand new spring, may we display the colours we've hidden inside; and may the rooted life we hold in our cores ground us well for all coming seasons.

Amen.

SPOTLIGHT ON

HELP FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Cornwall VSF's website has lots of useful **resources and support for older people** struggling with their physical and mental health as a result of the pandemic, including physical movement, mental wellbeing, domestic abuse, bereavement, and the Over 50's alcohol helpline.

Embrace Care aims to improve the way we care for and support older people. We want to do this by getting colleagues from all areas of health and care services to work more closely together. The aim is to support more people to live independently in their own homes, with individual packages of care. For more information about the Embrace programme, see the **Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Health and Care Partnership website**.

The image below demonstrates the impact the community intervention team will have on residents requiring care in Cornwall. The project has some other visual resources to help teams explain

the purpose of the Ageing Well urgent community response (UCR) and Embrace programme, which they are happy to share. You can contact them [here](#).

Many older women who are experiencing sexual abuse or have experienced abuse in the past feel they can't talk about it or that the services available are for younger people. But anyone of any age can be a victim of sexual abuse and services are available for everyone. Help is still available during lockdown and people are allowed to leave their homes to access safety or support.

The Women's Centre Cornwall provides specialist support to older women who have been victims of sexual abuse. To contact them, email support1@womenscentrecornwall.org.uk To contact the Rape and Sexual Abuse and Domestic Abuse Helpline call 01208 77099 or contact Safer Futures on 0300 777 4 777 or via the [Safer Futures website](#).



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SPOTLIGHT ON TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL

Please remember that Transformation Cornwall are here and willing to offer any help we can. We can help to develop volunteer role descriptions, paid employment roles, develop risk assessments, help share your information, provide references, advise on funding.....- certainly, we're not experts in any of it, but we can often help to share information around the foodbank network, know where a good

template might be or know who to link you with. What I can say is to please give us a go, we'd really like to help you in any way we can.

All enquiries of TC matters should be made to:

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T 07485 476598



Meet the Funders

Transformation Cornwall and Diocese of Truro

MEET THE FUNDERS SPRING EVENT DATE CHANGES

**MEET THE FUNDERS SPRING EVENT
TUE 25TH & WED 26TH MAY 2021
10AM TO 1PM**

It may come as no big surprise to you all, but we have decided to change our plans for Meet the Funders Spring event this year. Instead of our usual format being in person over one day, the event will go ahead as online event, spread over two consecutive mornings (25 & 26 May 2021 from 10am-1pm) as it just was not possible to run in person with Covid at that point this year.

However, we are looking to make the event pretty smart and as useful to our attendees as possible! Our dear wish is that we can have our small, core delivery team at St Petroc's Church with funders, presenters

and audience all online. We are also looking to develop a 'Meet the Funders toolbox' (a pre-posted, hard copy of key documents sent to registered attendees in advance) to accompany the event and make it more interactive. We will provide all the technical details well in advance of the event, to support attendees. We will also record funder presentations (and put on the Transformation Cornwall website).

Please bear with us as we develop our plans, but for now - please save the dates in your diaries. For further information please email: info@transformation-cornwall.org.uk or tel. 07485 476598.

For Latest Updates from Transformation Cornwall see the latest Newsletter

GRANT UPDATE

Transformation Cornwall regularly update this comprehensive list of grants for social action projects.

[Click here](#)



TELEPHONE SIGNPOSTING INFORMATION LIST

People like to talk with organisations who offer advice and support. Transformation Cornwall have created a handy telephone signposting list with numbers of services that work throughout Cornwall - information includes, debt advice, housing, dependency, mental health etc.

You can find the PDF by clicking [here](#).

MTF 2020 WORKSHOP EVALUATION

Meet the Funders 2020 Workshop Programme Evaluation

In January 2021, we carried out an extensive evaluation of our 2020 Meet the Funders programme.

Of particular note:

100% of survey respondents rated the usefulness of the workshops and/or surgeries as good or excellent.

100% of survey respondents would recommend the Meet the Funders workshops and surgeries to other

You can read our full evaluation report [here](#).

HELPING HAND RESOURCES

Cornwall Council has compiled a long list of its support resources into a single page of links, by topic - a useful page to bookmark for organisations support people in the community. You can find it by clicking [here](#).



HELP WITH FOOD MAP

Please see this link below following Let's Talk Cornwall 'Help with Food' where they have recently improved the map.

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FUNDING

WINTER ADVICE & THE COVID WINTER GRANT

For many people, winter brings additional hardships, as heating bills go up, and houses suffer more from damp or cold. If you work with people who might be struggling particularly with the harsh weather, check out this list of [advice and support sources](#).

Financial help can be given in the following areas:

- *Food;
- *Energy and water bills for household purposes and sewerage;
- *Other essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets, boiler service/repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, ovens, etc.)

All grants must be allocated by the end of March. So please make sure you identify households you're working with and make the requests now, so they don't miss out. To apply for the COVID Winter Grant:

For items relating to home heating, such as fuel bills or breakdown in heating equipment such as oil tanks or boiler repair, please contact Community Energy Plus by emailing advice@cep.org.uk or phoning 0800 954 1956.

For help with food and other essential household items, visit Cornwall Council's [Crisis and care awards](#) web page.

MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK & CORNWALL VSF SURVEY

A new Faith in Mental Health Network is looking at making training resources available for groups within our faith communities. If you would like to find out more then email Andrew.Yates@truro.anglican.org

Cornwall VSF carried out a snap survey asking VCSE organisations how they were working to support the mental wellbeing of their staff and volunteers. See [a short summary of the findings](#) here.

GRANT PROCESS STREAMLINED

Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF) has recently updated its grant application process, simplifying it and streamlining it for applicants. Where before applicants needed to choose which grant to apply for, now CCF will carry out that matching process in-house, and applicants only need to put in a general application. Their website explains: "You can now apply to One Cornwall programme for grants for Community groups and charities based in Cornwall and the Isles Of Scilly."

CCF have moved its regular funds into one main programme. It has funding available for emergency and crisis support and for recovery from the effects of the pandemic. CCF administer several area funds covering most of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and have funding available for crime prevention, to improve the natural environment, to improve physical health and wellbeing and to support young people, elderly people and people with a disability.

Grants range from £1,000 – £5,000, some funds are able to offer larger grants.

There are also funds to support individuals, particularly:

- * Young carers;
- * Young people who are disadvantaged or who are struggling with their mental health and wellbeing;
- * People struggling to stay warm and healthy during winter;
- * People who are in crisis.

Grants for individuals range from £200 – £1,000.

You can find full details of both programmes from [this page](#). There are no deadlines for these awards. Other programmes that are independent of the One Cornwall grant stream are also listed, [here](#).

CREDIT UNIONS & FINANCIAL ADVICE

Credit unions are a growing alternative to traditional banking, and offer better rates for savings and loans, and a more personal service, often a good alternative for those on a low income.

See [Credit Unions covering Cornwall](#).

Cornwall VSF has recently published [a collection of financial advice messages](#), around where to get support for people who are in debt, as well as warnings about loan sharks, and scams, particularly those that have appeared connected to COVID-19

DEBT SUPPORT, SCAM & LOAN SHARK RESOURCES

Where to find advice around debt support, scams and loan sharks. A comprehensive resource to protect

people and help them get out of trouble is available here: [Advice around debt, scams and loan sharks](#)

MENTAL HEALTH EMPLOYMENT NEEDS & DEBT ADVICE

A new project has been launched in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly to provide both mental health support and practical advice on money, jobs and housing to the most vulnerable people in our communities.

join forces to provide an outreach service.

Funded by Cornwall Council, it will see experts from Citizens Advice Cornwall and the Pentreath mental health charity

Named Mhend (Mental Health Employment Needs and Debt advice), it will initially run as a 12-month pilot set up to respond to people's immediate needs.

The project is designed to reach those residents who are likely to have been most affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

DIOCESE DEO NEWS

A change in the nature of the Diocese of Truro environment officer role has resulted in a transition from the sterling work of Luci Isaacson, who has done so much to drive us forward and push us to keep the environment on the agenda (and was integral to the motion at General Synod that has resulted in the national Net Zero targets, amongst other things).



Luci, pictured above right, is now handing over to the new DEO – Ben Lillie. Ben, pictured right, started in February. He is based in Bude and in the past was a vicar in Devon. He will have the opportunity in the future to share more about him and his passion for the environment. You can read more about Ben and the new diocesan environment strategy on the diocesan website [here](#).



Kate Cortez, Head of Operations at the Diocese of Truro, said: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank Luci for her hard work, passion and creativity on our behalf."

If you would like to get in touch with the new DEO, you can email ben here: Ben.Lillie@truro.anglican.org

CHERISH CREATION CUT CARBON SPEAK UP

A DIOCESAN VISION AND STRATEGY FOR CREATION CARE

EDEN PROJECT RESOURCES

Check out the online resources the Eden Project has been circulating, around gardening, nature, craft activities, mental wellbeing and home learning, while their site is closed, and we can't get out much anyway!

Eden Project online resources around MH and nature.

SPOTLIGHT ON

CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK

There are now over 50 climate & environmental action groups, spread across Cornwall, doing fantastic work. They have joined forces as the new Cornwall Climate Action Network, to support each other and work together in response to the Climate Emergency and to reach Cornwall's carbon neutral target.

The Cornwall Climate Action Network is also keen to be guided by what the network groups need and is looking to hold an event initially for networking and shared learning, possibly in May/June.

Community climate action groups and

voluntary environmental groups that are addressing issues related to the climate and ecological emergency are invited to complete **Cornwall Climate Action Network's online questionnaire** and **join the network**.

Please also direct any climate action groups in your area to the **Cornwall Climate Action Network Facebook group**.

For more information, email Cornwall Climate Action Network (Cornwall CAN) on cornwallcancan@gmail.com.

RURAL SERVICES NETWORK PROGRAMME

The Rural Services Network has launched its online seminar programme for 2021, with nine events throughout the year, looking at issues specific to the rural areas of the UK.



The 2021 Seminar Programme focuses on the Revitalising Rural campaign, **click here for more information** and each seminar is themed on a particular issue from the campaign, enabling members to debate the issues that matter most to rural.

The seminars each last around two hours and are held online.

Each session features two or three expert speakers with a chance for you to ask questions of the speakers after their presentation, and then time

for all of the delegates to share their experiences and discuss key issues in relation to the topic.

The seminars are provided as a membership benefit of being in the Rural Services Network and are free of charge to **member organisations only**.

Join the RSN + Click to download the flyer with links to book: [seminar_programme_2021](#)

ARCHBISHOP'S COMMISSION ON HOUSING

FIVE VALUES FOR GOOD HOUSING

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on Housing, Church and Community have published their report. They have identified five core values, that set a new normal for what good housing should look like. **Watch here.**

They've also produced a suite of resources, training, guides, and case studies for individuals and church leaders. **Find them here.**



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