

**COMMUNITY
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SUFFOLK**



Funding Summit for Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprises 2026: Mid Suffolk



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9.15 - 2.30

AM

PM

Light lunch provided



Debenham

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Booking is essential.

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Programme: 21st October @ Debenham Community Centre

9.15am	Arrival		
9.30am	Welcome from Community Action Suffolk, <i>Jacqui Wilkinson</i> , Safeguarding and Quality Assurance, Event Host		
9.35am	Opening address: <i>Cllr Teresa Davis</i> , Cabinet Member for Thriving Communities, Mid Suffolk		
9.40am	A Local Success Story: A funding Journey <i>Sarah-Jane Hatt</i> , Babergh Mid Suffolk District Councils in conversation with <i>Nick Mills</i> and <i>Andrew Macpherson</i> from The Coddendam Centre		
9.55am	Skills Workshops ⚠️ <i>Pre-book one option from the workshops below.</i>		
	Workshop 1 Measuring What Matters – impact and monitoring <i>Jen Milner</i> Impact & Social Value Officer Community Action Suffolk	Workshop 2 Built With, Not For – Community Consultation <i>Phil Martin</i> Organisation Development Officer: Start Up Community Action Suffolk	
11.05am	Refreshments and Networking		
11.35am	Learning Exchange Tables: Small-group discussions (max. 9 participants per table) Led by funders and topic experts. These facilitated sessions provide an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and explore topics in more depth. They are not 1 to 1 surgeries. ⚠️ <i>Participants will pre-book up to 3 opportunities on the day.</i> <i>What's Available? Discover Suffolk Community Foundation's Funding Opportunities</i> Table host: <i>Julie Rose</i>, Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF) <i>Heritage Lottery Funds</i> Table host: Heritage Fund <i>Top Tips: Project Development and funding updates</i> Table host: <i>Jim Brown</i>, Suffolk County Council, Funding Team <i>From AI to Impact: Introducing 'Plinth' & SCF's New Impact Indicators</i> Table host: <i>Clare Gibson</i>, Suffolk Community Foundation <i>Helping communities deliver local priorities</i> Table hosts: <i>Sarah-Jane Hatt</i>, and <i>Joshua Holmes</i>, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils – Working Together <i>Beyond the Bid: Strengthening Your Organisation for a Sustainable Future: Resilience, governance, partnerships and policies</i> Table hosts: <i>Horia Azizi</i> and <i>Phil Martin</i>, Community Action Suffolk <i>Stronger Suffolk: Free Support to Strengthen Your Organisation</i> Table Hosts – <i>Jen Milner</i>, Community Action Suffolk and <i>Jess Prosser</i>, SCF <i>Projects that help wildlife thrive, restore nature, and connect communities with the natural environment. Any voluntary group can help wildlife thrive by improving local spaces, involving residents, and encouraging stronger connections with the natural environment</i> Table host: <i>Richard Parmee</i>, Biodiversity Manager, BMSDC. <i>Top Tips on community fundraising</i> Table host: <i>Chloe Lock</i>, St Elizabeth's Hospice Community Fundraising Team		
12.55pm	Key Takeaways and Closing Reflections – Impact in Action <i>Jen Milner</i> and <i>Jacqui Wilkinson</i> , Community Action Suffolk		
1.10pm	Lunch and Networking	Event ends at 2.30pm	