


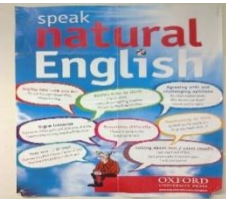





Bedfordshire - 10 Local Organisations to help you as an Active Citizen

Organisation	Name & Role	Contact Details	How they can help you
Bedford Borough Council	 Grant Funding	https://www.bedford.gov.uk/community_and_living/community_engagement/grant_funding_information.aspx	The council has produced a list of potential grant funding opportunities for community and voluntary groups.
Bedford Borough Council	Jo Tester, Community Engagement Officer	(t) (01234) 276204 (e) jo.test@bedford.gov.uk	The council can provide information to help you to contact local community groups and voluntary organisations. 
Bedford Borough Council	Keith Simmons, Head of Democratic & Registration Services	(t) (01234) 276907 (e) Keith.Simmons@bedford.gov.uk	Keith's team provides advice and guidance on registering to vote, and related matters 
Bedford College, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AH	Karika de Klerk, Head of Adult English & Maths & English Language Teaching	(t) (01234) 291200/291079 (e) kdeklerk@bedford.ac.uk	They provide English language classes at all levels 

<p>Community Voluntary Service, Bedfordshire</p>	<p>Paul Atkin, Volunteering Adviser</p> 	<p>CVS, 43, Bromham Road, Bedford, MK40 2AA (t) (01234) 354366 (e) paul@cvsbeds</p>	<p>They can help to find the best volunteering opportunity for you. Drop in on Thursdays from 10.00am to 1.00pm for a one-to-one recruitment session.</p>
<p>Family and Children’s Early Help Services (FACES)</p>	<p>Wendie Lovatt, Chief Executive</p>	<p>100a Queen’s Drive, Bedford, MK41 9BS (t) 01234-270601 (e) admin@facesbedford.org Or call in during office hours: Mon-Thurs: 9.00-5.00 Fri: 9.00-4.00</p>	<p>They can train you to volunteer to help families in Bedford who are going through difficult times.</p> 
<p>Polish British Integration Centre</p> 	<p>Mags Brady, PBIC Manager</p>	<p>1 Lurke Street, Bedford, MK40 3TN (t) (01234) 328100 (e) info@pbic.co.uk</p>	<p>They provide a range of services to European migrants (not only Polish people)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free ESOL classes • General Advice (housing, healthcare, education, benefits) • Careers Advice (CVs, Job-search, Interviews, applications) • Social and Integrational events • Interpreting/Translation

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polish Language classes
<p>Uprising</p> 	<p>Ryan Gray, Bedford & Luton Programme Project Manager, Uprising</p>	<p>(m) 07467 148 173 (e) ryan.gray@uprising.org.uk</p>	<p>They are a UK-wide youth leadership development organisation for 16-25 year olds from diverse and under-represented backgrounds. They run programmes in selected areas around the country, including Bedford & Luton</p>
<p>Victim Support</p>	<p>Victim Care Team, Bedfordshire</p> 	<p>0300 303 0165. Monday to Friday 10.30am-6.30pm and Saturdays 10am-4pm. Or call the Supportline for free on 08 08 16 89 111</p>	<p>They are an independent charity which can give you emotional and practical help if you have been affected by crime in Bedfordshire, whether you've contacted the police or not.</p>
<p>Volunteer Centre, Central Bedfordshire</p>	<p>Heather Wright, Volunteering Adviser</p>	<p>(t) 01525 850559 (e) heather@action-centralbeds.org.uk</p>	<p>They provide information, advice and guidance to those interested in volunteering.</p> 