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## For Business Support:

### OMICRON HOSPITALITY AND LEISURE GRANT

Applications are now open for a business grant for hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses.

The government funding, announced in December, is in recognition of the Omicron variant that means some businesses may struggle over the coming weeks.

Businesses with a rateable value of £15,000 or less could be eligible to a £2,667 grant, those over £15,000 and below £51,000 could get £4,000 and those with a rateable value over £51,000 could get £6,000.

The council has written to businesses who previously received a Restart Grant for hospitality, leisure and accommodation and who we believe will be eligible under this scheme.

If you do not receive an email inviting you to claim this new grant, but believe you are eligible, you will still be able to apply.

Read the guidance on the council's website to check eligibility and to apply. Applications will be accepted until 18 March.

Businesses in other sectors still have time to check if they are eligible for an Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG). These grants are for businesses which were trading pre-Covid in December 2019 and have continued to trade. New businesses which were trading on or before April 2021 are also eligible to apply, though separate rules on supporting information will apply.

The deadline to apply for the ARG grants is 9 February. Visit the council's website to read the criteria and to apply.

For more information about Omicron Hospitality and Leisure grants, please visit Slough Borough Council's website

## Calling all Businesses:



# BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT BOARD MEET UP #1

The [Business Engagement Board](#) offers a space for the business community to meet HOME Slough and work together to develop Slough's creative future.

We're inviting you to our first Breakfast Meet Up on:

**Tuesday February 15th**  
**8am - 9am on Zoom**

Come along and:

- Catch up with what HOME Slough is up to.
- Contribute your ideas to our programme.
- Learn about the opportunities to work more closely with us.

[Register now](#) via EventBrite.

**“We have an exciting opportunity to enrich cultural engagement in Slough by forging creative, social and commercial relationships with the business community.”**

Ruth Melville, HOME Slough Project Lead

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## For the Community:



## THE CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

**Film Club** (every Monday excl bank holidays) for 11 -19 years old 5pm – 6:30pm  
Just turn up at: YES Shop, Queensmere Centre, Slough, SL1 1LN

- Want to be a filmmaker and take part in some practical filmmaking? Want to find out how your hobby can become your career? Join our Film Club and discover all the skills and equipment required to make it in the movies

**Script Saturdays** runs on the second Saturday of every month 11am-3pm  
Just turn up at: YES Shop, Queensmere Centre, Slough, SL1 1LN

- A great script makes a great film and Script Saturday can offer you practical scriptwriting skills and advice on how to develop and pitch your ideas to broadcasters like Channel 4 and BBC.

### Creative Collective Meet Up

Supported by Arts Council England, HOME Slough, these popular evenings are open to local artists and arts organisations to attend, discuss and present their work, hear about arts activities, listen to guests, look into funding and developing collaborative work and of course, network!

Dates for 2022 are 19.00 - 21.00 on 17th Feb & 13th April - Location TBC

BOOK ONLINE AT: [www.ccmeetup2122.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.ccmeetup2122.eventbrite.co.uk)



## Community Wellbeing Champions Fund



Slough CVS, a registered charity (1069086) will be delivering the Community Wellbeing Champions Project until July 2022, commissioned out by Public Health Slough (Slough Borough Council) in 2022.

We are looking to issue grants to support local voluntary and community groups to deliver wellbeing projects to help break barriers to health and address the vaccine concerns in the community. Projects will aim to inform residents of health topics and wellbeing and to increase the uptake of Covid-19 vaccine.

Voluntary and Community Sector Groups are being asked to complete an application form to receive funding of up to £5,000. Projects will be required to start immediately, and funding spent by July 2022.



**Once Upon A Time in Slough...** is a series of workshops and performances where we share people's stories about what makes the town a place of intrigue, imagination and importance. Currently, HOME Slough is working on two elements of Once Upon A Time In Slough – Story Boxes and CAMPFIRES.

For more details, visit <https://www.homeslough.org.uk/once-upon-a-time-in-slough/>

**LOVE Slough Commissions Call Out:** HOME Slough is looking to fund artists, organisations or groups who have a creative idea that can fit within the LOVE Slough programme in March 2022. Submit your proposed ideas by finishing the application form on the HOME Slough website or recording a video responding to the questions. Pop over to <https://www.homeslough.org.uk/love-slough-commission/> for all the details.

**For High Street Safety and Security:**

# Slough BID SLOUGH TOWN AGAINST CRIME



Thank you to our retailers and Slough BID Town Wardens who assisted in the roll out of the new Town link Radios - a great success for all!

Next will be the implementation of the crime management platform DISC [Crime Self-Management System \(discagainstcrime.com\)](http://discagainstcrime.com) which will be accessible to all high street retailers, look out for a letter giving more information on this database and becoming members of the scheme in the near future.

**We welcome you to attend our next STAC meeting at 15.00 Tuesday 22nd February 2022 location TBC**

Please email [info@sloughbid.co.uk](mailto:info@sloughbid.co.uk) with any queries on the above.




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