**RDA Update 4 May**

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**Link to Ed Bracher’s talk**

Many thanks to those of you who joined Ed for his first webinar on Friday. You can catch up with his talk here <https://youtu.be/c_MBGIVwyMs> . We will also be posting this on the RDA Facebook group and RDA Coaches Facebook group.

**Preparations for re-opening**

We know you are looking for some clarity on this important issue.

This coming Sunday (10 May), we are expecting the government to give us more clarity about the measures that will be put in place to ease the lockdown. Like all organisations, we are attempting to keep ahead of the game in our planning, and at the same time remain flexible while the actual details are unclear.

This week, with the kind help of some volunteers on a working group, we will be preparing (but not circulating) our guidance to groups. Following the government’s briefing on Sunday, we will then update this guidance in accordance with any new information. Once we are happy that the information we have prepared is as comprehensive and clear as possible, we will then circulate it.

It’s important to recognise, though, that, whilst any ease of lockdown will be welcomed, it will almost definitely be phased and it is likely that the start of sessions could be weeks and even months away for groups and/or participants.  On this basis, it is important that we don’t raise the hopes of participants or volunteers until we know exactly what the plans are.

**Fundraising opportunities**

**Wooden Spoon emergency support package**

Wooden Spoon have announced an [emergency support package to help small, local charities through COVID-19 crisis](https://woodenspoon.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=72c448b89f30fd8efe34fcea7&id=fc50036431&e=718fd68ff6).

They have pledged £200,000 to support small charities helping vulnerable children that are struggling to run essential services due to a reduction in funding.

Click on link above for further information.

**Wine offer from Vintopia**

Vinotopia has offered a wine offer to RDAUK, Regional, County or groups, which they have been doing for other charities including NHS.

 A donation of £10 will be made for every case of 6 wines sold for £49.95 (plus delivery of £11.95).

If you are interested, please contact Andy Cole directly on andy@vinotopiawine.co.uk

**Link to emergency funding opportunities**

This link has a list of emergency fund opportunities (national and local) which are being added to all the time, so check regularly to see which are relevant to you: [https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/coronavirus-charity-funding-announcements-ian-mclintock/?utm\_source=Charity+Excellence+Framework+Newsletter&utm\_campaign=23735175dc-](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/coronavirus-charity-funding-announcements-ian-mclintock/?utm_source=Charity+Excellence+Framework+Newsletter&utm_campaign=23735175dc-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_02_26_07_12_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a42d7084e4-23735175dc-104549977)