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Dear colleagues,

As I am sure you are aware, the Coronation ceremony for His Majesty King Charles III will take place on 6 May at Westminster Abbey. As well as the ceremony itself, other events are being planned around the weekend of the Coronation. This includes the 'Coronation Big Lunch' on 7 May, with a concert taking place at Windsor in the evening, and 'The Big Help Out' community activity on 8 May, which has been designated a Bank Holiday. Further details on both of these events are set out below.

The Government wants to see people across the UK and the Commonwealth come together to celebrate this momentous occasion. The Coronation aims to reflect the modern, diverse, multi-faith United Kingdom and to promote the themes of youth, community, diversity and sustainability.

To mark the Coronation, you may wish to think about holding an event in your own place of worship or community centre, perhaps encouraging younger members of your community to get involved. There is of course no template for marking the day, any celebrations you arrange should reflect your own communities' traditions and expectations.

We will also be writing to local councils to encourage them to open their civic buildings including libraries, museums, leisure centres and heritage sites, and they are welcome to host their own events and projects to mark the Coronation.

The Coronation Big Lunch

The Coronation Big Lunch, taking place on 7 May, will encourage communities to come together and to celebrate their connections and get to know each other better. It will bring the Coronation festivities into the heart of every community. Further details about getting involved in this can be found at here: <https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch>

The Big Help Out

The Big Help Out, on 8 May, will provide an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of His Majesty's service and showcase the impact of volunteering within communities. There will be opportunities for people to get involved right across the UK. More details of how to get involved can be found here: <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

National Lottery funding

Funding of up to £10,000 is available for events and activities through the National Lottery 'Awards for All' programme. I strongly encourage community groups to apply. Although there is no deadline for applying to the National Lottery 'Awards for All' programme, you should note that it can take up to 12 weeks from the point of application submission to receiving funding if successful, which means applications for the Coronation weekend should be made before the middle of February. All funding criteria and terms and conditions are here: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/under10k>

As with Her late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in 2022, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport will be launching a Coronation website with resources and an interactive map. Should you wish, you can subscribe to the bulletin here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EGg0v32c3kOociSi7zmVqFn6r-mA3DRLignAhnyNoBJUNEFZWjZGSzY5MUJHWE9TWjVPRTZNNDIJUi4u&wdLOR=c73965641-F721-4F3D-A0EA-E5B84E64E713>

I know that efforts by faith and belief groups, as well as other community groups will be central to making this a weekend of nationwide celebration. I look forward to hearing about the exciting and creative ways in which you and your communities choose to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, and I do hope you will share these with me and my officials.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jane', with a large loop at the end.

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