

Monthly Update Providing Key Information about the Third Sector

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NEWS FOR SUPPORT AGENCIES

Apprenticeships in campaigning, fundraising and volunteer management

Three new apprenticeships developed specifically for the voluntary sector in Campaigning, Fundraising and Volunteer Management.

http://www.skills-thirdsector.org.uk/qualifications_learning/apprenticeships/

Forty per cent increase in sector workforce

Latest research on sector employment shows in 2010 it had risen forty per cent over its 2001 level, to 2.7 per cent of the UK workforce. Over half a million were women, and more than half were in health and social work.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/3sj8tvp>

Government vision for health and social care volunteering

Read the DoH's strategic vision for volunteering, 'Social action health and well-being: building co-operative communities'. <http://preview.tinyurl.com/6h6wmsx> .

Older people's support based on mutuality and reciprocity

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation's research project 'Not a one way street', proposes a model of support for older people which harnesses the talents and assets of older people needing support to create mutually beneficial relationships for those involved.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/blog/2011/10/what-have-older-people-got-offer>

Freeing volunteering from red tape

Keep up with Volunteering England's campaign to free volunteering from red tape.

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Policy>

Research lessons on participation in citizenship through volunteering

Pathways through Participation recently released 'Volunteering as a participation pathway' briefing paper, looking at implications of its research for volunteer management.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/6c9za9n>

Government minister commits to big society vision

In an open letter, Minister for Civil Society, Nick Hurd, seeks to update the voluntary sector on the strategic framework within which recent policy announcements sit.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/article/1098250/>

Sector bodies voice concern on Work Programme

A special NCVO interest group of sub-contractors is voicing concerns that in its current form the welfare-to-work programme could leave many voluntary sector providers feeling squeezed out and financially vulnerable.

An ACEVO survey also found only eight per cent of third sector sub-contractors confident that the Work Programme will hit its targets.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/6fbgdz8>

<http://www.acevo.org.uk/page.aspx?pid=2626>

Sector groups sign up to fraud prevention strategy

The Charity Commission and various sector bodies have pledged their support to a new official anti-fraud strategy. Fighting Fraud Together will prevent fraud by sharing intelligence, increasing reporting of fraud and helping develop a better understanding of smaller organisations' vulnerabilities and needs.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/article/1098155/>.

National citizen service programme grows

The Prime Minister has announced that the National Citizen Service for 16-year-olds will be tripled in size to offer 90,000 places by 2014.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/672m3wf>

Skills and Jobseekers

Jobseekers will get more help identifying needs and learning new skills to help them back to work and greater and better co-ordinated access to careers advice.

A pilot, starting 2012, will significantly boost the number of careers advisers in Jobcentres and help shape the new National Careers Service.

New Labour Shadow Cabinet

Ed Miliband has re-shuffled his Shadow Cabinet. New shadow Minister for Civil Society Gareth Thomas MP has replaced Roberta Blackman-Woods.

A short guide to localism for beginners

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/networking-discussions/blogs/18452/11/08/05/short-guide-localism>.

Localism and the National Planning Policy Framework

A Local Government Group's booklet encourages councils to work with parishes and neighbourhoods to develop local plans and emphasising the importance of keeping these up-to-date in the face of the new 'presumption in favour of sustainable development'.

<http://www.pas.gov.uk/pas/core/page.do?pagelId=1611739>

Public Services Reform

A Local Grants Forum of national charities has agreed a 10 points response to the Open Public Services White Paper. Katy Wing, NAVCA's Director writes in the Guardian proposed reforms could favour large providers and run contrary to the government's localism agenda, having negative implications for smaller local voluntary organisations and community groups under payment by results.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/public-leaders-network/blog/2011/oct/07/commissioning-public-services-white-paper>

Participatory Budgeting Final Report

'Communities in the driving seat: a study of Participatory Budgeting in England' examines participatory budgeting projects in England and provides evidence on good practice from the areas involved.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/participatorybudgetingstudy>

New Equality and Human Rights guidance for Care Quality Commission Inspectors

The Commission for Human Rights and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) have jointly produced new guidance for use by care inspectors on equality and human rights. The advice is aimed at ensuring that the rights of those people who are most vulnerable to harm, are upheld and respected.

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/key-projects/care-and-support/guidance-for-care-quality-commission-inspectors/>

A call to action on obesity In England

The DoH has published a new strategy for tackling obesity called Healthy Lives, Healthy People.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_130487.pdf

Big Lottery Consultation – Still time to have your say

Make your views heard before 18 November 2011 and safeguard sector access to Lottery funds.

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/big-lottery-fund-consultation-proposed-policy-directions>

Lessons from summer riots

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation throws light on August's inner-city riots.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/riots-community-lessons-summary.pdf>

New gateway to voluntary sector research

The new Third Sector Knowledge Portal is being launched by the Third Sector Research Centre in partnership with the British Library.

<http://www.tsrc.ac.uk/Research/KnowledgePortal/tabid/840/Default.aspx>

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Can businesses and charities work together for mutual benefit?

Beyond employee volunteering and leadership development, is it possible for businesses to innovate with charities for mutual benefit, creating new products and services? The short answer is 'Yes!'.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/networking-discussions/blogs/194/11/10/05/can-businesses-charities-work-together-mutual-benefit>

New best practice guidance for local authorities and the VCS

New recommendations for local authorities on the ways they can support the sector and alleviate strain by helping organisations adapt to any changes in funding. Also a number of good practice case studies from local councils that have been creative in the way that they have supported the sector at such an uncertain time.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/5sshdfd>

Duty of Candour (NAVCA members)

NAVCA members have been invited to comment on the latest consultation from the DoH. This sets out proposals for requiring NHS providers to increase transparency and admit when things go wrong with health care. The proposals are relevant to the independent, charitable and voluntary sectors and social enterprises, where they are providing NHS-funded care.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_130400

Sector views wanted on structures of new NHS Commissioning Board

NHSCB seeks VCS expertise around setting up good relationships in its new structure and what kind of arrangements that would need to be put in place. To give your thoughts and examples go to

http://www.regionalvoices.net/2011/09/public-and-patient-voice-and-the-national-commissioning-board/?dm_i=6I1,K1QO,4GDUSX,1MNZY,1

Challenge to Public Health posed by transfer of duty to Local Authorities

The implications and challenges of the transfer explained as well as a range of opportunities that may emerge

http://www.ippr.org/publications/55/7898/in-it-for-the-long-haul-the-challenge-for-public-health?dm_i=6I1,K1QO,4GDUSX,1MO26,1

Views wanted to improve the care system

Following the report of the Commission on Funding of Care and Support, the DoH is running an engagement exercise over three months. It aims to use the report as the basis for this engagement. They want to hear from people who use care and support services, from carers, local councils, care providers and the voluntary sector, on what priorities this Government needs to focus on to improve the care system. Give feedback on: <http://caringforourfuture.dh.gov.uk/category/priorities/>

LEGAL MATTERS

More delay to Charitable Incorporated Organisation

The implementation of this new legal form is not now expected until the first quarter of 2012.

<http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/10681/>

Educational public benefit judgement

By confirming that educational charities have to demonstrate a wider public benefit, the Tribunal has played an important role in maintaining public trust and confidence in the 'charity brand'. Watch out for new guidance in due course on the issue of fee charging charities and public benefit."

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/6x5pxnk>

Humanism is a charitable objective

The Charity Commission has allowed the advancement of non-religious beliefs as a charitable object.

<http://www.humanism.org.uk/news/view/908>

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT and EVENTS

Trustees' Week - 31 October - 6 November

This annual event showcases the great work that trustees do and highlights opportunities for people from all walks of life to get involved and make a difference.

<http://www.trusteesweek.org.uk/>

Compact Week- Monday 7 and Friday 11 November

Visit Compact Voice to access resources and find out how to get involved.

<http://www.compactvoice.org.uk/compactweek2011>

Free Village SOS Live - 15 November 2011 St Ives, Cambridgeshire

People behind community enterprises like shops, pubs and transport schemes will share their real-life experiences. Get expert hands-on advice from rural and enterprise specialists.

<http://www.villagesos.org.uk/news-events/booking>

All Change - Gearing up for health and social care reforms - 21 November

This conference focuses on the role the sector can play in a world undergoing radical change. Leading sector thinkers will be joined by DoH policy leads. Seminars will consider key topics, including social care commissioning and health and wellbeing boards.

<http://www.navca.org.uk/all-change-gearing-up-for-the-health-and-social-care-reforms>

Funding EAST free events- 22nd Nov 2011 Ipswich/24th Nov 2011 Luton

Two opportunities to network and share solutions to current challenges with colleagues from across the region. Contact region.events@biglotteryfund.org.uk by 15th November 2011 to book. For any further queries regarding the event please call 01223 449000

NCVO Sustainable Funding Conference 2011- 24th November 2011

Book on-line for this all day event.

<https://www.ncvo.biz/EBookA.asp?pid=SFPAG11>

Localism Conference - 9 December 2011

First joint ACEVO/NCVO conference to explore the challenges and opportunities in the localism agenda. Get the latest news on government policies, and critical thinking on where it's going.

<http://www.localismconference.org.uk/>

Community Accountancy Network - Annual conference 31 Jan - 2 Feb 2012

For anyone involved in the finance and accounting side of life in local community and voluntary organisations.

<http://www.communityaccounting.org/files/cann/booking%20form%202012.doc>

FUNDING

New fundraising on-line research portal coming soon

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/article/1098605/>

Communitybuilders regeneration loan fund

This £27m loan fund has reopened. Charities may apply for loans of between £250,000 and £750,000 to fund property purchases or invest in equipment

<http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/>

Protecting Playing Fields

PPF, a Sport England's funding initiative, is part of Places People Play Olympic legacy mass participation programme and is investing £10 million of National Lottery funding in community sports projects over three years from 2011-2014. Round 2 opens 24 October and closes 12 December.

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting_playing_fields.aspx

Inspired Facilities £50 million fund

Sport England's programme to deliver a London 2012 legacy of increased mass participation in sport through voluntary and community groups. It is investing £50 million of National Lottery funding in up to 1000 community sports projects between 2011 and 2014.

<http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>

The Low Carbon Innovation Fund

LCIF is a European Regional Development Fund supported venture which will make early-stage equity investments into small and medium sized enterprises within the East of England that are developing new and innovative products or processes in a low carbon, environmentally sensitive manner. Deadline: December 2015.

<https://www.lowcarbonfund.co.uk/LCIF/>

OTHER NEWS

Community Organisers

Forty-seven Community Organisers across 11 listed areas have started their training. <http://locality.org.uk/projects/community-organisers/>

Demand up and income down for Britain's community centres

Community Matters members' survey for 2010-11 shows centres struggling to meet the increasing demand for their services while at the same time, their income dropped by 18% and they are living on their reserves.

<http://www.communitymatters.org.uk/news/435/Demand-up-and-income-down-for-Britain%E2%80%99s-community-centres>

Save our Buses - Guidance for Campaigners

The Campaign for Better Transport has produced a new guide which gives an update on what is happening with funding for bus services and information about how communities can help to try and save their local bus services.

<http://www.bettertransport.org.uk/system/files/save-our-buses-guide.pdf>

Funding for mental health campaign

The DoH is providing up to £16 million for Time to Change, the mental health stigma and anti-discrimination campaign, run by Mind and Rethink Mental Illness.

Children and young people's voluntary sector

New research finds that the children and young people's voluntary sector is amongst the hardest hit by government funding cuts and local authority austerity measures.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sites/default/files/ripple-effect.pdf>

Child sexual exploitation in gangs

A two year investigation is being launched into the plight of children sexually exploited by street gangs. Deputy Children's Commissioner Sue Berelowitz "aims to throw light on the scale, scope, nature and extent of the sexual exploitation, victimisation and abuse that girls and boys in England are subjected by street gangs and loosely formed groups".

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/content/publications/content_536

Action for Children - The Red Book 2010/11

This report monitors whether the government has been able to protect the most vulnerable children, young people and families. It finds that over two thirds (68%) of the charity's service managers have suffered cuts to their budgets for frontline services, of which 37% reported cuts of between 11% and 30%. Over half (51%) of Action for Children services reported that, compared to six months ago, they are supporting children and families facing more severe problems.

UK youth unemployment total reaches 17-year high

The unemployment rate for 16-24 year olds hit a record high of 991,000 in this quarter, a jobless rate of 21.3%. According to latest figures from ONS, of those young people in rural areas, 45% were either unemployed or economically inactive.

Child poverty

Four in 10 disabled children in the UK live "in poverty", according to the Children's Society. In the population as a whole, about one-in-three children lives in poverty. The charity is calling on the government to rethink planned changes to welfare benefits.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-15206416>

Employment, education and training for young people in rural areas

The Commission for Rural Communities is currently carrying out a review of employment, education and training for young people in rural areas. CRC is interested in hearing about examples of good practice, where organisations, both public, voluntary and private, are seeking to address some of the challenges concerning employment, education and training for young people in rural areas

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/files/CRC-young-people-call-for-evidence-.pdf>

Showing impact of work with young people

New Philanthropy Capital's online Well-being Measure is designed to help show the difference an organisation is making to the lives of under 16s.

<http://www.well-beingmeasure.com>

Young Charity Trustees network

A group for Young Charity Trustees has been set up on professional networking site LinkedIn.

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/Young-Charity-Trustees-3904769>

The value of the arts in criminal justice

A new report explores whether the value of the arts in criminal justice can be shown through economic analysis. 'Unlocking value: The economic benefit of the arts in criminal justice', produced by New Philanthropy Capital concludes that the arts can reduce crime and save taxpayers' money.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/3z9vpst>

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