



Monthly Update Providing Key Information about the Third Sector

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NEWS FOR SUPPORT AGENCIES

Voluntary sector ideas invited to create jobs from Budget funds

Voluntary organisations are being encouraged to bid for funding to create jobs from the **Future Jobs Fund**, announced in the Budget. While the money is targeted at providing those aged 18 to 24 with jobs for six months, there will also be funding for older people from disadvantaged groups and areas worst hit by unemployment. National sports organisations have pledged to create at least 5,000 jobs through the fund for young people as sports coaches, swimming and fitness instructors and other leisure posts. Details of the formal bidding process will be announced shortly, but in the meantime 'large organisations ... such as social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies' are invited to come forward with their initial ideas for new jobs which will benefit the community. See Department for Works and Pensions news release at www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2009/apr/149-09-280409.asp or go direct to www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund.

Support for bidding for Future Jobs Fund

Futurebuilders England has put together a web page on how it can help third sector organisations bid for Future Jobs Fund contracts with the Department for Work and Pensions. They can: help you find like-minded groups to work in partnership with; provide investment to help with costs associated with merging, collaborating or establishing consortia; and provide investment to help support you to prepare and submit your bid for the Future Jobs Fund. <http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/what-we-offer/products/future-jobs-fund/>.

Real Help For Communities – Modernisation Fund Grants Programme

Bursaries and grants for third sector organizations with an annual income between £150-750k engaged in recession-related services. One of these

services is training and skills, an area local infrastructure organisations may be involved in. The programme is not aimed specifically at infrastructure organisations, but if they fulfil the criteria set out on the website, they are encouraged to apply. www.modernisationfund.org.uk The fund is administered by Capacitybuilders who have supplied a template giving details of the fund for you to circulate to your members via email or in your e-bulletin/newsletter.

How resilient is your organisation?

A new online self-assessment tool, produced by the Centre for Charity Effectiveness at Cass Business School and funded by Capacitybuilders as part of the Modernisation Fund Grant Programme is available on the Modernisation Fund website. <http://www.modernisationfund.org.uk>

Third Sector Survey

The Office of the Third Sector (OTS) has published a full analysis of the National Survey of Third Sector Organisations. Full details are on the National Survey website, <http://www.nstso.com>. The NSTSO website provides an 'online reporting tool' allowing you to compare your area against the national average, and to compare national data across different survey questions.

Funding the Third Sector: Guardian debate

The Guardian recently hosted a round table debate around 'Funding the third sector'. Taking part were third sector leaders including NAVCA Chief Executive Kevin Curley. Look out for a Guardian supplement on funding the third sector published on 3 June.

Local Resilience Action Plans (*navca members only*)

A reminder that NAVCA has produced Local Resilience Action Plan Framework to help you to assess the local impacts of the recession on the third sector and examine the capacity for preventative development work. 30 members have already used it to produce local plans to help the local sector deal with the impact of the recession. <http://www.navca.org.uk/localvs/recession/navca/lrap>

Demonstrating effectiveness and winning support in the recession

A new page on ACEVO's recession website gives an overview of evaluation, quality and diagnostic toolkits and how they can be used to win support in the recession. <http://bit.ly/ZpLeS> or <http://www.recessionsupport.org.uk>

Learning and Skills Council third sector website

The new LSC third sector website is now live and contains information specific to the sector. Visit the site at <http://thirdsector.lsc.gov.uk>

Improving Support

Improving Support brings together practical resources and information for all those providing support to third sector organisations. Funded by Capacitybuilders, this website provides a gateway to the widest range of tools,

information and support, creating an easily accessible community for the exchange of resources, ideas, advice and learning. 'Improving Support' magazine and regular e-bulletins help you to stay informed and share learning on a range of issues relevant to your work as a support provider. <http://www.improvingsupport.org.uk>

NCVO's 6th Charity Forecast survey

NCVO's sixth Charity Forecast survey is now available for NCVO members to take part in. Join other leaders in the sector adding your voice to this vital quarterly planning tool. The survey will take approximately five minutes to complete and every respondent will be eligible for a £5 discount on any NCVO publication. <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/research/index.asp?id=7720>

Offering placements to graduates

Voluntary sector employers are being encouraged to offer placements to graduates from September 2009, as part of the government's Graduate Talent Pool initiative. Internships, both paid and unpaid, would vary in length but typically last around three months. Workforce Hub news item at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/p6rf8j> or go direct to <http://www.dius.gov.uk/graduatetalentpool> to register.

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WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

LSC reorganisation: From August 2010 new bodies will replace the LSC: YPLA, Young People's Learning Agency (14-19 skills funding); NAS, National Apprenticeships Service; SFA, Skills Funding Agency (Adults); and the Adult Advancement Service (IAG/ Careers guidance). Transitional arrangements are underway to transfer LSC 14-19 funded learning to Local Education Authorities via a regional body of the LSC, Go East and the Directors of Children and Family Services. Details on the changes to other former LSC services are expected at the end of April 2009.

Equality Framework for Local Government

The Equality Framework for Local Government (EFLG) builds on and develops the work councils have done on the Equality Standard for Local Government (ESLG). A good working knowledge of the EFLG will help local infrastructure organisations and their members understand the approach local public bodies should be taking towards equalities issues:

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pageId=9491107>

LAA Review and Refresh

IDeA has published details of the 148 LAAs that have completed their 'review and refresh' procedure: <http://bit.ly/7cfRs> or <http://www.idea.gov.uk>

Comprehensive Area Assessment

The Office of the Third Sector has published a briefing on the key elements of the CAA and how the third sector should engage with the process locally.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090522_caa.aspx and <http://www.navca.org.uk/localvs/infobank/ilpunews/otscaabriefing>

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LEGAL MATTERS

From Sandy Adirondack's Legal Update:

- New code of practice for Criminal Records Bureau registered bodies and for organisations which use CRB disclosures - in effect from 6 April. <http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#criminalrecordchecks>
- New dates for implementation of the Independent Safeguarding Authority's vetting and barring scheme and for related changes in CRB checks. <http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#vbs>
- Reimbursement of costs in order to volunteer does not entitle a volunteer to minimum wage. <http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/employment.htm#volscarecosts>

Recession Resources

<http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm#recession>

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Every Child Matters: How to survive commissioning

Papers from this NAVCA event, held last month in Liverpool, can now be found on their website:

<http://www.navca.org.uk/events/pastevents/ecmcommissioning.htm>

Practitioner-led research 2009-10

CWDC would like to commission up to 60 Practitioner-Led Research (PLR) projects across England to find out more about existing and developing practice. It would like to hear from people who work with children and young people on a paid or voluntary basis or from groups of children and young people who use these services and are being supported by a paid worker or volunteer. Closing date for applications is 10 July. <http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/tenders>

New ECM website

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has launched the new Every Child Matters website which incorporates the three former sites: Every Child Matters, Local Authorities and Sure Start. The site provides a single channel for information aimed at professionals within the children's workforce.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters>

NSPCC toolkit to protect children

NSPCC's 'Safe communities: a toolkit to protect children and young people' is available at no charge to voluntary and independent community groups working with children, although an application form has to be completed (the form is available in a number of languages).

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/57574g>.

Sport Unltd

Sport England has announced the national roll-out of its £36m 'Sport Unlimited' initiative to get more children and young people taking part in sports that interest them most outside of school. http://www.sportengland.org/sport_unlimited.htm

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THE ENVIRONMENT

New EAC Guides

Every Action Counts has published a Finance Guide, and a Governance Guide giving practical advice to help you weave sustainable actions through your existing financial and governance processes.

<http://www.everyactioncounts.org.uk/guides> Note the website is only due to remain active until the end of June as the project has now closed.

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PUBLICATIONS

NCVO's 5th Charity Forecast Survey Launched

This edition reveals that almost a fifth of charity leaders surveyed plan to decrease their number of paid staff, and **for the first time** since the survey was launched none of the respondents believe the economic conditions within the UK will improve over the next 12 months. The survey is free to NCVO full members (or £100). <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk>.

Five minute guides

NCVO has a batch of new online Five Minute Guides (short intros/top tips) on multimedia, retaining new members, copywriting and strategic planning. Check the askNCVO section, at <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/askncvo/>.

Full Cost Recovery, A Guide and Toolkit on Cost Allocation

The second edition of this toolkit has been published by ACEVO.

http://www.acevo.org.uk/index.cfm/display_page/publications

How To guides from Workforce Hub

The UK Workforce Hub has produced three new downloadable 'How to' guides, available at <http://www.ukworkforcehub.org.uk/component/content/article/518>

- Survive the recession - alternatives to redundancy.
- 360 Degree Feedback.
- HR software in voluntary and community organisations - a short report.

Managing in Tough Times

Key issues that may affect Third Sector organisations during periods of financial insecurity, from Social Enterprise Works.

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

A Handy Guide to Tendering and Procurement

A short guide to tendering and procurement for Trustees, senior managers, volunteers and front line staff particularly those not directly involved in the tendering process. Available for free download from the TfC website

www.tenderingforcare.com

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TRAINING/EVENTS

Climate Change – Effective Communication Course

Communicating climate change to different people in different situations.

Tuesday 7 July, London. www.talkaction.org. Tel 0207 324 4774

Thriving in tough times: Securing a diverse and sustainable income base

NCVO Sustainable Funding Project annual gathering. 17 June, London.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/events/latest/?id=12698>

CharityFair

DSC. 24 & 25 June, London.

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

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FUNDING

Transformation Fund

Organisations can bid for a share of £20m in Government cash to open up and promote informal learning for adults and young people across the country. The Transformation Fund delivers on a pledge made in the Government's 'Learning

Revolution' White Paper published in March which describes how Government and a multitude of partner organisations can work together to create a new movement for informal learning. The deadline for bids is 12 July but an 'early bird' funding pot of £1m is available for ideas submitted by 12 June. <http://bit.ly/2LbuK> or <http://www.dius.gov.uk>

East of England Community Fund: This has been launched by the Learning and Skills Council and the European Social Fund. Its aim is to support third sector organisations who are working with people who face barriers to the labour market or to mainstream skills provision. European Social fund will support a range of activities which assist unemployed or economically inactive people in the East of England to move closer to main stream skills provision. This can include range of initial engagement activities including, help with basic skills, taster work experience and confidence building. Small voluntary and community organisations are invited to apply for grants of up to £12,000. They can use the grant to work with people who are unemployed or economically inactive aged 16 years or older. The target group must face barriers to employment, and to mainstream learning and skills provision. For more information and closing dates for applications visit www.grantsadmin.co.uk/eastengland_grants

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Organisations with an annual income of less than £300,000 may apply for small grants from the foundation. Grants are available to charitable and not-for-profit organisations in the UK that address the Foundation's priority areas: Health and Disability; Community Support; and Arts, Education and Heritage. <http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk>

UIA Charitable Foundation

The UIA Charitable Foundation provides grants up to £1,000 for registered charities and small voluntary groups in the UK that work with victims of domestic violence; victims of drug and alcohol addiction; and the rehabilitation of offenders. Deadline for applications is 1 August <http://www.uia.co.uk/Home/About/Charitable-foundation1/>

Noel Buxton Trust

The Noel Buxton Trust awards grants to charities that support penal reform, the welfare of prisoners and their families, rehabilitation of prisoners and work with young people at risk of offending. The average grant is around £1700, although the Trustees can award up to £4,000 and the Trust is keen to attract applications from charitable organisations working with offenders and their families. <http://www.noelbuxtontrust.org.uk/about.htm>

Nominet Trust

The Trust provides funding to innovative projects which strive to improve and encourage the safe use of the internet for educational, inclusion and other charitable purposes. <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk>

Sport England - Sportsmatch

Sport England's Sportsmatch sponsorship support scheme is again open for business. The scheme supports increased investment in community sport by matching new sponsorship money on a pound for pound basis. Activities should promote the development of grassroots sport in England through increasing participation. <http://funding.sportengland.org/>

Sainsbury's

Sainsbury's is promising to create more than 500 partnerships with local charities across the UK. As part of its 140th birthday celebrations, the supermarket has launched a 'local charity of the year' scheme, giving customers the chance to nominate charities that will work with each of its stores.

http://www.sainsburys.co.uk/aboutus/good_causes/supporting_communities/local_charity.htm

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OTHER NEWS

Pandemic Flu

The Department of Health has published supplementary information for third sector organisations to assist with planning for pandemic flu.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/ukresilience/pandemicflu/whats_new.aspx and http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/208637/flu_3rd_sector_coveringletter.pdf

NCVO has undertaken to link from its homepage to the most up-to-date and reliable sources of information on swine flu. <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk>

How can our organisation save money on ICT and/or use ICT to reduce costs?

The London Advice Services Alliance (LASA) Knowledgebase has a new FAQ page describing resources designed to help organisations save money on ICT or to use ICT to reduce their costs. <http://bit.ly/mqhtz> or

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

Do you know charities who need IT volunteers?

iT4C has had a huge boost in IT volunteer numbers and are now seeking not-for-profit IT projects for our volunteers across the UK. Websites, databases, technical support, training etc - anything computer/communications related considered. For more information: <http://www.it4communities.org.uk>

Getting noticed online

The newish information and learning site KnowhowNonprofit has a look at the use of Twitter by voluntary organisations, mainly for marketing and fundraising.

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/opu42b>.

Constitution for small organisations

The Charity Commission has developed a basic constitution for small, unregistered organisations. Available on the Governance Pages:

<http://digbig.com/4yrnw> or <http://www.governancepages.org.uk>

First aid at work

The Health and Safety Executive has re-launched its First Aid at Work web site, including employer duties, a range of resources and the 'ask an expert' facility.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid>

Assessing organisational strengths and weaknesses

A new online self-assessment tool, produced by the Centre for Charity Effectiveness at Cass Business School, and funded by Capacitybuilders, can be accessed at http://www.knowhownonprofit.org/tools-for-success/self_assessment. It aims to help you determine your organisation's strengths and weaknesses in eight key areas including governance, finance and people.

Financial Advice for Small Charities and Voluntary Groups

Visit <http://www.cash-online.org.uk/> for a range of factsheets and guidance on financial matters to provide you with the financial skills needed to successfully manage your organisation's finances. Published by Community Accountancy Self Help.

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