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Editorial

London Funders – news and activity

We very much want to share our excitement about the next few meetings we have organised and hope that anyone in our member organisations will be keen to book for them.

Firstly, a seminar organised to bring funders up to date on current challenges around **asylum and refugees** and likely change in the next few years – covering the intended policies of all the major parties. This is a half day event in the morning of Thursday, 22 April, hosted by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation at its Kings Cross office and there are a few places left. See page 2 for more detail.

On Wednesday, 5 May, we have a breakfast seminar on the Young Foundation's report *Sinking & Swimming*. Many funders combined to support this research into "Britain's unmet needs", and its look into the future at those areas of need which will become more pressing over the next generation. It looks especially at why and how some people can cope with shocks, setbacks and transition while others cannot. It offers far-reaching recommendations on policy, public action and funding.

The report raises questions about London's resilience and we hope that London's funders will be interested to discuss this especially with Will Norman, Principal Research Associate at the Young Foundation. This event is jointly organised with the Big Lottery Fund (a major funder of this research) and will be held at its central London office.

Our AGM is coming up and alongside the short amount of formal business we plan a discussion on the impact of the elections on funders and the third sector in London. We are very fortunate to have as our main contributor to this discussion **Tony Travers**, Director of the Greater London Group at the London School of Economics: his insights are bound to make for a fascinating debate. This will be from 2.15 pm (preceded by a light lunch) in the City on Tuesday, 15 June.

Please note that we have written to all primary contacts in our full member organisations to invite nominations for vacancies on London Funders Executive Committee. The deadline is 30 April and we are looking forward to receiving completed forms.

For any information about events or to learn more about the Executive Committee and the election process, please contact yvonne@londonfunders.org.uk.

We also want to highlight a new report about the massive transformation on the way through the **personalisation** of adult care services: our meeting was a very good introduction to the changes on the way and the combination of our meeting report and the keynote speakers' presentations should help funders feel up to speed on the issue. See our [website](#) to download the report.

Our most recent meeting was on **funders and climate change**. This was seen as a great success by participants – practical and timely. You will find the report on our website shortly, but please [click here](#) for speakers' presentations, and very soon we will have a collection of reference material and practical information on our website to help funders to understand the environmental challenges, review their own "footprint" and assist or encourage funded groups to be aware of and active in these vital issues.

Funders are invited to attend a short discussion session on Friday, 7 May from 3.30 to 5 pm at London Funders. This is a chance to look at practical actions from the quarterly meeting – what experience have funders got in asking funded groups to measure their carbon footprint and make changes in their environmental practice? What measurement tools are there? Email [Yvonne](#) if you would like to attend.

We very much hope to see you at one of our meeting soon.

With all best wishes,

Gaynor Humphreys and Yvonne Schwartz

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What's going on in London Funders

Project group meetings

Staff and board/committee members of London Funders members and associates are most welcome at these events. To book or to find out more, **contact Yvonne** at yvonne@londonfunders.org.uk or ring 020 7255 4488.

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are from 10 am – 12 noon and take place at London Funders' office. Meetings always include time for sharing of members' news and ideas as well as planned agenda topics.

Current challenges around asylum and refugees: a seminar for funders

22 April 2010, 9:30 - 1:30 (including buffet lunch)

Venue: Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, N1

A seminar for funders in London outlining the current challenges around asylum and refugees and likely changes in the next few years. This seminar, organised by the Employability Forum with London Funders is an opportunity for funders to be up to date in understanding the current landscape of the refugee sector and the challenges facing organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers, including patterns of asylum flows, social cohesion issues, the impact of the recession and reductions in public spending. Information will include briefing on the policies of the major parties to help funders understand what could happen after the national election.

This is a special meeting of London Funders' Asylum, Refugee, Migration Project Group with [the Employability Forum](#).

Olympics/Paralympics

Chair: Stewart Goshawk, The City Bridge Trust

11 May

Main topic: Steve Mannix from the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games will come to talk about the plans for the Cultural Olympiad in 2012.

Further dates

Thursday, 10 September Wednesday, 24 November

Good practice in grantmaking

Chair: Ian Redding, London Councils

27 May

Main topic:

Antonia Bance from the Corston Coalition will talk about how funders can work together strategically.

We will also hear from Sue Bowers of Heritage Lottery Fund about the Fund's geographical and social priority (BAME) work.

Further dates

Friday, 17 September Friday, 3 December

Research and evaluation

Chair: Andrew Cooper, The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund

8 June

Main topic: Sioned Churchill from City Parochial Foundation will talk about the evaluation of the female genital mutilation programme.

We will also hear from Michael Murray of Heritage Lottery Fund about targeted research into sustainability and legacy work.

Further dates

Monday, 27 September Tuesday, 14 December

Other meetings:

Breakfast meeting: *Sinking & Swimming*

Wednesday, 5 May, 9.30 – 11.00 am (tea, coffee from 9:00 am)

Big Lottery Fund's office, London EC4

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why and how some people can cope with shocks, setbacks and transition while others cannot. It offers far-reaching recommendations on policy, public action and funding.

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Climate Change meeting: follow up discussion

Friday, 7 May, 3.30 – 5 pm
London Funders' office, London WC1

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London Funders: AGM and members meeting

Tuesday, 15 June, 2:15 pm (lunch from 1:30 pm)
City Marketing Suite, London EC2

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London Funders Business Plan 2010-12

The London Funders' Business Plan for the period 2010-12 is now available to download from the London Funders [website](#). This new plan sets out objectives for the next three years alongside performance indicators and measures of effectiveness. This period represents a new jumping-off point for the organisation, after a few years of subsidy by the London Development Agency, as plans and ideas for membership growth and income diversification come to fruition.

New members

This month we are delighted to welcome the [Financial Services Authority](#) and [sported](#) as new members. We spoke to senior staff from each organisation to find out more about them, their remit, reasons for joining and what they hope to bring to London Funders. We also turn the spotlight on In Kind Direct, London Funders member since 2008, with a profile on the innovative work this organisation undertakes detailing how funders can signpost groups to them.

Alice Howard from the Financial Services Authority - supporting London's voluntary sector

The Financial Services Authority (FSA) is very pleased to have recently joined the London Funders network. Some of you might ask the question why the UK financial regulator is now a member?

Well, the FSA has a statutory duty to provide the UK population with an understanding of the financial industry. This objective has been the catalyst for the FSA to take the lead role in improving the financial capability of UK citizens. As part of this role, we have developed various work streams to tackle this very important public issue.

Using our website www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk, we provide the general public with information and guidance about everyday money. However in addition to this, the Financial Capability division of the FSA works with many third sector organisations to provide various resources to help further their respective work arenas. For information about these resources please visit our intermediaries' website www.fsa.gov.uk/financial_capability where you will find up-to-date information about our work and how we can work with you.

In a recent development the Government has announced that the FSA will roll out a new national money guidance service from spring this year. This new service uses trained Money Guides to provide consumers with information and guidance about their money. These Guides will talk with consumers and help them organise their finances. The service will be available soon using a dedicated helpline (0300 500 5000), [the](#)

[Moneymadeclear website](#) and face-to-face sessions. As it will take some time to put in place Money Guides across the country, the FSA will in the interim provide Money Guides in certain priority areas around the UK in order to provide a limited service until all the Money Guides are in situ. These priority areas include up to 16 of the London boroughs where there is a high proportion of financial vulnerability. If you would like to know more about the new service and how it can help your organisation provide clients with help in managing their money, please contact: moneyguidance@fsa.gov.uk.

sported: unique funding models and making a difference through community sport

sported was set up by Sir Keith Mills, former Chief Executive of the 2012 London Olympic bid team, to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people through sport. It supports organisations that work with young people in disadvantaged communities, focusing on community sport for development rather than just for participation. sported does not deliver its own programmes, but rather supports existing initiatives, helping them make the most of their potential. To obtain support, organisations must first become sported members. In doing so they not only get access to potential funding but also benefit from one-to-one mentoring to help them realise their potential. sported operates in three areas; London, Cornwall and the West Midlands. We spent a few minutes speaking to London's Regional Manager, Lekan Ojumu.

London Funders (LF): Welcome Lekan, sported is a new fund offering a unique one-stop shop model of support through membership. What do you see as the key benefits of funding in this way?

Lekan: Through sported's membership system, we are able to provide advice and mentoring support to projects before, during and after the (funding) application process, enabling us to build up a comprehensive relationship with the applicant. This breaks down barriers formed by traditional funding processes.

LF: What is your role within the fund and what do you enjoy most about it?

Lekan: I am one of three UK regional managers although this is to expand to twelve regions by 2012. I like the fact that sported is different in its outlook and open approach. The role really gives me an opportunity to engage with fund seekers and offer practical support.

LF: Sport can make such a difference to the lives of young people in deprived areas. Is there one particular project you've supported that has encapsulated this difference?

Lekan: I particularly get a kick out of seeing start up projects and social enterprises get off the ground. It's really satisfying to help with that.

LF: What are your key challenges as a fund?

Lekan: Offering one to one support as we do, each regional manager is allocated 24 organisations or groups to support per region, per year. We also have a commitment to make initial contact with each new applicant within seven days of a membership submission and then offer more intensive support in the weeks preceding and following a funding decision. This level of service commitment can be hard to maintain but we are fortunate to be able to train up volunteer mentors to help meet service demand.

LF: What was your primary reason for joining London Funders / what do you hope to get out of your membership?

Lekan: sported joined primarily to make connections, partnerships and to participate in cross-referral projects and we are particularly interested in the opportunities arising from participation in both, the Olympics/ Paralympics and Infrastructure Project Groups.

LF: What can sported offer to other members?

Lekan: Other members might enjoy learning from our approach plus we hope that our membership process will make our applicants enabled and confident enough to approach other funders.

Members might be interested to know that sported has recently commissioned Social Research Company [Substance](#), to complete a two-year research project entitled: 'Creating a business case for investment into sport for development projects for young people in deprived communities in the UK'. We will keep members updated as this project develops, inviting input as appropriate.

In Kind Direct

Founded by HRH The Prince of Wales in 1996, In Kind Direct encourages manufacturers and retailers to donate their high quality surplus goods for distribution to good causes and is the only organisation

coordinating UK-wide in-kind giving. Their network of voluntary organisations represents every size and kind of cause. Receiving donated goods through In Kind Direct means that charities can stretch their limited budgets, enabling them to focus funds on core activities, deliver new and enhanced services and fundraise less.



The process is simple. Companies donate surplus goods, mainly new and unused items, which might be ends of lines, seasonal items, samples, customer returns, items in damaged packaging or with slight defects. Goods include toys, toiletries, tools and trainers; household appliances and cleaning products; clothes, shoes, sportswear and gear; bedding and linen; office supplies and equipment. In Kind Direct uses a web-based re-distribution system, allowing charities to select from the range of available goods they and their beneficiaries need.

Over £97 million in value of goods have been donated by 800 companies, and 7,300 groups have benefited so far. All that is paid is a handling charge for the service, which is about 10-30% of the retail cost of products ordered and includes delivery to the door. Everything must be used by the charities either to run their operations or be given to the people they serve. In Kind Direct hopes that members of London Funders will be keen to encourage funded groups to use this service.

If you would like postcards sent to you for distribution, information e-mailed to you for your websites or for emailing on, contact Claire Hanrahan from the In Kind Direct customer service team: claire@inkinddirect.org or on 020 7398 5573. In Kind Direct looks forward to welcoming into their network the charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises which approach your organisation.

Member news

bassac

bassac's vision is for citizens and local organisations to influence positive, enduring and innovative change in their neighbourhoods. In line with this they have recently published their key policy priorities for 2010-11, asking government to support three fundamental and interlinked policy objectives:

- to support community wellbeing in a sustained way
- to strengthen the voice of diverse communities
- to respond effectively to local needs.

For further information their [website](#).

BBC Children in Need

[BBC Children in Need's](#) official fundraising total will not be confirmed until mid May, but staff are optimistic that this year could see new funds of over £40 million, the highest total raised in the telethon's 30 year history.

Big Lottery Fund

£ ⇒ Lottery competition for London projects

The People's Millions 2010 competition, now in its sixth year, has opened its doors for projects in the ITV London region to put in their bids to receive up to £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund (BIG). The competition aims to improve communities across the UK and gives the public the chance to vote on which local projects should receive Lottery funding. Five grants are on offer on ITV London.

Shortlisted projects are broadcast on local ITV evening news to seek votes from the public. Debbie Pippard, Head of the London region at the Big Lottery Fund, said: 'BIG and ITV are calling on people to come forward and take part in this year's contest. It's a brilliant chance for local groups and organisations to get funding for a project that will really make a difference to their communities.'

This year a streamlined online entry form makes applying simpler. Entry forms are available on the [People's Millions website](#). Deadline for return, 12 noon on 14 May.

£ ⇒ Improvements in Reaching Communities

The Big Lottery Fund's Reaching Communities Programme, which makes awards of between £10,000 and £500,000 for up to five years to eligible groups, remains open with some changes:

- For awards up to £40,000, the application process is simpler and quicker
- A community buildings strand will be launched later in 2010
- More support for applicants at every stage of the process, particularly in those areas and for those groups that have received less funding than the Fund has expected.
- Unsuccessful applicants will receive clearer, more detailed feedback highlighting the areas that will need to be improved for their future chance of success
- BIG will support networking and learning opportunities for groups that receive grants to learn from each other and encourage them to share good practice.

New outline proposal form is available now. Applicants will be told within 20 working days if they are invited to complete a full application form. For more information see the [Reaching Communities website](#).

Capacitybuilders

International Approaches to Third Sector Support: a conference in early 2010

This conference provided delegates with the opportunity to hear and explore capacity building issues from a global perspective.

It centered around the recent research report, *Alternative approaches to capacity building – emerging practices abroad*, published by Capacitybuilders last summer. The event shared learning from four case studies, each looking at overseas approaches to capacity building. Read more about the event and access copies of presentations made on the day [here](#).

Capacitybuilders and Pilotlight partner to support collaboration

Two London Funders members, [Capacitybuilders](#) and [Pilotlight London](#) have joined forces to offer support to around 70 Capacitybuilders' Modernisation Fund grant holders in the final stages of merger or collaboration. With £10,000 each from Capacitybuilders, selected groups have been invited to work with Pilotlight to explore whether they could benefit from additional support including working towards a new strategic plan for the development and growth of their organisation with Pilotlight acting as broker, sounding board and critical friend.

The Modernisation Fund Grants Programme has been running since June 2009, helping frontline organisations working in areas affected by the economic downturn.

Matt Leach, Capacitybuilders' Chief Executive says: 'I'm delighted to announce Capacitybuilders' new partnership with Pilotlight. This partnership will help to provide Modernisation Fund grant holders with important additional assistance to develop their plans for merger and collaboration.'

Deborah Xavier, Chief Executive of Pilotlight London said: 'Many of our senior business volunteers have been through the process of merger or partnership in their own organisations, so they bring the benefits of their own experience to the Pilotlight teams. We very much look forward to working with Modernisation Fund grant holders as they carry out their partnership and merger plans.'

£ ⇒ New volunteer management bursary scheme

Individuals who support, coordinate, manage or have strategic responsibility for volunteers can now apply for one of 600-800 bursaries of up to £1,950 to pay for skills development under Capacitybuilders' Volunteer Management Programme. Each bursary will fully fund an approved skills development package, delivered regionally by experienced training providers and aligned to national occupational standards in volunteer management.

For further information and an application form, see <http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/vmpskills>

Capital Community Foundation

Staff changes and new funds



Congratulations to Sonal Shah who has been appointed CCF's new Executive Director taking over from Katharine Barber who has decided not to return following the birth of her son Laurie. Prior to her appointment, Sonal served a 12 month co-directorship alongside Rhys Moore to whom congratulations are also due. Rhys recently accepted an appointment with the charity London Citizens as Director for the Living Wage Employers Forum.

CCF has had a record year with the establishment of new funds, increasing private support and exciting new initiatives under way. A number of new appointments are planned the first of which, the post of Development Manager, is being advertised in the recruitment section of this bulletin.

£ ⇒ New and recently re-opened CCF grants programmes

CCF recently announced the launch of a new fund, The Man Group plc Charitable Trust Community Programme. The Fund is available to groups with an income threshold of less than £250,000 working in Greenwich, Hackney, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark and Tower Hamlets and will support projects focusing on disadvantaged youth, literacy and numeracy or vulnerable populations Closing date for applications 28 May 2010. Application guidelines: CCF's website.

CCF has also re-opened the Deutsche Bank Small Grants Fund for applications from groups from Hammersmith & Fulham, Haringey and Islington as well as Camden, Southwark and Wandsworth. The fund supports groups working under the themes of education and community development. The next deadline is 30 April 2010. Find out more.

CCF London Borough Funds are new charitable initiatives set up to make community philanthropy easier and more effective. These funds will unite the public, private and voluntary sectors within a single borough and collectively apply CCF's skills, talents and resources to benefit the borough communities. CCF recently celebrated the first year of the Lambeth Community Fund (LCF) with a reception hosted by the Mayor of Lambeth. The LCF is endowed, meaning it will keep growing. In the first round of grants, the panel of local representatives made grants of £50,000 and £75,000 is available for round two. Bromley Community Fund also made its first round of grants.

The City Bridge Trust

Congratulations to Jenny Field on her appointment as Deputy Chief Grants Officer of The City Bridge Trust. Jenny has worked for the Trust as Principal Grants Officer, leading the monitoring and evaluation team since 1996. Jenny has extensive experience of the third sector and, prior to joining the Trust, she was the fieldworker at Lambeth Endowed Charities where she helped develop its grantmaking policies. Before that she had worked in a variety of community projects. She is also a trustee of Charities Evaluation Services.



City Parochial Foundation

Living Wage campaign grows apace

It is estimated that one in seven full-time London workers and almost half of all part-time workers are paid at a rate below the poverty threshold. Last year CPF agreed approximately £850,000 in funding to champion the implementation of a living wage across London. Through a grant to London Citizens, campaign work is gathering momentum in a number of sectors, with the London Boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Lewisham agreeing to become living wage employers. CPF recently agreed funding to Queen Mary's College (University of London) to develop research exploring the business case for a living wage, which will provide a detailed cost-benefit analysis. They have also selected Cambridge Policy Consultants to evaluate the impact of the living wage special initiative.

New human rights and social justice centre

CPF is currently working with the Ethical Property Company on a new development to bring together a range of human rights and social justice organisations into one central London centre. The aim is to create a centre, which has enough space for up to 30 organisations and which will offer space for meetings, exhibitions, events, training and conferences and extend the reach and influence of their work.

CPF grants update

Details of recent grants awarded in March (over £2 million in total) are now available on the CPF website. Examples include nearly £300,000 for three law centres to provide employment legal advice, particularly to vulnerable and low-paid workers; £69,000 for the Institute for Public Policy Research towards research into pay inequalities in London and to explore realistic policy responses to these inequalities which would contribute to the debate and action on this issue.

New staff

CPF welcomed Douglas Gunn who joined them as a Grants Manager in February and is involved in assessing grants in addition to having a special focus on developing CPF's Mission Related Investments and Funding Plus initiatives. Previously the Senior Manager of the Holloway Neighbourhood Group, Douglas has more than ten years' experience of the voluntary sector.

Trustees' - arrivals and departures

Robert Hughes-Penney and Maggie Baxter have stood down as CPF trustees after long service. Naomi Eisenstadt and Loraine Martins recently joined the board. Naomi was formerly the Director of the Social Exclusion Task Force at the Cabinet Office, having joined the civil service in 1999 to run the Sure Start Programme; and Loraine is the Head of Employment, Skills and Inclusion at the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) and before that was the first Head of Diversity at the Audit Commission.

Comic Relief

Comic Relief recently unveiled a new booklet telling the stories of 14 inspiring women they have worked with over the years. In her introduction, Dawn French says 'I have seen some of the projects first hand and have always come away inspired and impressed by the passion, dedication and sheer hard work of the people I have met. One thing they all have in common is that they're all leaders and organisers who have a vision of a different world and a determination to achieve their goals. One thing I think Comic Relief should do more of, is to tell the stories of women like these and let their stories speak for themselves. This short booklet is one attempt to do just that.' For a copy of 'Inspiring Women' contact Comic Relief via email: a.page@comicroelief.com or telephone: 020 7820 5552.



Community Foundation Network

Localgiving is a philanthropic initiative that is being rolled out nationally this summer through a website which enables donors to use the site to search for groups to support in area of geographic interest.

Localgiving.com has been set up as a social enterprise by Marcelle Speller in partnership with Community Foundation Network, the membership body for community foundations across the UK, and The Ardbrack Foundation which works to promote and facilitate effective charitable giving and charitable activity within communities.

Cat Dix, Grants Officer at the Capital Community Foundation (one of the pilot sites), says: 'This is an exciting venture with benefits for both donors and supported groups which opens up philanthropic opportunity to everyone allowing them to give back to their community.' The site 'enables all sizes of donation, large or small, allowing community groups a new way to market themselves to existing and new networks'.

Cripplegate Foundation

Unlocking the potential: Volunteers in Islington

In November 2009, Cripplegate Foundation launched *Invisible Islington: Living in Poverty in Inner London* using the report's findings to inform the local and national policy debate on tackling poverty. Since then, they have delved further into volunteering as potentially a powerful way to address isolation, eg through Islington Community Chest, a small grants programme, which have supported over 1,500 volunteers to develop confidence, skills and networks through their involvement in grassroots organisations.

Cripplegate Foundation also commissioned IVAR (the Institute for Volunteering Research) to assess the impact and value of volunteering in Islington's small community and voluntary groups, and to develop recommendations for the future support and development of volunteers in Islington. The research was based on group volunteering activity that received grants from the Community Chest during 2007-08. Research aimed to identify the impact and value of volunteering on the volunteers themselves, the groups they helped, users of services, local decision-makers and the wider community. It also looked at any barriers to volunteering and made recommendations to the Foundation and others foster and support volunteering.

The research reinforces the value of volunteering, especially for people in marginalised communities and had led to further improvements in the Foundation's practice.

The Foundation has confirmed its commitment to adapt its policy and practice in the light of this work. For example:

- Intelligence gathered through small groups will shape and influence Cripplegate Foundation's grants programmes.
- They will be launching an award to recognise those who make a difference and promote partnerships between small community groups and statutory services to improve access to health and council services.
- Volunteers and leaders of small groups will be involved in developing the Islington Community Chest programme.
- A new small grants application form to be used by several small grants funders in Islington will simplify the application process for small groups.
- They will identify and promote opportunities for private sector organisations to offer volunteering opportunities in Islington for the benefit of their employees and Islington residents.

Download the report: *Unlocking the potential: Volunteers in Islington*

Islington Giving - a coalition of partners

Cripplegate Foundation has joined other charitable organisations as a member of Islington Giving, a coalition working to target need in the Borough. Islington Giving is backed by Islington Council and Voluntary Action Islington. Kristina Glenn, Director of Cripplegate said: 'Islington Giving is a coalition of charitable trusts which have formed a unique and powerful partnership led by Cripplegate Foundation. It is the first partnership of its kind, a campaign for Islington by Islington people. Islington Giving aims to raise £3 million over the next three years to support the local community'.

Government Office for London

Transforming London's Public Services

A new report from GOL sets out the scale of the challenge for delivery of London's public services in light of tighter future public spending. *Transforming London's Public Services* highlights examples of where boroughs have individually or collectively transformed the way in which services are provided, seeks to prompt debate about opportunities and barriers to taking successful service delivery models further and suggests possible ways forward. The report was launched as part of an event held jointly with the London School of Economics in early March featuring contributions from Tony Travers, the Treasury's Helen Bailey, London Councils' John O'Brien and Robert Gordon Clarke of the London Communications Agency. More details on this meeting can be viewed [here](#).

Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund is expecting an extra £25 million a year for grant distribution from 2010-18 as there is a boom in lottery ticket and scratch card sales. This will increase HLF's annual budget to £205 million from April 2010, allowing them to more than recoup the £161 million lost to 2012 Olympic funding.

Jack Petchey Foundation

The Foundation has been celebrating its first ten years of helping young people across Essex and London



Jack Petchey OBE is an East End entrepreneur born into a poor working class. After the Navy, he invested his £39 Navy discharge gratuity and started a taxi business. He went on to become a multi millionaire through his various business ventures, which span motorcar dealing, to garages, property, travel and investment. At 84 he still comes to the office every day, but it is now his philanthropy that interests him most.

Since establishing the Jack Petchey Foundation in 1999, Jack has given over £65 million to support youth projects. The major focus of the Foundation's work is their Achievement Award Scheme and the funding of youth initiatives such as the Petchey Academy (a secondary school in Hackney), the Panathlon Challenge, a project involving young disabled people in competitive sport and the Speak Out Challenge, a public speaking initiative which has been rolled out to most secondary schools in London and Essex. The Foundation's ten-year anniversary is to be marked by a series of celebratory events during 2010.

The King's Fund

Find out how much you know about the different political parties' health policies by playing the King Fund's fun and interactive game: 'Your election check up'.

The game has been developed as a means of demonstrating the different approaches to health and social care from the three main political parties and acts as a gateway to the wider election coverage on the King Fund's micro site.

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales

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The Foundation has announced its increased income for 2010 of £25.24 million (£20.8 million in 2009) confirming that this higher level of funding will be sustained for 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The independently run Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales supports charities that help disadvantaged people play a fuller role in the community and over the last five years has made grants totalling over £100 million. This funding has provided support in over 97% of local authorities throughout England and Wales and is weighted towards the most deprived areas.

London Councils

Launch of election website

The London Council website for the 2010 Borough Elections has been launched.

The microsite contains:

- an interactive London map (which will update to show results borough by borough following polling day on 6 May),
- results from previous elections and details of current political control across the capital,
- details of the elected mayor system in Lewisham, Newham and Hackney,
- information on how the borough elections work,
- links to national election information.

Cost of worklessness in London

According to recent London Councils' research, worklessness in London costs more than £5 billion a year with national employment programmes underperforming in the capital. The research, A Worklessness Cost Audit for London, found 1.5 million people out of work in London - around 30% of the working age population. The report shows that 2,000 more jobs would have been created in London if national programmes were as effective as they are in other parts of the country saving an estimated £8.7 million a year. The report also argues that devolving employment services to boroughs could mean still more jobless people moving into work.

Total Place - towards a new service model for Londoners

Further research commissioned by London Councils suggests that greater devolution from central government and quangos to a local level could save billions of public sector funding. The research by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) mapped public expenditure across the capital to investigate how the 'Total Place' approach - which looks at whole areas public services spending - might improve services for Londoners. According to PwC's findings, £73.6 billion of public money was spent in London in 2008-9, though, less than half was directed through bodies directly accountable to Londoners - local authorities and the GLA.

London Councils' chairman Cllr Merrick Cockell said: 'The way public bodies are funded, and the number of different organisations working for similar or overlapping aims, unfortunately make waste inevitable. However, PwC's research has shown us a way to radically reduce London's burden on the public purse - while still improving the services we offer Londoners.'

Download the [Total Place final report](#)

London Development Agency

[Creating better futures](#) is a guide to the LDA's plans over the next two years to make real improvements and help unlock London's potential. The plan proposes partnership with businesses, London boroughs and third sector bodies and features six priority areas (set by the LDA Board and the emerging objectives of the Mayor of London's new Economic Development Strategy):

- Getting London working
- Supporting London's businesses
- Building better places in London
- Investing in London's low carbon future
- Getting the most from the 2012 Games
- Promoting London to the world

New Philanthropy Capital

Knowledge sharing by foundations

The City Bridge Trust has commissioned NPC to research how foundations share knowledge, look at how this can be improved and to produce a guide for foundations seeking to plan their knowledge-sharing strategies. The guide will address common questions that foundations face when deciding how to share their knowledge including:

- content: What do we know that may be of value to others?
- impact: What can we achieve by sharing knowledge?
- audience: Who would benefit from access to our knowledge?
- channels: How do we most effectively get our knowledge to those that need it?

The research will use interviews and literature review and the guide will be published in summer 2010. NPC is interested in hearing from any foundations that would like to contribute experience: contact Padraic Brick (pbrick@philanthropycapital.org or 020 7785 6312).

The business of philanthropy

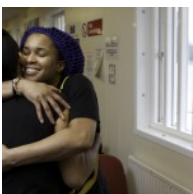
A new research report [The business of philanthropy](#) shows that the level of philanthropy advice offered by banks, law firms and family offices is disappointing, and the quality is sometimes questionable. Meanwhile, some donors are unaware that advice is available. In order for advice to become mainstream, NPC believes that bankers and lawyers need to collaborate to develop the provision and take up of advice. To this end, NPC has set up a new steering group, made up of private bankers and lawyers, who will share knowledge and ideas and create initiatives to promote philanthropy advice. Contact [Plum Lomax](#) for more information.

Youth offending

[Trial and error](#) explores the issue of youth offending and highlights some of the innovative and promising ways that charities are helping young people to stay out of trouble. [The report](#), aimed at funders and charities, examines strengths and weaknesses within the youth justice sector, outlining the role government plays, and highlights areas where investment could create greatest impact.

Pilgrim Trust

£ ⇒ Pilgrim is a member of [The Corston Independent Funders' Coalition](#), an alliance of charitable trusts and foundations which work to transform the way women are treated by the criminal justice system. A £2 million Women's Diversionary Fund has been created by members and match funded by government to provide grants to third sector organisations supporting offenders, to support further growth in community services for women and contribute to building the confidence of courts in alternatives to custody.



The Fund builds on a core level of support already committed to divert women away from crime. In 2009 the Ministry of Justice announced £15.6 million of new funding over two years to invest in women's community projects delivered by the third sector and other specialist provision for women in the community. These projects provide services for female offenders who are not a danger to the public, and for women who are at risk of offending.

The women's prison population has not substantially reduced in recent years, and community services for women are not consistently available, despite the government publicly committing to implement key recommendations from the Corston Report. Frustrated at the lack of progress, the Coalition works to pool experience and expertise in funding work within the criminal justice system, and to bring pressure to bear on government.

Red Ochre

Estate-focused development

Since May 2009 Red Ochre has been working on the Aylesbury Estate in the London Borough of Southwark. The Estate of around 8,000 residents has 25% unemployment rate, an above London-average BAME population and, until this programme few (if any) formal businesses. In less than a year, however, 14 social enterprises have been established with most of the entrepreneurs already making sales and receiving commissions.

The social enterprise programme is raising employment levels. It has also given the participants the business support, the practical skills and confidence to turn their dreams into reality. There is now a momentum of other residents looking to start enterprises based on the successes they have witnessed. [Click here](#) to watch some highlights of the ACES High! event. For more information, please contact Penny Daly the lead director of the programme at penny@redocho.org.uk.

2010 Westminster Volunteering Partnership

Penny Daly recently participated in The 2010 Westminster Volunteering Partnership, a pilot initiative of Department for Transport and Westminster's Churchill Gardens Estate which delivers mentoring projects for unemployed residents from the Churchill Gardens Estate, Pimlico. The mentors were a group of DfT fast-track graduates, but with relatively little work experience. They worked with older people, some had 25 years of work experience, all were unemployed and struggling to find jobs. The purpose of the project was to give them the skills and confidence they needed in writing cv's, completing application forms and attending interviews.

Social Investment Business

SIB has launched its first impact report: [*Investing in the Future*](#), to demonstrate that social investment can strengthen a wide variety of third sector organisations, big and small, including social enterprises, charities and community groups.

£ ⇒ Communitybuilders Fund feasibility grants



SIB received a surge in applications last month for the feasibility element of the [Communitybuilders Fund](#). The Fund is managed in partnership with Adventure Capital Fund (ACF) and the Community Alliance, on behalf of Communities and Local Government and the Office of the Third Sector and helps organisations with assistance and with project development.

Business development grants of £10,000 - £20,000 are available and a few grants of up to £75,000 will be made to larger projects. Successful feasibility grant applicants will receive support from the Communitybuilders business support team or through business development grants for up to five days or support from an external consultant.

New event resources section on SIB site

Following a successful series of SEIF Access to Finance workshops, SIB has launched a new events resources section on [The Social Investment Business website](#). At the moment, it enables delegates and other interested parties to access notes from SEIF Access to Finance workshops.

Evaluation of Futurebuilders launched

An evaluation carried out by researchers at Sheffield Hallam University found that the Futurebuilders programme was successful in investing in organisations that would not otherwise have secured capital. It also found that the third sector had a default rate around 3.3 per cent when repaying loans and that - according to studies evaluated in the report, contracts won by investees resulted in net savings to the public purse of between £600,000 and £5 million. [Download the final report.](#)

UnLtd

A new research paper published last month provides insights into start-up entrepreneurs supported by UnLtd, detailing who they are, their work and the social impact they have. It demonstrates how an investment in the individual and their practical solutions to the problems they face generates a ripple effect with the potential to create significant and lasting social change. Download [Social Entrepreneurs: The Facts](#)

Recession-proofing

Free financial guidance for local authorities

Councils throughout London have been granted free access to the Financial Services Authority's (FSA's) Money Made Clear and Money Guidance campaigns. [Money Made Clear](#) provides printed and online material and bespoke group training sessions to raise levels of personal financial capability for both staff and residents. [Money Guidance](#) provides one-to-one appointments to talk individuals through the financial planning techniques that are relevant to their personal situation, but without promoting financial products. [View our profile of new London Funder's member, The Financial Services Authority.](#)

Launch of Better Banking Campaign

February saw the launch of the [Better Banking Campaign](#) which works to address financial exclusion: the lack of fair access to financial services and credit to those who warrant it. Over 150 organisations have already signed up to the campaign (hosted by ACEVO), including Urban Forum, Development Trusts Association, Fair Finance, the Centre for Responsible Credit, CCLA, and the Community Development Finance Association. The different areas of the third sector represented by the coalition reflect the far reaching implications of financial exclusion: it increases poverty levels amongst the lowest-income groups, which has a huge negative impact on those struggling with debt, poor housing, old age, ill-health, physical and mental disabilities, and social exclusion as well as creating demand for the third sector and other support. The campaign is seeking full financial disclosure by financial institutions, a cap on unfair credit rates for those who cannot afford them and obligations on banks to demonstrate that all who merit it have fair and equal access to credit.

London: Capital of Debt

In September 2009, the London Health Forum published [London: Capital of Debt](#), a major report on the relationship between personal indebtedness and ill-health. The report examines the growth in personal debt whilst exploring the links between debt and health (both mental and physical) and the benefits of debt advice. It concluded with a series of recommendations, including:

- NHS steps to communicate to healthcare professionals the importance of debt advice in preventing ill-health
- greater use of NHS channels to inform people about the various providers of free debt advice, including online advice to relieve the burden on telephone and face-to-face providers
- continued funding for all types of debt advice in London especially in this period of high unemployment.

The Forum hopes to update this report this summer, drawing on the latest statistics from Capitalise and Citizens Advice on the use of debt advice services in London to help individual boroughs and PCTs understand the scale of the problem within their own localities.

The Forum hopes to see continued awareness raising about the linkage between debt and mental health, particularly in the NHS; PCTs/boroughs alerted to the latest debt developments in their area; and a further increase in use of online advice as a means of freeing up telephone and face-to-face service capacity for the most vulnerable.

Pro bono property advice

[Charity Property Help](#) is a service supported by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) to assist charities and voluntary organisations with free support and guidance on all property matters in the UK.

Launched in partnership with The Return Foundation, NCVO and CFDG, Charity Property Help offers registered charities and voluntary organisations a one hour consultation with an RICS regulated member firm free of charge, on property maintenance, environmental issues, lease, renewals and tenancies, and planning issues. [BTCV](#) recently saved £850,000 on a property lease after enlisting the help of this service.

How to connect with donors: essential messages for charities



A report from CAF aims to assist charities with their planning by feeding back what the general public and CAF individual customers think charities could do differently to weather the recession, dated survey findings from March to June 2009, it confirms that donors are concerned about charities in the current economic climate, and have a view on how charities could change the way that they operate. This is an opportunity for charities to hear donor suggestions on what they can do to keep their operations running whilst keeping donors happy.

Download: [How to Connect with Donors](#)

External news

Policy



Joint Ministerial and third sector taskforce report launched

March saw the launch of '*Shaping our future: the joint ministerial and third sector task force on climate change, the environment and sustainable development*' which puts forward a vision of how government and the third sector will work together over the next five years to tackle climate change. It was developed by a task force comprising representation from a range of government departments and voluntary organisations including Defra, Communities and Local Government, NCVO, ACEVO and The City Bridge Trust. Government departments involved have made commitments to follow their recommendations with action, see also: *Adapting to climate change: a guide for local councils*.

One recommendation in the report was for London Funders to convene its members Climate Change – already done. See editorial for further information.

The Office of the Third Sector is setting up a website to provide advice and a guide on green issues and supporting the Innovation Exchange's green next practice programme.

Revealing expenses of the Third Sector

A report published last month by an independent expert group on sector expenses argues that charities should not be forced to publish trustee and management expenses as there is no significant evidence of expenses abuse in the sector.

The independent group was set up by NCVO and CFDG last autumn in the wake of the MP's expenses scandal. The group's Chair Lindsay Driscoll, former Charity Commissioner said: 'We want the sector to be open and transparent and we would encourage all trustees to consider publishing expenses, so long as it is done in a meaningful way. But we did not find enough evidence to make it a legal requirement for charities to disclose this kind of information.' The group did make recommendations for a review of the level of compliance by trustees with SORP requirements and suggested that the SORP Committee should consider how expenses disclosure should be addressed in the next SORP and that sector bodies should devise model expenses policies for charities to use.

Children's Workforce Development Council

Funders supporting projects and programmes for children and young people may be interested in sign posting work undertaken by The Children's Workforce Development Council which works in partnership with key UK organisations and individuals to support those working and volunteering with children and young people across England. For further information see their website.

Greater London Authority

London's first Health Inequalities Strategy for London was launched to coincide with World Health Week at the end of March 2010. The strategy is a statutory requirement under the GLA Act 2007, and sets out how the GLA will tackle health inequalities in London under the following core objectives:

- 1) empowering individuals and communities to improve health and well-being
- 2) improving access to high quality health and social care services, particularly for Londoners who have poor health outcomes
- 3) reducing income inequality and negative consequences of relative poverty
- 4) increasing the opportunities for people to access the potential benefits of good work / meaningful activity
- 5) developing and promoting London as a healthy place for all

The strategy sets out how the Mayor will work in partnership with health, local authority, community, academic and business partners to create economic, social and environmental conditions to improve quality of life and empower people to play an active part in improving their own health.

The GLA website has the full strategy and a summary of the first steps to delivery of action to 2012. Further information including a comprehensive evidence base and consultation report will be available from the website in the coming weeks. Email any queries to: health.inequalities@london.gov.uk or telephone the Public Liaison Unit on: 020 7983 4100.

London Data Store

The London Data Store is a new information hub created by the GLA as a first step enabling the public to be able to access information that the GLA and other public sector organisations hold, and to use that data however they see fit, for free. The GLA is committed to using its connections and influence to request and cajole other public sector organisations into releasing their data too. The objective is strongly backed by the Mayor of London. Data is captured under 17 dataset categories ranging from Housing to Young People to London 2012.

Funding



£ ⇒ Fund sustainable living



A new fund set up by Defra is open for applications from projects encouraging sustainability in areas such as travel, greener consumption of food and resources and recycling. Grants of between £100,000 and £200,000 are available and between four and eight projects will be funded. Projects should use the seed corn funding to start delivery and build capacity to put in place activities operational in the run up to the London 2012 Olympic Games and beyond.

There is a two-stage application process.

- Deadline for the first stage: 21 May 2010
- 10-12 applicants will be invited to a workshop in early July and to submit a full project plan
- Successful projects are expected to start work in September 2010
- Seed corn funding will end in March 2011, but Defra aims to provide other forms of support to help projects.

To register interest visit the [Defra eTendering site](#)

£ ⇒ Learning and Skills Council completes handover to local authorities

With the closure of the Learning and Skills Council now complete local authorities have assumed official responsibility for providing education and training to all children and young people up to the age of 19, following the completion of the 16-19 transfer. The transfer, which has been anticipated by councils for more than two years, signals the closure of the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), which previously commissioned post-16 learning provision. Local authorities will now also be responsible for the education of young people in custody and disabled young people with learning difficulties and disabilities up to the age of 25, both of which used to be handled by the LSC.

Three new quangos will partially replace the LSC: [The Young People's Learning Agency \(YPLA\)](#) will supply funds to councils for 16-19 year olds; [The Skills Funding Agency](#) will deal with adult education; and the [National Apprenticeship Service](#) will resource apprenticeships.

£ ⇒ Nationwide Foundation small grants programme

[The Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme](#) offers grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000, offering housing and/or financial support to older people or victims of domestic abuse as part of their remit. Applications are welcomed for both project and core costs.

£ ⇒ Nomura launches charitable trust with £3 million fund to support young people

Investment and merchant banking firm [Nomura](#) has launched a [charitable trust](#) focusing on projects and core costs that support education, training and confidence building for disadvantaged young people in the UK and Middle East. Over £3 million has been endowed initially, with a rolling annual budget of investment worth £1 million pledged from Nomura's unclaimed assets fund and staff giving.

£ ⇒ Unclaimed assets fund

A fund comprising investment from dormant bank accounts, The Dormant Accounts Reclaim Fund, is to be established and managed by [Co-operative Financial Services](#). The Fund is rumoured to be worth up £250 million and is expected to be shared between the [Social Investment Wholesale Bank](#) and Big Lottery Fund. 'Co-operative Financial Services is submitting applications to the FSA for authorisation to establish and administer this'.

£ ⇒ Gift Aid for grassroots sport

A new partnership funding campaign has been set up by Sport England and JustGiving called '[JustGiving for Sports Clubs](#)'. The initiative will help sports club members raise funds and claim Gift Aid through free

membership access to the fundraising tools available at JustGiving.com. HMRC estimates that only one in ten community sports clubs currently take advantage of the right to claim Gift Aid.

£ ⇒ UK groups and global connections

A new fund managed in partnership between The British Council, the Institute of Community Cohesion, the Inter Faith Network for the UK and VSO has been set up to help improve links between local communities in the UK and the developing world in a bid to tackle global poverty. [The Global Community Links programme](#) has been launched by the Department for International Development and will offer training and grants of up to £10,000 to community groups in the UK which already have links to communities around the world, and want to develop the relationship. This initiative will encourage participating community groups to use their links to increase understanding of global poverty in the UK and encourage their local community to act to reduce it. Funding is worth £3 million and will be distributed over a three-year period.

For further information see the [Global Community Links homepage](#) or contact the British Council at communitylinks@britishcouncil.org

£ ⇒ Volunteer professionals

[The Bulldog Trust](#) runs the Engaging Experience Network to help professionals to use their skills to help charities. The Trust has a database of highly skilled, enthusiastic individuals looking for opportunities to provide professional advice (one-off or ongoing) or serve as board members. The Trust's network includes lawyers, business professionals, marketing, communications, media and public sector experts, and to match projects or organisations to people. Please contact Mary Rose Jones, Chief Executive at rosie@bulldogtrust.org

Glass pockets



With a mission to 'bring transparency to the world of philanthropy' [Glass Pockets](#) offers easily searchable reports and a database that reveals how large, US foundations perform across 28 elements of transparency and accountability, grantmaking, public assessment of the foundation's performance or public access to evaluation and lessons learned.

Glass Pocket's [Foundation Transparency 2.0 database](#) shows the social media tools being used by over 400 foundations. It also has encouraged large foundations to share more about their activities with the public. Visit the [Glass Pockets website](#) for further information.

Website hosts community of philanthropists to encourage greater giving

[AmbassadorForPhilanthropy.com](#) offers a voice for those investing significant sums in charity, including videos and profiles of major donors offering insights into why and how they give, and encouraging others to make a greater impact on local and global needs. Initiated by the honorary, government-appointed Ambassador for Philanthropy, [Dame Stephanie Shirley](#), the site hosts a community that includes James Caan of Dragon's Den, Frederick Mulder, Stelio Stefanou and Alec Reed. Contributions from many more philanthropists will be added as the site grows in content and scope.

Faith

Faiths Forum for London

After several years' research, consultation and discussion funded by the Change Up programme, the London Development Agency and recently, the Department for Communities and Local Government, a [Faiths Forum for London \(FFL\)](#) has been created and its work programme for 2010-11 approved.

Fostered by the [London Civic Forum](#) the project brings together regional organisations and groups from the nine major faith communities of London, local interfaith and multi-faith groups and faith-based organisations to foster engagement with the public sector agencies. The work of the FFL focuses on enabling more effective access to public life by Londons' faith communities.

Contact [Deirdre McGrath](#), Head of Civic Engagement, London Civic Forum or [London Faiths Forum website](#)

£ ⇒ Funding and prizes for faith groups

A £1 million [Faith Working With Government fund](#) has been set up to help faith-based organisations strengthen their advocacy capacity alongside a £50,000 Innovation in Faith-Based Social Action Prize (to

open this summer). The prize will reward faith-based projects addressing local problems. The London strand of the prize will make awards in five different categories:

- independent projects (i.e. not already receiving public funding)
- projects delivered with funding support from a local authority
- advocacy and community development projects
- multi faith projects
- youth projects .

Projects can nominate themselves, or be nominated by others. Expressions of interest should be sent to InnovationPrize@communities.gsi.gov.uk Deadlines and further application criteria will be released shortly.

Other news

GuideStar merges with Directory of Social Change

[GuideStar](#) and [GuideStar Data Services](#) have become part of the [Directory of Social Change](#) in a transfer of ownership which will enable GuideStar International to expand its services worldwide.

GuideStar's online directory provides free public access to detailed information about every charity and voluntary sector organisation in England and Wales. Base information about each charity is provided through Charity Commission records, which are maintained and updated by the charities themselves using online editing tools. DSC has pledged to maintain the free information source and also to explore ways of increasing access to the data. Buzz Schmidt, founder of GuideStar and CEO of GuideStar International, said, he had long admired DSC's work as 'connector, facilitator, and cheerleader' for small and medium-sized charities. 'We are confident DSC will wholeheartedly advance GuideStar's mission to promote great public understanding of the work of charities.'

Gethyn Williams moves from LVSC to NCVYS

Congratulations to Gethyn Williams on his appointment as Director of new programmes at NCVYS, the [National Council for Voluntary Youth Services](#). Gethyn was Head of Policy and Knowledge at LVSC for two and a half years.

Third Sector Awards 2010

The Third Sector Excellence Award recognises and celebrates the work of the sector, showcasing the talent, innovation and success of not-for-profit organisations, registered charities or social enterprises.

There are 24 awards, under the following categories: communications, fundraising, finance and enterprise, partnerships, at work, governance and the Third Sector awards. Of particular interest is the category of governance and foundations which will feature three awards this year: the first for accountability and transparency, the second for innovation by trusts and foundations and the third trustee board of the year.

Deadline for entries is Thursday, 3 June 2010 and the awards night will take place on Thursday, 23 September 2010. To enter or for more information visit the [Third sector Awards website](#).

Publications and resources

Refugees and migrants

BAMER women and children suffering violence and abuse

Vital Statistics: The experiences of BAMER women and children facing violence and abuse is highly recommended by ROTA for information on the largest ever research sample of BAMER women and children experiencing violence in the UK. Ten BAMER services from across the UK participated in a three month pilot providing detailed data on 124 women who had accessed refuge, advice and outreach services.

The report was produced by [Imkaan](#), a national second-tier organisation which represents the needs of refuge, outreach and advice services across the UK who provide specialist support Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic & Refugee women and children affected by violence and abuse.

Imkaan's services include strategic advocacy, training for frontline professionals, policy development, capacity-building and community-based research, all of which aim to strengthen the representation, service and planning responses to and funding for the organisations they represent.

Policy

What works in neighbourhood-level regeneration?



This is a Communities and Local Government report on key stakeholders in eight New Deal for Communities (NDC) areas which have seen positive change for 2002-08 and the experience of regeneration practitioners working in some of the most deprived neighbourhoods in the country. Topics include the issues around planning ten-year strategies, the role of partners and the local community in regeneration programmes, and the impact at the local level. The report concludes by outlining lessons for policy and practice.

Download: [*What works in neighbourhood-level regeneration? The views of key stakeholders in the New Deal for Communities Programme*](#)

Total Place

Total Place dates from the Budget 2009 to help boroughs benefit from smarter Government commitments on removing ringfencing, streamlining funding and reducing burdens.

Download: [*Total Place: A whole area approach to public services*](#)

Cohesion and equality

CLG's Single Equality Scheme 2010-13

This report describes the outcomes CLG are aiming for in order to fulfil moral, social, legal and equality obligations. Government's and other public bodies' treatment of race, gender and disability are subject to legal duties and the single equality scheme is intended to improve policy and services where they interact with each other.

Download: [*Single Equality Scheme 2010-2013*](#)

Cohesion and Equality: guidance for funders

This guidance produced by the Equality and Human Rights Commission aims to help public bodies, especially those providing funding at a local level, to discharge their equality duties.

Download: [*Cohesion and Equality: guidance for funders*](#)

The Marmot Review Final Report

Chaired by Sir Michael Marmot and published by [the WHO](#), The Marmot review responds to recommendations and government commitment to reducing health inequalities in England and was set up in 2008. The final review paper concludes that still overall life expectancy has been increased over the last ten years, those on low incomes are more likely to suffer disability, and live seven years less on average than the most affluent in society.

The Review recommends nationwide action estimating that health inequalities in England account for annual productivity losses of £31-33 billion, lost taxes and higher welfare payments of around £20-32 billion, and additional NHS healthcare costs well in excess of £5.5 billion.

Download: [*Fair Society, Healthy Lives*](#) - The Marmot Review Final Report

Download: [Fair Society, Healthy Lives](#) - The Marmot Review Executive Summary
Go to the [Documents Section](#) for individual chapters, background documents and press documents.

Faith funding guidance published

New guidance for local government on working with faith groups, [Ensuring a level playing field: Funding faith based organisations to provide publicly funded services](#), has been published by Communities and Local Government.

Commissioning and Procurement

ACEVO factsheets and publications on commissioning and procurement.

ACEVO produces a wide range of resources and guides to support commissioning and procurement, including introductions to procurement and commissioning, a procurement dictionary, tendering support and involving small groups in public service delivery.

[View ACEVO's commissioning and procurement resources website.](#)

Finance and funding

Evaluation of Community Development Finance Institutions

A new report has called for continued public sector support for the UK's community development finance institutions (CDFIs), which provide loans to people who struggle to raise finance from banks.

[The Evaluation of Community Development Finance Institutions](#), carried out by the GHK research consultancy, finds that the UK's CDFI's play a significant role in helping businesses and social enterprises around the country access finance that would otherwise not be available to them. It calculates that for every £1 invested by the Government, CDFI's have created a further £3.57 at local community level. They have also safeguarded £5 for every £1 invested. The report was commissioned by the [Department for Business, Innovation and Skills](#) and has been welcomed by the CDFI trade body, [the Community Development Finance Association](#) (cdfa).

Bernie Morgan, its Chief Executive, said: 'This report is a ringing endorsement of the vital services CDFIs provide to those who have been frozen out by high street banks. It gives solid evidence that the Government needs to continue, and indeed strengthen, the support it gives to the CDFI sector.'

Social issues

Why do neighbourhoods stay poor?

A major two-year study of neighbourhood deprivation in Birmingham sponsored by the Barrow Cadbury Trust, looks at why, despite long periods of national economic growth and major local regeneration programmes, there are still severe concentrations of poverty and deprivation in neighbourhoods across Birmingham. ['Why Do Neighbourhoods Stay Poor'](#) was carried out by the Centre for Housing and Planning Research at Cambridge University.

Making good society



The final report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Future of Civil Society, chaired by Geoff Mulgan, director of the Young Foundation, explores how civil society activity can help grow a more civil economy, enable a rapid and just transition to a low carbon economy, democratise media ownership and content, and grow participatory and deliberative democracy. The Commission hopes that the evidence and ideas provided in this report and the ideas it proposes for a 'good' society will inspire individuals and organisations to act and invest in civil society activity. The Independent Commission of Inquiry into the Future of Civil Society was established by the Carnegie UK Trust to explore how civil society could be strengthened in the UK and Ireland.

Download: full report ['Making good society'](#).

Download: [the summary](#) or to order a hard copy contact Carnegie at makinggoodsociety@carnegieuk.org

How to support women and girls involved in serious youth violence

A new report by Race on the Agenda (ROTA) entitled ['The Female Voice in Violence'](#), highlights concerns about the lack of appropriate services and policies available to help women caught up in gangs who become victims of sexual abuse and violence. The report assesses the role and effectiveness of statutory

and voluntary sector services, especially women's groups and those working with black and minority ethnic communities, in helping those involved with gangs.

The research was drawn from interviews with women and girls involved in gangs and their friends and families. The findings highlight lessons to be learnt for policy makers and those working to prevent serious youth violence.

Key findings, which have been discussed with high level representatives from the police, local authorities, elected representatives and community/voluntary groups across London, show:

- girls involved with gang members often live outside of known gang-affected areas, and may hold firearms, drugs or money for their boyfriends
- rape, sexual violence and exploitation are significant weapons used against women and girls associated with, or involved in, gangs
- convicted female gang members are often held with boys outside of mainstream schools, severely limiting their ability to deal with their offending behaviour and reduce their victimisation
- little intelligence exists to quantify the numbers of women and girls affected by gang violence.

The research recommends that:

- child protection strategies and guidance should be reviewed to ensure they consider specific risks associated with females and serious youth violence, including sexual violence against under-18s
- serious youth violence policy and practice should be reviewed to ensure it recognises and acknowledges women and girls in their own right
- *The Corston Review* should be replicated for girls under the age of 18 held in establishments that cater for a predominantly male population
- policy development and funding across the statutory and voluntary sectors should take into account serious youth violence as a key issue for women and girls
- services for women and girls affected by serious youth violence should be specific to their needs.

Overwhelmingly, the report shows that women and girls affected by serious youth and gang violence have been largely ignored in both policy and practice. Only by gender proofing services will effective support be offered.

Funding social care: what service users say

Research by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation highlights that, despite being most affected by changes to the current failing system, most service users often are not involved in discussions about how their social care is funded. The report draws on the experiences of 18 adult social care service users who were brought together in 2009 to explore proposals for funding social care in the future.

Findings include that:

- service users feel a false divide between social care and health care perpetuated by conflicting funding arrangements
- almost all service users consulted think general taxation is the best way to fund social care
- service users reject any withdrawal of existing universal disability benefits, such as the Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance, to fund means and needs tested social care.

Download: [*Funding social care: what service users say*](#)



Environmental issues

Climate Change – Taking Action



In July 2009, the Government published the *UK Low Carbon Transition Plan (LCTP)* allocating each major government department a share of the responsibility to reduce the UK's greenhouse gas emissions and prompting the development of a system of departmental carbon budgets. This report sets out further details on these budgets looking at the process which will be used to monitor progress and information and a management framework to drive delivery.

The document, in two parts, also details the actions being taken by departments to adapt to the most pressing climate change impacts.

[*Climate change: taking action – delivering the Low Carbon Transition Plan and preparing for a changing climate – Part 1*](#)

[*Climate change: taking action – delivering the Low Carbon Transition Plan and preparing for a changing climate – Part 2*](#)

Other

Supporting Central London's third sector

Researched over six months using a random sample of 30 groups per London borough, this accessible report looks at the impact of six borough councils for voluntary service (CVS).

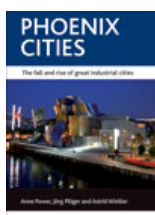
Key findings:

- the CVS were in touch with 6,000 third sector organisations, giving 1,200 of them capacity building support, training 1,980 individuals from 970 organisations and supporting 25 local networks.
- 153 groups provided feedback: 87% said that CVS capacity-building had improved their services; 72% had improved their planning and problem-solving skills as a result of CVS assistance; 68% said the CVS had contributed to their sustainability.

The experience of participating in the research also provided feedback to the CVS on how they can strengthen their data collection so as to improve the retrieval of this local information and allow easier comparability with colleague organisations.

For a copy of the report contact Katie Hall at katie.hall@vai.org.uk or 020 7832 5808.

Phoenix Cities: The fall and rise of great industrial cities



This study report funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation examines seven cities from very different regions of the EU, comparing them with the US to provide a fascinating account of the ground-level realities of urban change and progress. 'Weak market cities' across Europe and America went from being industrial giants dominating their national, and eventually the global, economy, to being 'devastation zones'. In a single generation three quarters of all manufacturing jobs disappeared, leaving dislocated, impoverished communities, run down city centres and a massive population exodus. This study looks closely at the recovery trajectories of seven European cities from very different regions of the EU and the significance of public investment in innovative enterprises, new-style city leadership and special neighbourhood programmes and skills development. The American experience, where cities were largely left to their own devices, produced a slower, more uncertain recovery trajectory.

Some of the other key areas explored are the long timescale needed for these cities to recover - a whole generation; that intervention is needed in land use, environment, social inclusion, citizen participation and responsive projects; the role of strategic perspective and decision-making structure; and the way skills need to be shifted to allow people to return to very different employment.

The seven European cities studied are: Leipzig, Bremen, Sheffield, Belfast, Bilbao, Torino and Saint-Étienne. The US comparison is with cities such as Detroit. The study is available in hardback from Policy Press, priced at £23.19.

Research and consultations



Mayor of London draft environmental strategies

The Mayor of London has published a key strategies focusing on climate change.

Climate Change Adaption Strategy

The draft strategy looks at how London can adapt to our changing climate which is at increasing risk of: floods, droughts and heatwaves. Comments on this strategy are invited by 8 May.



Communities for green and decent jobs

The Institute for Public Policy Research (ippr) is launching a new project, Communities for green and decent jobs, looking at local-level work to tackle poverty, discrimination and disadvantage, improve job opportunities and protect the environment. As part of the project, they would like to find out more about the work currently being done by local organisations across the UK. Their aim is to build up a map showing local-level activity in tackling these problems across the country and to identify examples of best practice.

To help them learn more, they have created a short survey and would like to hear from employees, volunteers and trustees involved with locally-based organisations that are working to tackle poverty, improve job opportunities or protect the environment. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete and all answers will be confidential.

The survey is online, or a paper copy can be requested from Kayte Lawton (020 7470 6169 / k.lawton@ippr.org) or Jenny Bird (020 7470 6118 / j.bird@ippr.org). Since ippr would like to reach as many people as possible they welcome help in disseminating this information to organisations that might be interested in taking part.

Recruitment

Capital Community Foundation

Development Manager - £27,000 to £33,000 pa + 10% contributory pension

Location: London

Contract: full time, permanent

The Capital Community Foundation funds community based action in London and is seeking an individual to work on corporate fund development with significant related responsibilities around individual donors.

For further information and an application pack, contact Telma Graham on enquiries@capitalcf.org.uk or telephone: 020 7582 5117.

Closing date for applications: 10 May with interviews in week commencing 17 May.
For more information about Capital Community Foundation visit www.capitalcf.org.uk.

External events and training

New Philanthropy Capital, Children's Well-being seminar

8-10 am, Wednesday 21 April 2010, London Bridge, SE1

Fee: £35 for CFDG members, £45 for non-members

The benefits and challenges that charities and funders face when measuring the impact they have on the happiness of the young people they support.

A few places are still available. Please visit [NPC's website for more information](#) and the [Charity Finance Director's Group website](#) to book.

An Introduction to Cross-sector Partnership

Tuesday 18 May 2010, Regents Park, NW1

Fee: £275

The Partnering Initiative's workshop on the theory and practice of partnering provides an introduction to cross-sector partnerships, aimed at individuals from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors whose organisations are currently involved in, or actively considering, cross-sector partnerships.

More information and details of how to register can be found [here](#).

What does Total Place mean for the NHS?

9.30 am–1.00 pm, Tuesday 1 June 2010, The King's Fund, WC1

Keynote speaker: Cllr David Parsons, (member of the Ministerial group overseeing Total Place) - integrated working: breaking down public service barriers.

Fee: from £100 + VAT.

As PCTs and local authorities increasingly work together, the focus has been placed on how health and care services can be more clearly aligned to improve outcomes at a lower cost. This half-day conference will feature speakers from pilots sites to explore how the NHS can draw on Total Place to develop health and care services.

For more information and to book: [the King's Fund website](#).