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Editorial

London Funders – news and activity

Change at the top

We have a new Chair of London Funders. Sara Llewellyn, who has been such a champion of London Funders as our Chair since 2005, is leaving as she moves to her new role of Chief Executive of Barrow Cadbury Trust. At last week's Committee meeting she was given a huge vote of thanks for all she has done and good wishes for her new post.

The Committee is delighted that Lisa Greensill, Head of the Communities and Third Sector Team, Government Office for London, has accepted election as our new Chair, up to the AGM in 2011. Lisa is well known and highly respected among funders and voluntary organisations. Please see the [press release](#) about her appointment.

And staff changes too

We have several changes to tell our members regarding our former Membership and Communications Officer Belinda Birch. Firstly, she is using her married name and is now Belinda Dervish. This proud mother of Adam, born last January, has decided not to come back to a full-time job and so Yvonne Schwartz, her maternity locum, will remain with us. Belinda will, however, help us out with sessional work on the website and e-bulletin and other areas.

We were fortunate to have the help of an Intern, Doreen Neumann, in August. Doreen, during her university summer vacation, started our work in mapping information about our members which we hope will grow into a really useful database. Thanks to those who completed Doreen's survey over the summer. Any who didn't will soon discover that we have a new Intern, helping us three days a week, Martina Protze-Galas.

Membership matters

We welcome Pilgrim Trust and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation as new members since the last e-bulletin. We are getting close to 100 members and have been receiving such warm feedback, especially about recent meetings and the e-bulletin, that we hope existing members will think about telling other funders about us – [Yvonne](#) can send a pack by post or email if you would like to help spread the word.

We have a version of our London Funders logo that organisations can use to show they are members – please ask [Yvonne](#) to email you a copy.

Meetings, events, publications

Future meetings are all listed in the next section of this e-bulletin. Please note a two part event on 11 December. Funders are most welcome at either or both parts of the day.

The morning will be a session on the "**personalisation**" agenda – the shift to individual budgets for people receiving health and social care. This change has already been piloted and revealed many challenges for service delivery which is bound to have an impact on funded organisations – potentially a period of instability for many, however well they try to prepare for it. Come for a briefing and discussion on this big change. If your borough has been involved in the pilot phase, and you would like to contribute, [Yvonne](#) would be pleased to hear from you.

The afternoon is a consultation event for funders about the next phase of **London Councils' third sector commissioning** of pan-London and multi-borough services. See page 4 for details of both.

Our members meeting on 1 October was a great success. It featured three very different kinds of research into **poverty** in London and in each case showed the impact that facts and figures can have on policy and practice. Please read the [report](#) and share it with colleagues.

Funding Jigsaw: money for work by and for children and young people.



We published this in August but think that many organisations listed in it will want to update their entries, especially with new winter/spring dates. If so please email [Judy Goldsmith](#). [Click here](#) to download a copy.

There's a quite radical change in our website, also thanks to our volunteer, Judy. She has updated our section aimed at helping groups look for money – now called the **E-gateway for fund seekers**. It is fairly brief and straightforward, offering pages on:

- Sources of funding for projects and services
- Help for individuals in need
- Non-financial resources (help in kind, etc)
- Useful tools on how to do financial planning, etc
- Some tips on what grantmakers look for in a good application

Judy will be very pleased to have suggestions and corrections to improve the site. We made the change in part because there are now so many sources of support, online directories and so on, that an elaborate website needing a lot of updating and maintenance like our old E-gateway seems much less needed, but we still know that because of our name we are an early port of call for groups looking for money.

Just for information, you might like to know that we now have a briefer and less formal [Annual Review](#) of London Funders in 2008 on our website.



With this edition we will be starting to highlight work that supports tackling climate change. To indicate these articles we will use the above symbol.

Please keep us posted with your news for our next edition which will be published in early December.

With every good wish for your work.

Gaynor Humphreys and Yvonne Schwartz

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What's going on in London Funders

Future meetings – October to December 2009

Our events are intended for staff and board/committee members of London Funders members and associates. To book or to find out more, contact Yvonne at yvonne@londonfunders.org.uk or ring 020 7255 4488.

Full members meeting

Individual budgets for health and social care

Friday, 11 December, 10 am – 1 pm at London Councils (followed by lunch)

To help funders understand the implications of the “personalisation agenda” - personalised funding models in general and individual budgets for personal care in particular. The meeting will include a description of the individual budgets scene including the experience of pilot areas, the learning that came from them and how the model is rolling out further. We will hear from some practitioners talking from experience and run through what the implications could be for funders – because of the impact on funded groups - and factors specific to London.

Same day, from 2 – 4.30 pm (preceded by lunch)

Consultation session for funders on London Councils' commissioning process for 2011-15.

Look out for notices of our first meeting in 2010 on **climate change**.

Project group meetings

Olympics/Paralympics

Tuesday, 10 November, 10 am – 12 noon at London Funders

Radha Balani will talk about the Football Foundation's work in relation to the Olympic Games and its legacy and lead into information sharing by other funders about their work's inter-relationship with Olympics activity and planning.

Good Practice in Grantmaking

Wednesday, 18 November, 3-5 pm at London Funders

We invited Miia Chambers from London Borough of Camden to hear about the developments to move commissioning and monitoring towards outcomes. We also hope to hear from the Harrow's experiences in opening up their supply chain to VCS organisations.

Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Development

Monday, 30 November, 2-4 pm at London Funders

Two speakers in particular: Andrew Little will update the group on the development of Inclusion London, the new second tier association of deaf and disability groups. Jill Walsh of Capacitybuilders London Region will look at the impact of Capacitybuilders' support in London and especially at the take-up of recent recession-responsive funding.

Research and Evaluation

Monday, 7 December, 2-4 pm at London Funders

The group has been reviewing its aims and this meeting will analyse the results of its own survey of group members and do some strategising about plans for the next year or so. The meeting will also include an opportunity to hear about the Greater London Authority's Project Oracle from Ruth Child and discuss a presentation by Craig Tomlinson of BBC Children in Need on thematic reviews.

Member news

bassac annual conference

3-4 March 2010

With cuts in public spending and people feeling the pinch, councillors, communities and local authorities must find new ways of working together.

This conference will explore how local politics can become more people powered and they want to hear ideas about how this could be done and about experience of innovative partnerships.

For the list of speakers, workshops and debates, go to the [bassac website](#).

Big Lottery Fund

The Fund has confirmed a new **round of grants**, naming 40 successful applicants to receive a total of £10.9 million from its Reaching Communities programme, which awards five-year funding of between £10,000 and £500,000 to projects that help vulnerable and socially excluded people. Awards are made monthly and a total of £80 million is being distributed in 2009-10. Of applicants in this latest round, 32% were successful (compared with 35% last year).

They have also published (September 2009) a further – and final – summary of evaluation of the **New Opportunities for PE and Sport (NOPES)** programme, the £750.75 million investment in outdoor activity centres and school facilities which aimed to improve physical education and sport in schools and achieve better access to facilities for local people to encourage more involvement in sport and a wider range of activities. This fairly brief report sums up six years of evidence and demonstrates positive impact on schools and their interaction with their communities. There are also spin-off good practice guides on developing community use and improving the quality of PE.

[Click here to download the report](#)

Capacitybuilders

Stephen Dunmore takes on the position of chair on an interim basis after Chris Pond resigned. Dunmore, who was chief executive of the Big Lottery Fund from 2004 to 2008, had been a board member at Capacitybuilders since August last year. Capacitybuilders will start searching for a permanent chair in the New Year.

"I look forward to working with the Capacitybuilders staff and board and the sector as a whole, at a time when the ability to access high-quality support and advice is more important than ever to those working in the third sector," said Dunmore.

Capital Community Foundation

The Foundation has just published its informative Annual Report for 2008-9, with lots of examples of their funds and grants, and case studies of donors. [Click here to access the document](#)

The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund

True to its commitment to create lasting change, the Fund has published a new textbook for health and social care professionals which will greatly improve and increase access to care for children with life-limiting illnesses in Africa. The book provides practical action and guidance, showing what can be achieved in every day practice in this demanding environment and has lessons applicable to other resource-poor settings.

Children's Palliative Care in Africa, editor Dr Justin Amery, is published by Oxford University Press and funded by The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. Copies for purchase from [Oxford University Press](#) or for download from the [International Children's Palliative Care Network's website](#).

In External news we also include a report on the Corston Coalition of which The Fund is a member.

London Borough of Tower Hamlets



Child Poverty Beacon Open Day

Tower Hamlets is one of three local authorities awarded beacon status this year for preventing and tackling child poverty. This event is an opportunity to share ideas and approaches to tackling child poverty across local authorities and Local Strategic Partnerships.

Wednesday, 25 November 2009

9.30 am - 4.00 pm

Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, London E1

For more information contact: [Layla Richards](mailto:Layla.Richards@towerhamlets.gov.uk), 020 7364 2364

London Councils

Access to the **European Social Fund (ESF)**

Funding available to help more Londoners find work and training during the economic downturn is being matched by London Councils' Grants Committee. £70,000 from London Councils matches the £70,000 already agreed by ESF to help boost employment in London during the recession. London Councils has a history of matching money awarded by ESF in order to double the funds available for improving employment opportunities. £2 million has previously been identified as a firm ESF commitment for 2010-12.

The expectation is that this will fund around 30 projects for two years. The deadline for applications is 12 noon, 2 November 2009, for work starting in April 2010.

[Click here for more information on how to apply for funding](#)

There is further development of London Councils' informative **grants website**, with case studies from a range of organisations funded by its £28 million voluntary sector grants scheme. The website also includes a directory of the work being funded, with contact details, events listings and the latest news from funded groups.

For further information [Visit the grants website](#) or [visit the online directory of funded groups](#) or contact [Clare Kiely](#), policy and grants manager

Future commissioning priorities: London Councils' current commissioning programme reflects priorities agreed for 2007-11 and they are starting to develop priorities for the prospective 2011-15 programme, the early stages of which involve consultation on scoping options for potential services. A number of meetings and events are planned which will enable them to engage with as wide a range of stakeholders as possible.

To book a place at one of these events, visit the [Grants pages of the London Councils website](#) and see page 4 of this e-bulletin for an invitation to a special consultation for funders.



London Development Agency

The Mayor, in association with the boroughs, has announced ten low carbon zones in London: Barking Town Centre (Barking and Dagenham), Muswell Hill (Haringey), Archway (Islington), Brixton (Lambeth), Lewisham Town Centre (Lewisham), Wandle Valley (Merton), Ham and Petersham (Richmond), Peckham (Southwark), Hackbridge (Sutton) and Queen's Park (Westminster).

Each of these boroughs will receive at least £200,000 to pioneer "energy-busting" measures in these zones to pilot how to make London a low carbon city, increasing "green collar" jobs and becoming more energy efficient. These zones will use a wide range of measures to help people cut carbon and reduce the emissions of some of London's older buildings, which have generally been more difficult to make energy efficient.

The zones have a target to deliver 20.12% of carbon emissions savings by 2012 and are bringing together local authorities, community organisations, residents, businesses and utilities to work in partnership, involving residential properties, shops and businesses, schools as well as a hospital, places of worship and community centres. The Low Carbon Zones will be funded by the London Development Agency's budget for climate change activities.

The Mayor has pledged to cut emissions in London by 60 per cent by 2025 and these zones will start to show how this can be achieved using existing and new technologies, helping to establish the capital as a leading low carbon city.

We have picked out a few examples of the measures to be implemented, to give a flavour of the programme:

Barking Town Centre

- Low cost offers of insulation and heating to low income households.

Muswell Hill

- Working with a major local retailer to use their roof space to install photovoltaic panels which can then be used to power local homes and save residents money.

Archway

- “Energy doctors” will offer residents an audit to help make their homes more energy efficient and an apprenticeship scheme will train local residents as energy doctors.

Brixton

- Low carbon heating will be supplied to residents from Kings College Hospital.

Peckham

- Securing private investment to help upgrade heating systems in flats to communal heating systems and provide heat metering.

Hackbridge

- Looking at new ways of supplying heat efficiently to older homes using decentralised energy, only used previously in the UK on larger buildings.

Queen’s Park

- Working with energy suppliers to upgrade heating systems on local estates to combined heat and power.

London Probation

We are delighted to share an update that will inform other funders of the role Probation fulfils as a funder. Over the last year, London Probation has made significant investment in the voluntary and community sector, including funding grants for services to reduce the short-term prison population as part of the *Impact Programme*. The range of projects include accommodation and resettlement support for young adult offenders, training courses for female offenders, black self-development programmes, work placements, employment support and practical healthcare. Additionally, London Probation has awarded partnership contracts to the value of £4.9 million, for the provision of services to support the rehabilitation of offenders, including mental health services, drug and alcohol provision, information, advice and guidance and mentoring.

For more information contact [Clare Craigie](#)

Rosa UK

Dinah Cox is leaving Rosa, the UK women’s fund, to pursue other opportunities in strategic development, grantmaking and social policy. Jackie Mendoza is joining Rosa’s staff as Development Director.

For further information contact [Ann-Sophie Morrisette](#)

UnLtd

UnLtd, the foundation for social entrepreneurs, has a new Director of Programmes and Operations. Victoria Anderson will lead UnLtd’s work in London and the south of England, and head its programmes supporting young people as social entrepreneurs. She will also lead their work to ensure the quality of support to 1000 people annually who start up a social venture with resources from UnLtd.

Victoria joins UnLtd from Charities Aid Foundation where she led their advisory and consulting services, designing and supporting the giving programmes of corporate, non profit and individual donors and she has lots of experience as a grantmaker herself.

Young Foundation

The application deadline for funding from the Foundation’s Learning Launchpad is 24 November and other funders may be interested to help publicise it. This fund is delivered by the Young Foundation in partnership with Edge to enable young people, whatever their background, to achieve their potential. The fund focuses on

organisations that promote practical learning for young people. Early stage organisations can apply to the fund for financial investment and business support – investment up to £30,000.

Projects in the fund's portfolio include a new type of school (Studio Schools), an inner-city talent development programme (Arrival Education) and a social learning network that has been dubbed "the eBay of learning" (School of Everything). Learning Launchpad is interested in finding and supporting innovative ideas that have the potential to transform the way young people learn, and which are sustainable without grant support.

For more details visit the website www.learninglaunchpad.org.

External news

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland is suspending its grantmaking activities following the announcement that Lloyds Banking Group, which funds the Foundation with an agreed 1% share of profits, will make no money this year. The Foundation will honour existing funding agreements, including multi-year awards, and will make final awards in December as planned. Meanwhile hundreds of Scottish voluntary organisations are fearful about the loss of this important grantmaker.

Negotiations over funding between Lloyds Banking Group and the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland have so far failed. The banking group has offered the foundation almost £25 million in funding over the next four years but with conditions which the Foundation has so far refused: that there be a permanent reduction to 0.5% as their share of profits, greater control by the banking group over where grants are made, and the appointment of its employees to the foundation's board.

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland is one of four foundations in the UK that receives a share of 1% of the Lloyds Banking Group's pre-tax profits each year. The other three, England and Wales, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands foundations, are still in talks with the bank over the deal.

Grantmakers advocate for women in the criminal justice system

A report by Baroness Jean Corston of a review of women with particular vulnerabilities in the criminal justice system outlined the need for a radically different, visibly-led, strategic, proportionate, holistic, woman-centred, integrated approach. The Corston Independent Funders' Coalition is an alliance of 19 charitable grantmakers which aims to increase public and political support for preventative and non-custodial strategies for women offenders, and get political commitment and sustainable funding for the full implementation of the Corston reforms.

Samantha Rennie, Head of Partnerships, The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund says that her Fund "is pleased to be involved in this innovative collaboration. Our aim is that by joining forces and outlining our concerns with a single voice, we will secure vital improvements in the treatment of vulnerable women offenders."

The Coalition has appointed Antonia Bance as its advocate and spokesperson.

For more information, see www.corstoncoalition.org.uk or contact [Antonia Bance](#)

London Voluntary Service Council

LVSC has moved to more central, accessible and affordable office premises in Old Street. E-mail addresses will not change but LVSC has new telephone numbers.

The new office address is:

LVSC
4th Floor, Shelter
88 Old Street
London EC1V 9HU

[Click here for more information, map and new telephone numbers](#)

Community Foundation Network

CFN has moved to new premises in City Road.

The new office address is:

Community Foundation Network
12 Angel Gate, 320-326 City Road
London EC1V 2PT

For further information see www.communityfoundations.org.uk



How climate change will affect communities

In June DEFRA launched the latest UK Climate Projections. These include state of the art tools which give a picture of what things might be like in specific communities in future, in terms of the rainfall and temperatures we can expect. Free training in the UK Climate Projections tools is available. These tools are now online and accessible. "Projections in Practice" (PIP) events are taking place around the country between September and November.

See <http://blogs.defra.gov.uk/3rd-sector/tag/climate-projections/>.

Giving advice: a guide for philanthropy advisors

Philanthropy UK has launched a new resource for private client advisors to help them support their clients' philanthropic aims. It has been developed in partnership with the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) and offers essential information in one place, with signposts to more detailed information and other helpful resources. The new website is www.givingadvice.org.uk.

There are many people who can give advice on philanthropy as part of their work – they can be private bankers, wealth managers, trust and estate lawyers, accountants, trust and family office managers, financial planners, and family business consultants. This website should support their confidence in encouraging clients to think about charitable giving and investment in the broader third sector and its concerns.

The guide covers:

- Why talk to clients about philanthropy: it busts some popular myths about philanthropy advisory, and offers food for thought.
- Asking the giving question: to help get the ball rolling.
- Giving philanthropic advice: a guide to the key elements of effective philanthropy advice.
- Advisors' framework for effective giving offers a process through which advisors can guide clients to develop a bespoke giving strategy.

For more information about ***Giving advice: a guide for philanthropy advisors***, please contact:

Susan Mackenzie: Director, Philanthropy UK, susan@philanthropyuk.org, 07778 553300

Scott Devine: Policy and Communications, STEP, scottdevine@step.org, 07879 471569

Volunteering to earn faster citizenship

The Borders, Immigration and Citizenship Act 2009 has among other measures introduced plans to create a fast track to citizenship for migrants if they undertake voluntary work (to cut the waiting time down from three years to one after a migrant has been resident in the UK for five years). Greater London Volunteering (GLV), along with key agencies that make substantial use of volunteers, has put together a briefing paper and launched a campaign to raise concerns over many aspects of this legislation but especially the administrative burden it will place on voluntary organisations and the confusion it could cause over the definition of volunteering. They make points about the different circumstances of migrants which may impede some taking up voluntary work and thus create inequality (these could include family and caring responsibilities and also cultural issues eg for women from certain communities).

They strongly make points about the intrinsic value of volunteering for everyone including refugees and migrants but that this cannot be based on coercion or penalties. They are "not convinced that there are the appropriate resources, planning and schedule behind the implementation of this proposal" and they ask for urgent attention to it. See their [website](#) for further information.



London's commercial sector and carbon

The Better Buildings Partnership has produced a toolkit for green leases to enable owners and occupiers of commercial buildings to work together to reduce the environmental impact of their buildings. The Better Buildings Partnership (BBP) is a collaboration of London's leading commercial property owners and allied organisations, supported by the Mayor of London and the London Development Agency. It aims to develop solutions to improve the sustainability of London's existing commercial building stock and achieve substantial CO₂ savings in support of the Mayor's target of 60% by 2025.

See <http://www.betterbuildingspartnership.co.uk>

An association for Community Interest Companies

CICs around the UK are being invited to participate in an association which is itself a CIC, and which has been established to represent their interests. The Association has set up a website which it hopes will allow community interest companies to learn from each other, share resources and build consortia. It will also lobby on behalf of CICs.

After about four years, since the model was introduced, there are some 3,200 CICs and so far 100 have joined the new organisation.

The CIC Association CIC's registered address is:

CIC Association CIC

c/o Bates Wells & Braithwaite

2-6 Cannon Street

London EC4M 6YH

Tel 0203 262 3044 or email john@bicassociation.org.uk

UnLtdWorld

UnLtdWorld is an online community platform for anyone interested in the third sector. So far 13,000 people (40% of them in London) have registered, the highest proportion using the links to look for ideas on access to funding.

UnLtdWorld hopes that funders will see joining the site as an addition to their effectiveness in communicating with social entrepreneurs and small charities on the site. For more information: <http://unltdworld.com/pages/info.php?select=about> and to register: <http://unltdworld.com/pages/signup.php?>

UnLtdWorld can also offer to build and maintain private online communities on the website of any social enterprise or funder, from online application forms, through to networking, promotional tools and personalised support services for beneficiaries and live evaluation on the growth and impact of the projects supported.

For more information: <http://unltdworld.com/pages/meta.php?select=whitelabel> or talk to [Dan Lehner](#)

New support for social enterprise

The Office of the Third Sector has contributed £5 million and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation £750,000 to Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund for investment in "scalable" social enterprises. The fund is open for further investment. For more information visit [the Bridges Ventures website](#).

Campbell Robb leaving Office of the Third Sector

Campbell Robb is leaving the OTS where he has been director general since 2006, to become chief executive of Shelter (from next January). The Cabinet Office will make an announcement on his replacement in the near future: the post holder will also lead the Social Exclusion Task Force.



Commission for a Sustainable London 2012

The Commission relates to strategy and practice in relation to the London 2012 programme and its legacy. It examines advance plans and brings key parties into conversation with one another. It identifies good practice and areas for improvement, assesses risks and makes recommendations to the Olympic Board, eg on whether the Olympic Park is on track to meet its carbon and energy targets. The Commission is currently looking at the Health Legacy of 2012. www.cslondon.org, info@cslondon.org, 020 7593 8664

Responsible Finance Coalition

The Community Development Finance Association convened a meeting in July which discussed ways of getting banks to do more for local, and especially financially excluded, communities. The Responsible Finance Coalition has emerged as a broad alliance of third sector and community organisations with a shared interest in ensuring that fair and affordable finance is available to all, including disadvantaged and underserved, communities. They are calling upon Government to intervene in order to secure access to finance and credit for everyone.

The proposed Community Reinvestment Programme stops short, at present, of asking for a Community Reinvestment Act on the US model – even though this has made a considerable difference to bank lending practice by asking banking regulators to require changed practice as a way of limiting “red-lining”.

The aims of the UK campaign are to improve financial market transparency and disclosure: to ensure fair and equitable access to affordable finance and credit, and to combat financial exclusion it is necessary for banks and other lenders to disclose details of their activities – including in low income communities. The campaign wants to see a limit to the way poorer communities (both geographic and demographic) are deprived of access to financial services. They want Government to place financial institutions under an obligation to ensure that they each play their full part in making sure services are available to all communities and groups.

British banks operating in the US already observe the US Community Reinvestment Act and ways could be found short of that level of legislation to encourage banks to expand their own services to low income communities – or by entering into partnerships with others such as credit unions, community development finance institutions, or housing associations and local authorities.

The services that financial institutions provide must be affordable and should not exploit the urgent need for money that many low income households have. The campaign also addresses the need for an upper limit on the charges that can be made for credit and a requirement that lenders act responsibly once they know that people are in financial difficulties, for example as a result of unemployment.

There is much more in the Campaign. For more information contact h.glavan@cdfa.org.uk

Research and consultations

Shaping the Future of Care

On 14 July the Government launched the Green Paper, Shaping the Future of Care Together, suggesting ways the care system can be improved. The consultation will run until 13 November 2009.

Click here to [visit the Care and Support website](#)

Click here to [register for the series of local events](#)

Publications and resources

Greater London Authority

The GLA has published proposed **strategies** on transport and economic development as well as the London Plan. There's a section of the GLA website to help keep up to date with London Assembly scrutiny of these and other Mayoral Strategies: <http://www.london.gov.uk/assembly/scrutiny/strategies.jsp>

Among many recent GLA **publications**, those which may be of most immediate interest to funders are:

- [The Mayor's Equality Framework: Equal Life Chances for All Equalities Framework Evaluation](#) and
- [The State of Equality in London Report 2008](#)
- A report on the views of deaf and disabled people and their families [Final Report for Mayor of London's Office - My London Survey](#)
- [Second update on Economic Recovery Action Plan](#)
- The Outer London Commission has reported its findings in an [Interim report](#)

A fairer London: the 2009 Living Wage

Following the Mayor's announcement earlier in the year that the London Living Wage would increase to £7.60 per hour, Greater London Economics has published this report on progress in implementing it. There are 29 organisations publicly committed to it across London, including eight in the public sector and 12 in the private sector. The report says that this minimum wage level will be implemented in the GLA Group as contracts allow.

To monitor the effectiveness of the overall policy, the GLA has commissioned additional research, the results of which are to be published later this year, to determine the direct benefits to employers of paying a Living Wage to their staff. The report covers this, along with methods for calculating a Living Wage in London

The report draws on data from the Annual Population Survey for 2007. Headline figures:

- Full time employees in London: almost 85% in London receive more than the Living Wage. Of the remaining 15%, about 5% receive wages below Living Wage levels but above the poverty threshold wage of £6.65 per hour. The remaining 10% receive wages that are below the poverty threshold wage.
- Part-time workers in London: 53% receive more than the Living Wage. Of the remaining 47%, around 10% receive less than the Living Wage but more than the poverty threshold wage. 37% receive less than the poverty threshold wage.
- Thus, in terms of formal, recorded employment around one in seven of all employees in London (15%) receives less than the poverty threshold wage and one in five receives less than the £7.60 Living Wage.

[Click here to read the report](#)

Good Deals 2009: the Social Investment Almanack

This first Almanack was launched by third sector minister Angela Smith at a City of London conference on social investment in mid-September. It has been published by Social Enterprise magazine and supported by the Office of the Third Sector and NESTA.

It is a collection of short "think pieces" and case studies and is a good introduction to the breadth of activities that come under the heading of social investment, along with the main institutions involved in the UK scene and the range of investment models that have been developed.

[Click here to download the document](#)

The State and the Voluntary Sector: Recent trends in government funding and public sector delivery



NCVO's guide to the statutory funding environment and how it has rapidly expanded for the voluntary sector with the opening up of public service delivery to tendering processes. It is aimed at policy-makers and voluntary sector leaders and covers:

- statistics on government funding and public service delivery by the voluntary sector
- analysis of various themes, including grants and contracts, social enterprise, and expenditure by central government departments
- charts and tables showing trends.

Written by Jenny Clark, Joy Dobbs, David Kane and Karl Wilding

Cost: £25 (£17.50 NCVO Members), or

[Download the report](#)

[Download charts and tables](#)

Voluntary Sector Review



This is the planned new journal of Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN), for the publication of peer-reviewed papers on third sector research, policy and practice. *Voluntary Sector Review* will cover voluntary sector studies from a variety of disciplines, including sociology, social policy, politics, psychology, economics, business studies, social anthropology, philosophy and ethics. The journal will include work from the UK and Europe, and beyond.

Voluntary Sector Review will be available in print and online, with three issues a year (March, July and November), starting in March 2010. Among those involved are: Editor: Peter Halfpenny (University of Manchester); Assistant Editors: Pete Alcock (University of Birmingham) and Cathy Pharaoh (Cass Business School, City University, London).

VSSN members will receive the journal automatically and see the VSSN website for subscription information for non-members: www.vssn.org.uk. The 2010 issues will be available free of charge to institutions in 2010: sign up [here](#) for a free trial subscription.

For further information, or to submit a paper, contact VSReditor@vssn.org.uk.

London Volunteer Health Check: all fit for 2012

A report for the London Development Agency by the Institute for Volunteering Research with Greater London Volunteering (GLV). The Olympics have sparked a new interest in volunteering among the public and local government but there are significant barriers to participation. Questions have also been raised about the capacity of the existing infrastructure to develop volunteering to its full potential and more specifically to meet the requirements of 2012. The study was commissioned to provide evidence on the nature of volunteering in London, the provision of support for volunteers and the capacity of local volunteering infrastructure.

[Click here to download the publication](#)

Kerry Tweed of GLV has sent some comments about the reach of volunteer centres in London: 656 workers and volunteers are supporting 45,000 volunteers and over 9,000 groups; and 27% of potential volunteers identify themselves as unemployed, whilst a further 27% are students. There is much discussion at present about how to manage expectations of volunteering as a pathway to employment.

Third sector strategy and action plan: intentions into action

A report from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) on how it plans to work with the third sector in support for children and families, including special needs, children in care, etc, within the framework of Every Child Matters. It builds on the third sector strategy that was published in 2007 by the then Department for Education and Skills and takes account of current pressures both on voluntary and community organisations on children, young people and families.

For more information see their [website](#)

[Click here to download the report](#)

Social Impact Bonds (SIBs), an idea from Social Finance Ltd

This is a proposed new financial mechanism that offers investors a financial return based on successful social impact. The basis of the SIBs is that the government should use a proportion of the savings made from improved social outcomes to reward non-government investors who fund early intervention activities, specifically about cutting reoffending rates among ex-prisoners.

The report is available on the [Social Finance website](#)

Getting more for less

A report for Demos by Jamie Bartlett, which offers advice on achieving economies effectively in the public sector, avoiding false economy which gives rise to poorer services or less reach into disadvantaged communities - solving problems, getting changes right first time. Lively examples and attention to feasibility and the capacity of public services to change.

[Click here to download the document](#)

Responding to recession: an innovation & good practice guide

As boroughs increasingly work with and across different sectors, the evidence for what works is being shared more and more. For example, councils' Policy Officers' Network, supported by Capital Ambition, is a forum for senior policy practitioners to share knowledge and deepen understanding of the effects of recession and the effectiveness of policy responses.

The network has produced a booklet: *Responding to recession*, to share examples of current activities more widely and provide inspiration for others especially in showing how valuable local action can be, even in tackling a recession that was global in origin.

See the booklet [here](#).

Recruitment

Heritage Lottery Fund: Grants Officer, London



This is a full time and permanent post which has the salary range £24,120 - £27,208 per annum.

Closing date: Friday, 30 October 2009

Interviews: week beginning 16 November 2009

For more details and the job description visit their website www.hlf.org.uk

Transform Newham

They are looking for a **volunteer editor** to spread the word about their aims and activity in East London. This is a Christian organisation. They would like to find someone who can help with editorial policy for their magazine to make it more accessible and keep its content balanced and interesting for adults and children, and perhaps develop themes for each issue, also commissioning articles. They also want to feed more material in to their website, so the editor would work with others to develop the website and other communications strategies (eg using VoIP technology like Skype and social networking tools). There is plenty of scope for the role to develop into working on media strategy very broadly.

External events and training

Power Play

23 October, 4.30 – 6 pm

London Living Room, City Hall

A film that looks at offending and what issues may contribute, and also what may be needed to help those at risk and to provide an opportunity for young people rarely consulted to speak out. The young people making up the GLA's Peer Outreach Team and Bromley youth offending team have worked with young offenders to create this documentary about the issue of power: where it lies, what makes someone powerful or powerless, their relationship with the police, youth offending, looking at opportunities and how all young people could contribute to their communities and society.

The project gave the young people, including the young offenders from Bromley, the chance to interview the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, and the London Ambassador for Youth, James Cleverly (and he will be there for the screening).

At the event there will be a chance to talk about the project and the young people's experience of making the film. They warmly invite anyone interested but will be especially keen to discuss this work with policy makers and people running key services tackling youth crime/violence and anti-social behaviour. They also encourage any adult coming to bring some young people too.

To attend or to find out more contact rebecca.palmer@london.gov.uk

www.london.gov.uk/young-london

www.london.gov.uk/mayor/children

Race and Recession: Be Part of the Solution



27 October, 10 am to 4 pm at Rich Mix,
Fees range from £60 to £150.

This is the national BME third sector networking and learning conference, co-hosted by [Voice4Change](#) England and Black Training and Enterprise Group (BTEG) in association with NAVCA.

The conference will examine the impact of the recession on BME third sector organisations and the communities they work with. It will look at how these organisations are important in tackling deprivation during the recession and consider how they can be supported in meeting the needs of all in our diverse society.

Click [here](#) to view the conference flyer or click [here](#) to complete the online booking form.

Mind the Gap: how can the third sector survive through tough times?

London Advice Services Alliance event as part of its 25th anniversary celebration
Wednesday, 4 November, 6 – 8 pm
Mayer Brown, Bishopsgate

Exploring best practice for third sector organisations during the recession. Speakers and panel discussion. Speakers include Neil Cleeveley, NAVCA; Stephen Hawkins, Age Concern Hounslow; Gaynor Humphreys, London Funders.

For more information and to book: Jo O'Rourke, events@keynoteconsulting.co.uk, 01273 326 165

London Voluntary Service Council annual conference

Save the date: details to follow
24 November 2009

The event will include the launch of LVSC's new vision, mission and strategic objectives. Angela Smith, Minister for the Third Sector, will be guest of honour and present the 2009 London Compact Awards. A programme and booking form will be sent out soon and will be available on their [website](#).

Introduction to social enterprise and legal structures



7 December, 10 am – 4 pm
The British Library Business & IP Centre
Organised by Red Ochre

The day will look at what social enterprise is and what makes a social entrepreneur. It is aimed at anyone starting to establish a social enterprise and looking for a clear understanding of the concept, including an introduction to the different legal structures available to social enterprise and become familiar with the management, governance and funding aspects of each.

£50 including VAT.
To book a place e-mail anna@redochre.org.uk