

## WELCOME!

Welcome to the first edition of the East London CVS Networks [ELN] E-News.



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### CAPACITYBUILDERS & CHANGEUP NEWS

#### ***PLANS PLANS PLANS!***

Hackney CVS was the venue for the CapacityBuilders briefing 'How to Write Your Plans'. If you were unable to attend **[CLICK HERE](#)** to take a look at the CapacityBuilders website where you can find some useful guidance that will stop you from tearing your hair out!

The first draft of the East London ChangeUp Partnerships plan has been written and has been sent to a wide range of partner organisations. If you have not yet received a copy of this draft document please contact: **[josephine.mason@elcvsnetwork.org.uk](mailto:josephine.mason@elcvsnetwork.org.uk)**

Please take the time to read through as your comments are valued and will help steer the work of the Partnership over the coming years.

#### ***SUB REGIONAL RESOURCES***

All too often we find ourselves duplicating work that has already been done, but you didn't know about it until it was too late. ELN have compiled a list of mostly free resources produced by members of the East London ChangeUp Partnership. **[CLICK HERE](#)** to take a look.

#### **FUNDING SECURED**

The ELN team has successfully secured continuation funding from London Councils.

The next four years will be exciting and ELN will endeavour to deliver an ambitious work-programme ~ visit our website for further information:

**[www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk](http://www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk)**

### THE OLYMPICS & PARALYMPICS

It's been a few months since the launch of the Third Sector offer on the Olympics back in June. If you haven't had the opportunity to take a look at the offer then **[CLICK HERE](#)** to find out more. Also take the time to sign up to the Big Opportunity Commitment Statement at:

**<http://www.thebigopportunity.org.uk/site/index.php>**

### COMMISSIONING & PROCUREMENT

#### ***TENDERING FOR CONTRACTS TRAINING COURSE***

ELN has been working with Supply London to skill up the sector on Commissioning & Procurement [C&P]. In September Supply London delivered a course on C&P to representatives from borough-based infrastructure organisations working in East London. The course received mixed feedback as some participants felt it should have been tailored more toward the VCS whilst others said the course

*'...was very educative; ... helped me understand the jargon around the tendering process...' '...was a very practical and comprehensive introduction to the subject...'*

front-line organisations at a borough level.

Contact Andrea Chott at the ELN office for more information.

## ELN TOOLKIT

The **ELN Toolkit** to support Trustees to make Strategic Decisions about Delivering Public Services is now available.



For additional information:

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[Toolkit order form](#)

## SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

ELN are working with HCVS to develop & deliver a Sustainability Project with NCVO, an 18 month project which will see the up-skilling of infrastructure staff and the cascading down of information to frontline groups.

For further information contact Kristine Wellington on 020 7923 1962.

## CO-LOCATION TRAINING

The issue of affordable, good quality premises is of concern to most in the sector and the recent Co-location course run by the Ethical Property Foundation in partnership with ELN gave delegates the opportunity to discuss topics such as, what is Co-location?, clarifying a vision and setting up a shared building. Delegates also had a chance to examine different co-location models and discuss some key legal issues.

Striving to keep premises at the forefront of local agendas, ELN will shortly be setting up a premises working group to explore the above and other issues. To be a part of the working group contact Andrea Chott at the ELN offices for further information.

## HR & LEGAL SUPPORT

A flurry of activity has begun across the sub region which will see the up-skilling of staff working in infrastructure organisations in the all important matter of human resource management and related legal issues.

If you are a second tier organisation based in any of the sub regions boroughs contact your local CVS for details: contact details can be found on the ELN website:

[www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk](http://www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk)

## ICT – CIRCUIT RIDER RECRUITED

The East London Sub region will have its first ICT circuit rider in post by mid November 07. Working in one of the sub-regions of three mini hubs, the newly appointed circuit rider hosted by Hackney Voluntary Action (HVA), will work across City, Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets. A part time co-ordinator will work with the remaining two mini hubs [Havering, Barking & Dagenham and Redbridge], [Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham] to secure funding for a further two circuit riders.

Contact Suzana Sheppard on 020 7241 4443 ext 34 for further information.

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