

## ChangeUp East London

The East London Infrastructure Investment & Development Plan has now been submitted to Government Office for London. The key aim of the Plan is to enhance the way support services are delivered to the sector in East London. It was not possible to predict the precise nature of activity beyond 2007 since many of the areas for investment are in an embryonic stage – as is the sector in terms of working together on a sub-regional basis.

The ChangeUp East London Steering Group will now be charged with ensuring that the Plan is implemented. Martin Howie, Chair of the Steering Group says “This Plan forms an appropriate and achievable way forward for the development of the Voluntary and Community Sector in East London”. The Plan is now available on the ELN website.

## Volunteer Centres

Hackney Voluntary Action are taking the lead in developing a sub-regional Network for Volunteer Centres in East London. This will provide a more co-ordinated approach to delivering national and sub-regional objectives. Activities will include mapping existing provision and developing a Volunteering & The Olympics Strategy for East London.

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## Encouraging Diversity in the Sector

ELN is working with MiNet (The BME network for London) and Race on the Agenda to develop a sub-regional Black and Minority Ethnic Network. It is hoped that this will increase the voice for the BME sector and provide a forum for discussing both policy and service development.

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## CRB Checks

Having Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations [HAVCO] is undertaking a piece of work on behalf of ELN to ascertain the level of demand for Criminal Record Bureau checks in East London and whether Voluntary Community Organisations are interested in having this service provided sub-regionally. For more information contact **Lisa Witham**

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## Payroll

Accounting for Community Enterprises [ACE] is doing a piece of work on behalf of ELN to look at how Payroll services are delivered to the sector, whether there are lessons to be learnt from private sector providers, and whether this is a service which could be delivered by a voluntary or community sector organisation across East London.

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### ELN Website provides:

- sector news & events
- training opportunities
- East London initiatives
- links to other agencies working across East London

We hope that it will provide organisations with increased opportunities to participate, network and influence sub-regional planning and policy.

We hope that you find it a useful resource and look forward to receiving your comments and suggestions for development.

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

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## Workforce Development

**Workforce Development: this is an exciting and challenging area of work being undertaken by ELN in conjunction with the TGLP 3rd Sector Steering Group, Skills for Care London, North East London Strategic Health Authority, HAVCO and LVSTC. In every sector there is potential for growth ~ and this is particularly the case for the VCS in East London where the 2012 Olympic Games will be held, and where the Thames Gateway regeneration programme is underway.**

ELN is facilitating the development of a Workforce Development Strategy for the Voluntary and Community Sector in East London. As the first stage we are collecting information about the workforce development needs of Voluntary and Community Organisations in the sub-region.

We need 500 organisations that are willing to take part in the data gathering pilot project.

Please visit the ELN website for further information.

## Local Plans

The local Plans for the East London boroughs have been submitted to Government Office for London.

These are now available on the East London CVS Network website.

## Support for the HR function

Information from East London boroughs suggests that support in this area is generally ad hoc, reactive and uncoordinated. ELN is working with a number of agencies to consider ways of developing a service which ensures that Voluntary and Community Organisations have access to information and resources to share and support a culture of learning and development which will enhance the management and employment practices of organisations working in East London. Good Human Resources support is critical to those VCOs who wish to be in a strong position to pursue procurement, commissioning and funding opportunities in the future. Please contact Alice Wallace at the ELN office for further information.

## ChangeUp page on East London CVS Network website

An area of the East London CVS Network website has been dedicated to the ChangeUp in East London. Visit us at [www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk](http://www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk)

Contents include:

- Terms of Reference for the East London sub-regional steering group
- Minutes of East London sub-regional steering group meetings
- Local & sub-regional progress reports
- Information on the ICT project

## Advance Notice

ELN is planning a conference for infrastructure organisations working within East London to be held May/June 06. This will provide organisations with an opportunity to network, share good practice, look at the support needs of infrastructure organisations and gather ideas and options on issues affecting the sector. Watch this space and [www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk](http://www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk) for more details!

## ICT

ICT pilot projects from all 9 CVSs have been agreed and will begin delivery from November 2005 to March 2006. Projects include:

- ICT technical assistance for small groups
- ChangeUp newsletter and website
- Training and support for smaller groups to develop their own websites
- ICT telephone support service

The ICT Hub has begun recruiting staff and putting several projects out to commission. The ICT Hub is also planning the framework for the Unmet Need Fund of £140,000 and is intending to use this to commission pilot projects being undertaken by local ICT support initiatives which may have national significance. For more see [www.ictconsortium.org.uk](http://www.ictconsortium.org.uk)

The ICT Development project is also currently in the process of drafting a business plan to develop circuit rider projects. Circuit riders are key to our strategy of providing East London's voluntary sector with technical support, sign-posting services and training on strategic planning of ICT.

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## East London CVS Network

The East London CVS Network aims to ensure that the voluntary and community sector has effective representation at a sub-regional level, and that relationships are made with the regional and sub-regional bodies to promote the interests of the 9 CVSs and their members. The Network covers the geographical sub-region of the London boroughs of Barking & Dagenham, Bexley, Greenwich, Hackney, Havering, Lewisham, Newham, Redbridge, and Tower Hamlets.

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