

**WELCOME! –
Happy New Year**

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CHANGEUP

Capacitybuilders launch £5 million capital grants programme to develop third sector resource centres.

Read more on [Capacitybuilders website](#)



East Tenders is a new project that is working to ensure that local people and local business can access high quality, community based, employment and skills services.

As East London's leading consortium of third sector training providers we are developing an innovative range of products and services that will enable your organisation to develop your business, compete for public sector contracts, improve your performance and deliver high quality services that respond to the needs of your community.

Whilst our main area of work is the partnership development and the management of public sector contracts we are committed to exploring innovative ways of supporting a diverse range of training providers.

If you are a provider of training or employment services we want you to join us. If you are interested in finding out more about our work please get in touch.

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East Tenders is supported by the East London CVS Network and funded by Capacity builders.

ELN CD-ROM TOOLKIT

The [ELN Toolkit](#) to support Trustees to make Strategic Decisions about Delivering Public Services is now available on a CD-Rom for you to amend and adapt to suit your local need.

For additional information:

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[Toolkit order form](#)

**NEWHAM MONITORING PROJECT –
FAIR PROJECT**

*Barking & Dagenham, Hackney, Newham,
Redbridge and Tower Hamlets*

The aim of the FAIR Project is to raise awareness in BMER communities and their community groups in East London to tackle race and faith hate crime.

This project aims to provide support to community groups by offering training, information and advice on how to respond to these types of cases.

For further information about the project please contact:

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NOT JUST OLYMPIC CONTRACTS

Launched 2008 the CompeteFor website; the chosen site of London 2012 for the publication of Games-related contract opportunities has seen an increase in the number of non Olympics related contracts being posted on the site. The London Development Agency along with other statutory agencies may in the future use the CompeteFor website to post all their contract opportunities and if you are not registered, you may well miss out on the notification of contracts and some grant programmes.

Currently the site acts as a brokerage service between buyers throughout the London 2012 supply chain, and potential suppliers. However, the success of the site may see it expanding to include contracts from other statutory agencies.

Once registered, CompeteFor provides access to business support services to ensure that businesses and Third Sector organisations can access opportunities linked to the hosting of the London 2012 Games.

Visit their website:
<http://www.competefor.com>

Or

Call them on 0845 2177 804 for further information.

SPORTS VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

Initiated by the East London CVS Network, volunteer centres in Bexley, Greenwich and Lewisham are working in partnership with Pro-Active East London to develop a sports volunteering project. The project will create greater synergy between sports volunteers and the clubs for whom they volunteer by linking them into existing volunteering infrastructure support.

A partnership application has been submitted to Sport England that if successful will see part time workers in each of the three volunteer centres.

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A pilot event held in Greenwich successfully brought sports clubs and volunteer centres from all three boroughs together. Event organiser, Lawrie Baker from Pro Active East London explained '...traditionally sports clubs tend to recruit volunteers from their own circle of friends and families. The services volunteer centres offer will enable sports clubs to recruit from a wider pool of volunteers and give their volunteers a chance to do training and improve their skills....' To find out more about the proposed project email Lawrie Baker at: lawrie@uel.ac.uk.

TELL THE BIG OPPORTUNITY ABOUT IT!



The Big Opportunity 'the voice of the Third Sector; building, inspiring and generating Third Sector activity around the 2012 challenge' is looking for feedback from organisations who have registered on the CompeteFor website – how did you find the process and have you been successful in being awarded a contract? Contact Laura Bennett on el: 0844 856 3420 or email: tbod@glv.org.uk.

TRANSFORMING SOCIAL CARE FREE WORKSHOP

The East London CVS Network and Skills for Care London are working together to increase engagement, participation, awareness and knowledge of specific legislation and implications to the care sector which will affect the third sector in the near future.

We are holding a workshop on **Tuesday 3rd and 24th March 2009**, 9.45 – 12 30 at Discover, 1 Bridge Terrace, Stratford, London E15 4BG.

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- Introduction to transforming the social care agenda – personalisation, direct payments etc
- What does this mean for services currently funded? What practices need to be put in place to adapt to this e.g. implications in terms of budgeting, wider marketing
- Discussion on planning that needs to take place

The audience of this workshop will be **third sector front line service providers**. Please note places are limited to two people per organisation and on a first come first served basis.

For further information about the event and to book a place please click [here](#) or contact Josephine Mason on 020 8519 9500x2 / josephine.mason@elcvsnetwork.org.uk

Upon receipt of an email/ completed form, a location map and confirmation letter will be sent.

For more information about the content of this workshop please contact either Cheryl Gregory (Cheryl.Gregory@skillsforcare.org.uk - 07969 749 642) or Alice Wallace (alice.wallace@elcvsnetwork.org.uk or 020 8519 9500x2).

UPDATES

The London Community Development Steering Group has now merged with the LRC Neighbourhoods sub-group. Please contact billy.d@slcvspartnership.org.uk for further information.

Community Empowerment

The London Empowerment Project is a strategic initiative to encourage effective empowerment of citizens in public services. Visit the **London Civic Forum [website](#)** for more information.

July 2008 saw the unfortunate closure of Community Organisations Forum, [COF] the CVS in Tower Hamlets and as COF hosted the Volunteer Centre, this also sadly closed, drastically reducing the infrastructure support available to the voluntary and community sector and individuals in the borough.

However, ELN are pleased to announce that Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets has now re-opened as an independent company and charity.

Volunteer Centre Tower Hamlets will be performing the 6 core functions of a quality accredited volunteer centre, including brokerage, advice and training for Volunteer Involving Organisations development of new volunteering opportunities, and campaigning on volunteering issues and strategy.

If you would like to find out more about their work, please visit the new website at www.vcth.org.uk or contact them on 020 7377 0956

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