

WELCOME!

Welcome to issue 3 of the East London CVS Network [ELN] E-News.



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East London ChangeUp Partnership

The ChangeUp East London Partnership [ELP] continues to meet bi-monthly. We have good representation from the all borough ChangeUp consortia ~ something we hope to consolidate this coming year.

In the recent Modernisation Grant Awards the following East London projects were awarded funding:

- East Tenders [ELN]
- Getting Ready for Commissioning [Bexley CVS]
- Building Specific Capacity [Hackney CVS]
- Embedding Equalities and Diversity [Barking & Dagenham CVS]

A number of projects are being developed and delivered through the ELP, including:

- ICT support to front-line organisations
- HR support
- Sustainability of 3rd sector organisations. For more information see the ELN website: www.elcvnetwork.org.uk

East Tenders

The East London CVS Network wants to ensure that the 3rd sector can continue to play as full a role as possible in helping East Londoners reach their highest potential through appropriate, high quality education and training. The changing funding environment means that we need to develop new ways of working: East Tenders is our response!

This new organisation will act as contract manager, focussing on training / learning delivery and IAG provision, and will ensure that third sector organisations have the opportunity to work in partnership to make competitive bids to mainstream funders [eg the LSC and LDA].

Earlier this year emails were sent to training providers asking if they were interested in being a part of the consortium. Nearly 70 organisations responded positively.

In May we learnt that we have been successful in attracting money from Capacitybuilders Modernisation Fund to begin developing East Tenders. So watch this space.

For more information, please contact Redbridge CVS:

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Community Development:

ELN has been working with others to develop a more co-ordinated approach to community development.

A new report "Developing the Infrastructure for Community Development Learning and Qualifications in London" has been launched and is now available on the ELN website:

www.elcvnetwork.org.uk/news/archives/resources

ELN is now developing a database of community development practitioners and those interested in community development in East London. If you would like your details to be included, please contact:

josephine.mason@elcvnetwork.org.uk

The London Civic Forum, in its role as regional lead for the national empowerment partnership will be continuing its work around up-dating the community development training directory.

If you are interested in hearing more about this, or have information you would like included, please contact:

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A London Community Development [CD] Network is being organised by a small collective of CD practitioners.

Their aim is to:

- Provide networking and informal peer support
- Enable policy dissemination and critical discussion
- Develop a campaigning capacity to raise the profile of CD

For more information contact:

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New Staff for The Big Opportunity

The Big Opportunity; the voice for the sector on all things Olympics, now has two new workers. Paul Bower recruited as the Big Opportunity Co-ordinator and Laura Bennett as The Big Opportunity Direct Information Officer.

If you would like to contact Paul his details are: tel: 020 8709 9770
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Laura on tel: 020 7247 3675
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ELN Co-ordinator Andrea Chott was also elected as Interim Chair of The Big Opportunity steering group until such time as the review of membership has been undertaken.

Practice Learning Opportunities for social work students

Skills for Care (SfC) are the sector skills council for social work and related social care professions. They are responsible for the improvement of social work through workforce development and have commissioned work to increase the quantity, quality and range of practice learning opportunities available to social work degree students.

SfC are very keen to develop more practice learning opportunities within the voluntary sector as students learn so much by participating in the front line work being done.

A booklet 'A guide to providing practice learning opportunities for social work students' has been written for non statutory organisations to explain the requirements of having a student on placement.

A voluntary sector resource pack for which students can use will also soon be available. This is aimed at enabling social workers in training to understand the nature and history of the voluntary sector and to value the experiences that can be gained from undertaking a work placement in a voluntary sector organisation.

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Thames Gateway Delivery Plan

The Thames Gateway Delivery Plan gives details of the proposed spending programme from 2008–2011 to accelerate regeneration in the Thames Gateway. This report summarises the key messages of the Delivery Plan. Visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/thamesgateway/deliveryplansummary> to download a copy of the Thames Gateway Delivery Plan.

The **ELN Toolkit** to support Trustees to make Strategic Decisions about Delivering Public Services is still available by emailing:

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