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CHANGEUP/CAPACITYBUILDERS

ELN Toolkit – Plan for Success

The £6k Resilience Grant offered to Changeup Consortia by Capacitybuilders spurred a wave of activity at a time when many of us were already busy preparing reports and monitoring forms for the financial year end. However, despite this, across the East London sub region a number of innovative activities and mini projects were delivered that included; recession focused workshops and seminars, surveys to establish the effects of the recession on frontline organisations and capacity building volunteer centre staff to enable them to deal with the influx of professional volunteers who have been made redundant as a result of the recession. For further information please visit http://www.elcvnetwork.org.uk/news/archives/2009/04/post_3.php#

Need help with commissioning and procurement?

NAVCA has published a new leaflet giving more information about their Local Commissioning and Procurement Unit and the services it provides. <http://www.navca.org.uk>

Capacitybuilders

To find out more about Capacitybuilders please follow the links below:

- Capacitybuilders website www.capacitybuilders.org.uk
- Capacitybuilders e-Newsletter
- National Support Services website www.improvingsupport.org.uk
- Hubs Joint Publication Guide

Information about ChangeUp in East London can be found on: <http://www.elcvnetwork.org.uk/change/>

EVENTS

FREE Training – Influencing Planning Decisions in your Borough

If you want to know:

- How to influence planning decisions in your borough
- How the Local Development Framework and Sustainable Community Strategy can be used for your advantage

Then this 1 day **FREE** training event is for you.

Date: Friday **8th May 2009** – All day

For further details please contact Josephine Mason on 020 8519 9500 ext2 / josephine.mason@elcvnetwork.org.uk.

Alternatively, please visit the ELN website to obtain a booking form

Premises Roadshow 2009

An opportunity to meet premises professionals and find out how they can potentially help you and your clients! *Plus* shape the creation of the London Premises Search Engine – a guide to finding answers to third sector premises-related questions.

Date:

Thursday 14th May 2009 – at Stratford Library

Booking:

For further details email eventbooking@dta.org.uk or telephone 020 7336 9432

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- **NAVCA launch recession help WebPages**
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EVENTS

NCVO Conference

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) is holding a **Membership Schemes Conference** on **27 May** at the **NCVO conference suite** in London.

This conference is ideal for anyone involved in running or developing a membership or supporter scheme in the voluntary and community sector. It is ideal for those involved in any part of managing a membership scheme from recruitment and marketing to relationship building and retention. It will cover a range of topics, including effectively managing membership schemes; recruiting, engaging with and retaining members; maximising subscriptions. It will give delegates a wealth of knowledge and fresh ideas to apply to their own organisation.

For more information visit <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/events/latest/?id=13028>

If you are interested in attending this conference then contact Matt on 020 7520 3160 or email marketing@ncvo-vol.org.uk.

Third sector recession summit

The Office of the Third Sector and NCVO will jointly host a second recession summit on 2 June 2009.

For further information please visit:

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/downturn.asp>

A Strong Third Sector through Recession: Maintaining Capacity and Promoting Capability **Thursday 25th June 2009**

The economic downturn has presented a challenging new environment in which the third sector must operate, with the importance of diversifying funding, providing innovative services and collaborating with partners key to surviving and flourishing over the coming year and beyond.

These issues have been recognised by the Government with the recent publication of 'Real Help for Communities: Volunteers, Charities and Social Enterprises', an action plan for the Third Sector.

This Westminster Briefing Conference will give delegates the opportunity to discuss and be informed on the Government's plans for supporting the third sector, as well as investigating the threats and opportunities presented by the economic downturn for third sector service provision and wider funding.

For full details including the event synopsis and agenda with full speaker line up, please visit the Westminster Briefing website <http://www.westminster-briefing.com/?p=724>

If you wish to attend, please book online, alternatively please complete and return (by email or fax) the booking form to Jonathan Fuller on:

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FUNDING

Futurebuilders is helping to create a pilot consortium to help charities compete more effectively with the private sector for major public service contracts. Futurebuilders is looking for partners to join the consortium, which will pilot an approach for pooling expertise and resources for the core services associated with tendering for contracts - such as bid writing, financial modelling, contract negotiation and performance management.

For further information please visit:
<http://digbig.com/4ynsg>

Or

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk>



London Funders, with the help of Capacitybuilders, has set up a "Recession response" website for funders (found at www.londonfunders.org.uk), sharing contextual information and analysis on all the funding sectors, here and abroad, background and technical material on topics raised at this conference, and brief case studies from funders on their recession-related activity (e.g. Sutton Council's Strategic Partner Programme, Kingston's cross-sector meeting on the recession, and Islington's Debt Coalition).

London Funders' project group on Good Practice in Grant making has reviewed all the ideas coming from the day and will be holding meetings to explore some in more depth – beginning with an exploration of what collaboration can achieve in the VCS and what funders need to do to promote and support it (see the website for further detail).

THE VALUE OF OUTCOMES

As oppose to an outputs focus on service delivery, concerned with actual activity undertaken, an outcomes focused approach can help to improve service delivery by focusing on the changes that occur as a result of the activity.

There are increasing external pressures to demonstrate outcomes and with infrastructure organisations having received huge investment in recent years through ChangeUp and the Big Lottery Fund's BASIS programme equating to some £300m+ in total. Such investment brings louder calls for better evidence of the difference made by infrastructure.

In an economic downturn, focusing on the changes that come about as a result of your organisations intervention could prove a more effective yardstick by which potential funders assess your funding application. For further information please visit http://www.elcvnetwork.org.uk/news/archives/2009/04/the_value_of_outcomes.php

LATEST UPDATES

Making the Most of Your Money

The Financial Services Authority is offering third sector organisations free financial education programmes to help you manage your money in the present economic climate.

Presentations are available to groups of a minimum of 20 staff or volunteers and groups share an event if providing sufficient numbers is difficult.

There is also an interactive CD-ROM covering the presentation and a text of the guide.

For further information please contact mike.bailey@fsa.gov.uk

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Government announces £42.5 million action plan to help the sector

In February, the Government published an action plan which sets out the targeted package of support for voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprise, in the current challenging economic climate. Please click [here](#) to download a copy.

NAVCA launch recession help WebPages

NAVCA has launched dedicated WebPages to assist local infrastructure organisations to be better prepared to support their local third sector to avoid the worst aspects of the recession. The pages allow visitors to see how NAVCA is providing recession support, find out how other organisations can help them, get data about how the recession is impacting on the third sector and provides a selection of the best available resources all in one place, making it easy for visitors. The WebPages can be viewed at website:

<http://www.navca.org.uk/recession>

Property Law Club

Are you responsible for your charity's property?

Specially designed to provide up-to-date information for those responsible for managing their property and all the legal requirements relating to acquiring, owning, occupying and disposing of property The Directory of Social Change has launched a new service called the Property Law Club. For further information please visit

http://www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk/news/archives/2009/04/the_property_la.php

Surviving the recession

NCVO guide <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/recessionresources>

The Big Squeeze

LVSC's Big Squeeze campaign needs your support and evidence of the recession's impact to help them persuade funders of London's voluntary sector to maintain their funding during the recession. <http://www.lvsc.org.uk>

The Big Opportunity 2013: Gains from the Games and What Comes After – June 25th 2009

With just over three years to go before London stages the Olympic and Paralympics Games, The Big Opportunity is hosting an interactive conference that will provide an opportunity for voluntary and community sector organisations to gain a deeper understanding of how they can contribute to staging an inspiring and inclusive Games and most importantly, benefit from their legacy.

The conference will cover;

- Community Sport
- Equalities
- Jobs and Training
- Accessible Design
- Culture, PR, Inter-faith work
- Environmental Sustainability
- Legacy

Being held at the prestigious Sadlers Wells on **Thursday June 25th**, there is a booking discount for the first 100 people that register. To book, visit the London Civic Forum website <http://www.londoncivicforum.org.uk/page.asp?sid=22> from which you will be able to download a booking form.

For further information email: events@londoncivicforum.org.uk

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