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WELCOME!

Welcome to the first ELN e-news of 2008. Its been a very busy few months and now we can all breathe a sigh of relief now the ChangeUp Infrastructure Development and Business Plans have been crossed off the 'to do' list. But ChangeUp plans are not the only piece of work the ELN staff team have been concentrating on.

Please read on to find out what is going on and how you can find out more. We always welcome your views so if you would like to comment on any of the short snippets you read, or about how we could improve the e-news, please do contact us.

ChangeUp Plans

Everyone can breathe a sigh of relief now the ChangeUp Infrastructure Development Strategy and Business Plans have been crossed off the 'to do' list. Whilst it may have been somewhat onerous, the Plans will now lay the foundation for the sectors development for the next five years, and if anyone is fortunate enough to secure the £1/£2m their total budget amounted to, please let us know!

Thanks

ELN is extremely grateful to everyone who took the time to read, make comments and contribute to the East London sub regional plans development. The East London ChangeUp Partnership's Infrastructure Development Strategy and Business Plan can now be found on the ELN website. We also hope to have links to all of the sub regions local plans on the ELN website within the next week.

Visit www.elcvsnetwork.org.uk to view the Plans.

Commissioning and Procurement

ELN have been working with Supply London to skill up the sector on Commissioning & Procurement [C&P]. Following the September course aimed at staff from infrastructure organisations, two new courses are now being organised for **April** and **May**.

Taking place at Hackney CVS and Voluntary Action Waltham Forest the courses will be open to third sector organisations across the sub-region who have already undertaken some C&P training and wish to progress to the next level.

For more info contact Andrea Chott.

Accredited Course

ELN is continuing to work with London Councils to develop an accredited course for third sector leads on C&P. For more info contact Alice Wallace.

- Community Development
- ELN Toolkit
- East London CVS Network

Proposed East London 3rd Sector Training Providers Consortium

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. However, because of the changing funding environment we believe that 3rd sector training providers are under threat unless we develop new ways of working. We are therefore looking into the possibility of establishing an East London 3rd Sector Training Providers Consortium.

In order to test the viability of such an approach, we are now keen to find out more about third sector training and education providers across the sub-region: Redbridge, Havering, Barking & Dagenham, Bexley, Greenwich, Lewisham, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, and City.

If you are interested and would like to know more please contact aileen@redbridgecvs.net who will be able to assist you with any enquiries.

2012 Brokerage Portal

CompeteFor is a new website that publishes contract opportunities relating to the site of London 2012. Acting as a brokerage service between buyers throughout the London 2012 supply chain, and potential suppliers, CompeteFor also provides access to business support services; building skills and capacity to enable businesses across London to access opportunities.

For info visit <https://www.competefor.com/london2012/business/login.jsp>

Olympic Opportunities

Businesses and SMEs can now register their interest to be involved in the Olympics. The Business Network is a 'one stop shop' where you can go to find out about the latest Olympic opportunities. For further info visit www.london2012.com

Olympic Enterprise boost for Health Focused BAME Businesses'

Receiving £490,000 funding over three years from the London Development Agency the new scheme 'Enterprise on Track' aims to create 40 new health focused women-led businesses and support 200 more through training, advice and mentoring.

Launched November 6th, the scheme will run across 13 London boroughs which will include half of the sub regions boroughs - Barking and Dagenham, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Newham and Greenwich.

One of 27 employment, training and skills projects across London, Enterprises On Track is receiving funding from the £11 million ('Engaging in London 2012') Opportunities Fund – aimed at ensuring Londoners are able to take advantage of employment opportunities as a result of the 2012 Games.

A three year project led by the NHS Essential Skills Team (part of NHS London), the project will provide support to community based businesses with health themes to enable them to effectively offer products and services in preparation for the 2012 Olympics.

For further info visit the LDA website: www.lda.gov.uk/opportunitiesfund

HR & Legal Support

The East London ChangeUp Partnership is working with Interchange Training to develop a programme of support around HR and legal issues. This ambitious programme of training and development is to support managers in the 3rd sector by addressing skills and knowledge gaps and by exploring how this core service can be provided within the sub-region.

Reaching Out Project – providing advice and skilled volunteers

Reaching Out provides advice and skilled volunteers to black and minority ethnic, refugee and migrant, rural and faith groups. Through Reaching Out, your organisation can gain new skills and progress its aims more effectively.

How does the project work?

You complete a short questionnaire, which helps to identify your needs. They will then provide advice and guidance on your volunteer requirements. Visit <http://www.reach-online.org.uk/projects/reachingout.htm> for more info and read about organisations that have already benefited.

To join the project, send an email to Gerard Omasta-Milsom, Project Manager at: reachingout@reach-online.org.uk or telephone 020 7840 5663. Contact Reaching Out soon - the project is only funded until the end of March 2008.

Reaching Out is funded by Capacitybuilders

ICT Mini Hub Project Goes Live

The ELN e-development project is now underway offering ICT management advice and training to small-to-medium VCOs in City, Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham. Paula Graham the e-development worker hopes to demystify ICT management and develop sensible and sustainable ICT support arrangements for small-to-medium organisations throughout the sector within those boroughs.

ICT Service Models

Research shows that collaboration can significantly lighten the load for small organisations so Paula has started off by liaising with community networks and social enterprise ICT support services to identify appropriate support models and providers to begin the task of building a list of preferred suppliers with clear information about what's on offer and what it costs.

Drop In Service

From next month, there will be regular 'drop in' sessions every Tuesday in the early evening to help 'accidental' techies' (people who find themselves responsible for ICT without having any formal training or experience) improve their ICT management and technical skills.

These will be sociable and relaxed - no-one wants to learn ICT skills in a stressful environment. From these sessions, Paula hopes to build sustainable, mutual-help networks to disseminate best practice, contacts and skills informally among and across existing trust networks. There will also be fact-sheets addressing common tasks and problems.

If you are an 'accidental techie and work in a voluntary sector organisation in the borough listed above you are welcome to email for general advice about managing and funding ICT (e-development@hackneyvoluntaryaction.org.uk) -- Paula will answer as soon as possible but be patient, there's one e-development worker and four boroughs!

Community Development

ELN is working with other agencies across London to develop a more coordinated approach to community development.

For more info contact Alice Wallace; alice.wallace@elcvsnetwork.org.uk / 01708 778060

Get Set Road Shows

The Olympic road shows are a chance for Londoners to find out how the 2012 Games will benefit jobs and skills, culture, sports, businesses and regeneration in the capital.

If you are based in the East London sub region your dates are listed below. Otherwise visit www.london2012.com to find out more.

Greenwich

Saturday 23 February
Woolwich Town Centre - exact location to be confirmed

Lewisham

Sunday 24 February
Downham Health and Leisure Centre, 7-9 Moorside Road,

City of London

Details to be confirmed

Havering

Saturday 8 March
Liberty Shopping Centre

Hackney

Thursday 13 March
Ocean, 270 Mare Street, Hackney E8

ELN TOOLKIT

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



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[Toolkit order form](#)

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