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If you know of information, services or events that would be helpful to emerging or existing social enterprises in West Sussex, or organisations considering developing a social business activity, please let ICIS know (details on page 4) and we will promote them to the sector.

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Social enterprise developments and opportunities

WSSSEN website now live

Website aiming to provide information to social enterprises as well as to those with an interest in social enterprise. Bringing together many different kinds of information, saving you time when looking for news, policy documents, sources of support and other issues related to social enterprise. If you are a social enterprise in West Sussex you can register for free to be included in the Business Directory and fill in the social enterprise survey. For details visit: <http://www.wssen.org.uk>

Community Awards for Social Technology

The Catalyst Awards are looking for inspiring stories of people who help their community by using social technology, especially ideas that others might be able to use themselves. To enter online, visit: <http://www.ukcatalystawards.com>

Governance and Social Enterprise

The Governance Hub and Social Enterprise Coalition's research into the governance needs of social enterprises, carried out by the Open University, has shown that better support and information for social enterprises is needed. Strengthening links with governance advisers and consultants working at local, regional and sectoral levels, and providing them with appropriate training and support was identified as a priority. For the full report visit: http://www.governancehub.org.uk/the_governance_needs_of_social_enterprise.html

Charities Act

The fourth commencement order of the Charities Act 2006 has been launched, bringing changes to accounting and reporting requirements. Under the new procedures, charities will be required by law to produce group accounts where they undertake activities through subsidiaries. For more details visit: <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/spr/charbill.asp#4>

Recognising Social Enterprise

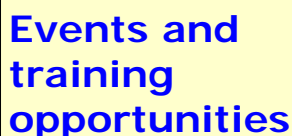
Enterprising Solutions Awards is open for entries from the UK's best and most innovative social enterprises. As well as Best Social Enterprise and Best New Social Enterprise, there is a new Social Enterprise in Schools award. Applications must be received before the 1st July 2008. For details visit: <http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/CMS/page.aspx?SP=2072>

Auditing standards for charities

The Auditing Practices Board has published a consultation draft revision of Practice Note 11, "The Audit of Charities in the United Kingdom". The consultation ends on 10th July 2008. The draft can be downloaded at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/apb/press/pub1585.html>

National Support Services

The nine National Support Services, which have replaced the six hubs of expertise in providing a lead in ChangeUp sector support across England, started running in April. A joint website has been launched to act as a gateway to the various programmes. Visit: <http://www.improvingsupport.org.uk>



**Events and
training
opportunities**

New Horizons: Funding and Finance for the Future 3rd June, Wellcome Centre, London

Sustaining Funding Project's annual gathering, providing delegates with ideas, information and inspiration to make sustainable funding a reality. The day will consist of various presentations, surgeries and workshops, including the opportunity to network. For details visit: <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/SFP08>

Strategic Charity Marketing : meeting need strategically

3rd June, London

Workshop exploring the value of bringing a marketing approach to the whole of your organisation, from service delivery to fundraising, communications and campaigning. For details visit: <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/events/archive/2007/?id=4932>

Sustainable Communities 2008

5th June, London

Highlighting the overarching principles of the Government's vision for sustainable communities. Networking with numerous industry experts, to encourage and develop sustainable communities. For more details visit: <http://www.govnet.co.uk/communities>

Tendering for Success

10th June, Hilton Hotel, Southampton

The event covers: why lower-value tenders are the perfect opportunity to grow your business, how to understand the market, understanding documentation, how you are assessed and key issues you should know. For details visit: <http://www.supply2.gov.uk>

Charity Fair 2008

10th and 11th June, Central Hall Westminster

A range of exhibitions, workshops and masterclasses, offering the opportunity to take a detailed look at key areas of charity practice. Sessions cover: fundraising, finance, regulation and change, management and leadership, personal skills, volunteering and information and communication. To exhibit or attend, visit: <http://www.charityfair.org.uk>



**Business
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Connecting Neighbourhoods

A DC10plus initiative where local government policy makers, the private sector, voluntary and academic stakeholders can collaborate, discuss and produce strategies, ideas, solutions and products which support the concept of connecting neighbourhoods using digital technologies. For details visit: <http://www.connectedneighbourhoods.org.uk>

The Gift of Information

HM Revenue and Customs have produced a Frequently Asked Questions page on Gift Aid transitional relief. Visit: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/faq-transitional-relief.htm>

Everyclick

Everyclick is a social enterprise aiming to use the power of the internet to bring about social change. Any UK charity can use the site to generate additional unrestricted income and increase engagement with their online supporters. Also, companies using everyclick as their preferred search engine will help build their own brand values and enhance Corporate Social Responsibility as everyclick raises money for charity.

Visit: <http://www.everyclick.com>

One-to-one support

National Council for Voluntary Organisations are offering support and advice to help organisations focus on and improve their performance. Initial scoping discussion is free. For more information contact Jake Eliot on 020 7520 2508 or email: jake.eliot@ncvo-vol.org.uk

Enterprising Healthcare Guide

Commissioning toolkit for social enterprises and Primary Care Trusts, providing practical information and advice about procurement processes for social enterprises and commissioning for the third sector for Primary Care Trust commissioners. To view the guide visit: <http://www.sel.org.uk/docs/Toolkit%20pdf.pdf>

Social Investments

A site aiming to "provide current and prospective investors with information on the fast-growing UK social businesses sector". The site also contains: financial information, news and events page, a glossary of terms and links to other social organisations active in the social business sector. For more details visit:

http://www.socialinvestments.com/catalyst_si/index.jsf

Codes of Conduct for Trustees

The Charity Trustee Networks are putting together resources to help management committees develop codes of conduct for trustees that are appropriate for their organisations. It is the CTN's belief that many existing codes of conduct are rarely used, and hopes that these practical guides might address it. To register your suggestions online visit: <http://www.trusteenet.org.uk/news/addressing-tricky-and-sensitive-issues-board>

Updated working standards for fundraisers

The updated National Occupational Standards for Fundraising have been approved and published. These are relevant if raising funds is a role you perform and manage and whether it is the focus or a small part of your working remit. For more details visit: <http://www.ukworkforcehub.org.uk/DisplayPage.asp?pageid=8700>

Ethical Junction

Bringing together businesses and consumers who share commitment to ethical values. Its directory provides access to products and services while 'Pulse', its news forum, is the source of up to date information on events as well as opinions and comment. Visit: <http://www.ethical-junction.org/>

Inspiration by Design

Graphic design company specialising in producing work for charities and the public sector. Dealing with whole creative and marketing process, delivering solutions that raise an organisation's profile. For more details visit: <http://www.inspiration-by-design.co.uk>

European Union Grants Directory

Annual directory available on CD-Rom or online which contains details of over 400 grants available from the European Commission. To purchase a guide visit: <http://www.europeangrants.com/directory.html>

Sources of funding

The Adventure Capital Fund

Providing a tailored investment package to develop and grow local enterprise in deprived areas. Offers post-investment support to all the community enterprises it provides grants to or invests in. Applications are invited from community enterprises in England demonstrating that they serve, or are rooted in, one or more clear communities – of place, interest or identity – and are seeking to use entrepreneurial methods to achieve social goals. For more details visit: <http://www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk>

Myplace

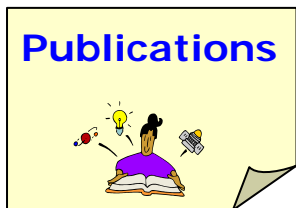
Government programme funding charities and local authorities developing places for young people in the UK eg youth centres. The BIG Lottery Fund is administering the scheme and award grants of between £1 million and £5 million to enable the transformation of local services. Fast track application deadline is 29th July 2008 and the standard deadline is 30th September 2008. Visit: <http://www.digbig.com/4wwts>

Developing social enterprise in health and social care

Second round of the Department of Health's Social Enterprise Investment Fund. It has £11 million capital and £6 million revenue funding available to support the development of social enterprises in health and social care. Submissions are required by 31st July 2008. Alongside this is an 'Innovation for Life Challenge Fund', of up to £100,000 for local health and social care commissioners and their partners which come up with innovative ways of using social enterprise solutions to meet local health and well-being challenges and to tackle health inequalities. For details visit:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Socialenterprise/index.htm>

Publications



A Business Planning Guide to Developing a Social Enterprise

Published by the forth sector, one of the UK's flagship social enterprises. As well as being a business planning tool it contains information about business structures with examples from around the UK to help the sector help itself. To download visit: www.forthsector.org.uk/docs/New_BusPlanGuide.pdf

Volunteering research in small and community organisations

Two pdf documents published by the Institute for Volunteering Research covering a study of leadership within small volunteer-led groups, looking at the challenges associated with their own growth and development and the impact of public policy on volunteering in community-based organisations. To download visit: <http://www.ivr.org.uk/whats-new.htm>

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