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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

Public Service Awards

The Guardian has launched its Public Service Awards falling into three categories: service delivery, innovation and progress and special awards for citizenship and volunteering. Closing date for entries is **17th July**. For more details visit: www.guardian.co.uk/gnm-press-office/press-releases4

Social Enterprise 'Identifier' Project (SEI)

This project plans to outline the values of social enterprise and promote social enterprise to a wider range of audiences. It aims to articulate the principles of the social enterprise movement in clear messages with strong visual continuity. For more information on the background and aims of the project visit:

www.socialenterprise.org.uk/pages/social-enterprise-definitions.html

'Money Matters' Campaign to increase bank community investment

The Community Development Finance Association (CDFA) campaign is seeking public support for a voluntary code designed to encourage banks to increase the provision of financial services in deprived areas. The code would require banks to commit to signposting people they refuse for finance to a community development finance institution. For more details visit:

www.socialenterprisemag.co.uk/sem/news/detail/index.asp?id=981

Compact Awards 2009

Nominations are open for these annual awards which demonstrate the Compact in action, celebrating and recognising excellent partnership working. Closing date for nominations is **21st August**. For details visit:

www.compactawards.org.uk/information/100182/100427/nominations_open_for_this_year_s_compact_awards/

Umbrella bodies urge more community investment

The Development Trusts Association has published a 'Transforming Communities for Good' manifesto which calls for greater use of social clauses in public sector contracts, the provision of relevant business support for community enterprise and reform of the benefits system to introduce a community allowance. For more details visit:

<http://www.dta.org.uk/activities/campaigns/manifesto.htm>

New Government Action Research Programme

Run by Capacitybuilders, this new £750,000 government scheme will identify and promote innovative ways for the third sector to act as a strong voice specifically for the most disadvantaged people in society. The programme will be developed and delivered over two years, with grants and support services available to up to 30 nominated groups. Visit: [www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/detail/Capacitybuilders to manage Governments new Campaigning Programme/99/383.aspx](http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/detail/Capacitybuilders%20to%20manage%20Governments%20new%20Campaigning%20Programme/99/383.aspx)

O₂ X Awards

Annual competition rewarding the best small businesses. There are three categories, with each winner receiving a prize package including £5,000. The categories are: Female entrepreneur of the year, Male entrepreneur of the year and Young entrepreneur of the year. The competition is open to businesses employing up to 50 employees. Deadline for entries is **1st August**. For more details email: o2xawards@o2.com or visit: www.o2-business.com/business/

Tendering and Procurement Practice Qualification

Project Development and Support Limited has launched the first professional qualification for staff in charities and the Third Sector engaged in public sector tendering and procurement. The course is accredited at level 3 by the Open College Network with 6 credits. Bookings are now being taken for courses starting in October 2009. For more information visit: www.tappocn.org.uk

Events and training opportunities

Exploring Current Social Networks and Stewardship 1st-2nd July, London

The Foundation for Social Improvement is holding two training events. The Social Networks event will identify the steps you and your organisation should take to map your networks and suggest research tools to help extend the search for donors.

The Stewardship day will explore the concept of Stewardship and how to build a Stewardship plan. There are only 12 spaces for each event. Training is free, £50 deposit required. For details visit:

www.thefsi.org/component/option,com_jcalpro/Itemid,49/extmode,view/extid,84/

NCVO Summer Marketing Conference 2009 7th July, London

Event for anyone in the voluntary and community sector involved in marketing, communications, media or PR. The day will provide knowledge and methods to engage with existing and new audiences and to help make marketing work better. For more information contact Matt: 020 7520 3160 or email: matt.gilfeather@ncvo-vol.org.uk , or visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/events/latest/?id=13088

Social Firms UK Conference – Sharing the vision: creating jobs & tackling worklessness through social enterprise 13th-14th July, Manchester Metropolitan University

Conference for social enterprises, social firms and service providers who have an interest and active involvement in helping people furthest away from the labour market into

employment, as well as policy makers and statutory agencies wishing to gain more understanding about social enterprises and social firms that create jobs, tackle worklessness and achieve social inclusion. For more details visit: www.socialfirms.co.uk/index.php/Section_182.html

Business Support and Resources

West Sussex EESI Project

Partnership initiative between all the Councils for Voluntary Service in West Sussex. Aims to work towards an effective, efficient, supported and independent voluntary sector, providing a range of support services to local groups. Services include casework advice, funding support, organisation health checks, support and training to committees, financial advice, advice on quality standards and training and networking and partnership opportunities. Visit: www.eesi.org.uk

Advice Service for Charity Property

National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), the Charity Finance Directors' Group and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors have jointly launched a 'Charity Property Help' service which provides registered charities and voluntary organisations with a one-hour consultation with an RICS member firm at no cost, which could cover matters such as property maintenance, environmental issues, lease, renewals and tenancies, and planning issues. For more details visit: www.charitypropertyhelp.com

Free Online Self-assessment Tool

Funded by Capacitybuilders and produced by Cass Business School, this tool will help determine your organisation's strengths and weaknesses in eight key areas, including governance, finance and people, and creates a priority list and report to help identify where support is needed. For more details visit: www.modernisationfund.org.uk

Support for bidding for Future Jobs Fund

Futurebuilders England has created a web page on how it can help third sector organisations bid for Future Jobs Fund contracts with the Department for Work and Pensions. They can help find like-minded groups to work with, provide investment to help with merging, collaborating or establishing consortia costs, and investment to help support preparation and submission of bids for the Future Jobs Fund. For details visit: www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/what-we-offer/products/future-jobs-fund/

Developing a Social Enterprise

Resource pack produced by Birmingham and Solihull Social Economy Consortium to provide guidance and information for those wishing to set up a social enterprise but have little or no experience of business development. The first part of the pack is available to download free from: www.bssec.org.uk/dase.html

www.trusteefinder.org.uk

Website from the Charity Trustee Networks (CTN) for organisations needing new trustees or those wanting to become a trustee. Search for trustee vacancies in the UK or add your own vacancy for free on the CTN's website: www.trusteenet.org.uk

Sources of funding

Future Jobs Fund

Voluntary organisations are encouraged to bid for funding to create jobs from the Future Jobs Fund, announced in the Budget. While the money is targeted at providing those aged 18-24 with jobs for six months, there will also be funding for older people from disadvantaged groups and areas worst hit by unemployment. National sports organisations have pledged to create at least 5,000 jobs through the fund for young

people as sports coaches, swimming and fitness instructors and other leisure posts. Social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies are invited to come forward with their initial ideas for new jobs that benefit the community. See the DWP news release at: www.dwp.gov.uk, or visit: www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund/

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Organisations with an annual income of less than £300,000 can apply for small grants which are available to charitable and not-for-profit organisations that address health and disability, community support, and arts, education and heritage. For details visit: www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

Sport England – innovation fund announced

Fund aimed at supporting ground-breaking projects that will increase sporting opportunities and participation. Local sports clubs, community groups, local authorities and social enterprises can apply for up to £500,000. Application deadline: **10th August**. www.sportengland.org/index/get_funding/how_funding_works.htm

The Social Enterprise Loan Fund (TSELF)

Loans are available for charities and social enterprises that have a charitable purpose for working capital, land, buildings and fixed assets. The fund aims to help organisations that have a social impact, especially those working in disadvantaged communities. For more information contact Sarah-Jane Davis on: 0845 017 9613 or email: sj.davis@tself.org.uk. Visit: www.tself.org.uk

Shell Live Wire Awards

Programme open to 'early trading' and 'start-up' businesses. It is seeking to encourage and support young (16-30 years) innovative entrepreneurs who have been trading for less than six months. For details contact Shell LiveWIRE on: 0845 757 3252 or email: awards2009@shell-livewire.org. Visit: www.shell-livewire.org/awards/

Publications

Social enterprise for public service: how does the third sector deliver?

Recognises that social enterprises are seen as an alternative method to deliver public services, this is a collection of essays which highlights the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for social enterprises. Price: £9.95. To purchase visit:

www.smith-institute.org.uk/publications/social-enterprise-public-service.htm

Improving Support

Website, magazine and e-bulletins which bring together practical resources and information for those providing support to third sector organisations. Funded by Capacitybuilders. Visit www.improvingsupport.org.uk/about

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