

## Social Enterprise e-bulletin

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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

#### Education in Business Award for dizzy!

dizzy was awarded the 'Education in Business Award' at the Chichester Observer Awards Night on 26th March. Jools Chaffer, co-Founder and Director of dizzy says they are amazed to win this and thrilled to highlight the importance of the work they do with the schools and colleges and highlighting diabetes. Congratulations dizzy, Jools and the whole team. For more information about dizzy visit: [www.dizzy.org.uk](http://www.dizzy.org.uk)

#### Social Enterprise Mark competition

Apply for the Social Enterprise Mark by **14<sup>th</sup> May** and you could win £1,000 of free advertising for your social enterprise. Visit: [www.se2partnership.co.uk/news.asp?newsID=123](http://www.se2partnership.co.uk/news.asp?newsID=123)

#### Opportunity to quote for work to support Social Impact Measurement implementation

West Sussex County Council invites quotes for the creation of a Handbook, Methodology and support package for Social Impact Measurement (SIM) implementation under the Interreg IVC People project CIBUS 05. Interviews with shortlisted candidates will take place on 21st May. Proposals involving more than one organisation in the delivery will be considered. Download briefing from: [www.wssen.org.uk/page/procurement/](http://www.wssen.org.uk/page/procurement/). Further information from Ana Fajardo, Economic Development Manager, West Sussex County Council, 01243 777 606. Proposals to [ana.fajardo@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:ana.fajardo@westsussex.gov.uk) by **14<sup>th</sup> May**.

#### 'Shaping our Future'

This is a report of the joint ministerial and third sector task force on climate change, the environment and sustainable development. It sets out how government and third sector organisations can work together over the next five years to tackle key environmental issues. See the official news release at [www.defra.gov.uk/news/2010/100309d.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2010/100309d.htm)

## Sheila McKechnie Foundation Awards

[www.smk.org.uk/smk-awards-2010](http://www.smk.org.uk/smk-awards-2010)

SMK has launched its annual awards programme for emerging and grassroots campaigners. The awards are for individuals who are new to campaigning or operating with few resources and who show passion, tenacity and the potential to create change - locally, nationally or globally. Deadline for applications is **28<sup>th</sup> June**.

### Events and training opportunities

#### Fit4Funding

OCN accredited online course for funding advisers starting in May and September. Aimed at individuals whose work involves advising community and voluntary groups on funding and funding related issues, for example specialist funding advisors, community or umbrella agency workers whose remit includes giving funding advice, or people new to giving funding advice. The courses run over an 8 week period and cost £250 for voluntary sector organisations. To book email [info@fit4funding.org.uk](mailto:info@fit4funding.org.uk) or contact Fit4Funding on 01924 239063 between 10am and 1pm.

#### Skills Audit

Skills Audit is a toolkit for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations. Developed by Ladder4Learning and Voscur this pack was launched in March to encourage smaller groups to use skills audits. It provides tools that can be adapted to meet the needs of your organisation, or the organisation you are working with. You can download the pack from [www.ladder4learning.org.uk/training\\_needs\\_analysis](http://www.ladder4learning.org.uk/training_needs_analysis) or request a copy by emailing [joanne@learningcurve.org.uk](mailto:joanne@learningcurve.org.uk)

#### Training for BME organisations

Voice4Change England (V4CE) and the 'Empowering the Voluntary Sector' project are providing training to help third sector organisations working with black and minority ethnic groups understand the principles and framework of Public Law and the Compact. The training aims to give organisations the skills and knowledge to influence decisions made by public bodies. One-day workshops cover issues such as how to deal with unfair funding cuts and consultation and how to identify that a public body's decision-making processes are lawful. For more information about V4CE (the national policy body representing the BME Third Sector) visit [www.voice4change-england.co.uk](http://www.voice4change-england.co.uk). Email: [ravi@voice4change-england.co.uk](mailto:ravi@voice4change-england.co.uk)

### Business Support and Resources

#### Commissioning guide for public sector funders

The National Audit Office has launched an online guide for councils and health authorities entitled "How to secure value for money through better financial relationships with third sector organisations". The guide could provide useful information for voluntary sector support organisations seeking funding. Visit: [www.nao.org.uk/successfulcommissioning](http://www.nao.org.uk/successfulcommissioning)

#### navcaboodle

[www.navcaboodle.org.uk](http://www.navcaboodle.org.uk)

A social network for third sector organizations and a place for third sector colleagues to network, discuss and share experiences; contact other members, join a group, take part in a discussion, browse or add events to the events calendar, share photos and videos.

#### KnowHow NonProfit podcasts

A series of governance podcast interviews with the Chairs of non-profit organisations. Called 'In the Chair', the podcasts explore how non-profit and charity Chairs are helping their organisations and fellow board members deal with times of crisis and change. To listen to the podcasts visit <http://www.knowhownonprofit.org/leadership/governance/in-the-chair>. KnowHow NonProfit is a new website designed for people working in not-for-profit organisations, packed with practical information and resources covering all kinds of topics from finding funding to strategy planning.

### **Guardian Voluntary Sector Q & A**

A question and answer section on procurement, contracts and grants. Written by a partner and solicitor from Bates Wells and Braithwaite.

[www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/jan/27/charities-qa-procurement-grants-contracts](http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/jan/27/charities-qa-procurement-grants-contracts)

### **People per hour.com**

A free service for employers providing access to a growing list of skilled people such as freelancers, project workers, virtual consultants, administrators and skilled odd jobbers. Ideal for startups and small businesses. Visit: [www.peopleperhour.com](http://www.peopleperhour.com)

### **Review of organisational health checks**

The Charities Evaluation Services (CES) has published a report on the health check tools used by infrastructure organisations. The report looks at the different purposes and designs of 18 tools, at good practice in using them and the benefits of using them. To read the report visit:

[www.ces-vol.org.uk/index.cfm?pg=607](http://www.ces-vol.org.uk/index.cfm?pg=607)

### **Social Enterprise Business Support on Twitter**

The latest news and developments of the Social Enterprise Business Support Programme can now be accessed via Twitter - @SE\_BusinessSupp. The Programme comprises the work managed by the Social Enterprise Coalition in two existing business support projects: the Capacitybuilders funded National Knowledge Management Programme and the Big Lottery (BASIS) funded Investing in Social Enterprise Expansion (I-SEE) Programme. For more information about the Programme visit: <http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/pages/seke.html>

### **UnLtd tools and resources**

[www.unltd.org.uk](http://www.unltd.org.uk)

UnLtd is a charity which supports social entrepreneurs by providing a complete package of funding and support to help these individuals make their ideas a reality. Visit their website for more details about their activities. The site includes a 'Useful Resources and Links' page which contains a list of 'how-to' documents and links to other websites that could be of help to people developing a new project. Find the page at:

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=86&PageName=guardianunlimitedvisionawards-toolsandresources>

## **Sources of funding**

### **Sportsmatch**

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>

Sportsmatch is offering pound for pound match funding of up to £100,000 for running costs and up to £25,000 capital costs to community-based sports projects that benefit young people, disabled people, black and minority ethnic groups or women and girls. Applications can be made at any time.

### **The People's Millions**

[www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/](http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/)

Voluntary and community organisations are eligible to apply for between £20,000 and £50,000 to come up with new ideas to help improve their local area. Winning ideas will be invited to compete for viewers' votes on ITV in November. Closing date: **14<sup>th</sup> May**.

### **Third Sector fund to inspire sustainable living**

Defra is providing seed funding in 2010/11 for third sector organisations to put in place projects designed to encourage and enable individuals and communities to adopt more sustainable behaviours to 2012 and beyond – using the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games as a way of reaching hard to engage groups. Visit:

[www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/funding/thirdsectorsd.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/funding/thirdsectorsd.htm)

## Volunteering Fund for Health and Social Care

A Department of Health fund providing grants and support for third sector organisations working with volunteers in the health and social care field. There are two grant funding schemes, the local one providing up to £35,000 over 3 years. Deadline for the first round of applications is **4<sup>th</sup> May**. Visit: [www.volunteeringfund.com](http://www.volunteeringfund.com)

## Think Big

[www.o2thinkbig.co.uk](http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk)

A new funding scheme from O2 giving 13-25 year olds a chance to apply for a £300 grant to fund projects aimed at addressing local issues identified by the young people themselves.

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## Publications

### 'Enhancing Promotion and Support for Social Enterprise'

This policy document sets out the findings from a piece of work undertaken by the Office of the Third Sector and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) working with the sector to identify ways to enhance existing promotion and support for social enterprise. The government and the third sector have committed to seven actions to improve understanding of signposting to the wide range of business support services available to social enterprise. This work follows the Social Enterprise Summit in May 2009 at which the government committed to working with the third sector. For more information visit: [http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/news/news\\_stories/100315\\_business\\_support\\_social-enterprise.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/100315_business_support_social-enterprise.aspx)

### 'The Handy Guide to Tendering and Procurement'

Published by Tendering for Care, May 2009

A 14 page easy to read book about the law on public sector procurement and on bidding for contracts. Download from <http://www.tenderingforcare.com/news/the-handy-guide-to-tendering-and-procurement>

### 'Do we need ISO?'

Published by NAVCA, 2009

Pamphlet explaining how quality systems and accreditation are scored in the selection or pre-qualification stage of a competitive tender process. Email [lcpu@navca.org.uk](mailto:lcpu@navca.org.uk) for a copy or download from [www.navca.org.uk/publications/iso](http://www.navca.org.uk/publications/iso)



## To go on the mailing list

If you wish to be added to the emailing list or provide copy for a future bulletin, contact Gemma at ICIS on 01903 859928, email: [admin@icis-info4life.org.uk](mailto:admin@icis-info4life.org.uk)

As a West Sussex information provider ICIS links with social enterprise, funding and training and other support for groups and services. ICIS is a social enterprise and works with statutory, voluntary and independent organisations and facilitates access to information supporting independence, health and wellbeing for all in the county.

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