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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

Social Enterprise of the Month

WSSSEN website will be showcasing a social enterprise every month. This month is: **Dizzy : support for diabetes**. Visit: www.wssen.org.uk

Co-operative and Community Finance

Loans are available to co-operatives, community businesses, voluntary sector businesses and social or green businesses who wish to own and democratically control their business. The finance offers business loans and bridging loans against delayed grants, loans on property or business purchase, capital equipment or working capital loans, and loans to replace inappropriate existing finance. For more details contact the Co-operative and Community Finance Head Office, Brunswick Court, Brunswick Square, Bristol BS2 8PE, Tel: 01179 166750, email: info@co-opandcommunityfinance.coop, visit: www.co-opandcommunityfinance.coop/

Government changes to Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS)

Despite recent headlines that the new VBS has been halted, much of what the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) has already started will continue. This includes the ISA's role in making independent barring decisions and maintaining the two lists of those barred from working with children or vulnerable adults. Employers are still legally obliged to refer information to the ISA if they have moved or removed an individual because they have harmed, or there is a risk of harm to a member of a vulnerable group. Existing requirements concerning CRB checks will remain in place, and those entitled to such checks can continue to apply for them. Voluntary registration with the VBS for new employees and job-movers working with children and

vulnerable adults has been stopped. Mandatory registration for new employees and job-changes is still expected to start from the end of October. Read more information at: www.isa-gov.org.uk

Reducing Regulation

Nick Hurd, Minister for Civil Society, has told Parliament that his department will work with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to reduce regulatory requirements. He is due to discuss this with the chief executive and chair of the Charity Commission. Read more at: www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1009038

New Structural Reform Plan to support the building of the Big Society

This new plan from the Cabinet Office includes a section entitled 'Support the building of the Big Society', summarised as "Encourage more Social Action and strengthen the voluntary sector through a programme to make it easier to run a voluntary sector organisation, get more resources into the sector and make it easier for the sector to work with the State". Download the plan at www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/414879/srp-cabinet/office.pdf

Big Society Bank

A bank 'to provide new finance for social enterprises, charities and neighbourhood groups', with money coming from dormant bank accounts, is due to make funds available from April 2011. For more information visit: www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1009721/

Identifying and promoting European Social Innovation

Euclid Network and Social Innovation Exchange have a new initiative to identify and promote 10 large-scale European social innovation initiatives which represent the greatest potential for growth and/or replication and have the greatest potential impact on society. Application deadline: 8th September. For application details visit: www.euclidnetwork.eu/news.php/en/377/this-is-european-social-innovation

Events and training opportunities

Changing with the times and making the most of opportunities

1st July

WSSSEN's annual free event taking place at Billingshurst Village Hall. It will give attendees the opportunity to speak to Commissioners from WSCC and the NHS West Sussex, learn more about funding, green business practices to save money, volunteer management and what is

happening locally on Social Impact Measurement initiatives. For details visit: www.wssen.org.uk. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of a completed booking form.

Health and Social Care Conference: implications for the Third Sector

14th July, London

Andrew Lansley CBE MP, the newly appointed Secretary of State for Health, will deliver a keynote speech at the conference. The coalition programme published after the election committed the Government to 'much greater involvement of independent and voluntary providers' in the provision of health services. Get a clearer understanding of what policy shifts there will be, what they mean for third sector leaders, their beneficiaries, and the partnerships that H&SC organisations may need to build in future. For more details visit www.acevo.org.uk

What is Social Return on Investment (SROI)?

4th October, London

SROI offers a new way to measure and account for the value your work creates. This half-day workshop will introduce the six stages of SROI, explains what is involved and follows up with questions and discussion. The workshop is for anyone who has an understanding of outcomes and wants to find out more about SROI. For more details visit: www.ces-vol.org.uk or email: training@ces-vol.org.uk

Managing People: HR and Employment Law – solutions for the voluntary sector

7th October, DSC Charity Centre, London

The day offers a wide range of practical workshops for senior managers and anyone dealing with HR issues. It will address essential management concerns and provide practical tips for tackling employment issues; and will provide updates on key changes in employment law, equality rights and managing change. To book visit: www.dsc.org.uk/hr

Business Support and Resources

www.oneclickor.gs/

The world's first online platform for community organisations, this website (which is in development) is designed to make it easier for new groups to create a legal and decision-making structure.

Charity Builder UK – free online resource

Tennyson Insurance, in partnership with West Sussex County Council, is providing a new web service with a host of tailor-made documents, information and advice free to charities and community groups. Documents include staff contracts and handbooks, plus essential policies such as Health & Safety and Equal Opportunities. CBUK is free to all charities and community groups. To register visit: www.charitybuilderuk.com/ or email: enquiry@charitybuilderuk.com

Volunteering England – Volunteer Management Initiatives

A new support resource has been launched for people managing volunteers, with links to over a thousand resources across England. The resource can help locate a wide variety of training providers and consultants, support and development opportunities. For more details visit: www.volunteering.org.uk/vmportal

Updated official financial guidance for charities

Four sets of financial guidance for charities and their advisers have been updated by the Charity Commission: Charities and Risk Management (CC26), Financial Difficulties and Insolvency (CC12), Charities and Reserves (CC19), and Internal Financial Controls (CC8). All can be found online via the news item at:

www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_financial_guidance.aspx

Tackling barriers to volunteering

The Commission for the Compact has published 'The Costs, Barriers and Benefits of Involving Volunteers from under-represented Groups', which states that cost is not the main barrier for organizations wishing to engage such volunteers. The groups covered in the research include disabled people, refugees, asylum seekers and single parents. Read: www.thecompact.org.uk/files/140157/FileName/Thecosts,barriersandbenefitsofinvolvingvolunteersfromunder-representedgroups.pdf

Promoting and helping volunteer management

Volunteering England has a new 'signposting tool for people managing volunteers', helping them to find a range of resources. The Volunteer Management Portal can be found at: www.volunteering.org.uk/vmportal

Measuring Public Service Outcomes

Measuring Outcomes for Public Service Users (MOPSU) a 3-year research project to develop new, and examine existing, measures of public service outcomes, has produced its final report. Published by the Office for National Statistics, it focuses on the public service areas of adult social care and early years education, examining the role of the voluntary and community sector in delivering such services. Download the report at: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/mopsu

Guide to tax implications of charity trading

Comprehensive guide from the Charity Finance Directors' Group can be downloaded from: www.cfdg.org.uk/cfdg/good_practice_publications.asp

www.rtpi.org.uk/planningaid/

Planning Aid England, the charity which provides independent and professional planning advice to communities and individuals, has a new website giving information on what help is available, a guide to the planning system and a variety of resources.

Assessing the diversity of income

Online tool from Funding Central "to explore your current income streams and assess whether a more diverse approach may benefit your organisation". You will need access to financial data before starting the exercise. Visit: www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Page.aspx?SP=6183

The essentials of coaching for not-for-profit managers

Article from Management Centre with coaching skills for managers, giving a clear explanation of what coaching is, as well as examples of when not to use this approach. Download the document at: www.managementcentre.co.uk/knowledge_base_home.php

Sources of funding

Gatwick Airport Community Trust

Covers community projects in Sussex, Surrey and Kent, particularly communities directly affected by operations at Gatwick Airport. The Trust funds the development of young people, art projects, sporting facilities, environmental improvement and conservation, improvement to community facilities such as village halls, support for people who are disabled or elderly, and encouraging additional volunteering or giving in the area. To apply contact GACT, PO Box 464, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 9PU or visit www.gact.org.uk

Communities First – new fund for community groups

Francis Maude, Minister for the Cabinet Office, has created this start-up funding source for community groups in disadvantaged or deprived areas of the UK. Charities will be encouraged to offer support to community groups financed by the fund. For more details visit www.thirdsector.co.uk/Thisweek/Article/1008987/Francis-Maude-promises-new-fund-community-groups/

Publications

The Charity Treasurer's Handbook - £14.95

Covers the key principles for virtually all the main issues in charity accounting and finance. It contains examples and is suitable for someone with little or no accounting experience. Available from www.dsc.org.uk or phone 0845 077 7707.

Creating and Managing New Projects for Voluntary Organisations - £18.95

Managing a project effectively can unite and encourage people by providing a new focus and direction. This revised edition looks at the organisational implications of being project-based, joint projects and partnerships, risk analysis and management, financial strategies, full costing and the full cost recovery model, new case studies and exercises. Available from www.dsc.org.uk/cmnp

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



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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