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## Newsletter



April 2006

Welcome to our April newsletter which features funding news and a selection of headlines for charities and social enterprises.

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## A Plug - Ethike Media

Ethike is a CSR communications initiative which enables corporates, large public or NGO partners to more effectively engage with their stakeholder groups (employees, regulators, customers, wider community etc).

Ethike has a dedicated editorial team which sources and writes CSR-related content, which is then provided to partner organisations. The company has recently launched its first site for UKCAF, an academy for disadvantaged young people to gain vocational and business skills.  
[www.ethike.com](http://www.ethike.com)

## Another plug - CITRA

CITRA is a collaborative technology alliance formed between eight key charity sector bodies to help improve access to relevant and trusted IT information, people and resources for the sector.

The website is an online home for any charity or voluntary organization that wants to improve its IT infrastructure and solutions. There is an informative website, including white papers, research, news and events. Sign up to become a Citrazen!  
[www.citra.org.uk](http://www.citra.org.uk)

SQUARE EYE



Square Eye is a web and print design company which provides an affordable and high quality service to the arts and voluntary sector.

[www.squareeye.com](http://www.squareeye.com)

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CONSULTING

Eastside Consulting provides business planning and strategic fundraising to assist social enterprises and charities become economically sustainable.

## Funding Alerts

### Home Office Refugee Support grants: deadline 13th April

Two grant programmes (Refugee Integration Challenge Fund and Purposeful Activities Fund) for projects working with refugee communities. Grants of £20,000 - £40,000

<http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSSearch.aspx?WCI=htmSchemeList&WCU=DS%3dDSCVCS%2cOI%3d%2248%22>

### Baring's Arts Programme for Refugees and Asylum Seekers: deadline 18th April

Arts organisations, based anywhere in the UK, working with refugees and asylum seekers or their host communities can apply for up to £75,000.

<http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/>

### Balance Foundation 2nd Round: deadline 20th April

Grants of £20,000 to £80,000 for work supporting the needs of older people across the UK over 75 who are at risk of social exclusion.

[http://www.balancefoundation.org.uk/grants/applications/index\\_html](http://www.balancefoundation.org.uk/grants/applications/index_html)

### Barclays launches Financial Inclusion Fund for 2006: closes 1st May 2006

Credit unions and other community finance organisations (CFOs) can apply for up to £35,000 towards funding work that will enable them to work smarter.

<http://www.personal.barclays.co.uk/BRC1/jsp/brcontrol?task=articlesocial&site=pfs&value=6520&menu=3975>

### Comic Relief Grants: closes 5 May 2006

Organizations working with Young People, Older People, Mental Health, Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Domestic Violence, Disadvantaged Communities can apply for grants of over £5,000

<http://www.comicrelief.com/applyforagrant/grants-uk-rnd.shtml>

### Futurebuilders: applications open May 2006

The government-backed fund for organizations that deliver public services, will be open for applications continuously from May 2006. Funding is mainly loan finance.

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk>

### Big Lottery Capacity Building Programme: open

BASIS Grants of £10,000 - £500,000 if you are a voluntary organisation whose purpose is to support the work of other voluntary and community organisations. Open until 2009.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/basis/index.htm>

## Headlines

### Office of Charity and Third Sector Finance will be established in HM Treasury

The new office has been announced in the budget along with a Treasury review into the future role of the third sector, to be launched in a conference in May.

[http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/20F/02/bud06\\_ch5\\_180.pdf](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/20F/02/bud06_ch5_180.pdf)

### Co-operative Congress 2006

The leading UK event for the co-operative sector will be held on Friday 19 May - Sunday 21 May, Manchester, UK. Delegate fees start from £95 per person. Find out more at: <http://www.congress.coop>

### REITS - a new home for charity money?

Government has introduced Real Estate Investment Trusts which allow for tax efficient investment in property. REITS present charities with a new investment opportunity for spare funds, which is likely to be exempt from Tax.

### NCVO achieves Lottery campaign 'victory'

The government has guaranteed that 60-70% of the Big Lottery money will be distributed to voluntary and community projects.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases.asp?id=2488>

### The LDA Opportunities Fund - results now in

The first ever Opportunities Fund "stampede" resulted in 766 applications from across London. The application process for the 2006/7 Fund starts in summer 2006.

<http://www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.1231>