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## Newsletter



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## NEWS FROM THE EASTSIDE...

### Entrepreneurs Surgery: Last Friday of the Month

We are piloting a free drop-in Surgery to provide investment advice to entrepreneurs in London. The Surgeries will be on the last Friday of each month. We are currently taking bookings for the first date on Friday 25th August 2006.

Entrepreneurs will be able to book-up a 20 minute slot to receive expert one-to-one advice from practitioners who have on-the-ground experience of raising finance, and ask any burning questions they may have.

The aim of the event is to provide entrepreneurs - or prospective entrepreneurs - with a no nonsense guide to what is and what is not possible and to sign-post attendees to relevant sources of funds. We encourage all funders to get in touch with us and get involved in the event. At the very least, we want to pass on information and brochures to participants wherever relevant.

### Women in Business

On Thursday 9th August, Business Link held an event for women entrepreneurs in East London. It was a successful day with Desiree Fraser facilitating and Bizi Idowu of Jobwise Ventures speaking about her own experiences as an entrepreneur.

Apparently, there are more female millionaires in the UK than male ones, which I find a little hard to believe. But anyway, it was great to see so many different businesses: from the professional vet surgery to the BAME training centre to a fish restaurant in Moretown with pride of place going to the online adult toy business. Good luck to everyone involved!

## Funding Alerts

### Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust: deadline September 4th

Grants are available for projects that will encourage corporate responsibility, accountability, openness and responsiveness on a national level. Most grants between £20k and £100k.

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

### Open Door Grant Programme: deadline September 11th

Financial assistance is available to support projects aimed at advancing social well-being. Funding body: Nuffield Foundation. Max value £200k.

[http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grantprogrammes/page\\_6.html](http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grantprogrammes/page_6.html)

### Child Protection and Family Justice Grant programme: deadline September 11th

Financial assistance is available to support work that looks to ensure that the legal and institutional framework is best adapted to meet the needs of children and families. Max amount is £200k.

[http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grantprogrammes/page\\_6.html](http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grantprogrammes/page_6.html)

### Hackney Council's Voluntary Sector: deadline September 21st

The Association of London Government is managing Hackney Council's Voluntary Sector Grants programme. Most grants over £35k.

<http://www.alg.gov.uk/cat.asp?cat=1517>

### Townscape Heritage Initiative: Deadline October 17th

Financial assistance is available to support communities in regenerating the historic parts of their towns and cities. Funded by Heritage Lottery Fund. Maximum grants available is £2million.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/TownscapeHeritageInitiative/>

### Futurebuilders: now open for applications

The government-backed fund for charitable organizations that deliver public services will be open for applications from May 2006. Funding is mainly loan finance. Grants up to £30k

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

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### Guide published for charities starting Social Firms

Recent research has been published to assist charities that are considering setting up or 'floating off' a Social Firm. The guide costs £20 for members of Social Firms UK and £40 for non-members. Contact Social Firms UK at [info@socialfirms.co.uk](mailto:info@socialfirms.co.uk)

<http://www.socialfirms.co.uk/news/index.php/item203.html>

### Social Enterprise Research published

Co-active have published a series of research on topics such as market development, profile of social entrepreneurs, what we can learn when social enterprises fail, as well as other issues that might affect social enterprises in their development and growth. The booklets are priced at £5 each.

<http://www.rise-sw.co.uk/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=2>

### Charity Commission reports on a year of delivery - Annual Report published

The Charity Commission, the regulator for England and Wales' 190,000 registered charities, recently published its annual report for 2005-06. The Commission claims to be now leaner, fitter, focused on empowerment as well as compliance, and increasingly innovative in its approach.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=215274&NewsAreaID=2>

### Poverty and disadvantage can push teenagers towards parenthood according to new research

Some teenagers feel that their conscious decision to become a parent is a reasonably rational life choice given their past and the options available to them. This is according to new Joseph Rowntree Foundation research undertaken at the Trust for the Study of Adolescence.

Web: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/pressroom/releases/170706.asp>

### LDA Opportunities Fund to open shortly

It's that time of the year again. The LDA is drawing up the guidelines for the next round of applications for the Opportunities Fund, designed to regenerate pockets of deprivation through training. Go online to register an interest.

[www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.1231](http://www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.1231)

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