

# eastside

## Newsletter



March 2006

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

### **Funding Alerts:**

- The Alcan Prize for Sustainability: 31st March 2006
- Baring's International Programme 2006: 31st March 2006
- Baring's Refugees and Asylum Seekers Arts Programme: 18 April 2006
- Balance Foundation 2nd round: April 20th 2006
- Strengthening the Voluntary Sector Programme: opening end March 2006
- Clore Main Grants Programme: open
- Big Lottery Reaching Communities: open
- Futurebuilders: opens May 2006

### **Headlines:**

- New Social Enterprise Unit and Fund for 2007
- On-line reporting for Charities
- Increasing difficulties to secure funding reported
- HMRC restructure Charities and Donors guidance on web-site
- People invest time and money in communities
- Disabled market worth £50bn but largely ignored

## A Plug - London Citizens

We met an organisation this month called **London Citizens**, based in Whitechapel, which promotes community organisation and political activism through positive and democratic action.

The organisation combines a diverse alliance of active citizens, community leaders, faith groups and trade unions.

London Citizens is at the forefront of the UK community organising movement. Its networks and campaigns have achieved significant victories on living wages, the 2012 London Olympics, immigration and many other issues.

Take a look at their upcoming programme of events. These guys really are very active: [www.londoncitizens.org.uk/eventlisting.html](http://www.londoncitizens.org.uk/eventlisting.html)

I am sure any clever ideas or contacts for fundraising would be gratefully appreciated!

## 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)

## eastside CONSULTING

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

## Funding Alerts

### **The Alcan Prize for Sustainability: deadline 31st March 2006**

This US\$1 million grant is awarded annually to support projects anywhere in the world successfully advancing sustainability goals.

<http://www.alcanprizeforsustainability.com/2006/en/alcan/alcan.asp>

### **Baring's International Programme: deadline 31st March 2006**

Up to £250,000 is available for UK based and registered charities building the capacity of NGOs or CBOs in sub-Saharan Africa tackling the problems arising from long-term migration and displacement of people.

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

### **Baring's Refugees and Asylum Seekers Arts Programme: deadline 18 April 2006**

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 April 20th 2006**

Supporting work focused on the needs of older people across the UK over 75 who are at risk of social exclusion through grants from £20,000 to £80,000.

<http://www.balancefoundation.org.uk/grants/applications/index.html>

### **Strengthening the Voluntary Sector programme: opening end March 2006**

Grants of £20,000 to £100,000 will be open to application at the end of March 2006 to fund any existing UK not-for-profit voluntary organisation.

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

### **Clore Main Grants Programme: rolling Programme**

Grants from under £5000 to over £1 million are offered for innovative, new projects focusing on education, the arts, museums, galleries and heritage sites and health, social welfare and disability.

<http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/index.htm>

### **Big Lottery Reaching Communities – Rolling Programme**

An England wide programme providing funding to help improve and actively involve local communities and the lives of people most in need. Max applications of £500,000.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/reachingcommunities/index2.htm>

## Headlines

### **New Social Enterprise Unit and Fund for 2007**

The Department of Health will create a new Social Enterprise Unit and fund to support people developing social enterprises delivering primary and social care.

<http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/Page.aspx?SP=1951>

### **On-line reporting for Charities**

The Charity Commission has launched the SIR database allowing charities to easily report achievements to potential volunteers, donors or committed givers.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/environment/detail.asp?ReleaseID=188234&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=True>

### **Increasing difficulties to secure funding**

73% of community-based organisations surveyed by BASSAC report increasing difficulties to secure funding

<http://www.bassac.org.uk/images/news/bassac%20Release.pdf>

### **HMRC restructure Charities and Donors guidance on web-site**

HM Revenue & Customs Charities have restructured the Charities and Donors guidance on the web-site with a new home page and easier navigation.

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/news-launch.htm>

### **People invest time and money in communities**

According to a recent survey, 34% of people volunteer for a local voluntary group while 54% have given unpaid help to unrelated individuals

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/asp/search/ncvo/main.aspx?siteID=1&SID=8&subSID=116&documentID=2931>

### **Disabled market worth £50bn but largely ignored**

Businesses are missing out on a market estimated to be worth at least £50bn by ignoring the visually impaired.

<http://www.chamberonline.co.uk/Yc6GNSRoHMvRUA.html>