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## Newsletter



September 2006

Welcome to our September newsletter, which contains funding opportunities and a selection of news headlines for charities and social enterprises...

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- Charityfair South: Sep 26-27
- Social Enterprise Conference: Oct 10
- CAF workshop programme

## EVENTS

**Charityfair South: Sep 26-27**

The DSC is holding a Charityfair to share its knowledge and expertise of the third sector to the South. Bookings can be made online at:

<http://www.dsc.org.uk/charityfair/oxford/index.html>

**Social Enterprise Conference: Oct 10**

NHS Networks will be holding a one day conference on social enterprise within health and social care. Speakers include the Rt Hon. Patricia Hewitt MP, Secretary of State for Health, and Jonathan Bland of the Social Enterprise Coalition.

<http://www.networks.nhs.uk/news.php?nid=966>

**CAF workshop programme**

Workshops will take place around the country from October 2006 to February 2007 covering a range of topics e.g. online fundraising and fundraising promotion strategies.

<http://www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=11695>

## SQUARE EYE



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

The newsletter was compiled by Ayasha Ali.

**Funding Alerts****Comic Relief Young Carers Grants - Large Grants: deadline October 6th**

Financial assistance is available to voluntary sector organisations across the UK to support projects for vulnerable and hard to reach young carers. The maximum amount is £25,000.

<http://www.comicrelief.com/youngcarers/index.shtml>

**LDA Opportunities Fund: deadline October 6th**

The second round of the Opportunities Fund is now open and provides grants to support a range of innovative and pilot community-based projects across London.

<http://www.lda.gov.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.1591>

**Hanson Environment Fund: deadline October 16th**

The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts is accepting applications for financial assistance to improve local amenities and to safeguard biodiversity. The maximum amount is £25,000.

<http://www.hansonenvfund.org/welcome.php>

**Townscape Heritage Initiative: deadline October 17th**

The Heritage Lottery Fund is providing financial assistance to support communities in regenerating the historic parts of their towns and cities. The maximum amount is £2,000,000.

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

**King's Fund GlaxoSmithKline Community Health IMPACT Awards: deadline October 19th**

Financial awards open to registered charities to recognise their work in the field of community health. The maximum amount is £30,000.

[http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/funding/gsk\\_impact\\_awards/index.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/funding/gsk_impact_awards/index.html)

**Children's Play Programme: deadline November 13th**

The Lottery is providing financial assistance for projects that meet children's play needs in local authority areas.

The minimum amount allocated to any local authority is £200,000.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/childrensplay/childrens\\_play\\_alloc.htm](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/childrensplay/childrens_play_alloc.htm)

**Home Office Connecting Communities Plus Grant: deadline November 15th**

Financial assistance is available to voluntary and community organisations which aim to increase race equality and improve community cohesion. The maximum amount is £450,000.

[www.go-se.gov.uk/gose/peopleSusComms/vcs/connectingComms/](http://www.go-se.gov.uk/gose/peopleSusComms/vcs/connectingComms/)

**Headlines****Don't miss out on Small Business Rate Relief**

Organisations that have premises with a low rateable value can claim relief from their business rates. Applications for small business rate relief for 2005/06 financial year must be made by 30 September 2006.

<http://www.fpb.org/YfjLtgt.html>

**Commissioner appointed to oversee Government-Third Sector relationship**

John Stoker has been appointed the first Commissioner designate for The Compact - a new role to oversee the relationship between government and third sector voluntary and community organisations.

[www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news\\_releases/2006/060829\\_stoker.asp](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2006/060829_stoker.asp)

**Report published: why people volunteer in a deprived community**

An Economic and Social Research Council funded study shows that most people volunteer to make a difference in the community rather than for career development.

<http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/PO/releases/2006/august/volunteer.aspx?ComponentId=16187&SourcePageId=13404>

**New research highlights charities' urgent need for IT funding**

Following an online survey of almost 500 voluntary and community sector organisations, the ICT Hub and Worshipful Company of Information Technologists concluded that lack of IT funding is a key factor in VCOs failing to make better use of available technology.

<http://www.wcit.org.uk/Publications/ITFundingSurvey>

**Britain bottom of the heap for recycling**

According to a forthcoming report by the Institute for Public Policy Research and Green Alliance, the UK is one of three countries at the bottom of Europe's recycling heap. Newham and Tower Hamlets are the worst local authorities in England.

<http://www.ippr.org.uk/pressreleases/?id=2283>



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