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Newsletter

April 2007

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter! In this issue, you will find updates on funding opportunities, headlines, upcoming events, and news from the Eastside.

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News from the Eastside

Eastside delivers £2.4m to clients under 'Access to Finance'

During 2006-7, Eastside successfully assisted 21 clients to raise over £2.4 million through a LDA-programme called 'Access to Finance'. Of these clients, 90% were enterprises run by women or BAME, structured as social enterprises, or part of the creative sector.

A small step for social investment

Triodos Innovation Fund recently announced that it has invested in Barefoot Botanicals, a pioneer of natural skin and hair care products: www.barefoot-botanicals.com. Triodos Innovation Fund styles itself as a venture capital fund investing in companies that benefit people or the environment. The investment into Barefoot Botanicals will help the business become a force in the burgeoning natural personal care market.

Social investment has been long been talked about as the next frontier in social enterprise, but the 'talk' has consistently been louder than the 'walk'. We applaud Triodos' investment, but caution that equity-style investments into the social enterprise sector today make up an incredibly small amount of funding in the sector. More financing products and schemes that back social innovation are required. As long as the odd investment from a Triodos or Bridges Community Ventures make the headlines, then there's still a long way to go before we have a meaningful social capital market. www.triodos.co.uk/uk/235298/235330/?lang=

CITRA run Open Source event: April 18th

The Charity IT Resource Alliance provides improved access to relevant IT information, people and resources, tailored training packages and support. CITRA's next meeting for charities is on the topic of **Open Source** on **18th April 2007**, featuring speakers from Lonix and the CCITDG. For more information and to reserve a place, check their website: www.citra.org.uk

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Funding alerts

Adventure Capital Fund: Open to applications

The Fund provides loan finance for the development of long-term sustainability of community-based enterprises. Loans available up to £450,000.

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

Esmee Fairburn Foundation: Open to applications year-round

The Foundation makes grants in four main areas: arts and heritage, education, environment and social change (enterprise and independence). Grant amount can be up to, and on occasion more than, £100,000.

<http://www.esmeefairburn.org.uk/programmes/index.html>

Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS): open to applications

The EU-Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) is a voluntary environmental audit scheme providing accreditation to organisations. Funding amounts vary.

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

Carbon Trusts Applied Research Programme: deadline 12th April

The programme aims to support the development and commercialisation of technology with the potential to reduce UK carbon dioxide emissions. Any UK business, university, public sector or voluntary organisation may apply for a grant of up to £250,000.

<http://www.j4bgrants.co.uk/>

Natural England Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund: deadline 16th April

The Fund awards grants to projects which reduce the effect of aggregate extraction on the environment and local people. Grants are up to £350,000.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/conservation/grants-funding/alsf.htm>

Victim's Fund (Provision for Victims of Sexual Offending): deadline 16th April

The grant scheme is open to all existing VCS organisations in England and Wales with experience and expertise in working with victims of sexual violence and abuse. Grants up to £50,000.

www.governmentfunding.org.uk

Proof of Concept Fund: deadline 20th April

The grant scheme is designed to help entrepreneurs from all backgrounds in the East of England undertake market assessment and competitor analysis. Grants of up to £40,000.

<http://www.eeda.org.uk/proofofconcept/>

Community Building programme: deadline 30th April

The programme will give communities the chance to improve their quality of life by funding buildings that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. Grants up to £500,000.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_buildings

People's millions Programme: deadline 17th May

The programme will be open to voluntary and community groups, local authorities, schools and health organisations. Grants of up to £80,000 for improving buildings and amenities.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions.htm

Events:

EUCLID CulturEuro Seminar: 11th, 18th, 23rd April

The seminar will highlight current and future EU funding opportunities, building partnerships, and key requirements for EU programmes.

<http://www.euclid.info/>

Big Lottery Fund conference: 23rd April

A full day conference featuring speakers on topics including business planning and sustainability, focused on any organisation seeking funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

http://www.dsc.org.uk/charityevents/pdfs/Big_Lottery%20conference_07.pdf

Climate Change Speakers Training: 30th April

A full day training to equip people with the skills to speak about climate change and inspire action.

www.talkaction.org

The 16th Annual Charity Law Conference 2007: 30th April 2007

A full day conference featuring sessions on dealing with tax and VAT, fundraising, attracting external investment and the benefits of social enterprise.

<http://www.dsc.org.uk/charityevents/pdfs/charity%20law%20071.pdf>

Headlines

NESTA launches £20 million programme challenging social enterprises to solve social issues

Innovation Challenges, launched in March 2007, is a new programme developed by the National Endowment For Science, Technology And Innovation. NESTA is looking to social enterprises to provide the innovation and impetus that will lead to social change. Throughout the year, there will be call for proposals in the fields of health and environment.

<http://www.nesta.org.uk/programmes/challenges/index.aspx>

NCVO aims to hold the reins of the new National Support Services

The NCVO is planning to tender to lead five of the six new National Support Services that Capacitybuilders is likely to establish to replace the existing ChangeUp hubs, including the new financing support service.

<http://www.charityfinance.co.uk/charitynewsalert/issue20/hubs.asp>

Smith Institute launches social enterprise report

The Smith Institute, in collaboration with the Social Enterprise Coalition and others, has produced a publication examining how barriers to the growth and development of the social enterprise sector could be overcome.

http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/cms/documents/Smith_Institute_Social_Enterprise.pdf

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