



Social Enterprise Network Bulletin October 2015

Welcome to the Social Enterprise Network Bulletin – every month I will be producing a quick round up of news, resources, funding and other useful bits and pieces for social enterprises.

Feel free to send in any news about your organisations and/or local area to be added to the news round-up

Useful Information

Many apologies but I have not sent out a social enterprise newsletter this month – mainly because I am extremely surprised that it is already the end of October!

While there may not be a whole newsletter, there is some exciting bits of news:

1. Pexmas – a wonderful social enterprise from Peckham are running their 4th annual Christmas fair on Saturday 12th December and are looking for stall holders – but hurry they need applications in my the 31st October (tomorrow!) Find out more: <http://pexmas.com/pexmas-festive-2015/>
2. CAS is looking to hold a Festive Fair sometime in December instead of the usual Social Enterprise Network meeting, more info such as a date will be coming soon, but in the meantime if anyone knows of a good venue for such an event (on a very small budget) or would like to have a stall, please do contact me to discuss.
3. [First Steps Enterprise Fund](#) is a £300,000 pilot fund offering loan-grant packages to charities and social enterprises working in communities in England. From 19 October 2015, small community-led organisations can apply for up to £30,000 from to help them grow their services and become more sustainable. The investments are the first steps towards accessing the wider social investment market and more financing options.

It is a pilot partnership between Asda Foundation and the Social Investment Business Foundation. The fund intends to catalyse other UK corporate foundations to use their money innovatively to create social impact in communities across the country. It will complement Asda Foundation's other programmes and will meet their aim of creating stronger and more sustainable communities.

Deadline for applications to be considered for the next investment panel is **noon Friday 11 December 2015**

The CAS funding bulletin for November is out now, you can find it on the [CAS website](#)

4. CAS have developed a new skills-based volunteering opportunity for business volunteers: the Strategy Team Challenge. Basically, this is FREE support from businesses on anything you need for a day.

The programme aims to help our community partner organisations build their strategic capacity and we want to know how this offer might be relevant to you as a VCS organisation and whether you would like business support on particular strategic challenges.

If you're interested in receiving **free strategic business support** I would encourage you to complete the following short survey by the **13th of November** <http://casouthwark.org.uk/focus-southwark/free-business-support-groups>

5. An opportunity to have a pop up shop at the Southbank Centre has just come to my attention and I thought some of you may be interested.

You can find more details here: <http://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whatson/charity-shop-emporium-1001279>

To register your interest use this link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1mBhK-81AAYkOKZW9nrUBSOHY7sJlbuJyWeMjlltPwbk/viewform>

Events

Governance & Leadership (3 Day Training Module), Starts Thursday 12th November

This three day course will guide you through the roles and responsibilities of the governing body and senior management, whilst identifying the different contributions played by leadership and management

Support for Enterprise

Business & IP Centre at the British Library: Advice, information, support, networking, training and events to help you start, run and grow your business.

Business in the Community: Support, advice, networks and campaigning.

ClearlySo: work exclusively with high-impact businesses, charities and funds. They support capital raising activity through financial advisory work, and introduce them to institutional and individual investors who share their objectives and values.

COBRA at City Library: e-resources available for library members to access 24/7 from any device with internet access. To use our e-resources all you need is a membership card.

Community Catalysts: a Community Interest Company that works through local partners to help enterprising people and community organisations to offer care and support to local people.

Community Shares: Advice and support about, and investment of, community shares.

Giving World Online : A charity that encourages businesses to donate their surplus (mainly new) into deprived communities and to those most in need.

In Kind Direct: Have you ever thought how much it would help if you could find a cheaper source of the goods you use in the course of your work? Try here for ideas.

Know How Non Profit: online training and information for the non-profit sector – useful for social enterprises.

School for Social Entrepreneurs: Courses, newsletters, fellowships and support setting up your social enterprise

[Small Good Stuff](#): an accessible web directory that is totally free of charge and gives the little guys a chance to show people the splendid things they can offer.

[Social Enterprise UK](#): The national body for social enterprise. We represent our members and help grow the social enterprise movement

[Technology Strategy Board - Innovation Vouchers](#): The Technology Strategy Board has launched a new national innovation voucher scheme to encourage smaller businesses to work with external experts, gaining new knowledge to help their business innovate, develop and grow.

[The Guardian Social Enterprise Network](#): a lively and growing community of 25,000 social entrepreneurs, offering news, commentary and best practice from across the sector. There is also a [blog](#).

Income and Funding

- [Starbucks Youth Action](#) for young people aged 16-24. Deadline: February 2016
- [Children in Need Small Grants Programme](#) Deadline: 1st December.
- [Citybridge Trust Stepping Stones Fund](#) for organisations that have a presence in London. Deadline: Open to applications.
- [Worshipful Company of Information Technologists](#) Deadline: Open to applications
- [Near Neighbours Fund](#) Deadline: ongoing until 31 March 2016
- [London Marathon Charitable Trust - Small Capital Projects](#) Deadline: Open to applications

For more funding see this month's [CAS Income Generation e-bulletin](#)

Show Case

Be our next Social Enterprise Show Case! Simple email Deborah@casouthwark.org.uk with a brief description of your journey and/or your enterprise a with a picture (jpg)

If you would like to share anything through the newsletter, please contact Deborah@casouthwark.org.uk

If you would like any support for your group in developing your activities, applying for funding or strengthening your structure please feel free to contact the Development Team at CAS. development@casouthwark.org.uk