



Social Enterprise Network Bulletin August 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

It appears August is a slow month! Here's the latest national policy news...

Ed Miliband has grown a beard. Apparently that classes as newsworthy these days... Check out his bristled brilliance [here!](#) (Be prepared to be underwhelmed...).

The Labour leadership election rumbles on – this week has seen the emergence of hundreds of disgruntled supporters who have been denied a ballot paper. More [here](#).

Even if Corbyn wins we won't have heard the last of the controversy surrounding it. Andy Burnham's camp has even suggested the possibility of a legal challenge. More [here](#).

Care homes in England are "teetering on the edge of financial meltdown" – and this doesn't include the estimate cost of £1bn of implementing the Living Wage for carers. More [here](#).

An interesting article about why charities are still being criticised for paying their staff which you can read [here](#).

Unsurprisingly the Charity Commission launches formal inquiry into Kids Company. More [here](#).

If you fancy livening up your dinner parties you can now hire Nick Clegg to do an after dinner speech. A snip at £35,000. More [here](#). Those who are hard up can settle for William Hague at £25,000 a pop.

And in other news...

Have you say in the future of health and social care. The second phase of a review of the role of the voluntary sector in improving health, wellbeing and care outcomes has launched, with the aim of creating a positive future. The launch article starts off with the question "What will happen to community groups, charities and social enterprises providing health and social care services during austerity?". Read more and take the survey [here](#)

Here is a useful blog article from NCVO asking whether or not charging for services is a good thing. You can read it [here](#)

You can now take a quick quiz to discover whether or not you will make a good entrepreneur. Take the quiz [here](#). But remember no matter what the outcome, you can get some support from CAS!

A [recent article](#) said not to use this phrase, however, there is a conference about to take place called: Squaring the Circle: the challenges for Civil Society in London in 2015. LVSC are hosting a free event, with a buffet lunch with workshops on volunteering, co-production and more. [Book here](#)

Events

[Income Generation: Multiple Income Streams for the VCS \(4 Day Training\): Starting Thursday 3rd September](#)

This training is ideal for anybody working in the voluntary and community sector (including social enterprises) looking to create a more sustainable income generation strategy using multiple income streams. It will provide a thorough overview of the essentials of developing a diverse income base.

[Get a website for FREE, Thursday 10th September](#): Does your organisation need an online presence? Want to easily show people what you do and how to access your services? Need help to get started and to learn how to manage your site? Join this very practical session in which you will be able to set up a website for your organisation.

[Finance Made Easy: Tuesday 22nd September 10:00 – 16:00](#): A one day course for anyone working in the VCS who is looking to improve their confidence when dealing with finances.

[Squaring the Circle: the challenges for Civil Society in London in 2015: Tuesday 29th September](#): A conference exploring campaigning, volunteering, co-production and governance and the challenges facing civil society such as growing inequality. Hosted by LVSC.

[2015 Social Enterprise Conference, Monday 12th October 2015](#): an all-encompassing day programme for pre-start up and early stage social entrepreneurs. The conference consists of talks on understanding social finance, funding and investment, crowd funding, legal governance & frameworks, bid writing, measuring impact and reporting. Currently there are a number of Super Early Bird tickets, for full details and registration you can visit: www.socialenterpriseconference.info

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

[Bermondsey Square Community Fund](#)

Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available to fund projects in Bermondsey Square, Southwark for the marketing, animation and promotion of the area and to make a positive contribution to the wider neighbourhood and community.

Deadline: 30 August 2015

[The Third Sector Loan Fund](#)

The Fund invests between £250,000 and £3 million in charities and social enterprises across the UK. The Fund can support organisations across all social sectors, focused on improving the economic and social well-being of individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Deadline: Open to applications

[Affinity Sutton Community Grants](#)

Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to charities and community organisations including social enterprises working for the benefit of people who live in the areas in which Affinity Sutton operates. Projects should help residents living in properties owned by Affinity Sutton.

Deadline: 18 September 2015

[Covenant Fund](#)

The Fund aims to develop a better understanding between the civilian and armed forces community, which includes service personnel and their families, and to tackle any disadvantages arising from service. Registered charities and CICs can apply. There are two grant categories: Small grants of up to £20,000;

Deadline: 17 September 2015 (12noon)

Worshipful Company of Information Technologists

Advice and grants for the development of innovative IT based projects with a charitable or educational focus in London and the Home Counties.

Deadline: Open to applications

Near Neighbours Fund

Funding of between £250 and £5,000 to encourage stronger civil society in areas that are multi-religious and multi-ethnic within specific Parishes in Bury, Rochdale, Oldham and Burnley; Leeds, Bradford and Dewsbury; Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Walsall and Dudley; Leicester and Nottingham and in Luton and across most of London. The Fund intends to bring together people of different faiths and of no faith to transform local communities for the better.

Deadline: ongoing until 31 March 2016

London Marathon Charitable Trust - Small Capital Projects

The London Marathon Charitable Trust provides grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 for capital projects implemented by organisations and communities that are committed to inspiring and increasing the numbers of people regularly taking part in sports and physical activities in London, Surrey, Aylesbury Vale and South Northamptonshire.

Deadline: Open to applications

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

Show Case



Your name: Brian Akintokun, Development project manager

Name of organisation: CMI World, the development community organisation

What you do: We support charities, social enterprises/businesses and social innovator to deliver project which create a real social impact for communities.

Why you do this: We have a passion for delivering grassroots improvements to communities by using innovation, we also like to bring communities together to support real positive change.

How you got started: We started as a group of community development professionals, architects and youth workers by collaboration on several projects 4 years ago

Where you are now: We began in Southwark, Peckham. But we are now based in Brixton and parts of East London

Where you aim to be in the future: We aim to deliver more of our services online and expand our development community to charities, businesses and social innovators across the world.

A good news story: We help set up Hackney's first community-own football team, Hackney Wick FC

A piece of advice from your experience: Always be open to new ideas and embrace diversity in others.

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)

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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