



Social Enterprise Network Bulletin June 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.

Useful Information

The Office for Civil Society has announced the launch of its £20m Local Sustainability Fund, which will give grants of between £20,000 and £100,000 to around 250 small and medium-sized organisations. See the full story in [Civil Society](#)

Rob Wilson has said that funding regulation should remain as 'light touch' as possible. [Read more here.](#)

David Cameron has said the UK should pay out less in tax credits, and companies should be offering workers higher salaries. However reform to the tax credits system could hit the poorest families hardest. [Read more here.](#)

There was a massive rise in the number of children in care under the coalition, according the CYP now. [Read more here.](#)

The Local Government Association's '[Future Funding Outlook](#)' says that councils' funding from central government may be cut by more than £3bn in 2016/17, which will require local authorities to cut spending by 12 per cent

An interesting piece on the power of preventative healthcare:

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/comment/untold-lives-wouldnt-need-saving-if-we-followed-the-cuban-model-of-focusing-on-preventative-healthcare-10340257.html>

Friends Matinee Offers Tickets to Royal Albert Hall for only £5: The Friendship Matinee is a specially-programmed performance presented each year by the Royal Albert Hall. It provides people who receive support from charities, community and voluntary groups the opportunity to come to the Royal Albert Hall to see world-class shows for only £5 per ticket. Friendship Matinee aims to open up a programme of events to those who would not otherwise have the opportunity to come to the Hall. [Read more.](#)

Group Therapy Sessions for Refugees and Asylum Seekers: The Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers(SDCAS) are beginning a programme of group therapy sessions for clients. Any client who is experiencing difficulties in his/her relationships, as a consequence of displacement or past trauma can be referred. Presenting issues: Clients will generally have experienced displacement from their own country, and/or past trauma. [Read more.](#)

Burgess Park Food Project Introduces Herb Tuesdays: The Burgess Park Food Project was set up to develop and establish community food growing in Burgess Park for the benefit of those

living locally. This year they have received a small grant to set up a gardening and well-being project aimed at those who have experience of, or are experiencing mild to moderate mental ill health. Herb Tuesdays aims at improving both mental and physical health through a wide range of activities. [Get involved](#).

Events

Fundraising Made Easy: Thursday 2 July, 10am – 4.30pm

A FREE workshop introducing participants to the key aspects of **fundraising**. This course will support participants to understand the jargon used, to map their fundraising needs in relation to the 'spectrum of income generation' and think about what key information is needed to complete successful grant applications.

Demonstrating Impact Made Easy – Analysing and Reporting on Outcomes: Wednesday 8th July, 10:00 - 13:00

If you know what your outcomes are and you've been collecting information about those outcomes, but not sure what to do next – then this workshop is for you!

Small Groups Network Meeting: 14 July 2015, 17:45 – 19:45

The Small Groups Network meeting brings together people from community groups that are either completely run by volunteers, or have fewer than 2 paid members of staff. It is an opportunity to think about grassroots activity in the borough, network and meet others, and get support and information that is tailored to your needs.

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 stream. It will provide a thorough overview of the essentials of developing a diverse income base.

Directory for Social Change are Hosting Their Annual Charity Fair: Tuesday 30 June to Wednesday 1 July

The Directory of Social Change is hosting Charity Fair – a two day event for anyone involved in the voluntary sector. On 30 June and 01 July there will be workshops for every level, from trustees and CEOs to newly appointed fundraisers and managers. There are a wide range of training sessions on fundraising, governance, leadership, marketing, wellbeing and much more from £35.

Choice Unlimited Roadshow Comes To London: Wednesday 8th July

Choice Unlimited is a huge disability roadshow and it is coming to London on 8 July. The Leicester Centre for Integrated Living (LCiL) has won major funding to expand the event for disabled people to a national level – with over ten events across the country monthly. The fairs showcase over 100 exhibitors who provide information on an expansive range of issues and topics including: Products, Services Advice on independence and transport.

Safeguarding African Children: Thursday 9th July

World of Hope in partnership with the Central Association of Nigerians in the UK (CANUK) is hosting a conference on promoting integration for Nigerian and other African parents/guardians on child safeguarding in Southwark, Greenwich, Lewisham, Lambeth and Croydon. The event hopes to raise awareness of child physical chastisement and its impact on families.

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

[Southwark Council - Black History Month 2015 Grants](#)

Grants of up to £2,000 are available to constituted groups and organisations who want to run events, activities and workshops that are open to Southwark residents during Black History Month (1-31 October 2015).

Deadline: 29 June 2015

London Community Foundation - Deutsche Bank Small Grants Fund

Funding of between £5,000 and £150,000 is available for projects that enable young people aged 11-18 years of age to fulfil their potential in Barking and Dagenham, Hackney, Haringey, Lewisham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Westminster, Camden and Brent.

Deadline: 17 July 2015

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

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

In the absence of a social enterprise to show case this month, the Show Case is instead on Crowdfunding...

Do you have a particular project in mind that you think people might be interested in donating to? Crowdfunding is a good way not only to raise funds for a particular project but also to raise the profile of your cause and gather support.

It takes time and resources to manage and promote a fund and there are risks involved if you do not manage to raise the target you are aiming for. But nevertheless this way of funding has potential to work well for clearly defined projects, especially for social enterprises.

You can find out more about starting and running a crowdfunding project in our factsheet here: [CAS Factsheet – Crowdfunding for Community Groups](#)

Online platforms for crowdfunding:

- [Crowdfunder.co.uk](#): A crowdfunding platform that supports projects of all sizes from individuals to community groups and charities.

- [JustGiving Projects](#): A crowdfunding platform launched by the online fundraising site JustGiving.
- [Spacehive.com](#) : A fundraising platform for neighbourhood improvement projects.
- [Global Giving](#) : A UK based fundraising platform for global social projects
- [BuzzBnk](#) : Specialises in crowdfunding for social ventures
- [Sponsume](#) : A crowdfunding platform for artistic and entrepreneurial projects
- [Seedrs](#): A UK based equity crowdfunding platform that makes investing in start-ups easier by making it possible for people to invest as little as £10 in start-ups.
- [Crowdcube](#): Helps start-up and growing businesses to raise business finance by letting people invest through their equity crowdfunding platform

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