



Social Enterprise Network Bulletin November 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

Zen yoga are running free mindful and yoga classes for support group users at the Zen Yoga Studio in Camberwell. 1 hour classes are every week at SE5 8RE, with a bite to eat afterwards: 11-12:30pm on Wednesdays. [Read more](#)

The Sponsor Board have issued a message about the immediate priorities of Southwark and Lambeth Integrated Care (SLIC) until March 2016 and the future of the partnership. This message is for front line staff and citizens involved and interested in the SLIC programme. [Read it here.](#)

Are you interested in providing free non-contact boxing events in Southwark? London Community Boxing (LCB) is a charitable enterprise aimed at bringing the benefits of boxing in all its various forms – to as wide an audience in the community as possible. [Read more.](#)

Family Action-Southwark are looking for a Volunteer Family Support Worker to work as part of the team to provide intensive family support services to family with complex needs in Southwark. [Read more.](#)

Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) bring together key leaders from across the local health and care system to improve the health and wellbeing of their population. London Councils have put together a Health and Wellbeing Boards map for London. [Read more.](#)

Southwark council are currently consulting on their next budget which you can read about it and share your views [here.](#)

CAS Policy Officer Rachel has written an update on Southwark becoming an 'Age Friendly borough' which you can read [here.](#)

Volunteer Centre Southwark and Community Action Southwark are delighted to announce the return of the **Southwark Stars Volunteer Award** scheme. A glittering evening, celebrating those who make Southwark a better place, will be taking place at Coin Street on **17 March 2016**. Read more here.

Sat 12 and Sunday 13 December (with possible additional space available Sat 19 and Sunday 20 December if there is demand).

Winter at Southbank Centre with Natwest is exploring the themes of charity and giving back during the festive season. Over the weekend of Sat 12 and Sun 13 December, Southbank Centre will be full to the brim with pop-up charity shops and an artistic programme inspired by all things charity shop to create a big party atmosphere to get visitors buying gifts that give something back this winter.

Southbank Centre would like to know if you'd be interested in having a pop-up shop onsite as part of the Charity Shop Emporium. There are no costs for organisations' for having a shop here and they will provide the basic set up and design for the space for you to provide the stock and staff. All taking will then go back into your charity. The set up can be flexible and can accommodate all types of items from clothes, jewellery and shoes, to bric-a-brac, artwork and more.

If you'd like to have a shop space at Southbank Centre, please fill in the short form [here](#) or if you have any questions about the weekend programme or the shops please contact Ruth Hardie via ruth.hardie@southbankcentre.co.uk

Anne-Marie Briscoombe is a freelance photographer based in Southwark, looking for some local voluntary organisations that would be interested in and benefit from having professional images of the work they do, the people they work with or their staff team. There would be no charge for this service. Images could be used for annual reports, publicity literature or websites. (Consent from those participating would be essential before using images). In return she would like to use the images in her portfolio and on her website [here](#). If you are interested please email her via: abriscombe@yahoo.co.uk

As a part of our Community Action Networks, CAS are developing a pool of community fundraisers who we will match with small groups to help them apply for grant funding. We recognise that small community groups often find it hard to have the time and resources to apply for the funding they need. Our Community Fundraisers will be trained and mentored by the team at CAS. They will be matched with a group and supported in identifying and applying for funding for that group. To find out more about whether your group is eligible for this support, please read more [here](#)

Yvonne Farquharson, managing director of Breathe Arts Health Research and a SSE graduate, tells all about how her social enterprise got off the ground [here](#)

You can get some ethical Christmas online shopping done at [This Because](#) or visit their pop up shop in Brixton over from 30th November to the 6th December. For more like this, I will be putting an ethical guide together for Christmas shopping, so if your social enterprise sells any good gift products, please let me know.

An interesting blog piece about building the culture you want in your organisation. [Read it here](#)

[NCVO](#) and [Acevo](#) have stepped up calls for "urgent clarification" from the government over rumoured cuts to the [Big Lottery Fund](#)'s income, warning that the funder could be forced to "effectively shut its doors to new bids for the next three years" [Read the full Civil Society story here](#)

The November newsletter from charity accountants Sayer Vincent has some updates on changes aimed at simplifying employee taxation coming in from April 2016. Read the newsletter [here](#)

Information on a couple of recent additions to software available at low cost through the Technology Trust's tt-exchange programme: Box, an online file-sharing, content management and

collaboration service; Adobe Creative Cloud new scheme, with two different plans for eligible UK charities. Read more [here](#).

Southwark Refugee and Migrant Project and Calais Action have organised a collection for refugees on Friday 27th (10am - 7pm) and Saturday 28th November (10am - 5pm). This will be at the Copeland Gallery in Peckham. Find out more [here](#)

Events

[CAS AGM Wednesday 2 December](#)

The formal business of the AGM will be followed by a session in which we want to hear what you think CAS's priorities should be over the next three years. We will also be announcing our new name which is changing as a result of the merger with the Volunteer Centre Southwark - it isn't too late to [let us know what you think of the options](#) we have come up with. [Click here](#) to read the programme and the resolutions we are asking full members to vote.

[Free Training for Southwark Patients and Residents in Shaping Local NHS Services on Wednesday 2 December](#)

NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning are running this free training for patients and residents that want to learn about how they can have their say and get involved in shaping local NHS services.

[Involvement to impact: patient & public engagement strategy' event on Tuesday 8 December](#)

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust 'Involvement to impact: patient and public engagement strategy' event. The event is for managers and staff of health and social care community voluntary sector organisations.

[Social Enterprise Network Festive Fayre Tuesday 8th December](#)

Discover a host of designers, hand-made products, innovative services and exciting ideas at the CAS Social Enterprise Network Festive Fayre. Book now to come along to browse or contact deborah@casouthwark.org.uk to have a stall.

[Financial Management Made Easy for groups in Elephant & Castle Monday 14th December](#)

This one-day workshop has been specially designed to enable you to understand the role of finance and financial reporting in effective organisational management. Funded by the London Community Foundation, this is part of the free programme being delivered by CAS for Elephant and Castle based groups.

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

Facebook is launching a new online fundraising tool, similar to JustGiving – read more [here](#) and [here](#).

[Plunkett Foundation - Urban Food Routes \(London\)](#)

Grants and specialist support are available to small food enterprises in London to help them bring good food to Londoners and benefit their local communities.

Deadline: 30th November 2015

[Bright Ideas Trust \(London\)](#)

Intended specifically to help London-based young entrepreneurs, the Trust will address the issue of first-time businesses failing soon after setting up, due to a lack of experience. Maximum employees is 50 and the loans are between £1,000 and £25,000

[Fredericks Foundation](#)

Provision of loans to small businesses and start-ups in Berkshire, East Sussex, Northamptonshire, Bristol & Bath, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Somerset, Cambridgeshire, Isle of Wight, Surrey, Cornwall, Kent, West Sussex, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Wiltshire, Devon and London. Loans are available from £500 to £10,000 per business, over terms from six months to five years at competitive interest rates. Loans of up to £20,000 may be available for established businesses with a financial track record of at least three years in some areas.

Big Issue Invest - Social Enterprise Invest Fund

Financial assistance is available in the form of loans to social enterprises and registered charities based in the UK. Loans of between £50,000 - £1.5 million can be provided. Grants are not provided.

Big Society Capital

Investments are available to Social Investment Finance Intermediaries (SIFIs) based and working within the UK for projects tackling major social issues within the UK. Loan investment of between £500,000 and £15 million.

Charity Bond Support Fund – as above

This segregated bond fund has the ability to invest in bonds issued by charities which meet the fund's requirements. The Charity Bond Support Fund is a £10 million commitment from Big Society Capital designed to help Charity Bond issuers to raise capital by encouraging both issuers and investors into the Charity Bond market.

Charity Bank - Loan Finance

Affordable loan finance and advice to registered charities, as well as to community associations, voluntary organisations, community businesses, social enterprises or a social landlord, as long as the purpose of the loan is charitable and to help them to grow. It often lends where banks or building societies either will not make a loan at all, or will only do so on unaffordable terms.

Community Investment Fund

Loans and equity investments are available to community based, locally led charities and social enterprises in England that are providing essential health, social care, education and training services to improve the well-being of local residents. Loans and investments of between £250,000 and £1 million are available. Most investments are expected to be secured against the investee's assets.

And here are a few more useful bits of funding available:

- **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 **Income Generation & Funding e-bulletin**

Show Case

Your name: Polly and Rosie (Co-Directors)

Name of organisation: Ugly Duck Spaces

What you do: Ugly Duck revitalises underused spaces. We balance commercial hires with creative projects in unusual places. We generate our income by hiring the space out for filming, photography and events, and this enables us to support creative projects and events in this space as well. We run a timebank where people can use our spaces for free in exchange for their time and skills when we have free space. We run projects which revitalise public spaces, bringing life into the streets with projects like [City Hunt](#) which allow people to connect with their heritage and environments.

Why you do this: We believe that space – especially in overcrowded cities like London – should never be left empty. We take vacant and disused buildings and bring them back into creative use; reflecting communities and histories, investigating social issues through arts and enterprise. We want to prove alternative models of managing space which are flexible and offer opportunities to emerging artists.

How you got started: When we found 47/49 Tanner Street in 2012 (with founder Scarlett Plouviez Comnas) we saw a beautiful old warehouse which was sitting empty day after day. We began to work on maximising the use of this building, generating more hires, but also programming and curating events. After a while we realised that not only was there was a huge demand for affordable space in London, but that there was also a lot of untapped space in London.

Where you are now: Ugly Duck Spaces, previously 4749 Limited, set up in August 2012 with no start-up funding, and has developed into a thriving social enterprise with an annual turnover of £310,000.00, 3 employees and a portfolio of varied arts events and projects.

We have won several grants for our creative work, most notably from Arts Council England and London Borough of Southwark, and delivered projects in the public realm and the Science Museum as well as 47/49 Tanner Street. We have also taken on managing an engineering museum called The Testing Works in the last year and are constantly looking for new spaces.

Where you aim to be in the future: Over the next few years we hope to scale the model which has worked so well at 47/49 Tanner Street. We need to find additional premises which we will revitalise, and broaden our network of clients and artists who we work with in these spaces. We want to continue to roll out our heritage project City Hunt which has worked so well in Southwark, and bring this interactive urban game to other areas of London and the UK. We are in the process of establishing a strong and coherent identity as an arts organisation by proactively curating a programme of creative events. We will build our time bank to facilitate even more free use of our space(s) and enable artists to meet their needs.

A good news story: One of our young time banker's Ryan Hartley recently used the space to film a series of [Audition Sessions](#), which he will be pitching to Virgin UK. He's received amazing feedback in the last week and is now being asked to film more sessions to follow up.

A piece of advice from your experience: Learn to say no. As a fledgling organisation you encounter lots of exciting opportunities, and can end up ploughing your energies into the wrong places. It's better to do a few things really well than lots of stuff below par.

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

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