

# CaDVAS Newsletter

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## Welcome and CaDVAS News

Welcome to our April newsletter. It seems that Spring has well and truly arrived and with it, as always, changes are on the horizon.

As you will know, it is proposed that **CaDVAS** will integrate along with Whitstable Volunteer Centre (WVC) into a new organisation called East Kent Voluntary Action Support (EKVAS) under the umbrella of Kent Enterprise Trust (KET). This proposal will be discussed at our **EGM** at 10.30 am on Tuesday 12th April 2011 at Kent Enterprise House, The Links, Herne Bay CT6 7GQ.

If you haven't already done so, please let us know if you are intending to attend the EGM; please also note that only full members of **CaDVAS** are entitled to vote so do bring your current membership card with you.

We have one more request; we know you're probably busy with end of financial year stuff and sick and tired of filling in forms, but we do need to know from you how our services are meeting your needs and what we need to continue with, change and develop over the next year so again, please do return the [CaDVAS service user survey March 2011](#) which we sent out recently; also if you participated in any of the Trustee Development Programme events please complete the [Trustee Development Programme survey](#)

Thank you

## Training and Events

### CaDVAS TRAINING

Don't forget to book your places on our Spring – Summer training events:

#### Outputs, outcomes and impact measurement

**Date & Time:** Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011, 10am - 1pm

**Venue:** Seasalter Christian Centre, Seasalter, Whitstable

This course is a must for senior staff, fundraisers and project workers in voluntary organisations who need to understand and measure their outcomes; the **trainer** will be **Kathy Roddy**.

### CaDVAS IT training is back!

We have a new IT tutor, Jo Martin, who will be delivering two new courses:

#### 1. Desktop Publishing using Publisher 2003

**Date & Time:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Venue:** Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre

This course provides an introduction to Desktop Publishing using Microsoft Publisher.

#### 2. Getting the best out of the internet

This course enables you to develop effective research skills using the internet to find specific information quickly and efficiently

**Date & Time:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am - 12.30pm

**Venue:** Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre

**Fees for all courses:**

**CaDVAS/** CASE Kent / Swale CVS members: £25; Non members: £50

For full information on all these courses and to book places please visit our website:

<http://www.cadvas.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/CaDVAS-training-spring-summer-2011.pdf>

# OTHER TRAINING

## FOUNDATION DEGREE IN DEMENTIA CARE

**Canterbury Christ Church University** are recruiting for their Foundation Degree in Dementia Care; interviews will take place in May.

Further information: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/training>

## HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT - PUBLIC BILL WORKSHOP

**Wednesday 4 May, 2011 – 1.30pm to 4.30pm (Registration from 1pm)  
Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, Houses of Parliament**

Parliamentary Outreach is providing a free workshop for groups, organisations and individuals interested in engaging with Parliament's scrutiny of legislation. The workshop will include:

- **Presentation on understanding legislation in the House of Commons;** Hugh Edwards, MP for Monmouth, 1991-92, 1997-2005
- **Panel discussion on engaging with MPs on a Bill;** including Natascha Engel, MP for North East Derbyshire and Chair of the Backbench Business Committee
- **Presentation on understanding legislation in the House of Lords;** Lord Kirkwood of Kirkhope
- **Panel discussion on engaging with Lords on a Bill;** including Lord Norton of Louth and Baroness Thornton of Manningham

There will also be information stands and experts from the Houses of Parliament on hand to answer questions on subjects including submitting evidence to a Public Bill Committee, finding House of Commons Library research on legislation and tracking a Bill on the Parliament website

The workshop is free to attend, and open to any individual or organisation interested in how Parliament passes laws. This workshop will be of use for people who work in the private, public and voluntary sectors, as well as individuals with an interest in Parliament's work.

For further information on the workshop, please call Daniel Wood on 079 174 88839 or Matt Ringer on 020 7219 4623; for more information on the work of Parliament's Outreach Service, please visit [www.parliament.uk/outreach](http://www.parliament.uk/outreach)



## **New Training Events for 2011: Winning Public Sector Contracts**

We are pleased to announce a series of training events during May 2011. These follow our very successful events held during 2007-2010 and are updated with new material/ideas. The previous events were very popular and resulted in a sizeable number of successful tender submissions.

The events are as follows:

**Practical Introduction to Tendering**

**Masterclass - Method Statement preparation**

**Masterclass Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) completion**

**Collaboration & Consortium Working**

Further info: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/training>

## **Twitter Fundraising and Social Network Fundraising courses in London in June**

**Company Solutions** have 2 new short courses booking now on Monday 20th June in Central London (near Old Street). Thanks to a sponsor, we are able to reduce their price to just £49 plus VAT each.

**COURSE 1 – FUNDRAISING SUCCESSFULLY USING TWITTER 9.30am-12.30pm**

**COURSE 2 – FUNDRAISING USING SOCIAL NETWORKS 1.30pm-4.30pm**

Full info: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/training>

## **Training 4 Care**

A dedicated Social Care Training Service for Care employers and employees across the private, independent and voluntary sectors in Kent, Medway and East Sussex including individuals employed by service users under the Direct Payment arrangements.

**Training 4 Care** have had four successful years working together with the Kent Country Council providing subsidised quality training throughout Kent. From April 2011 **Training 4 Care** will continue to offer high quality training with all the course materials, certificates etc mapped to the relevant new Qualifications and Credit Framework.

We have been working hard to keep the price of the courses as competitive as possible and are able to offer high quality training at £45 per delegate per day for a minimum of 12 delegates on a course.

Further info: <http://www.k-business.co.uk/training-4-care.html>

## EVENTS

The young people of  
**Kent Refugee Action Network's Riverside Project**

would like to invite you to tea or coffee as part of their

**ASDAN BRONZE AWARD.....SO**

*All are Welcome* to come to our



## Coffee Morning

On

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am – 12.30pm

At

Riverside Youth Centre, Canterbury

*We will be selling Fairtrade tea and coffee with homemade cakes and raising money for Youth Centre funds*

*KRAN.org.uk* [kranriverside@gmail.com](mailto:kranriverside@gmail.com)



**Whole School Meals Ltd** is a social enterprise created by a group of parents, governors and local business people 5 years ago to provide a high quality, sustainable school meals service here in East Kent. The majority of our shareholders are schools and we use local suppliers, plenty of Kentish produce, and support our local community and local economy.

Our model has proved sustainable and we would love to see it spread to other parts of the county and country.

Our conference on 13th May aims to support other local communities wanting to explore the social enterprise model as a way of providing high quality school meals services and using the profits to support community activities - such as community cafes and local food projects, for example.

[View the agenda](#)

[Further information](#)

**Location :** Pines Calyx, St Margaret's Bay, Dover CT15 6TZ

**Enquiries:** [steph@wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](mailto:steph@wholeschoolmeals.co.uk) or 01304 362563

## **Kent LINK Annual General Meeting**

**Advance Notice:** the **Kent LINK** Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19 May 2011 in the Harris Room, Kent County Cricket Club, St Lawrence Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NZ from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Further details will be available soon, but if you would like to book your place at this event in advance, please do not hesitate to contact us advising any special or dietary requirements that you will have on the day.

Visit the websites at [www.thekentlink.co.uk](http://www.thekentlink.co.uk) and [www.themedwaylink.co.uk](http://www.themedwaylink.co.uk)

Unit 24, Folkestone Enterprise Centre, Shearway Road, Folkestone CT19 4RH.  
Tel: 01303 297 050

## Man on the Run!

**Man on the Run** is a 5k fun run that is for men/boys only to raise money for **Cancer Research UK**. Last year we had 300 runners and raised approximately £10,000. People entered from across east Kent (and further afield)!

### Event details:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011, 11am, Hampton Green, Herne Bay

[Man on the Run Poster 2011](#)

More information can be found at [www.manontherun.org](http://www.manontherun.org) or by emailing [sarah@manontherun.org](mailto:sarah@manontherun.org)

## Dementia Services Development Centre South-East

Proudly presents, as the eighth in its early evening lecture series:

***'Life is for Singing to'***  
***by***  
***Trish Vella-Burrows***

Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-5.30pm

Ramsey Lecture Theatre (Rg38) Canterbury Christ Church University

Full details: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/events>



## Easter Family Fun

Join in a range of fun activities for families over the Easter holidays: for details see: <http://www.cadvas.org/index.php/events>

## Members' News

### **SNAAP (Special Needs Advisory and Activities Project)**

are looking for a new Chair of Trustees

SNAAP was set up 8 years ago by parents of disabled children who wanted to improve the range, quality and accessibility of advice and activities available to disabled children and their families. The trustee board is made up of parents of disabled children and we recognise that further skills and experience is needed to ensure that SNAAP can continue to deliver the excellent services that it has become known for. We are seeking a suitably qualified and experienced chair person for the board to lead on this process, leading on a full governance review and implementing the changes recommended from this.

Full details: [SNAAP Chair](#)

## Other News



### **Vacancies at Kent Community Foundation**

Kent Community Foundation are looking for a **Development & Marketing Officer** and an **Office & IT Manager**. These are both full-time, permanent posts. For more information see [Kent Community Foundation vacancies April 2011](#)

## ROOMS FOR HIRE

### St Martin's and St Paul's Parish Centre Church St. (St. Paul's), Canterbury CT1 1NH

Do you need to hire premises for AGMs, conferences or smaller group meetings?

**Location:** just outside the city wall, and only 5 minutes' walk from Canterbury Cathedral, 5 minutes' walk from bus station, 10 –12 minutes' walk from East or West stations. 2 public car parks close by.

This modern Parish Centre can offer voluntary sector groups and individuals a:

- **hall** (seats ~ 100 in rows, ~80 around tables) **£25.00** an hour including use of kitchen for light refreshments;
- **catering kitchen** if required in addition to hall for meals, an additional **flat rate** of **£15.00** will apply;
- **3 smaller upstairs meeting rooms** to seat a minimum of **10** and maximum of **25** depending on size, all rents include tea/coffee making facilities **£15.00** or **£17.50** (for the largest one) per hour;
- the whole premises may be hired for **£60.00** an hour with additional **flat rate** **£15.00** if full use of kitchen is required.

All rooms are warm and comfortable, disabled access and toilets and a lift is available for upstairs access

N.B During term- time the main hall is not available until after 11.45.

#### **For further information and bookings, please contact:**

Ann Vousden - Parish Office Administrator (Mon. and Wed. from 10-12)  
01227 768072 [office@martinpaul.org](mailto:office@martinpaul.org)

Jackie Curd – Premises Supervisor  
01227 452131 [office@martinpaul.org](mailto:office@martinpaul.org)

Christine Hutchings – Parish Centre Promotions Officer  
01227 722156 [office@martinpaul.org](mailto:office@martinpaul.org)

## Round the clock emotional support in Kent and Medway

### Need confidential emotional support?

From Friday 1 April, support from a helpline is available **24 hours a day, 365 days a year**, to people living in Kent and Medway. People feeling distressed, anxious, or down, are able to call the **Mental Health Matters helpline** on **0800 107 0160**, round the clock.

Support workers at the helpline use counselling skills to provide confidential emotional support and guidance, free of charge. They also have details of local and national support services that callers may find useful. People who want support can chat with a counsellor by email if they prefer, at [timeonline@mentalhealthmatters.co.uk](mailto:timeonline@mentalhealthmatters.co.uk)

Previously, the helpline was open only in the evenings and at weekends; the increase in hours is being funded by the mental health commissioners in Kent and Medway (the three primary care trusts and two local authorities with responsibility for social care) and reflects the success of **Mental Health Matters** in helping people who are distressed. Visit [www.mentalhealthmatters.com](http://www.mentalhealthmatters.com)

### Changes to bus passes for elderly and disabled people in Kent

**Kent County Council** will take over administration of the **Concessionary Travel Scheme** – which provides free local bus travel for elderly and disabled people – from Kent's district and borough councils on 1 April 2011.

Government funding for the scheme will be significantly reduced at the same time, meaning that we will receive less money to pay for the scheme than the districts have had in the past. As a result, KCC will operate a national standard scheme.

This means passes will be accepted from 09.30 to 23.00 Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and on bank holidays. For the past three years, KCC provided additional funding to allow pass holders to travel from 09.00 on weekdays.

Please circulate this information to your service users by downloading and displaying a [KCC Bus Notice](#)

## STARTER SPACE FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

**BLAC** is conducting some 'quick research' into possible future demand for low-cost business start-up space. The objective of this [short questionnaire – Calling Kent Social Entrepreneurs](#) is to gather the views of small enterprises and social entrepreneurs, many of whom have been attending the excellent recent workshops organised by East Kent LSP.

**BLAC** is a regeneration company working closely with Local Authorities. Provision of start-up employment space (especially in East Kent) is one of our future 'strands of business'. We would very much appreciate your comment on the subject of start-up workspace. This will enable us to start thinking about making *the right starter space* available in East Kent. This would initially involve the 're-use' of existing buildings.

Please e-mail your response to: [richard@regeneration.uk.com](mailto:richard@regeneration.uk.com) or to Marie Hamm, who will forward to BLAC: [marie@eastkentlsp.org.uk](mailto:marie@eastkentlsp.org.uk).

## National Older Persons Strategy Consultation

The **Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA)** is undertaking a consultation on a **National Older Persons Strategy**.

The aim of this strategy is to provide guidance and support to Fire and Rescue Services and their partners to enable them to rise to the challenge of keeping the older and more vulnerable members of our community safer from the risk of injury and death as a result of fire in the home. This has never been more vital as our population ages at an unprecedented rate.

The draft strategy document sets out a range of information and proposals. Its accompanying questionnaire is intended to gather views on these proposals before the finished strategy is produced later in the year.

Below is a link to the **Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service** website where you will find a draft copy of the strategy and the consultation questions. These can either be completed on line or by downloading the questionnaire and returning to the postal address supplied. The consultation will run until 31 May 2011.

<http://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/1593.asp>

Further information: <http://www.uknops.co.uk/>

It is hoped you will be able to take the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft strategy, encourage others to do so and thus help develop the approach.

If you have any questions about the strategy or the consultation please do not hesitate to contact:

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**Head of Communications**  
**Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service HQ**  
**Pirehill**  
**Stone**  
**Staffordshire ST15 0BS**

**Tel: 01785 898766**

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**[www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk](http://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk)**

## **Charity Commission publishes guidance on charitable incorporated organisations**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 25 March 2011

The [Charity Commission](#) has published guidance on the [Charitable Incorporated Organisation](#) legal form, which was introduced by the Charities Act 2006 but has not yet been brought into force.

The form will allow charities to be incorporated organisations that are not companies, meaning they will need to register with the Charity Commission but not with Companies House.

The 2006 act introduced the form, but secondary legislation is needed in order for it to be used. No date has been set for it to start.

Sam Younger, chief executive of the Charity Commission, said the guidance had been produced now so that charities interested in using the CIO form could "look more closely at whether the CIO structure is the right one for their needs, and what will be involved.

"The guidance will help ensure people are clear about what being a CIO would mean ahead of the new structure being implemented."

Younger said the commission's guidance would be added to over the next few months and might be altered once parliament agreed the secondary legislation that would allow the form to be used.

The guidance includes two models for the governance of a CIO – a foundation model under which the only voting members would be the charity trustees, and an association model for charities that have a wider, voting membership.

It says trustees of a CIO will normally have limited or no liability for its debts.

A statement from the commission said new organisations would be the first to be able to register as CIOs, and existing charities would be able to convert to CIOs at a later stage.

A spokeswoman for the Office for Civil Society said the legislation enabling CIOs to be created would be introduced "later this year" but declined to be more specific.

Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society, [said in November](#) that he expected the first CIOs to be set up this spring.

The commission's guidance covers [foundation](#) and [association](#) models.

## **New bill drafted to simplify charity law**

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector Online, 4 March 2011

A new [Charities Bill](#), aimed at consolidating existing areas of charity law, has been put before parliament. The bill will include law from the Recreational Charities Act 1958, the Charities Act 1993 and the Charities Act 2006.

It brings together existing charity law with the exception of part 3 of the 2006 act, which would make the [Charity Commission](#) the lead regulator of public charitable collections but has never been activated.

The bill says street and door-to-door fundraisers would be required to obtain Public Collection Certificates from the commission, and street fundraisers would also require local authority permits.

*Third Sector* reported in August that implementation of the legislation had been postponed indefinitely and it would be reconsidered as part of the review of the 2006 act that is due to begin this year.

The commission, which has suffered significant budget cuts, has said it would not be able to take on new duties without more resources.

A spokeswoman for the Office for Civil Society, which is responsible for the new bill, said the part 3 provisions had not been included because they related to "areas of law that go much wider than charity law". She said the provisions still existed in law but confirmed that they would be reviewed later this year.

The new bill is intended to make charity law simpler and more accessible. It has gone before the House of Lords and will pass through the House of Commons once its third reading has taken place in the Lords.

The OCS spokeswoman said the bill simplified existing charity law and had been introduced because it was considered unjust for legislation to be so complex that it was inaccessible to those it affected.

## **NAVCA LINX 170 10.03.11:**

### **3R Promise**

The [Volunteer Rights Inquiry](#), established by Volunteering England, is asking all volunteer involving organisations to sign up to the 3R promise, which they are putting forward as a way to raise standards of volunteer management. The three Rs are based on: getting it Right from the beginning, ways to achieve Reconciliation if things go wrong, and accepting Responsibility.



### **Equality Act 2010: Banning age discrimination in services, public functions and associations**

The government has published a [consultation](#) in relation to age discrimination in the provision of services and public functions. The consultation sets out the specific exceptions where we believe that different treatment of people of various ages is justified or beneficial. Deadline: 25 May.

## **NAVCA LINX 172 24.03.11:**



### **ICT Resources to share**

There are now over 25 factsheets, reports and toolkits on the download section of the [ICT Champions](#) website. There are resources for all organisations covering many topics including ICT Volunteering, an ICT Induction, Cloud Computing and Social Media.

### **CRB checks**

As a result of recent Government changes to the Vetting and Barring Scheme the cost of an Enhanced CRB check will increase by £8 from 6 April. All other fees will remain unchanged. 2011/12 fees are available on the [Home Office](#) website.

## **NAVCA LINX 173 31.03.11**

### **VOLUNTEERING:**

**From Sandy Adirondack's Legal Update** - Added or updated on the legal update website for voluntary organisations:

- [Court of appeal confirms](#) volunteering is not an 'occupation' for the purposes of discrimination law.
- Volunteers without [certificate of sponsorship](#) not allowed into UK.
- [Volunteer Rights Inquiry](#) issues call to action.

To sign up for Sandy's updates email [legalupdate@sandy-a.co.uk](mailto:legalupdate@sandy-a.co.uk).

### **Kent Cricket Helps Community Groups Raise Funds**

**Kent County Cricket Club** have launched a new initiative designed to help clubs, schools and Community groups raise much needed funds. Called the '**Community Fundraiser**', the concept revolves around the Club selling half price tickets to not for profit groups, printing the regular price on the tickets for the groups to then on sell, at profit, to their members and supporters.

Commenting on the project Kent Cricket CEO Jamie Clifford stated that, "we are very aware of the tight economic situation that local cricket clubs, as well as other groups in the community, are facing. This is one way we believe we can help them make some money, while enjoying a good day out supporting the Kent Spitfires."

The Club has purposely selected a high profile fixture for the promotion, hoping that this will make it even easier for groups to sell tickets. "The first Community Fundraiser match will be the CB40 match between Kent and Yorkshire, **Sunday 1 May**," said Clifford. "We believe this will be a very popular fixture, the first Sunday cricket of the season. It will also be many people's first visit to the redeveloped St Lawrence Ground."

All tickets sold are on pre-ordered booking form, on a sale or return basis, although clubs and groups are encouraged to make realistic orders to minimise refunds. The usually £15 ground entry price for adults is cut to £7.50, children's price down from £5.00 to £2.50. No minimum or maximum order is in place.

To participate in the initiative simply download the [Kent County Cricket Club Community Fundraiser Order Form](#).

Any enquiries phone Kent Cricket on 01227 456 886.

### **Big Lottery Fund opens £20m fund for vulnerable children**

By Sophie Hudson, Third Sector Online, 7 March 2011

**Improving Futures will benefit voluntary sector organisations working with disadvantaged families in partnership with public authorities**

The [Big Lottery Fund](#) has launched a £20m programme that will fund charity-led partnerships supporting families with vulnerable children.

The **Improving Futures** programme will provide funding for local voluntary sector

organisations that work in partnership with public services to help UK families with children aged between five and 10 years old with housing, health, employment and other needs.

The scheme will fund up to 20 partnerships for three to five years, with up to £900,000 for each project.

The BLF will also fund an evaluation of the programme that will assess how the different projects' successes can be replicated elsewhere.

A statement from the BLF said the programme would aim to help not only individual families, but also local communities and society as a whole.

"It may also help realise savings for the taxpayer as a result of reduced need for further costly interventions such as taking children into care, housing evictions, hospital stays or criminal proceedings," it says.

Anna Southall, interim chair of the BLF, said: "We know that families in these circumstances interact with many different public services - from housing authorities to mental health services and schools to police. While some have benefited from integrated assistance, many have not.

"Improving Futures is designed to enable the voluntary sector to play a crucial role in reaching out to these families, providing holistic and tailored support in partnership with local public services."

The BLF said it would aim to support organisations that have a track record of working with disadvantaged families. Each proposal must be endorsed by the chief executive of the relevant local authority.

Applicants will need to submit expressions of interest to the BLF by **midday on 12 May**. These will then be reviewed and around 20 applicants will be invited to submit full applications by late September.

### **Improving Futures – Briefing Events**

To provide further information on this exciting funding opportunity BIG will be holding seven briefing events across the country. The programme for these events will comprise presentations from the Big Lottery Fund and other bodies, as well as opportunities for participants to discuss in small groups their challenges in putting a partnership together and making a successful bid. Eligibility criteria and the process of selecting projects for funding will also be covered at the events. Staff will be on hand after each event to offer first hand advice to any participant.

To facilitate these events we are using the Local Government and Improvement and Development (LGID) web portal. If you are interested in attending a briefing event please click on this link to see the event dates and venues and to access the booking form.

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=26593649>

We expect high demand for these events. To ensure as many organisations as possible have the opportunity to participate we ask that only 1 individual per organisation attends the briefing events. If this is likely to cause difficulties please contact us on 0207 296 6880 or by email [improvingfutures@local.gov.uk](mailto:improvingfutures@local.gov.uk)

If you are unable to make the briefing event you can still access the resources on offer at the briefing events. A dedicated Community of Practice has been opened for all partnerships interested in this programme. We will post useful documentation, advice, and frequently asked questions and answers on the community. Joining the CoP is straightforward, simply click on the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/4lk7wm2>

## **21 March 2011 - Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales Reveals 2011 Income**

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales has announced its income for 2011 is £25.2m and that this level of funding will be sustained throughout 2012 and 2013.

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales supports charities that help disadvantaged people engage with their local community. Since the foundation's establishment 25 years ago, £297m has been invested in 42,000 charities, and over the last three years £56.8m has been invested in the flagship community programme which most charities report has helped them offer better support to their users.

The foundation has supported the maintenance and creation of over 2,500 jobs and 12,000 volunteering opportunities with the work of the charities including:

- Helping to reduce isolation of individuals.
- Increase access to social interaction in both rural and urban settings.
- Improve access to local, and often specific, support networks.
- Improve the confidence and self-esteem of beneficiaries and provide an overall improvement in basic skills, including literacy and numeracy.

Linda Kelly, Chief Executive said:

“We are particularly pleased to be able to provide a continued and high level of sustained support to charities that deliver lasting changes within our communities.

Charities are finding securing funding very difficult with significantly less statutory funding available, matched funding problems and a fall in infrastructure support.

“We hope our continued approach, as a leading community funder, will help provide the much needed support and core funding charities need to continue their vital work with our society’s most disadvantaged people and communities.”

Source: Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales, 21/03/2011

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

J4b community Funding news - 29/03/2011:

## Community Budgets to Shake Up Public Services

Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles confirmed that 16 Community Budget pilots would commence on 1 April 2011.

The pilots aim to provide a single pot of funding to local areas to spend on local problems, identified as being key to the future for public services and spending.

The first **Community Budgets** pool and align various national and local funding strands into a single local funding pot for tackling social problems around families with complex needs. The first pilots will look to bring local agencies together to deal with problems facing some of the country's most in need families. It is expected that the initiative will help at least 10,000 families by 2015.

Mr Pickles said:

"It's about time Whitehall started trusting local communities. And local agencies started trusting each other. What better way to make services work together than by putting all the money in one place? A single pot of local funding that can be targeted straight at the frontline.

"Until now money from the centre has always come with strict caveats. At Whitehall we are going to step back and let local councils and agencies get re-activated about local problems. With **Community Budgets** we want to get as close as possible to the idea that councils and local areas should get a single pot of local funding from Government to spend as they see fit.

"My message to local areas is don't be afraid to think big. To be as bold and as innovative as you can. This is the future for public services. If we can get 16 areas

up and running in less than six months think what we can achieve moving forward.

"I want all areas to be able to tackle problem families and other key local priorities through community budgets from 2013. For too long we've handed out pocket money to local agencies and told them how to spend like an overbearing parent. It's time to let local areas grow up and do things their way."

For more information, visit the **Communities and Local Government** [website](#).

Source: Communities and Local Government, 29/03/11

## **We reject applicants that haven't filed their accounts, says Lloyds TSB Foundation**

By Sophie Hudson, Third Sector Online, 30 March 2011

**Failure to lodge figures with the Charity Commission is most common reason for rejection of grant bids, says chief executive Linda Kelly**

The failure of charities to file documents with the [Charity Commission](#) website is the most common reason why the [Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales](#) rejects funding applications, according to its chief executive.

Speaking at a session on what funders want at a [Media Trust](#) conference in London yesterday, Linda Kelly said the foundation expected a charity's finances to be well run.

"The single biggest reason we reject requests is that they haven't filed documents on the Charity Commission site," she said.

Many charities forgot the obvious when applying for funding from the foundation, Kelly said. For example, if a charity had a good governance and planning system in place, it should make this clear.

"We like to see good support for staff and volunteers – volunteers are very important," she said.

According to Kelly, the foundation looks for charities that achieve lasting change through their work. She said helping fewer people to a high standard was more important than helping a lot of people. The Lloyds TSB Foundation would be supporting charities with £25m this year, she said.

Jenny Olsen, director of communications and marketing at the [Community Development Foundation](#), told the conference that an increasing number of partnerships were applying to the CDF for funding.

"People must be able to demonstrate they are generating more funds off the back of our grant," she added. "Sustainability will be very important in the years to come."

## **Big Society Bank will make measuring impact a priority, says government adviser**

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The **Big Society Bank** will make it a priority to be actively involved in developing and encouraging impact measurement, according to one of the advisers developing the framework for the Bank.

Nick O'Donohoe, former global head of research at JP Morgan, is working together with Sir Ronald Cohen, former chair of the social investment taskforce, to devise a proposal for government for how the **Big Society Bank** will operate.

O'Donohoe, who is expected to announce the proposal with Cohen in the coming weeks, told delegates at the Voice11 conference yesterday that it would be incumbent on the Big Society Bank to be a leader in developing best practice around impact measurement:

“It will be necessary to have a clear and understandable rating system for mainstream investors to understand social investment,” said O'Donohoe.

O'Donohoe suggested the Bank could invest in a social stock exchange to achieve this. The Bank, which will be a wholesaler institution, will also invest in social enterprise funds, CDFIs, existing banks in the sector and new innovations such as social impact bonds, he said.

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#### **NAVCA, NCVO and ACEVO joint letter to local authorities**

Following Communities Secretary Eric Pickles saying he would take action against local authorities acting unreasonably towards the local voluntary and community sector, NAVCA has written a joint letter with NCVO and ACEVO to all local authorities. The letter asks what action they are taking to ensure that: cuts are not disproportionate; there is consultation; at least three months notice of cuts is given. Let us know how things are going locally. See [NAVCA news page](#).

Also - please continue to use the [shared cuts website](#) to build up a picture of how the cuts are affecting the sector nationally.

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