



## **One Website. Every Charity.**

**Welcome to the latest edition of the GuideStar UK e-bulletin, bringing you updates on GuideStar UK and its partners.**

## **GuideStar UK e-bulletin April 2008**

### **GuideStar UK News**

#### **GuideStar UK Advisory Council formed**

A new Advisory Council for GuideStar UK has been established. This is chaired by Stuart Etherington, the Chief Executive of NCVO and has members from government, charities and foundations. The Council will be guiding the development of GuideStar UK and met for the first time in February 2008.

#### **GuideStar UK to test feasibility of including Northern Irish charities**

Over the next year GuideStar will be working with charities and government in Northern Ireland to test the feasibility of including the Northern Irish charities in the GuideStar UK database and launching a standalone GuideStar Northern Ireland. A new Charity Commission for Northern Ireland is expected to be launched later this year which will undertake the registration and regulation of charities in Northern Ireland. This project is being funded by Lloyds TSB foundation for Northern Ireland.

#### **GuideStar development in Europe**

GuideStar International is currently undertaking a project to test the feasibility of developing national GuideStar systems in another 5 European countries with funding from the European Commission. This 18 month project is being undertaken with partners in the Republic of Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany and Hungary. For more details please go to [www.guidestareurope.org](http://www.guidestareurope.org).

#### **GuideStar supports development of an 'Indicator for a Thriving Third Sector'**

GuideStar is a member of a consortium that has been developing National Indicator 7: 'The indicator of a thriving third sector'. An initial survey of third sector organisations will be undertaken later this year to measure the contribution that local government makes to the environment in which third sector organisations can operate successfully. For more details and to read the full report please click [here](#).

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## Charity Questions Answered

### Did you know?

- You can find charities that provide grants - Just tick the 'Grant Maker' box in the [advanced search](#). There are 64,000 charities that provide grants included in GuideStar UK.
- You can search for charities that are working to benefit a specific geographic area by using the 'Area of benefit' box in [advanced search](#). For example you will find 1,277 charities that work to benefit Bristol and 3,152 that are working for Africa.

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## Popular Searches

### What have people been searching for on GuideStar UK?

Here are some of the most popular searches during March 2008:

- [Cancer research](#)
- [Autism](#)
- [Elderly](#)
- [Children](#)
- [Oxfam](#)

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## Update my Charity

### Have you used 'Update my charity'?

All 168,000 registered charities that are featured on GuideStar can provide additional information about their work through the ['Update my charity'](#) feature. Since its launch, 13,462 charities have used this feature to add additional information, newsletters, reports and photos to their entry on GuideStar. Registered charities only can use the secure ['Update My Charity'](#) and a password is required - these have been sent out to all registered charity correspondents. If you cannot locate your password please contact [password@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:password@guidestar.org.uk).

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## GuideStar UK Information

### [GuideStar UK Case Studies](#)

We want to help publicise the 168,000 charities GuideStar UK supports by telling the press and media about examples of people or organisations who have benefited from having an entry on or using the website. If you are interested in taking part in a case study please contact us for more information at [info@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:info@guidestar.org.uk)

## **Links to GuideStar UK**

If you would like a copy of the GuideStar UK logo for your website please contact us at [info@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:info@guidestar.org.uk)

## **E-bulletin Archive**

Access previous news and site developments by viewing all GuideStar UK's previous [e-bulletins](#) in our online service.

## **Tell us what you think**

GuideStar UK is committed to providing the best possible service. With that in mind we have developed a user survey to find out how people are using website and how we can make it better for you. You can fill in the GuideStar UK [user survey](#) or email us at [feedback@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:feedback@guidestar.org.uk) to provide us with feedback.

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