

### "One Website. Every Charity."

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

#### Site Developments



#### Latest intelligence service for charity lawyers launched

The new emphasis on charities delivering public services along with the implications of the Charity and Companies Acts have led to a demand for detailed charity data from the charity lawyer sector. For more information please visit our [Legal Intelligence Service](#)

#### New charity HQ search option

Some charities have many branches or affiliates which share their name. To make it easier to locate national headquarters we have added a new field in the advanced search. If your charity could benefit from identifying its national headquarters, you can use the simple tick box in the organization section of [Update my Charity](#).

#### Top tip

Did you know you can use the organization section of [Update My Charity](#) to publicise the contribution that volunteers make to your charity?

#### Remember the London Marathon charity runners

Last year the London marathon raised £41.5 Million for charity. This year thousands more runners will be supporting local, national and international charities. For examples of charities involved in the marathon check out the 'How to help this Charity' section of the following charity entries.

[MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY GROUP OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND](#)

[THE PEOPLE'S DISPENSARY FOR SICK ANIMALS](#)

[UNITED RESPONSE](#)

[THE ROWANS HOSPICE](#)

[SKILL - NATIONAL BUREAU FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES](#)

[HOPE WORLDWIDE](#)

[CAR ACCIDENT VICTIMS ORGANISATION](#)

#### Your Charity Questions Answered



**Q.** How many charities work in health and social care in England?

**A.** An estimated 35,000 Third Sector organisations currently provide health and/or social care in England.

## Geographical focus of third sector organizations delivering health and social care services.

Local	Regional	National	UK Wide	International
62%	26%	3%	10%	2%

Source: the Department of Health 2007 - More information can be found in the Department of Health's report below.

### Latest News



### GuideStar UK data - providing an evidence base for policy

#### Department of Health, Third Sector Market Mapping, 2007

GuideStar UK was pleased to be able to supply data for the Department of Health's Third Sector Mapping Report. The report examines the added contribution that third sector organisations could make in public service delivery. For more information or to read the report please follow the [Link](#)

### GuideStar UK welcomes members of the new fundraising codes and complaints scheme.



The Fundraising Standards Board launched in February, is a voluntary scheme which shows a charity has agreed to adhere to a strict set of fundraising codes and independent complaints process. The Fundraising Standards Board logo offers the public a 'mark of reassurance' to look for when giving to charities. To find out more about the scheme please visit <http://www.fsboard.org.uk/> or call 0845 402 5442.

Charities can show the public they are members of the scheme by using the organization section of [Update my Charity](#).

### Guidestar UK sponsors excellence and innovation in local authority engagement with the voluntary and community sector.



GuideStar UK is delighted to announce that Croydon Council and Birmingham City Councils have been awarded Beacon Scheme Status for Increasing voluntary and community sector service delivery. GuideStar UK sponsored the award theme which is organised annually by the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) and the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG). For more information visit our press release [here](#).

### Competition: Giveaway - 10 copies of The Good Giving Guide: A Supporter's Guide to Charities and Campaigning



This month GuideStar UK has teamed up with Vision Publishing to offer 10 readers a copy of [The Good Giving Guide](#) by Annie Kelly & Emma Maier. The book provides a useful explanation of how charities, NGOs and pressure groups work. To win a copy email you name and address to [competition@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:competition@guidestar.org.uk). The first 10 people to respond will be sent a copy.

### Know a brilliant volunteer who deserves recognition?



Thousands of 'local heroes' make an outstanding contribution to the local community each year by giving up their time to raise funds, campaign or assist others. The [Nationwide Awards for Voluntary Endeavour](#) aims to recognise these volunteers, so if you know someone who deserves an award complete the [online nomination](#) form before **the 30 April 2007**.

## Events



### **Come and meet GuideStar UK at the ICT Hub annual conference – 28th March, Emirates Stadium, London**

The [annual ICT hub conference](#) is for small and medium sized voluntary organisations. Workshops are designed for differing levels of ICT knowledge and suitable for voluntary organisations at all stages. GuideStar UK will have a stand and would welcome the chance to meet you in person!

## 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).

### **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 the website and how we can make it better for you - [GuideStar UK user survey](#) or email us at [feedback@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:feedback@guidestar.org.uk)

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