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bringing you updates on GuideStar UK and our partners**

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In the News

GuideStar Data Services working with the Office of the Third Sector on National Survey of Third Sector Organisations

The Office of the Third Sector has recently announced that the forthcoming National Survey of Third Sector Organisations will be based on data provided by BMG Research and GuideStar UK. In September 2008, thousands of TSOs will receive this crucial survey which will be conducted by research specialists Ipsos MORI. For the first time, all local authorities are to be judged on their performance in creating an environment for a thriving third sector. To measure this performance, the government is commissioning the largest ever survey of the third sector.

Results from the survey will be available early in the new year and will drive change locally and nationally by revealing performance against a key local government performance target (National Indicator 7). It will also provide valuable evidence on the performance of local partnerships, funding relationships, opportunities to campaign and influence and other issues facing the sector at a local level.

The survey will be sent to 97,000 organisations, drawn from data provided by a consortium of BMG Research and GuideStar, who will also provide key information to enable the results of the survey to be fully analysed and understood. To find out more about the National Indicator 7, please see http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/Partnership_working/local_government.aspx

Third Sector Research Centre to use GuideStar UK data

Birmingham University and Southampton University have been selected to run the new Third Sector Research Centre, with GuideStar UK as one of the key organisations involved in the bid. The Centre will deliver a number of programmes which will help develop a robust base of evidence on the work of the Third Sector and its impact on individuals' lives. The work of the centre will include research into charity delivery of public services, and an annual report covering research which is being undertaken by the sector.

ImpACT Coalition Self-Assessment Tool for Charities

How often do you check your entry on GuideStar UK? Once in a while? Never?!

That's just one of the questions included in the ImpACT toolkit, a free self assessment tool available to charities to measure their transparency and accountability. While public trust in the sector remains high, there is increasing evidence that the public look at charities with a critical eye. The ImpACT Coalition aims to help charities retain public confidence and communicate the difference that they make to society effectively. It brings charities and trade bodies together to improve standards of openness and accountability in the charitable sector. Membership is free, and it's easy to join at: www.impactcoalition.org.uk.

The Big Give links to GuideStar UK



and foundations and through providing links to each charity's entry on GuideStar UK, the Big Give encourages intelligent giving.

TheBigGive.org.uk promotes charities to proactive donors who can search quickly and discreetly for charitable projects within their field of interest. It has accumulated over £1.5 billion in funding requests from over 4,500 charities since its launch in October 2007. By spending £1million on promoting to highly wealthy individuals, corporates, trusts

Update your Charity

Charity Update

Here are just a few of the charities that have updated their entry in July. Many charities have utilised the charity gallery, so please don't forget to upload your photos to your entry. Have a look at what these charities have been up to...



Rural Youth Network

Rural Youth Network aims to raise, develop and maintain an awareness of issues affecting young people and those who work with them in rural areas. These issues include barriers in relation to provision of transport, housing, health services and access to employment, training and education. Membership is free and membership services include advice and information, monthly e-bulletins, online good practice magazines and conferences. The next RYN conference 'Young people making a difference - the social inclusion of rural youth' is taking place on the 25th September 2008 and is open to all. For more details please visit the RYN website www.ruralityouth.com



Buskaid

Buskaid runs a Music School in Soweto, teaching more than seventy young musicians aged between 4 and 25. Funds for the School are raised through charitable trusts in South Africa, the USA and the UK (Buskaid UK). It has raised

money in order to fund teachers' salaries at the Music School; support Buskaid students who are successful in gaining a place for tertiary study in the UK; facilitate the release of the Buskaid ensemble's acclaimed CDs as well as collecting and shipping donated goods - quality violins, violas and cellos out to South Africa. The Buskaid Soweto String Ensemble visited the Proms in 2007 and the BBC4 recently broadcasted a documentary following two years in the life of the Music School under the Soweto Strings.



Weizmann UK

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Supporting the Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel

Weizmann UK champions scientific exploration by raising awareness and funds for research undertaken at the Weizmann Institute of

Science. Their mission, the pursuit of science for the benefit of humanity, has always kept education at its core. This long held commitment has three main aims; expanding the scientific knowledge of school children and the general public, world class graduate studies, and the professional development of science teachers. To fulfil these aims, the Institute runs a variety of funded programmes. These programmes are the cornerstones for the Weizmann Institute's education philosophy and mission to nurture the next generation of scientists.



SOS Sahel International UK

SOS Sahel UK helps people in the semi-arid Sahel region of Africa to improve their living conditions and secure their livelihood into the future. The charity works with farmers and herders to tackle poverty through increasing food production, developing skills and improving management of the natural resources (woodlands, trees, water and land) upon which they depend. It also works with and trains national and local government services



to increase their capacity to support local communities, and influences government services to increase their capacity to support local communities, and influences governments to change laws and codes of practice that discriminate against marginalised groups such as nomadic herders.



Canine Partners for Independence

Canine Partners for Independence supports people with disabilities and helps them to enjoy a greater independence and quality of life. They also help them back into education and employment or voluntary positions, through the provision of specially trained dogs, whose well-being is a key consideration.



Don't forget to **Update your Charity** Entry on GuideStar UK. We will feature updated charities in future e-bulletins.

Topical Searches



There is always a lot going on in the news. You can use GuideStar UK to find out which charities are dedicated to issues currently in the media. Here are just a few:

- **Theatre**
- **Pollution**
- **NHS**
- **Alcohol abuse**
- **War Crimes**

GuideStar UK Information

GuideStar UK Case Studies

We want to help publicise the 168,000 charities GuideStar UK supports by telling them about examples of people or organisations that 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.

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