

"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



New grantmakers search option

To find a grantmaker offering grants in your chosen area of activity all you need to do is use [advanced search](#) to enter a relevant keyword and then tick the box marked grantmaker. This will bring up a list of relevant organizations. You can refine your search further by using the cluster options on the left hand side.

New public benefit statement section

One outcome of the Charity Bill is that every registered charity now needs to show positively that it is set up and operates for the public benefit (The Charity Commission will be providing further guidance). In the meantime you can add a public benefit statement under the activities section of [Update My Charity](#). Some examples of how charities have used this section:

[The St Mary's Charity](#)

[Meersbrook Park After School Club](#)

[Drug and Alcohol Action Programme Limiteds](#)

[OI Malo Charitable Trust](#)

Your Charity Questions Answered



Q. What percentage of charities file their trustee report and accounts late?

A. Charities with an income over 10K are required to file within 10 months of their financial year end. From our data it looks like more are filing on time.

Charities filing late:

Year end	Number of charities	Percentage
2006	14937	21.8%
2005	17848	23.0%
2004	21645	27.3%

Latest

WORKING FOR A

CHARITY

Win the chance to find your dream charity job

This month GuideStar UK has teamed up with [NCVO Working For A Charity](#) to offer one reader a [free short course](#) offering a brief introduction to the charity sector and information on job opportunities. The course takes place in London over two evenings on **26th February and 1st March**. We're keeping it simple this month, so all you need to do is send your contact details to

competition@guidestar.org.uk. The first person to respond will be sent further details

Want to do good things in 2007?



The wonderful people at Innocent drinks (who give 10% of profits to charity) have decided that GuideStar UK is the place to go for ideas on donating to charity. For this and other top tips on how to have a slightly better 2007 visit [Innocent Drinks](#).



Are your trustees keen to network?

GuideStar UK is pleased to let you know about the recently launched [FREE national network](#) for trustees and management committee members. Set up by the organisation [Charity Trustee Networks](#) (CTN), the charity which supports trustees to:

- keep up to date about key issues affecting your role
- contribute their views to influence national policy
- network online with other trustees and management committee members
- hear about a range of benefits - free and discounted - to support them in their role as a trustee

Events



Come and meet GuideStar UK at the next 3rd Sector Delivering 4 Community conference – 13th February, London

[The event](#) will examine various issues within the sectors development, including partnership working and innovation, capacity-building and quantifying the added value of using the sector to provide public services. The event is being held at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster.

Has your organisation accomplished the impossible?



Every year the [Charity Awards](#) celebrates the huge contribution made by the UK's voluntary sector. Has your organisation made an outstanding contribution? Then now is the time to nominate it. The deadline for submissions is the 16th February 2007 and the nomination pack can be downloaded [here](#).

The winners will be announced at the gala dinner on the 21st of June. For more information please visit www.charityawards.co.uk.

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.

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.

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

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