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

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In the News



GuideStar Interview with Stuart Etherington, Chief Executive, National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)

GuideStar International recently interviewed Mr. Stuart Etherington, Chief Executive at the NCVO who is also on the board of GuideStar International as well as a member of the Advisory Council for GuideStar UK.

In the interview he spoke about:

- Why the Office for the Third Sector should be changed to Office for Civil Society
- The role GuideStar is playing in the development of the charitable sector in the UK and overseas
- The way in which UK civil society compares with the rest of the world
- How NCVO values the information available on GuideStar UK
- How he thinks GuideStar can help ease the burden of reporting on charities
- Possible opportunities for the charitable sector with the 2012 Olympics
- The new opportunities and challenges which charities must confront in the future

[Read the full interview](#)

Teaching Children about Charities using GuideStar UK

The Youth and Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) is a unique programme implemented by the Institute of Philanthropy designed to teach secondary school pupils the basic skills of effective giving and to highlight the positive impact they, as young people, can have on their communities. YPI uses GuideStar UK as a key resource for enabling children to learn about charities in their local community. The programme has been piloted since September 2007 in ten schools in London by the Institute of Philanthropy and based upon this experience will be rolled out to 50 schools nationwide during the next school year and 100 schools within 3 years. According to James Townsend, YPI Programme Manager "GuideStar enables students to discover charities operating in their local area and to access the key information they need when deciding which charity to lend their support to as part of YPI". Learn more about the [Youth in Philanthropy Initiative](#).



Lewis Temple (Director, GuideStar UK) Interview with Charity Finance

An interview with Lewis Temple, Director of GuideStar UK was featured in the July issue of Charity Finance. The interview gives a personal insight into what led Lewis to his position at GuideStar UK, as well as the role he will play in the development of GuideStar UK. He also talks about the way in which GuideStar UK is providing a model for the development of GuideStar overseas. [Interview with Charity Finance](#).

Survey for Effective Consultation with Third Sector Organisations

[Involve](#) and GuideStar has been commissioned by the [Office of the Third Sector](#) to carry out a study of effective and innovative consultation with Third Sector organisations. The study will inform a report and online guide to help public agencies become better at tapping into the knowledge and experience of the third sector in policy making. The guidance is due to be launched this autumn.

You can contribute to the research by taking part in this [survey](#). For more information about the project please contact Karin Gavelin at karin@involve.org.uk.

The GlaxoSmithKline Community Health IMPACT Awards

The GlaxoSmithKline Community Health IMPACT Awards are open to registered charities that are at least 3 years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1 million. Up to 20 awards of unrestricted funding will be made, with an overall winner receiving £35,000 and nine other winners receiving £25,000. The IMPACT Awards' application form and guidelines are available at www.kingsfund.org.uk/gsimpactawards where you can also download information and short films on last year's winners. The closing date for applications is Friday 26th September 2008. If you need any further information please contact gskenquiries@kingsfund.org.uk.

Update your Charity

Charity Update

Here are just a few of the charities that have updated their entry in June. 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...



[Sussex Pony Grazing and Conservation Trust](#)

This charity owns and manages the project of grazing Exmoor ponies for the conservation of important local Sussex habitats, currently: - lowland calcareous grasslands (the eastern South Downs); and lowland heath (Ashdown Forest area). Both are threatened by invasive species to the detriment of historically rich flora and fauna. One of the main reasons for this is the decline in traditional agricultural practices, notably grazing. The ponies, now close to 50 in number, replace this and thrive on herbage, which is usually unpalatable to domestic breeds.



[Open Clasp Theatre Company](#)

Open Clasp Theatre company, the North East's only professional women's theatre company celebrated their 10th birthday this year. They run issue based drama workshops with women and girl's groups and create theatre, which is taken to community and mainstream venues across the region. Drama and theatre is used as a tool to empower, increase self-esteem and confidence, leading to personal development and growth, and positive change for those taking part and the audience members who share in the experience.





Hertfordshire

[Age Concern Hertfordshire \(ACH\)](#)

ACH promotes the well-being of all older people and helps to make life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. This charity provides a range of services, which help prevent social isolation, promote health and wellbeing and empower and enable the wider community.



[River Wey Trust](#)

This charity works to preserve, enhance, conserve, restore and promote the manmade and natural features of the southern branch of the River Wey in Hampshire, West Sussex and Surrey, including its Tributaries and Valley, relevant to their archaeological, social and economic history, geology and ecology. The Trust is currently working to save an old watermeadow sluice on the Wey at Passfield (see photo to the right). Even in summer the structure (and those working on it) have to deal with large volumes of water.



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:

- [Zimbabwe](#)
- [Nelson Mandela](#)
- [Tennis](#)
- [Missing Children](#)
- [Housing Crisis](#)

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.

Link your website to GuideStar UK

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