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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

Better together: improving consultation with the Third Sector

On Wednesday 26th November Kevin Brennan, Minister for the Third Sector, launched the publication of a practical handbook to help central, regional and local government officers to consult the third sector and to use their experience to influence public policy outcomes.

The handbook was the product of a research project commissioned by the Office of the Third Sector and [Children England](#) where GuideStar Data Services helped design the research methodology, provided the quantitative analysis and contributed to the research report and handbook. The research was led by [Involve](#), who are specialists in public participation processes. [Read in detail at the Cabinet Office Website.](#)

Kevin Brennan, Minister for the Third Sector, said: "One of the most fundamental tasks that the third sector undertakes is to ensure that the voices of individuals, organisations and communities are heard – including the most marginalised sections of society. This statement resonates with the theme of the **2008 GuideStar International Assembly**, which is being held on December 2nd and 3rd entitled **'From Local to Global: The value of civil society organisation information for citizen engagement'**.

GDS (see below) has developed a number of products and services to help Government engage with the Third Sector <http://www.gs-ds.co.uk/government.aspx>.

GuideStar Data Services website launched

[GuideStar Data Services](http://www.gs-ds.co.uk) (GDS) is delighted to announce the launch of its dedicated new website www.gs-ds.co.uk.

GDS is a UK community interest company, wholly owned by GuideStar International and is the engine behind GuideStar UK data. The GDS database connects organisations with information on the activities, finances and structure of 169,000 registered charities in England and Wales, extending to include all UK Third Sector not-for-profit companies, social enterprises and industrial and provident societies.

GDS provides a range of products and services that serve a wide audience including: government as policymakers and funders; Third Sector umbrella, networking and funding bodies; government, academic and market researchers; professional services; financial institutions; utility companies; suppliers; corporate donors and sponsors; and the media.

Take part in the GuideStar UK Survey

Here at GuideStar UK we really welcome feedback on the website, good or bad. How should we improve the site? Is there anything about it that really annoys you, or that you love? Just let us know by completing our [User Survey](#). As an added bonus, one completed survey before 8th December 08 will be picked out of a hat and **we will donate £100 to the charity of your choice**. Go ahead, it will only take 1 minute to complete. [GuideStar UK Survey](#).

Update your Charity

Charity Update

Here are just a few of the charities that have updated their entry last month. 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...



[Fishing with Tom](#)

Fishing with Tom aims to get children off the street and into fly fishing. They take groups from all walks of life who come to them. Since its inception in 2005 they have helped over 2500 children. At the moment they are setting up a small pond to teach young children how to fly fish.





[The Connections Bus Project](#)

The Connections Bus Project works with young people who are at risk hanging around the streets, by providing a programme of recreational, educational and personal development opportunities. Based around a state of the art converted double-decker bus the project acts as a mobile youth club and information shop in rural villages around South Cambridgeshire where there is little or no youth clubs. They currently visit 7 villages a week and are looking to expand by assisting young people in local communities to set up their own youth clubs.



[Tourettes Action](#)

Tourettes Action is the UK's leading support and research charity for people with Tourettes Syndrome (TS) and their families. They work to provide practical support and to promote social inclusion for children and adults with TS. Services include access to diagnosis, information, Helpdesk and peer contact, like their Tourettes Camp 2008 for teenages.



[The Colour of Hope](#)

Wallingford The Colour of Hope runs a youth development and reintegration programme for young people leaving children's homes and orphanages in Lima, Peru. It's a new project and the first of its kind in Lima. A total of sixteen young people from six different care homes across the city have benefitted from the programme since February this year. Through the opportunities the programme offers, these marginalised and disadvantaged young people are able to bring lasting change, not only to their own lives, but to those of their children.



Don't forget to [Update your Charity](#) Entry on GuideStar UK. We will feature some 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:

- [War Memorial](#)
- [Tax](#)
- [Employment](#)
- [Congo](#)
- [Children in Need](#)

GuideStar UK Information

GuideStar UK Case Studies

We want to help publicise the 169,000 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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