



GuideStar UK e-bulletin - October 2006

"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

Forums

GuideStar UK have launched the [Charity Forum](#). This is a free online community where you can read and post topics of interest about charities and the voluntary sector. The Charity Forum can be used for open discussion of issues, knowledge sharing and networking. Topics currently include news, fundraising, volunteering, giving, getting the most out of GuideStar UK, policy and politics, finance and governance, legal issues, charity research and working for a charity. To register please visit the [Charity Forum](#).

Trustee Information Tool Now Available

In response to feedback from charities, it is now possible for charities to amend the information about their trustees in their GuideStar UK entry. If you are a charity that wishes to remove or add new trustees to your entry, please go to the ['Update My Charity'](#) section, log in and click the Organisation tab.



New Performance Information Section Available

GuideStar UK has responded to feedback from statutory and voluntary sector grantmakers who want to be able to use the site for due diligence checks on charities applying for funding. New sections that have been added

include:

- How a charity measures success and an assessment of achievements against main objectives.
- Information on quantifying and number of the beneficiaries of a charity
- How a charity responds to beneficiaries' needs and how they influence the development of a charity.
- Does the charity routinely perform Criminal Records Bureau checks on staff and volunteers.
- Does the charity use external quality managements systems such as Investors in People or ISP 9000:2000.

If you are a grantmaker and have further suggestions for this section please contact us at feedback@guidestar.org.uk.



Competitions

Free support from leading Public Affairs Consultancy - deadline 30th October 2006

Whitehouse Consultancy (specialists in public and parliamentary affairs) is offering a year's pro bono work for a UK third sector organisation.

Interested organisations should apply by the 30th October 2006. The application should outline the nature of the organisation's work, any recent activities in the political sphere, issues of concern relating to government policy, and what goals the organisation wishes to achieve through a public affairs campaign. Furthermore, the sources and nature of statutory funding, any membership of representative bodies/organisations if applicable and the nature of the current PR teams should be included. Please also mention the charity registration number of the organisation, articles of association, details of board membership, and details of accountants or auditors to provide a reference for the

organisation. The application should not exceed two A4 pages.

Charitable or voluntary organisations interested in this opportunity should contact Kris Verlé at the Whitehouse Consultancy by emailing kris.verle@whitehouseconsulting.co.uk or writing to:

The Whitehouse Consultancy
105 Southbank House
Black Prince Road
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Start the New Year by becoming an accredited fundraiser

GuideStar UK has teamed up with Fundraising Skills - provider of accredited online courses in fundraising for organisations and individuals - to offer one lucky winner a place on the Certificate in Grantsmanship course. This online fundraising programme is aimed at volunteer fundraisers working in a community setting and starts in January 2007. For more information on the course please visit Fundraising-skills.

To enter, simply answer the following question: Name one of the modules in the Certificate in Grantsmanship programme. The winner will be chosen at random among all the correct answers. Please email your answers along with name and postal address to info@guidestar.org.uk.



GuideStar UK Information

GuideStar UK case studies

We want to help publicise the 167,000 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 or fill in the case study form attached to this email.

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](#).

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