



## **One Website. Every Charity.**

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

### **GuideStar UK E-bulletin September 2008**

#### **In the News**

#### **Reporting by Small Charities - GuideStar UK to pick up from Charity Commission**

The open availability of Trustees Annual Reports and Financial Statements makes a significant contribution to public trust and confidence in charities. A level playing field for all charities large or small is a central principle on which GuideStar UK was founded. The Charity Commission's decision to raise the account filing threshold to £25,000 means that thousands of charities will effectively have no public visibility.

In response to this change, GuideStar UK will continue to capture and display information from all Trustee Annual Reports and Financial Statements it receives regardless of size. We will provide a simple method for charities with an income of less than £25,000 to voluntarily submit accounts to us electronically through our existing Update my Charity facility. Charities are still required to prepare accounts, so all they will have to do is upload their accounts as a pdf or word document. We will then digitise the information presented in these accounts and display this data with the reports in the same way as all those received from the Charity Commission.

This represents a shift from formal regulation to self-reporting for those charities that recognise the value of communicating their activities and finances to all their stakeholders including funders. GuideStar will, of course, work with the Charity Commission and other relevant bodies to promote this transition.

#### **National Indicator 7 Survey on the UK Third Sector**

The National Survey of Third Sector Organisations which was commissioned by the Office of the Third Sector will be sent out to 104,00 third sector organisations next week. The survey, which utilises GuideStar and BMG Research data will help reveal performance against the local government target, National Indicator 7. It will provide important information on the performance of local partnerships, funding relationships, opportunities to campaign among other issues.

Headline findings from the survey will be released in January 2009 with further analysis and full publications scheduled for Spring 2009. The second wave of the survey will then take place in Autumn 2010. For more information go to the [NTSO](#) and [Cabinet Office](#) websites.

## **United Nations and GuideStar International working together to put all African charities Online**

GuideStar International and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) has announced a joint venture to develop a free web portal for African civil society organisations, which will showcase the work of all NGOs, charities, nonprofit organisations and community based organisations from the smallest to the largest. Utilising a shared internet platform, organisations will, for the first time, be able to display their vision and mission, objectives, activities, needs and finances to donors, researchers, policy makers and the general public. [Read more ...](#)

## **Competition**



### **The Media Trust & GuideStar UK Competition**

The Media Trust has teamed up with GuideStar UK to give away 3 places on any of its Training events. The Media Trust works in partnership with the media industry to build effective communications for the charitable and voluntary sectors. **The first 3 charities to [UPDATE THEIR GUIDESTAR CHARITY ENTRY](#) from Thursday 18th September at 9:00 am** will receive a **FREE** place at one of their training event. For further information on the courses available you can visit the [Media Trust Website](#). Your updates can include your **achievements, how you would like the public to assist you with your work, volunteer vacancies** and your **future plans** or **upcoming events** and **awards** to name a few. (N.B. simply logging on will not work and this excludes the courses Media Interview Training, Podcasting, Blogging and Presentation skills).

### **Channel4 BattleFront Competition**



If your charity works with young people or you are aged 14-21 this is a competition you may be interested in. Channel 4 is running a competition entitled 'Battlefront' which is inviting young people aged 14-21 to run a campaign on an issue they care about. To enter this competition you will need to write up to 150 words about your campaign idea and upload an image. This can be a picture of yourself or something relevant to your campaign. You can also submit a short video. Entries must be submitted by 1st October 2008. The winner will get a profile on the Battlefront website and if the entry is really good a feature on the Channel 4 TV series. [Read more ...](#) for more information please contact [team@battlefront.co.uk](mailto:team@battlefront.co.uk)

## Update your Charity

### Charity Update

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



#### [Norwood Community Group](#)

NCG delivers educational, recreational and creative projects AQA accredited. Counseling and mentoring are part of their remit, they are currently going through a restructure and are seeking volunteers, including those with youth work qualifications.



#### [Compassion Direct UK](#)

Compassion Direct UK is an environmentally aware organisation working to provide a sustainable future for the forgotten children and families living in the streets, shanties and mountains of South America.





## Care for Kaleo

Care for Kaleo is a Christian charity operating in Ghana, West Africa. Their first project empowered villagers of Kaleo to become skilled builders by providing machinery and training to construct a new church. The second project aims to improve basic education in Kaleo by establishing equipping and funding a Nursery School to be held in the new church building.



## Medical Engineering Resource Unit (MERU)

MERU's dedicated team of staff and volunteers design, engineer and manufacture equipment when children's parents, carers and therapists simply can't find a product to meet their needs. It's a common problem, particularly when children have multiple or complex disabilities. They make a large range of tailor-made products, including specialist wheelchair controllers, computer mice, supportive seating, eating, drinking, hygiene and bathing equipment, as well as learning and leisure toys.



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:

- [Cycling](#)
- [Rowing](#)
- [Housing Associations](#)
- [Georgia](#)
- [Paralympics](#)

## 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](mailto:info@guidestar.org.uk).

### Link your website to GuideStar UK

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