



GuideStar UK e-bulletin - July 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

The Perfect Formula - launch of GuideStar UK's 'giving formula' to help you find the right charities to support - [formula page](#)



With 167,000 registered charities to support in England and Wales finding the right one to support can be a tough decision. To help you refine your search, we've enlisted the help of social psychologist Cliff Arnall. In collaboration with Cliff we have produced a formula that isolates a number of factors for you and your family to consider when selecting which charities to support. Click through to our [formula](#) page to use the formula.

Charities can now upload colour logos

In response to feedback from charities we have amended the "Update my Charity" facility to allow charities to upload colour logos to their entry on the website. If you have already added a black and white logo to your entry we would be happy to replace this for you. Please email us a colour version to info@guidestar.org.uk.



The Charity Awards 2006

GuideStar UK was pleased to be a sponsor of the 2006 Charity Awards which were held on Thursday 15th June.

The Charity Awards recognise and celebrate excellence in the leadership and management of charities. GuideStar UK would like to congratulate all of the winners. Click on the links below to visit their GuideStar UK entries:

Overall winner - [Hibiscus](#)

Animals and the environment - [RSPB](#)

Arts, culture and heritage - [Evelyn Oldfield Unit](#)

Children and youth - [Llamau](#)

Disability - [Speaking Up](#)

Education and training - [Hibiscus](#)

Effectiveness award - [London Bombings Relief](#)

Grantmaking - [Nationwide Foundation](#)

Healthcare and medical research - [Stroke Association](#)

International aid and development - [Music as Therapy](#)

Research, advice and support - [Mezzanine 2](#)

Social care, welfare and religion - [Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan](#)

Performance Hub Training Opportunity - Do you want to help third sector organisations achieve more?



performance hub

The Performance Hub has announced a new programme of free regional training for those who provide advice and support to voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations on how to improve their performance.

The training programme is part of a package of support the Hub is offering to infrastructure organisations. Other services include

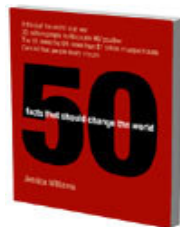
action learning sets, an e-community and a visits programme. To find our more visit www.performancehub.org.uk/givingsupport, email mentors@performancehub.org.uk or call 020 7078 9381.



Charity Commission "File Early" Campaign

The Charity Commission wishes to improve the submission rates of reports and accounts from charities. At present 25% of charities don't submit the information they should within the required 10 month deadline. The Commission has issued some helpful guidance on how charities can improve their submission times and avoid late filing. This is available on their website, www.charitycommission.gov.uk, under the heading "File Early". GuideStar UK supports the Commission's campaign and believes that by filing earlier the sector can tell its story more effectively. This can only be to its benefit.

Book Giveaway – '50 Facts that Changed the World' by Jessica Simpson



Do you think you know what's going on in the world? Jessica Williams will make you think again. Read about hunger, poverty, material and emotional deprivation, human rights abuses, unimaginable wealth, the decline of religion, the unstoppable rise of consumerism, mental illness, the drugs trade corruption, gun culture, the abuse of our environment and much more in this bestseller.

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Your Charity Questions Answered:

There are over 167,000 registered charities in England and Wales but how many of these are large national charities and how many are small local charities?

Here is a profile of charities based on their latest income figures:

No income or no recorded income	9,248	5.5%
£1 to £10k	81,774	48.8%
£10k to £25k	27,430	16.4%
£25k to £100k	25,103	15.0%
£100k to £250k	10,451	6.2%
£250k to £1m	8,321	5.0%
£1m to £5m	3,721	2.2%
£5m to £10m	687	0.4%
£10m to £25m	447	0.3%
Over £25m	223	0.1%
TOTAL	167,405	100.0%



Free Information Law training at Pinsent Masons

The Shelagh Gaskill Information Law Scholarship, an initiative that provides free legal training on Data Protection and Freedom of Information to charities and not for profit organisations, has been launched by Pinsent Masons, top 15 UK law firm.

The programme gives Information Officers or those in similar roles the chance to obtain Data Protection or Freedom of

Information Training through Pinsent Masons' courses, at no cost to the organisation or the individual.

The scholarship is intended to help and support charities, voluntary, and community organisations which would otherwise find the cost of information law training for employees difficult to bear.

For further information on the scholarship and how to apply please visit the Pinsent Masons website at: www.pinsentmasons.com/expertise/business/scholarship.aspx

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.

GuideStar UK Presentations

If your event would benefit from a presentation on GuideStar UK or a demonstration of the information held in the database please contact info@guidestar.org.uk.

Links to GuideStar UK

You may find the following organisations, who have recently linked to our site, of interest:

[St John's Church of England Aided Primary School, Bollington](#)
[Silver Surfers](#)
[Charity Governance](#)
[Advice UK](#)
[Association of Charity Shops](#)

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