

### "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



#### New volunteers vacancy facility

GuideStar UK is pleased to announce its new feature which allow charities to advertise their volunteering opportunities including trusteeships, administrators and fundraisers on the site. The service is free – to both users and all 168,000 charities listed on our site. See our Top Tip section below for more details.

View some examples of charities already using the facility on our site here:

- [Harvest Help](#)
- [VEGA](#)
- [Wallingford Museum](#)

If you have any site development ideas that you'd like to see put into action, let us know about them – email us at [info@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:info@guidestar.org.uk)

#### Top Tip

- To search for volunteering opportunities go to '[Advanced Search](#)' and tick the 'Volunteering Vacancies' box, you can refine your search by area.
- To add a volunteering advertisement go to '[Update My Charity](#)', and then to the 'Organisation' section where you can list your vacancy under 'People'.

For more information on volunteering visit our [Charity Knowledge](#) page where we list some other useful sites and advice.

#### Your Charity Questions Answered



**Q.** If there are 168,000 charities – how many trustees are there?

**A.** The average number of trustees per charity is five, but the total number of trustees throughout England and Wales is a whopping 920,000!

#### Latest



#### Win delegate places at the Charity IT Conference 2007

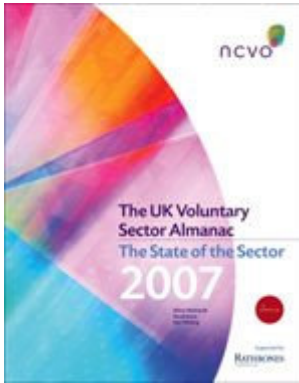
Plaza Publishing Ltd has generously offered to give **three** of our readers **FREE** full delegate places (worth £199 each) to attend their annual Charity IT Conference which takes place on 7 November 2007 at the QEII Conference Centre in London.

The conference aims to help chief executives, trustees, and senior

managers in finance, IT, and fundraising exploit the strategic benefits of IT through a combination of plenary sessions, panel discussions, streamed slots, and case studies from leading charities. To find out more about the event click [here](#)

To enter, email your name, organisation, job title, address, and telephone number to [competition@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:competition@guidestar.org.uk). Entries are restricted to charities only.

## **GuideStar UK - providing an evidence base for Policy**



Guidestar has provided the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) with the comprehensive financial, economic and activity information used to compile the annual Voluntary Sector Almanac. The Almanac is an indispensable resource for anyone interested in the sector, combining easy-to-read graphs with in-depth tables. The almanac provides a wealth of evidence including:

- The different types and sources of the sector's income.
- How the money is being spent. The sector's growing workforce, the changing nature of volunteering and detailed information on who gives to charity.

You can find more information on the Almanac [here](#)

## **Find useful information for the charity sector at VolResource**

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A great tool for those working and interested in the Third Sector is the website VolResource.

It provides practical information for all sizes and types of voluntary organisations. It rounds up the most important and relevant news, collates useful online resources and practical pointers on administrative matters. Plus you can place job adverts and hear about sector events.

## **Events**

### **Giving Nation Awards**

The Giving Nation awards annually recognise and reward secondary schools' charity and community actions. Giving Nation gives eight regional prizes of £1000 and the top prize is the trip of a lifetime for the winning pupils - the 2007 prize will be visiting Kenya to experience the work of SightSavers. The deadline is the 18 July 2007. Go to [www.g-nation.co.uk/awards](http://www.g-nation.co.uk/awards) for more information. The awards are run in conjunction with G-Week, which celebrates and promotes giving from the 7th-13th of July, see [www.g-nation.co.uk/g-week](http://www.g-nation.co.uk/g-week) for more information.

### **Free Media Trust Workshops**



Improving Reach is a new project run by Media Trust which offers free media training to small and medium-sized charities working with the following priority target groups: black and minority ethnic groups, migrant and/or refugee, isolated rural and faith groups.

Improving Reach courses run throughout England in 2007/08. For more information see [www.mediatrust.org/improving-reach](http://www.mediatrust.org/improving-reach)

## GuideStar UK Information

### GuideStar UK case studies



We want to help publicise the 168,000 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](mailto:info@guidestar.org.uk).

### 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](mailto: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](#) or email us at [feedback@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:feedback@guidestar.org.uk)

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