

### "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 Charity classifications

13 new ways to describe your charity.

Until the 2006 Charity Act there was no statutory definition of "charity" or "charitable purposes" and the Charitable Uses Act 1601 remained the basis for the classification (rather than definition) of charitable purposes based on:

- the relief of poverty;
- the advancement of education;
- the advancement of religion;
- other purposes beneficial to the community

The 2006 Charity Act has introduced 13 new categories (see [here](#) for more info) and charities can choose to use these to reclassify themselves on GuideStar UK. For more information please visit the activities section of [Update my Charity](#) for more information.

#### Represent your charity more effectively - a small but important change to the Structure and Governance section

GuideStar has added a new option on the '[Update my Charity](#)' section of the website. To ensure that you give visitors to GuideStar all the information that they need, you can now provide records of any important issues relating to your structure and governance. This could include recent changes that do not appear in your latest trustee annual report and accounts.

#### Top tip

Did you know that you can search the GuideStar UK site using keywords?

Just go to the 'advanced search' page and type in your area of interest - then let GuideStar classify the results to help you find what you need without fuss or bother!

#### Your Charity Questions Answered



#### Q. How many charities give Grants?

**A.** In April there were 40,653 charities who's sole purpose was to make Grants, as well as a further 21,756 charities that performed other services as well as giving grants. That makes a grand total of 62,409 charities who give grants, which is roughly **38.8%** of all charities in England and Wales. Phew!

#### Q. Where do the grants go?

**A.** The numbers below indicate the number of grantmaking trust bodies that define themselves as falling under the following Categories:

18,250	Education/Training
14,227	General Charitable Purposes
10,758	Relief of Poverty
6,256	Religious activities
5,926	Medical/Health/Sickness
4,026	Disability
3,064	Arts/culture
2,581	Overseas aid/Famine relief
2,466	Sport/recreation
2,306	Environment/ Conservation/Heritage
1,313	Economic/Community development/Employment
1,068	Accommodation/Housing
603	Animals

The numbers above indicate the number of grantmaking trust bodies that define themselves as supporting the stated Beneficiaries:

Total may exceed the total number of grantmaking charities as they can select more than one category.

## Latest News

### GuideStar UK data - providing an evidence base for policy

#### National Audit Office (NAO), Review of The Third Sector and Public Policy

GuideStar UK was pleased to provide the NAO with information that will help scrutiny of Third Sector public spending by parliament. This report will contribute to the long term development of the relationship between the Third sector and the government. To read the report in full click [here](#).



### Who's Your Charity's Champion?



It's been described as 'the Nobel Prize of the charity world' by Gordon Brown: once again the Beacon Fellowship is looking for nominations for its 2007 Beacon Prize. The Charity is urging the public to nominate individuals who have made a significant charitable contribution in giving time, money or skills to a specific cause. The winner will be given a cash award of **£30,000**, to be invested innovatively in a charity of their choice.

**Nominations close on 15th May 2007.** Nominations forms can be downloaded from the Beacon website: [www.beaconfellowship.org.uk](http://www.beaconfellowship.org.uk)



## Competition: Free short course - working for a charity

As our February competition proved so successful, GuideStar has again teamed up with [NCVO Working For A Charity](#) to offer our readers another opportunity for a [free short course](#). This course offers a brief introduction to the charity sector and information on job opportunities. The course takes place in London over two evenings on **5th & 8th of June**.

We're keeping it simple this month, so all you need to do is send your contact details to [competition@guidestar.org.uk](mailto:competition@guidestar.org.uk). Entries will close on the 4th May 2007 at noon; the winner will be chosen at random shortly afterwards and sent further details. Good luck!

## 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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