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| <p>1</p> | <p>Heritage Lottery Fund - Heritage grants - funding for young people 13-25</p> <p>Providing grants of between £3,000 and £25,000, the Young Roots Programme aims to involve 13-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Young Roots projects stem directly from young peoples’ interests and ideas, harnessing their creativity and energy and helping them work with others in their local community.</p> <p>Who can apply To receive a Young Roots grant, your project must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide new opportunities for a wider range of young people aged 13 to 25 to learn about their own and others’ heritage • allow young people to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities • develop partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations • create opportunities to celebrate young people’s achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community <p>Your project must also create either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • opportunities for young people to volunteer in heritage • new opportunities for young people to gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage <p>Previous funded projects include a Cemetery history and clean-up project, Motorcycle restoration project, an Oral history and community exhibition project and Volunteering as wildlife recorders.</p> <p>Application process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications can be made at any time. <p>Applications can be made online, full details can be found on the Young Roots website: www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots</p> |
| <p>2</p> | <p>The Hilden Charitable Fund</p> <p>The Fund aims to address disadvantage, by supporting causes which are unlikely to raise funds from public subscription (i.e. causes which may be unpopular).</p> <p>Who can apply The Fund’s priority is to support work at a community level - grants are rarely given to well funded national charities, nor to individuals.</p> |

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| | <p>Priorities for funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • homelessness • minorities • penal affairs <p>Grant size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to £5,000 <p>Application process Applications for funding are not accepted electronically. You can download the application form and guidelines at www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/form.htm.</p> <p>Completed application forms must be posted to: The Hilden Charitable Fund, 34 North End Road, London, W14 0SH</p> |
| <p>3</p> | <p>Diverting Women from Custody - Ministry of Justice Funding</p> <p>The Ministry of Justice have published an updated briefing on the 'Capacity Building of One Stop Shop Services for Women' funding stream.</p> <p>The overall aim of the funding is to achieve a reduction of the number of women in prison, who do not need to be there as they are not serious or violent offenders who pose a risk to the public, through the provision of additional and enhanced one stop shop services in the community.</p> <p>The grant process will begin on 5th June 2009 with an information seminar for interested parties.</p> <p>To express an interest in attending the information seminar, and for the full briefing, email Helen Goddard: womenspolicyteam@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk</p> |
| <p>4</p> | <p>Home Office Safer Homes Fund</p> <p>The Safer Homes Fund is a £6million programme for voluntary and community sector organisations. It offers a package of support to improve home security for people who live in areas disproportionately affected by crime and who are known to have lower rates of home security. The funding is available in 90 priority areas. Grants are available to fund activity including fitting window locks, repairing windows and doors, advising people on using security effectively, and signposting people to further support.</p> <p>London Boroughs included in the 90 priority areas are: Barking & Dagenham, Barnet, Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Camden, City of Westminster, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith & Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Redbridge, Southwark, Waltham Forest and Wandsworth.</p> <p>Grant size between £10,000 and £100,000</p> <p>All successful applications under the Safer Homes Fund will strengthen security arrangements for vulnerable residents in one or more of the 90 priority areas. The scheme will fund individual workers and small collectives to offer vulnerable people and residents free/low-cost handyperson work, such as strengthening security arrangements, windows, locks, and training local handy people.</p> <p>They will also fund additional activities which fall under the following headings:</p> <p>Community programmes Initiatives designed to raise the awareness of improving home security. These programmes will improve cross-community relations, increase cohesion and engender a sense of people looking out for one another.</p> <p>Peer to peer Projects that aim to bring individuals together, encourage befriending and mentoring as a means of increasing confidence, particularly for the vulnerable, isolated and/or housebound. This could include small residents/tenants groups coming together to plan joint approaches to community safety.</p> <p>Community enterprise Supporting new, locally run social businesses around community safety, crime prevention and home</p> |

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| | <p>security. This will include training local handy people.</p> <p>Project duration The Fund would like projects to as soon as possible, however they would expect all projects to have started by Autumn 2009. All planned activity must be completed by the end of March 2010.</p> <p>For more information go to: www.grantsadmin.co.uk/saferhomes</p> |
| <p>5</p> | <p>Yapp Charitable Trust</p> <p>The Yapp Charitable Trust makes small grants, for running costs and salaries, to small registered charities in England and Wales to help sustain their existing work.</p> <p>The Trustees decided to concentrate on sustaining existing work, after they asked their applicants what type of funding they found most difficult to raise. Most people said the biggest problem is finding money to keep work going once it can no longer be described as new, even though it is effective and is still needed.</p> <p>Grant size In 2009 the Trust expects to give £300,000 in about 50 grants.</p> <p>Who can apply The Trust make grants to small registered charities to sustain their existing work with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • elderly people • children and young people aged 5 - 25 • people with disabilities or mental health problems • people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin - such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, a history of offending <p>They also make grants to sustain small registered charities' existing work in the fields of education and learning (with a particular interest in people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether adults or children).</p> <p>The Trust is unable to fund work which does not come into one of the above categories.</p> <p>Eligibility Applicants must have a total expenditure budget of less than £60,000 a year for the whole charity.</p> <p>The Trustees give priority to charities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tackling work that is unattractive to the general public or unpopular with other funders • helping to improve the lives of marginalised, disadvantaged or isolated people • able to demonstrate effective use of volunteers <p>Application Process</p> <p>An application pack can be downloaded from the Trust website and must be submitted by post, together with a copy of your most recent annual report and accounts.</p> <p>For more information go to: www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>Help a London Child</p> <p>Help a London Child aims to give opportunities to the Capital's children and young people who experience poverty and disadvantage; have/are experiencing abuse, neglect, homelessness, violence or crime; or who have an illness or disability.</p> <p>Average grant awarded (2008): £1,763 Maximum grant available: £3,000</p> <p>Closing dates 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 3rd June - requesting funding for on-going, new and one-off projects starting <u>from</u> November 2009 and not before. • Tuesday 3rd November - requesting funding for on-going, new and one-off projects starting <u>from</u> April 2010 and not before. |

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| | <p>Please note: You may only make one application per year.</p> <p>For more information go to: www.capitalradio.co.uk/charity/how-halc-works/apply-grant-help-a-london-child</p> |
| 7 | <p>The Secret Millionaire Fund</p> <p>Lottery funding worth £1 million has been lined up for people to apply for, or nominate projects to apply for grants of between £300 and £10,000 from the Secret Millionaire Fund.</p> <p>Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available.</p> <p>Projects must be completed within one year.</p> <p>The Secret Millionaire website will be live between 1 May - 21 December 2009. Visitors to the website can nominate or apply at any point during this time scale.</p> <p>For more information visit: http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund_info.shtml</p> |
| 8 | <p>Modernisation Funds Grants Programme</p> <p>Following on from the information in April's FADIS, the Modernisation Funds has now been updated to include diagnostics and resources to help organisations understand the range of actions they may wish to consider in preparing themselves for the economic downturn.</p> <p>Visit: www.modernisationfund.org.uk</p> |
| 9 | <p>Social Enterprise Investment Fund</p> <p>The Department of Health has launched a fund to support organisations that are, or are aiming to become, social enterprises delivering health and/or social care services.</p> <p>The fund which will open in June 2009 will be managed by Futurebuilders.</p> <p>Further details can be found on: www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/news-and-events/futurebuilders-news/futurebuilders-to-manage-social-enterprise-investment-fund</p> <p>Alternatively email: info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk for more information</p> |
| 10 | <p>Sir John Cass Foundation</p> <p>The Foundation supports education for young people under the age of 25 in inner London through its grant programmes for individuals, schools and organisations.</p> <p>The Foundation will only consider applications from schools and organisations that benefit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • children or young people under the age of 25 who are • permanent residents of named inner London boroughs (see below), and • from disadvantaged backgrounds or areas of high deprivation. <p>Inner London boroughs are: Camden, Greenwich, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Islington, Kensington & Chelsea, Lambeth, Lewisham, Newham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Wandsworth, Westminster and the City of London.</p> <p>The Foundation has four areas of focus for grant giving, which are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening Participation in Further & Higher Education • Truancy, Exclusion and Behaviour Management • Prisoner Education • New Initiatives <p>How to apply: Applications may be made at any time. The Foundation operates a two stage application process - an initial enquiry and a full application stage. The Grants Committee meets in March, June and November each year. It normally takes between two and four months from receipt of a full application until a decision is made.</p> <p>For more information and full application guidance go to: www.sirjohncass.org</p> |

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| <p>11</p> | <p>Nationwide Foundation</p> <p>The Nationwide Foundation is a registered charity, set up and funded by the Nationwide Building Society.</p> <p>The Nationwide Foundation has launched a £3.2m grants programme for charities dealing with financial exclusion, housing issues and homelessness.</p> <p>Small grants programme Offers one-off grants of up to £5,000 for charities with incomes below £500,000</p> <p>Priorities The Foundation is keen to receive applications from charities offering financial and housing support to victims of domestic abuse and to elderly people.</p> <p>How to apply Applications to the small grants programme may be made at any time. Download full application guidelines and an application form from the Foundation website: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp</p> |
| <p>12</p> | <p>Free Laptop & Broadband for community groups and charities - BT</p> <p>BT Community Connections is an award scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology (ICT).</p> <p>Organisations working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection.</p> <p>There are more than 1,000 award packages available to groups who can demonstrate how an award will benefit their work and the local community.</p> <p>More details at: www.btcommunityconnections.com</p> |
| <p>13</p> | <p>Access to Nature</p> <p>Access to Nature, run by Natural England, offers grants of £50,000 to £500,000 for projects that will help to meet their overall aim of providing new opportunities for more people, from all backgrounds, to engage with nature.</p> <p>The scheme is looking for projects in London that will provide opportunities for Londoners to explore, enjoy, learn about and help take care of the wealth of nature and natural spaces in the city. The priority will be to fund projects that make a lasting change to disadvantaged communities and helping people who currently have little or no contact with the natural environment.</p> <p>Eligibility Access to Nature will only award grants to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • community groups governed by a written constitution • registered charities and trusts • companies that are not registered charities but have a charitable purpose and a community focus • charitable or not-for-profit companies • church based and other faith groups <p>They will not award a grant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals and sole traders • Profit-making organisations, except social enterprises • Companies limited by guarantee whose main purpose is not community-focused <p>Application process For help and guidance on your proposed project or idea, contact the London Regional Adviser Jo Watson on 0300 060 2436 or email joanna.watson@naturalengland.org.uk</p> <p>You can submit your completed application to Natural England anytime from April 2008 to June 2010. For further details, please visit: www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature</p> |

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| <p>14</p> | <p>Create a website for free - BT</p> <p>BT has teamed up with Recipero to give community groups the chance to create and build a website - free of charge. You will have a choice of appearance and designs from a range of style options and can add information about your group.</p> <p>Get started at: www.communitykit.co.uk</p> |
| | <p>Development: Events</p> |
| <p>15</p> | <p>BME Leadership & Engagement Project - a one day conference</p> <p>Focus: BME & Refugee communities & participation in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic Processes • Public Institutions • Civic Life & Community Leadership <p>Date: 8 June 2009 Time: 10.30am - 2.00pm Venue: Attlee Suite, Portcullis House, House of Commons, Westminster, London WC1 1AA Cost: FREE, but places are limited therefore you must book in advance</p> <p>This Conference is targeted at bringing together key individuals, community activists, community leaders & organisations from Black Minority Ethnic & Refugee (BME) communities as well as governmental, non governmental and third sector bodies to launch our programme to promote BME engagement representation & leadership within strategic public & third sectors & governance.</p> <p>Who should attend?: individuals, community activists, community leaders & organisations from diverse BME as well as professionals and agencies from public, community & voluntary & business sectors involved in or interested in promoting community engagement & tackling inequalities.</p> <p>For more information and to request a booking form contact: Balraj Purewal or Jessi Jandhu on T: 020 8571 5038 or T: 020 8811 1501 or E: leadership@taha.org.uk</p> |
| <p>16</p> | <p>First Annual Inter Faith Week 15-21 November 2009</p> <p>Communities and Local Government Secretary Hazel Blears has announced that the first inter faith week will take place from 15 to 21 November 2009. The event aims to strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels; increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK; and increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious belief. The week is being facilitated by the Inter Faith Network for the UK and the Department for Communities and Local Government but will be community-led, with local people and groups of different backgrounds holding their own events and highlighting work going on to promote understanding between people of different faiths and beliefs.</p> <p>For more information go to: www.nya.org.uk/information/108998/100321/136151/englandtohavefirsteverinterfaithweek</p> |
| <p>17</p> | <p>London Week of Peace 2009 20-27 September</p> <p>The London Week of Peace is an annual week of high profile events, initiatives and action organised principally by communities and individuals but also engaging organisations, businesses and public agencies, to promote greater community cohesion, safety and peace across the capital.</p> <p>The theme for 2009 is Unity.</p> <p>To find out how you can get involved visit: www.weekofpeace.org.uk</p> |
| <p>18</p> | <p>Steering Young People Away From Crime - a Capita Conference in Partnership with Catch22</p> <p>Date: 24 June 2009 Venue: Central London Cost: starts at 224.25 per delegate</p> <p>This conference will provide a learning and networking opportunity for anyone involved with Children</p> |

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| | <p>and Young People's Services, Youth Offending, CAMHS and Children's Health, Police, DAATs, Education Welfare and Youth Engagement.</p> <p>Opening address: Anne Weinstock, Director of the Youth Taskforce Keynote address: John Drew, Chief Executive of the Youth Justice Board</p> <p>For conference brochure and booking form please email David Moffatt: david.moffat@capita.co.uk</p> |
| 19 | <p>Sexual Health Week - Dates changed alert</p> <p>Sexual health charity fpa has announced that this year's Sexual Health Week -, which was due to take place on the week beginning 3 August 2009 -, will now be held 14 -20 September. The theme of the week sexual health and alcohol will not change. The delivery of free campaign packs will also be unaffected. They are available to order now from shw@fpa.org.uk.</p> |
| 20 | <p>Galop's second annual Big Gay Fete</p> <p>Date: Saturday 13 June Time: 2-6pm Venue: St Anne's Church Hall, Dean Street, Soho</p> <p>Join Galop for the second annual Big Gay Fete this June. Attractions include; a human fruit machine, bingo, wine and cakes, a grand raffle, an 'old Joanna knees up sing song' and 'many other marvels'!</p> <p>If you would like to support Galop on the run up to this event here's how you can help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect and donate second hand books (for a second hand book stall), • Donate items for the tombola <p>If you can assist in this way please contact: Deborah Gold: deborah.gold@galop.org.uk</p> |
| 21 | <p>MiNet - London's regional Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) network presents:</p> <p>London's BAME Third Sector: Managing the Economic Downturn Event - one day conference Date: 30 June 2009 Time: 09:30 - 4.30 Venue: NCVO, 8 All Saints Street, London, N1 9RL</p> <p><i>MiNet is London's only regional Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) network working to strengthen the voice of London's BAME third sector. Working with London's BAME Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations, MiNet operates to encourage the effective engagement of BAME organisations in London's regional policy.</i></p> <p>For event details, a list of speakers or to register for a place online, visit MiNet's webpage: www.rota.org.uk/pages/MiNet_Activities.aspx</p> |
| 22 | <p>The Eve Saville memorial lecture 2009 - Estimating drug harms: a risky business</p> <p>Date: 14 July Time: 6-7pm Organised by: Centre for Crime and Justice Studies Location: Edmond J. Safra lecture theatre, King's College London,</p> <p>The 20th Eve Saville memorial lecture will be presented by Professor David Nutt, Imperial College London. The current classification of illicit drugs is based on their relative harms. However, assessing such harms is challenging. Over the last few years Professor Nutt, and others, have been exploring the optimal way of doing this and this lecture will share some of the problems and successes of their endeavours.</p> <p>For more information and details of how to register for this event go to: www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/evesavillelecture.html</p> |
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| <p>23</p> | <p>Charity Fair 2009 - Department for Social Change (DSC)</p> <p>Dates: 24 and 25 June Location: London</p> <p>The DSC's annual CharityFair 2009 features a packed programme of speakers, workshops and master classes.</p> <p>The event features a Trustee Lounge, Campaigning Advice, Mentoring Service for Leaders and a Financial Health Check desk, as well as book launches, Q&As and exhibitors demonstrating the best products and services for the sector.</p> <p>More details at: www.charityfair.org.uk</p> |
| | <p>Training</p> |
| <p>24</p> | <p>One day training course - Livability</p> <p>Manipulation or Motivation? How to make the most of the time, skills and experience of your volunteers</p> <p>Date: Tuesday 9 June 2009 Time: 9:45am-3:30pm Venue: Salvation Army International HQ, 101 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4EH Cost: £30/person to be paid on the day (including lunch)</p> <p>This interactive and fun training day aims to equip those involved in churches and Christian community projects who manage volunteers. It will be practical and realistic so that you can implement what you learn straightaway. You will leave equipped and encouraged to make the most of your volunteers.</p> <p>The day will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding motivations: why do people volunteer for Christian projects? Why the best projects are full of volunteers • Top tips on how to motivate others • The art of communication and how to deal with tricky issues • Helpful websites and books to continue your learning <p>How to book: Contact Jill Clark, Community Mission Coordinator on 020 7452 2018 or email: jclark@livability.org.uk</p> <p>Check out the new Livability website: www.communitymission.org.uk</p> |
| <p>25</p> | <p>London Youth - upcoming training courses</p> <p>Tackling Bullying - One Day Course Date: 22June Time: 10am - 4pm Venue: Central London</p> <p>Do you see bullying going on in your youth project or amongst the young people you work with? Are you unsure how to tackle it? Is it unclear 'who started it'? Are you too busy to tackle it every single time? This course will show you how to tackle bullying as part of your everyday work.</p> <p>Working with Boys and Young Men from Black and Minority Ethnic Communities - One Day Course Date: 28 June</p> <p>This training is aimed at youth workers or anyone who works with or intends to work with boys and young men from ethnic minority communities.</p> <p>Topics covered will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural understanding and background • Racism and discrimination • Issues facing workers when working with young men from ethnic minorities <p>The Health and Safety Risk Assessment - 3-Hour Evening Course Date: 7 July Venues: Friends House, Euston (venue may change depending on number of applicants)</p> |

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| | <p>This course is an introduction to the basic principles of Health and Safety legislation and what this means in practical terms for working in a safe environment. It is for anyone who has been given the responsibility and authority to implement safe working methods into their club or project and to carry out risk assessments.</p> <p>On completion of the course you will understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety legislation and what it means • The concept of risk assessment and their use • How to understand and write risk assessment (the focus will be on activities and not necessarily on buildings) <p>Cost for London Youth training courses: One-day courses price per person starts from £84 for organisations that are affiliated to London Youth.</p> <p>How to book on London Youth training courses</p> <p>T: 020 7549 8806 or E: beverley.stephney@londonyouth.org.uk</p> <p>Visit the London Youth website: www.londonyouth.org.uk</p> |
| | <p>Awards</p> |
| 26 | <p>Co-operative Young Film Makers Festival - call for entries</p> <p>The Co-operative is calling for budding young movie-makers to submit entries to the annual Co-operative Young Film-Makers Festival. The festival encourages young people aged 19 and under to use drama or documentary, animation or comedy, music video or silent movie to tackle issues of concern, such as climate change, Fairtrade or animal welfare. Alternatively film-makers can make a movie about their life, community or experiences. Entries should be no more than six minutes long and will be viewed and selected by a panel of media professionals and educationalists.</p> <p>The closing date for entries: 26 June</p> <p>For more information visit: www.youngfilm-makers.coop</p> |
| | <p>Resources</p> |
| 27 | <p>Gypsies and Travellers - new publication</p> <p>The Equality and Human Rights Commission have published 'Gypsies and Travellers - simple solutions for living together' which is based on existing evidence and consultation with Gypsy and Traveller communities. The key theme throughout is the racism and discrimination experienced in everyday life.</p> <p>Download a copy at: www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publicationsandresources/Pages/GypsiesandTravellers-simplesolutionsforlivingtogether.aspx</p> |
| 28 | <p>How are you getting on?: Charities and funders on communicating results</p> <p>This new publication explores how funders use results information and what drives their satisfaction with it. By understanding this, it is assumed charities can improve their funding applications and their reporting.</p> <p>Read the report at: www.philanthropycapital.org/research/research_reports/tools/communicating_results.aspx?dm_i=59B,W53,KFOIQ,1W8E,1</p> |
| 29 | <p>New Every Child Matters website now live</p> <p>The Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) Every Child Matters (ECM) website is now live and can be accessed at www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters</p> <p>The new site provides a single channel for information aimed at professionals within the children's workforce. There will be a programme of further enhancements to the new site, including an improved registration and email alert system, which will be available shortly.</p> |
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| <p>30</p> | <p>Dealing with the Media</p> <p>The Charity Media Monitor (CMM) is a regular poll of journalists run by nfpSynergy. They survey journalists twice a year, asking which charities have impressed them, how charities can get their stories into the media, the best ways for charities to contact journalists, and much more. It's designed to help not-for-profits sharpen their media work and make better use of their limited resources.</p> <p>View the latest results at: www.nfpsynergy.net/includes/documents/cm_docs/2009/1/10_top_tips_for_dealing_with_the_media_march_09.pdf</p> |
| <p>31</p> | <p>Free media guide for small organisations - Abbey charitable Trust</p> <p>A free guide to help small third sector organisations with public relations has been developed by the Abbey Charitable Trust. The 17-page guide includes how to work with corporate partners, what journalists want, plus tips to create and plan media activities.</p> <p>Download here: www.abbeynational.com/csgs/Satellite?cid=282596177748070&pagename=AboutAbbey%2FGSInformacion%2FPAAI_generic&c=GSInformacion</p> |
| <p>32</p> | <p>ICT resources</p> <p>Microsoft UK and NCVO recently held an ICT event for the VCS. They have published the resources and handouts from the day online at: www.ictclub.org.uk/events/resources.html</p> |
| <p>33</p> | <p>Offender Assessment Tools</p> <p>Summaries of research on the Offender Assessment System (OASys) and the Offender Group Reconviction Scale (OGRS) are now available online.</p> <p>OASys is an IT-based risk and needs assessment tool; OGRS is a risk assessment measure used to predict the likelihood of reoffending.</p> <p>The OASys Data Evaluation and Analysis Team carried out research over a three-year period on the reliability and validity of OASys as an evidence-based assessment, and separate research was done to update OGRS to reflect changing patterns of offending.</p> <p>View them at: www.justice.gov.uk/publications/offender-assessment-system.htm</p> |
| <p>34</p> | <p>Girlguiding UK - topical new guides for girls and young women</p> <p>Girlguiding UK have teamed up with expert partners such as the Suzy Lamplugh Trust, and and Kidscape to create a series of guides to help 16 to 18 year olds learn about important skills.</p> <p>Tips include avoiding the debt trap - such as sidestepping expensive loans - when it comes to managing money, and getting girls to plan a journey ahead of time helping them to stay safe on the streets.</p> <p>The guides, known as 'Guiding's Guide to...' deal with issues that their younger members told the organisation were important to girls their age.</p> <p>For more information go to: www.girlguiding.org.uk/xq/asp/sID.74/aID.3747/qx/news/article.asp</p> |
| <p>35</p> | <p>The Trustee Network</p> <p>The Trustee Network is a national charity for trustees that provides advice and guidance and signposting services. They also host a tool called trustee finder which enables you to search for trustee vacancies. If you are looking for trustees yourself you can register your details for free and post vacancies on their website.</p> <p>Visit: www.trusteenet.org.uk</p> |
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| | Policy developments |
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| 36 | <p>Government publishes CONTEST 2</p> <p>The Government has announced its revised CONTEST strategy - the UK's Strategy for Countering International Terrorism. The aim of the strategy is: 'to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from international terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence'.</p> <p>The document begins with an executive summary which is intended to highlight the main themes of the document.</p> <p>For more information and to download the strategy visit the Home Office website: www.homeoffice.gov.uk</p> |
| 37 | <p>Government announces £4m asset fund injected into criminal justice sector</p> <p>The government has announced that a £4 million criminal asset fund will be made available to police, probation and local authorities - and it is local people who will decide on how this money is spent. The funding will be provided alongside further targeted work to tackle property-related crime and a tougher approach to dealing with prolific offenders.</p> <p>The Prime Minister has unveiled the government's updated crime strategy 'Cutting Crime: Two Years On' - and set out a commitment to tackling the new challenges our country faces. The government aims to build on existing policies to prevent crime and deliver responsive, visible justice which have resulted in a fall in crime of almost 40 per cent since 1997.</p> |
| 38 | <p>Ministry of Justice announces New Virtual Courts scheme</p> <p>The Ministry of Justice has launched The Virtual Courts scheme which will involve defendants having their cases heard at a magistrates' court, via secure video link from a police station, within hours of being charged and, if a defendant pleads guilty, could see sentencing handed down on the same day.</p> <p>Read the full press release at: www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsrelease120509a.htm</p> |
| 39 | <p>Government announces 'Action Plan to Ensure Every Child Gets the Protection they Deserve'</p> <p>In May the Government announced a wide-ranging package of measures setting out how it will deliver the step-change in child protection called for by Lord Laming in his recent progress report.</p> <p>The action plan commits to greater openness and public scrutiny of local child protection arrangements, as well as more investment in training and support for front-line social workers. The package also outlines a £58 million six-point plan to transform the social work profession. The Government has also published the first report of the Social Work Task Force.</p> <p>For more information go to: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/?asset=News&id=142893</p> |
| 40 | <p>Safeguarding - legal requirements update</p> <p>The Independent Safeguarding Authority has announced further details on the commencement of the new Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) checks for those working with children and vulnerable adults. While the legal requirement for employees to register with the VBS and for employers to check their status will not now come into force until November 2010, from July 2010 all new entrants to roles working with vulnerable groups and those switching jobs to a new provider will be able to register and be assessed.</p> <p>Also, from October 2009 eligibility for Enhanced CRB checks will expand to include more employed and voluntary positions, and Standard CRB checks will no longer be available for those working with children or the vulnerable. For a summary of changes see the CRB website or register for updates on the ISA website.</p> <p>For more information on the vetting and barring scheme: www.isa.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=385 Visit the CRB website: www.crb.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=5290 Visit the ISA website: www.isa.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=385</p> |

| | Consultation opportunities |
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| 41 | <p>London Mayor launches 'The Way Forward : A call for action to end violence against women'</p> <p>Launched 21 April, The Way Forward sets out the Mayor's vision for a programme of action to tackle violence against women. The strategy consists of five key strands that will seek to reduce the incidence of, improve the criminal justice response to, challenge public attitudes towards and improve the response to victims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. London taking a global lead to end violence against women 2. Improving access to support 3. Addressing the health, social and economic consequences of violence 4. Protecting women at risk 5. Getting tough with perpetrators <p>The Mayor is seeking the views of Londoners, community organisations, practitioners, the voluntary sector and the statutory sector. In particular, your comments are sought on the five inter-linking objectives and how these can be further developed and implemented. The views and feedback received will be used to devise the final strategy - due to be published in autumn 2009.</p> <p>Closing date: 20 July 2009</p> <p>To participate in the consultation process please visit the consultation website at: www.london.gov.uk/mayor/crime/vaw</p> |
| 42 | <p>'Homelessness & Mental Health' - St Mungo's</p> <p>St Mungo's launched a national 'Call for Evidence' on 1st April to explore the relationship between mental ill health and street homelessness.</p> <p>In particular they are asking: What are the causes of homelessness amongst people with mental health problems? What helps prevent or resolve homelessness among people with mental health problems? What examples of best practice can you tell us about?</p> <p>Closing date for responses: 10 June</p> <p>To take part visit: www.mungos.org/call4evidence</p> |
| 43 | <p>'What is the role of the Prison Officer? ' - Justice Committee</p> <p>The Justice Committee has launched a forum to seek the views of prison officers, and those they work with, on the challenges facing prison officers working in today's Prison Service.</p> <p>The forum is seeking views on questions such as what role prison officers have in the rehabilitation of prisoners, how well the training and development currently provided meets the needs of prison officers and what impact the proposed "titan prisons" and workplace modernisation initiative will have on prison officers' ability to do their jobs.</p> <p>Have your say at: http://forums.parliament.uk/prison-officers/index.php?index,1</p> |
| 44 | <p>'Prisoners voting rights' -- second phase of consultation- Ministry of Justice</p> <p>The second stage of a consultation on prisoner's voting rights is available from the MoJ. The paper summarises the responses to the first consultation, sets out the government's view, and asks further questions for consultation on the options for prisoner voting rights.</p> <p>Details at: www.justice.gov.uk/consultations/prisoners-voting-rights.htm</p> |
| 45 | <p>'Rights and Responsibilities: developing our constitutional framework' - Government Green Paper MoJ</p> <p>The Government's latest Green Paper 'Rights and Responsibilities: developing our constitutional framework' aims to kick start a debate about the future of rights and responsibilities in the United Kingdom. There are two broad areas for discussion that the paper wants people to consider and</p> |

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| | <p>debate. The first is the fundamental arguments for and against a Bill of Rights and Responsibilities. The second is about the advantages and disadvantages of including particular rights and responsibilities in any such Bill.</p> <p>Get involved at: www.justice.gov.uk/publications/rights-responsibilities.htm</p> |
| | <p>Research and other news</p> |
| 46 | <p>‘Unlocking Value: How we all benefit from investing in alternatives to prison for women offenders’</p> <p>This report from the New Economics Foundation argues ‘that a better understanding of the effectiveness and costs to society of prison and its alternatives, such as community sentences, would allow resources to be targeted on the most effective sentences, in order to cut crime and provide better value for money.’</p> <p>You’ll be asked to log-in to download their publication here: www.neweconomics.org/gen/z_sys_PublicationDetail.aspx?pid=270</p> |
| 47 | <p>‘Young people, and gun and knife crime: a review of the evidence’</p> <p>This study was commissioned by the Children’s Commissioner for England and Wales, and can be read in full on the 11 Million website: www.11million.org.uk/resource/49bjrxsp620p5iswi0d3l9p7.pdf</p> |
| 48 | <p>‘Not just bread, but roses, too’ - the fourth report from the Why Women? campaign to raise awareness of the women’s voluntary and community sector</p> <p>This report provides a comprehensive picture of the women’s VCS and looks at where organisations are based, their financial situation, and differences across regions.</p> <p>Download the report at: www.wrc.org.uk/includes/documents/cm_docs/2009/f/final_report_version1.pdf</p> |
| 49 | <p>‘Young People and Mental Health’</p> <p>A survey by the charity Young Minds found that young people struggle to get proper mental health care. The survey, carried out among 10- to 25-year-olds found that three-quarters of young people said no support was offered while waiting for treatment. More than half of those surveyed said doctors failed to adequately explain the side-effects of treatments, leaving many unsure about what to do if they needed additional help.</p> <p>Visit the Young Minds new mental health help site ‘myheadhurts’: www.youngminds.org.uk/my-head-hurts</p> <p>The new site provides information to young people diagnosed with anxiety, self harm, depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and eating disorders.</p> |
| 50 | <p>FRANK - two new digital applications to increase drugs advice and treatment available to young people</p> <p>FRANK, the national drugs information service has launched two new digital applications to increase drugs advice and treatment available to young people across the country.</p> <p>The first is an SMS service, where young people can text for real-time advice and information from trained personnel on any drug or drug-related issue. The second initiative marks the government’s first online self-help application aimed at cannabis users who want to cut down on their consumption or to quit.</p> <p>For more information visit: www.talktofrank.com/article.aspx?id=3211</p> |
| 51 | <p>Girlguiding UK survey - many girls believe parents are over protective</p> <p>A survey of 1,000 girls aged between 10 and 18, conducted by Girlguiding UK, has revealed that they believe they have lost the freedom to do things on their own because parents react to shock headlines by being over-protective. Almost half said they face too many restrictions. However, the research also shows that by concentrating on rare issues such as stranger attack, many parents are ignoring real threats such as online contacts or using a mobile phone while out at night.</p> |

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| | For more about the survey findings go to: www.girlguiding.org.uk |
| 52 | <p>Knife crime - Operation Blunt 2 first year success</p> <p>The Metropolitan Police's campaign to tackle knife crime among youths shows signs of success as the force announced that stabbings, murders and other knife-related crime have fallen in the year since Operation Blunt 2 begun in May 2008. The number of youths suffering serious stabbing injuries in London has fallen by 30 per cent, from 221 to 155, while overall knife crime, which includes any offence where a blade has been used, has fallen by 11.5 per cent - from 13,874 incidents to 12,279.</p> |
| | LAT and CSAS News |
| 53 | <p>CSAS Welcomes new staff member Caroline ffrench-blake</p> <p>Caroline is the latest addition to the CSAS team, and is working to support and build the capacity of victim led organisations that have lost a family member through gun or knife crime. She will also co-ordinate a small network of these groups, that will meet regularly for mutual learning, training and support.</p> <p>For the past 10 years, Caroline has worked with refugees and asylum seekers, co-founding Albanian Youth Action (now British Albanian Kosovar Council). She is a qualified social worker, and has also worked previously for International Social Service (UK) and for the Elizabeth Fry Bail and Probation Hostel.</p> <p>To contact Caroline email: carolineffrenchblake@lat.org.uk</p> |
| 54 | <p>Allotments Learning Project - referrals welcome</p> <p>London Action Trust have received 3 years funding to run an Allotments Learning Project for offenders/ex-offenders and their children. The project is focused on family learning and providing constructive activities for beneficiaries. LAT have secured allotments in Sutton, Lewisham and Barnet & Enfield. Beneficiaries will be supported in developing and maintaining their allotment by paid family mentors and gardening volunteers. LAT are also working in partnership with Groundworks who are providing horticultural training.</p> <p>Equipment, seeds, plants and all costs will be covered by LAT and beneficiaries will initially be allocated an allotment space for 6-8 months and supported to grow and harvest their own produce.</p> <p>LAT are keen to receive referrals from organisations working with offenders/ex- offenders. All referrals will be assessed including risk assessments to ensure suitability.</p> <p>Please contact: Andrea Dawson M: 07827 804596 or Sherry Keys M: 07827 938442 for further information.</p> |
| 55 | <p>Changing Lanes</p> <p>London Action Trust have been commissioned by Barking and Dagenham council to develop a web portal on community safety and how it affects young people. The project will be aimed at young people aged 13-19 years and the material for the portal will be written and uploaded by the young people. As part of the project the young people will also deliver safety awareness workshops to their peers.</p> <p>The project will launch 1 June 09 and will link into CSAS' Anti Social Behaviour website (currently under development - ASB Online).</p> <p>For further information contact changing Lanes Project Co-ordinator: Jessica Amsterdam E: jessica.amsterdam@lat.org.uk</p> |
| | Volunteering Opportunities |
| 56 | <p>Community Champions wanted!</p> <p>CSAS Capacity Building Officer Sandra White-Angelo is looking for community champions to volunteer for the Empower project - 'Empowering communities disproportionately affected by crime'. As a community champion you will assist in the support of other voluntary organisations involved in crime reduction.</p> |

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| | <p>If you have 20 hours to spare this year to help with setting up a seminar or mentoring other organisations - please do not hesitate to contact Sandra for an informal chat about the role E: Sandra.white@lat.org.uk T: 020 7793 3730</p> |
| 57 | <p>vTalent Year - Young People</p> <p>vTalent Year is a £10.5 million national full time volunteering programme being led by the youth volunteering organisation V.</p> <p>The scheme is being piloted with 33 local authorities offering 44 week long placements in Children's and Young People's Services. The aim is to give 1,000 volunteers aged 16-25 the opportunity to directly influence and enhance public sector services and gain skills to improve their employability. At least 40% of the places will be given to young people who are not in employment, education or training.</p> <p>Find out more at: www.vinspired.com/v/funding/vtalentyear</p> |

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