

Resources to help organisations adapt to the changing environment

The aim of the Transition Fund is that civil society organisations (CSOs), which deliver high quality public services, are more resilient, agile and able to take opportunities presented by a changing funding environment.

In addition to the opportunity to apply for funding through the Fund, there are a wealth of organisations which exist to support the broad range of CSOs. This brief guide is aimed at any organisation interested in the transition fund and is intended to signpost potential applicants and grantees to the support which they may need in identifying the kind of change they need to bring about and in supporting them in achieving that change.

ACEVO - Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations

ACEVO produces a range of guides and toolkits to guide leaders in the sector through better understanding their external environment, help develop more sustainable business models, and also delivers training and professional development.

Website: <http://www.acevo.org.uk>

ACRE - Action with Communities in Rural England

ACRE is an umbrella body providing support for organisations working in rural areas, including advice funding opportunities for organisations in rural areas, publications and guides to the challenges facing rural communities.

Website: <http://www.acre.org.uk>

Bassac - British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres

bassac is a membership body for community organisations. They organise training and events, highlight funding opportunities, and offer tailored support to a range of community groups.

Website: <http://www.bassac.org.uk>

BTEG - Black Training and Enterprise Group

BTEG provides specialised support and training for Black and minority ethnic organisations that want to provide government services.

Website: <http://www.bteg.co.uk>

Business Link

A source of free government support and advice for small businesses with links to business advisors.

Website: <http://www.businesslink.gov.uk>

CASS Business School Centre of Charity Effectiveness

The Cass Centre for Charity Effectiveness exists to maximise the effectiveness of organisations and individuals within the voluntary and community sector.

Website: <http://www.cass.city.ac.uk/cce/>

Charity Commission

The Charity Commission has a wealth of information and guidance on all aspects of running a charity and the regulatory context.

Website: <http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk>

Charities Evaluation Service

The Charities Evaluation Service provides training, consultancy, external evaluations and free information to help organisations strengthen their ability to evaluate the quality of their work and achieve better outcomes.

Website: <http://www.ces-vol.org.uk>

The Charity Finance Directors Group

The CFDG provide support to finance directors from across civil society and produce a range of practical guides to aspects for financial and organisational management.

Website: <http://www.cfdg.org.uk>

Community Action Network

CAN provides business support for social enterprises to engage with corporate investment and free advice on purchasing and managing property.

Website: <http://www.can-online.org.uk>

The Community Development Foundation

CDF can offer support on hard to reach communities, community engagement and community cohesion.

Website: <http://www.cdf.org.uk>

Community Matters

Community Matters publish a range of resources aimed at helping community and neighbourhood groups develop a business model, create robust organisational structures, and bid for contracts.

Website: <http://www.communitymatters.org.uk>

Charity Trustee Network

A network of charity trustees that provides information, guides and training on the different aspects of a charity board members responsibilities, and runs a trustee recruitment service.

Website: <http://www.trusteenet.org.uk>

Directory of Social Change

Provider training for small and medium sized voluntary organisations on a wide range of topics. Runs a website with advice to access sources of funding.

Website: <http://www.dsc.org.uk>

Development Trust Association

DTA provides support for organisations to become Development Trusts, developing social enterprise, and asset ownership.

Website: <http://www.dta.org.uk>

Eastside Consulting

Eastside Consulting is a social enterprise that provides strategic planning and business advice for social enterprises, charities and voluntary organisations. They advise organisations on how to increase sustainability through developing new income streams, public sector contracting, investment, consortia and mergers.

Website: <http://www.eastsideconsulting.co.uk>

Funding Central

Funding Central is a website that provides free access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.

Website: <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk>

The ICT Hub

The ICT Hub is a partnership of organisations that came together to provide a range of good practice resources and guidance to help the voluntary and community sector benefit from ICT. The NCVO's ICT Development Services now builds on the legacy of this work.

Website: <http://www.ictHub.net>

Improving Support

This draws together resources from a range of national and local support providers. The website is particularly focused at infrastructure bodies but also has relevant training, guidance and resources for frontline groups.

Website: <http://www.improvingsupport.org>

IVAR - Institute for Voluntary Sector Research

IVAR undertakes action research to build and share understanding of the challenges facing the voluntary sector, specialising in helping organisations overcome organisational problems.

Website: <http://www.ivar.org.uk>

NAVCA - National Association for Voluntary and Community Action

NAVCA is the national membership body for local support and development organisations. NAVCA provides networking opportunities, specialist advice, support, policy information and training. It has a commissioning and procurement team who provide specialist commissioning support.

Website: <http://www.navca.org.uk>

NCVO - National Council for Voluntary Organisations

NCVO provides information, advice and support to the full range of civil society organisations. Its Sustainable Funding Project helps organisations to develop sustainable income; and the Public Service Delivery Network provides support organisations exploring or delivering public services. A wide range of freely available practical tools and popular resources can be found on our website.

Website: <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp>

Social Enterprise Coalition

A membership organisation that provides business support for social enterprises and advice on scaling up social enterprises.

Website: <http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk>

The Small Charities Coalition

The Small Charities Coalition exists to help small charities access the skills, experience and resources they need to achieve their aims.

Website: <http://www.smallcharities.org.uk>

Skills Third Sector

Skills Third Sector provides information and resources to help organisations assess and meet the skills needs within their organisations.

Website: <http://www.skills-thirdsector.org.uk>

Local and regional infrastructure support organisations

Local CVS organisations provide a range of support, advice and training in a local context. NAVCA maintain an interactive list of local and regional infrastructure bodies.

Website: <http://webdb.navca.org.uk>