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www.freefundingupdate.net

Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People - User-led Organisations Development Fund

The Department of Health have launched the User-led Organisations Development Fund with the aim of supporting around 10 voluntary groups in England to deliver "Action and Learning Sites" that meet the "Life Chances" recommendations under "Improving the live chances of disabled people" report. Organisations have to have a majority of users on their management board. Eligible groups can apply for up to £100,000.

In selecting the Action and Learning Sites, the Department of Health is seeking applications in two categories:

Category 1 – User-led organisation seeking to improve their capacity and capability to become the user-led organisation that meets the ULO Design Criteria for their area.

Category 2 – Peer-support proposal from a well-established (minimum of 3 years) user-led organisation to act as a mentor and foster the development of a user-led organisation that meets the ULO Design Criteria in another area. This may be an area where currently there is nothing, or where there is a user-led organisation in the early stages of development. The mentor organisation will need to identify the area that they will mentor, and provide information about that area in their application.



As usual with health funding the timescales for developing proposals are tight. Proposals have to be submitted by 29 November 2007, the start date has to be as soon as possible after 1 February 2008 and work completed by the end of March 2009.

For full details and guidance, go to:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Policyandguidance/Healthandsocialcaretopics/Socialcare/dh_076663

Private Equity Foundation

8 private equity companies, led by Permira, have come together to launch a £5 million charitable foundation, the Private Equity Foundation. The new foundation has pledged to support 5 charities; Community Links, the Impetus Trust, NSPCC, the Place2be and Volunteer Reading Help.

Of these, the Impetus Trust supports charities through change and growth programmes with financial investment and expertise.

More info at:

www.privateequityfoundation.org

www.impetus.org.uk

Charity Commission

The Charity Commission now publishes details of newly registered charities on its website. Important for trust fundraisers is that these new charities include new trusts and foundations. The current list includes 10 new trusts.

<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/registeredcharities/recent.asp>

Improving Reach scheme

Capacity Builders have announced £18m of funding for its Improving Reach scheme. The scheme is focusing additional resources to extend and improve sector support services available to those frontline organisations dedicated to working in and with excluded communities such as ethnic minority groups, refugee and migrant organisations, faith groups and isolated rural communities.



The scheme will run from 2008 – 2011 and £6 million a year will be available for grants of up to £150,000 a year for three years. Capacity Builders expect to fund around 100 organisations

The Improving Reach programme for 2008-11 aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Smaller organisations have more skills and resources to provide support services to third-sector frontline organisations which work with excluded communities. These smaller organisations are able to continue their work after our funding has run out.
- More frontline organisations working in and with excluded communities can get high-quality support services which are appropriate for them.

Applications must be submitted through the Capacitybuilders website and made by 28 January. There will be a series of briefing events around the country – details to follow.

Access the Improving Reach page at the Capacity Builders website at:

<http://capacitybuilders.org.uk/content/WhoWeFund/NewImprovingReachProgramme200811nowopenforapplication.aspx>

Charity Commission's £1,000 monthly prize draw.

Since June last the Commission has been holding a random £1,000 monthly prize draw to encourage smaller charities (income less than £250,000) to use its online services. All smaller charities completing their annual returns, sending in their annual report or accounts or updating their details online are eligible to win.

<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/common/winners.asp>

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