

Welcome

After a month of consultations, reports, funding fairs and the dreaded G-word, there is a little less to report in the E-Bulletin. So short and sweet for this edition, but I'm sure there will be plenty more next month.

Coalfields Community Investment Programme (CCIP) – Funding Support

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) Funding Support element is a £500,000 fund created to support activities that tackle some of the key challenges that still remain in coalfield communities. The fund is open to projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and that will make a positive difference in addressing the following themes:

- **Skills:** Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities.
- **Employment:** Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work.
- **Health:** Supporting projects that increase participation in activities/services that improve the health and wellbeing of people in former coalfield communities.

The total fund value of £500,000 will be committed over the period 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 at four decision making Committees which will take place quarterly (£125,000 allocated to each Committee).

The Committee schedule is as follows:

- **April 2018 Committee** – this round opens on 15th January 2018; the Eligibility Survey closes on 2nd March 2018; the application deadline for this committee was 9th March 2018.
- **July 2018 Committee** – the Eligibility Survey reopens on 9th April 2018; the Eligibility Survey closes on 8th June 2018; the application deadline for this committee is 15th June 2018.
- **October 2018 Committee** – the Eligibility Survey reopens on 16th July 2018; the Eligibility Survey closes on 7th September 2018; the application deadline for this committee is 14th September 2018.
- **January 2019 Committee** – the Eligibility Survey reopens on 15th October 2018; the Eligibility Survey closes on 7th December 2018; the application deadline for this committee is 14th December 2018.

Applications can be for awards up to £10,000 (with a maximum of £2,000 on capital items).

To find out if more about the eligible coalfield areas, and to read guidance notes on the programme head to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust website [here](#).

The Prince's Countryside Fund

The Prince's Countryside Fund provides more than £1m in grants each year to projects across the UK. We have grants of up to £50,000 available for innovative projects that will provide a lasting legacy to the individuals and communities they seek to benefit.

We recognise that rural communities face a range of challenges. One way in which we help grassroots organisations overcome these is through our grant programme.

We seek applications to support activity that results in a long-term positive impact on rural communities by helping the people that live and work in the countryside. Our grant programme currently aims to tackle the following key rural issues:

1. To improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses
2. To sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy
3. To support aid delivery in emergency and building resilience

Each theme is described in more detail in our [Grant Eligibility and Guidance Document](#). You can read more about the ways in which we have helped people [here](#).

Please note, we do not fund individuals or private farm businesses.

The Fund will be open for grant applications from April 30th to June 14th 2018.

To find out more head to the Prince's Countryside Fund website [here](#).

NCVO UK Civil Society Almanac 2018

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations has this month released its latest Civil Society Almanac, looking at the shape and size of the sector for the financial year 2015/16. Some of the reports highlights include:

- There were 166,001 voluntary organisations in the UK in 2015/16.
- The voluntary sector's economy is dominated by larger organisations that account for 81% of the sector's total income.
- 2015/16 saw a continued rise in the number of super-major charities.
- In 2015/16, social service provision was the most common activity.
- Earned income accounts for 52% of the sector's total income.
- Income from individuals continues to drive the increase in the sector's income while income from government is slightly decreasing.
- Income from individuals provides the largest proportion of income for every size band.
- Voluntary organisations are not distributed evenly throughout the UK, with over 80% in England.
- Half of all English charities are based in the three regions of the south.
- English charities generate 88% of the sector's income, and just under two-thirds (62%) of the sector's assets are in London.
- Most regions in England have seen percentage decreases in government funding.

There is plenty more to read and review, so head over to the NCVO Almanac website [here](#) to find out more.

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- We've been talking a lot today about how [#charities](#) can engage with government. [@nfpSynergy](#) has been speaking to MPs about how charities can push for change, and they have some interesting results Read more: <http://ow.ly/JElz30jT7Kp> from @LBFEW
- We believe in harnessing the [#powerofcommunity](#) to create better services and a stronger economy through local public service [#commissioning](#). It's time to turn the tide on large-scale [#outsourcing](#). For services that transform lives: [#KeepitLocal](#) >> <http://ow.ly/D8mW30jUmwB> from @localitynews
- Fancy a creative challenge? Our friends over at [@360Giving](#) have launched a Data Visualisation Challenge to help them answer some of the critical questions grant makers face. Head to <http://challenge.threesixtygiving.org> for more info! [#dataviz](#) [#datavisualisation](#) [#DiggingTheData](#) [#opendata](#)
- Less than 50% of [#localcharities](#) confident they will survive beyond 5 years. "This means the withdrawal of support for 1000's of vulnerable people: fewer beds in [#homeless](#) shelters & refuges & longer waiting lists for [#mentalhealth](#) support" [@LondonEconomic](#) <https://giv.today/2lanhxx>

And finally...

GDPRrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr is mostly what I heard and read about over the last 2 weeks. All those subscriptions you never knew you had coming back to get your permission. All those mixed messages about who you can contact about who, and yet still you get that spam email in the first week! Hopefully you have got most of it sorted at your organisations, and if not check out the Information Commissioner's Office website for advice and guidance.

In terms of the E-Bulletin we are obviously still sending this out, and can reassure you that we only use your email to send the E-bulletin.



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