

Transition Fund Guide

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 is a wealth of organisations which exist to support the broad range of CSOs. This brief guide is aimed both at those organisations who were successful in winning Transition Fund money (to help them think about support they might make use of as they go about their transition) and at those who were unsuccessful (many of the resources provided by organisations below are free of charge).

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>

Action Planning

Action Planning are fundraising, management and recruitment consultants to charities and not-for profit organisations. They work in partnership with clients, building capacity and transferring skills.

Website: <http://www.actionplanning.co.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>

BusinessLink.gov

A source of free government support and advice for small businesses including civil society organisations.

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

CASS Business School Centre for Charity Effectiveness

The Cass Centre for Charity Effectiveness (Cass CCE) 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

CTN is a network of charity trustees that provides information, guides and training on the different aspects of a charity board member's responsibilities, and runs a trustee recruitment service.

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

Directory of Social Change

DSC provides training for small and medium sized voluntary organisations on a wide range of topics. They also run a website with advice on accessing 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 advice on 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.org.uk>

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 front-line 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>

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/home.aspx>

NAVCA - National Association for Voluntary and Community Action

NAVCA's Local Commissioning and Procurement Unit provides support for all those engaged in commissioning processes.

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

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 to organisations exploring or delivering public services. A wide range of freely available practical tools and popular resources are online.

Website: [http:// www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp)

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>

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>

Social Enterprise Coalition

The Social Enterprise Coalition is a membership organisation that provides business support for social enterprises and advice on scaling up social enterprises.

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

Regional networks

South West

(RISE) Regional Infrastructure for Social Enterprise

RISE is a membership organisation open to anyone who has an interest in the social enterprise agenda and supports the development of sustainable social enterprises in the region.

Website: www.rise-sw.co.uk

South West Forum

South West Forum was set up in 1999 by local voluntary and community organisations seeking a stronger voice and greater influence. It provides information, improves communication, lobbies, makes connections and supports collaboration.

Website: www.southwestforum.org.uk

North East

(BECON) Black Minority Ethnic Community Organisations Network

BECON is a region-wide organisation for the Black Minority Ethnic (BME) voluntary and community sector in the North East of England. It provides services to BME communities addressing disadvantage, discrimination, exclusion, inequalities and racism.

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

(FINE) Funding Information North East

FINE provides funding information to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. It is answerable to the FINE Development Group, a consortium of Local Support and Development Organisations and other infrastructure bodies.

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

(VONNE) Voluntary Organisations Network North East

VONNE is the support body for the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in the North East of England. It aims to provide information, advice and support to the sector; develop, influence and respond to policy, and works with statutory and other partners to increase recognition of the sector's roles and needs.

Website: <http://www.vonne.org.uk/home>

South East

(RAISE) Regional Action and Involvement South East

RAISE is the support organisation for the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in South East England. It makes regional policy makers aware of the scale, diversity and value of the voluntary and community sector (VCS).

Website: <http://www.raise-networks.org.uk>

Se2 Partnership

The se² partnership is the regional partnership of organisations and networks supporting the development and growth of social enterprise in the South East. It acts as a regional 'hub', co-ordinating and supporting social enterprise development.

Website: <http://www.se2partnership.co.uk>

(SERCC) South East Rural Community Council

SERCC is the consortia organisation for the Rural Community Action Network, (RCAN) in the South East. It works with the eight RCAN charities in the South East, to ensure that government policies take account of the needs of rural people.

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

East Midlands

One East Midlands

One East Midlands brings together organisations that support voluntary and community groups across the region to influence and shape policy, improve services and provide a point of contact at a regional level.

Website: www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk

Social Enterprise East Midlands

Social Enterprise East Midlands has been developed by a partnership of organisations from the community, voluntary, enterprise, government and regional development sectors to encourage the growth of Social Enterprise within the East Midlands region.

Website: www.seem.uk.net

London

Social Enterprise London

Social Enterprise London is a social enterprise support agency. It works to unite, inspire and lead London's social enterprise movement, producing the Social Enterprise Journal and running the London Social Enterprise Network.

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

London Voluntary Sector Council (LVSC)

LVSC brings London voluntary and community sector organisations together to learn and share best practice and to create a co-ordinated voice to influence policy makers. It provides policy briefings, up-to-date information on management and funding, advice and support for voluntary and community groups.

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

East of England

Social Enterprise East of England

Social Enterprise East of England is a membership and networking organisation for social enterprises and others. It also has a strategic influence on national, regional and local policy relating to social enterprise.

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

North West

Voluntary Sector North West

VSNW is the regional voluntary sector network for the North West. It aims to support a connected and influential voluntary and community sector (VCS).

Website: www.vsnw.org.uk

Social Enterprise North West

Social Enterprise North West is a regional network and its directors include representatives of social enterprise networks from across the region. It works to encourage mutual support, inter-trading, sharing of best practice, training and development opportunities between social enterprises.

Website: www.senw.org.uk

West Midlands

Brap

Brap provides a wide range of services to promote inclusivity and equality, including capacity building and funding support to the third sector.

Website: www.brap.org.uk

RAWM

RAWM acts as the support agency for voluntary and community organisations in the West Midlands. It exists to enable a sustainable, influential, effective and inclusive voluntary and community sector in the area.

Website: www.rawm.org.uk

Social Enterprise West Midlands

Social Enterprise West Midlands is a regional network with over 400 members. It provides information and resources for anyone interested in starting, developing or working with social enterprises.

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

Yorkshire and the Humber

Involve Yorkshire

Involve Yorkshire & Humber supports the voluntary and community sector (VCS) to create a strong society and fair communities, with opportunities for all. It helps to build the right leadership and support structures, and connects organisations, encouraging partnerships and increasing effectiveness.

Website: <http://www.involveyorkshirehumber.org.uk/index.php>

Social Enterprise Yorkshire and the Humber

Social Enterprise Yorkshire and the Humber (SEYH) represents, promotes and connects social enterprise in the region. It seeks to represent the sector; undertake research on the needs and nature of the sector; help create new markets for social enterprise, raise public and institutional understanding of social enterprise.

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