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# Community Empowerment Newsletter April 2012

Welcome to issue 12 of the monthly Community Empowerment e-bulletin for the East Midlands Community Empowerment Network, which will aim to keep you up-to-date on relevant community empowerment news and events.

The observant amongst you will notice the slight change to the name of the network and this e-bulletin from this month. In addition, we have also set up a brand new web page dedicated to the Community Empowerment Network at [www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/viewpage.php?page\\_id=120](http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/viewpage.php?page_id=120).

If you have any comments, please get in touch by emailing [information@one-em.org.uk](mailto:information@one-em.org.uk). You can also visit the East Midlands Empowerment Network website at [www.emep.org.uk](http://www.emep.org.uk) or the One East Midlands website at [www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk](http://www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk). If you do not wish to receive further monthly issues, please email [information@one-em.org.uk](mailto:information@one-em.org.uk).

If you have any events, news articles, announcements etc that you would like to contribute to the May Empowerment e-bulletin, please email them to [clairechapman@one-em.org.uk](mailto:clairechapman@one-em.org.uk) by Friday 18 May 2012.

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## One East Midlands News Join One East Midlands Safer Future Communities Networks

One East Midlands has been appointed to work in partnership with NAVCA and CLINKS to run four local networks engaging communities with police and crime commissioners in Derbyshire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire, as part of the Safer Future Communities programme.

The programme aims to support frontline VCS organisations in preparation for the arrival of Police and Crime Commissioners in November 2012. Its aim is to build a strong, vibrant and influential VCS network in each of the police and crime commissioners areas, which are replacing police authorities, in England and Wales to ensure knowledge of local needs is recognised in developing local policing plans.

One EM is now working to establish these networks in the four counties, with the aim of making them self-sufficient and locally managed in the future. Voluntary Action Leicestershire will run the network in Leicestershire.

If you are interested in joining one of these networks or in supporting One EM with this programme email [information@one-em.org.uk](mailto:information@one-em.org.uk). For further information on Safer Future Communities click [here](#).

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## Empowerment News

### The Change Makers campaign

The Community Channel, in partnership with The Sunday Times, has launched The Change Makers, a campaign to find the social entrepreneur of the year, who has made a significant positive impact on their community.

The winner of the competition will be featured in an interview published in The Sunday Times newspaper, be awarded £500 from Media Trust to further their work through digital media and receive professional media support from The Sunday Times. They will also be showcased in a special episode of UK360 on Community Channel, a programme dedicated to sharing the most inspiring local stories from across the UK.

All nominees must be available for interview with The Sunday Times and Community Channel journalists, and for filming the UK360 episode, during the week commencing Monday 2 April. The closing date for entries is noon on Wednesday 28 March. For further details and to enter visit

[www.communitychannel.org/featured/the-change-makers/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Media+Trust&utm\\_campaign=1217575\\_CC+March+5th&utm\\_content=changemakers&dm\\_i=46N](http://www.communitychannel.org/featured/the-change-makers/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Media+Trust&utm_campaign=1217575_CC+March+5th&utm_content=changemakers&dm_i=46N).

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## Empowerment Funding

### Village SOS grants

Rural communities in the East Midlands are being offered grants of up to £50,000 to start up community business ventures that will breathe new life into their areas. The funding is from Big Lottery Fund's Village SOS scheme, which aims to inspire a rural revival across the UK and support rural communities that may be struggling with issues such as isolation, ageing populations, and the closure of local amenities.

The grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available to help rural communities with less than 3,000 people develop plans for enterprising projects that will answer a local need or improve services for local people. Projects could be anything from community-run shops and pubs to energy or transport schemes, craft or food projects.

For further information on community enterprises, including an online support network, and to register visit [www.villagesos.org.uk](http://www.villagesos.org.uk).

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## Empowerment Resources

### Sustainability support

Following an extension to its BASIS funded programme, Community Matters is able to offer targeted support to community organisations to achieve a "Step change in sustainability". This intensive support can be for up to 10 days on specific issues included, but not limited to business planning; identifying and developing sources of income; reviewing and updating of policies and procedures; community consultation; enterprise development; support to achieve visible or pre-visible accreditation; reviewing strategic plans; facilitated away days; incorporation and registering as a company; training courses on community facilities management; trustee recruitment, training and induction, supporting volunteers; asset transfer; legal compliance; and financial management.

For further information on how your community organisation can benefit from this support email [al.bell@communitymatters.org.uk](mailto:al.bell@communitymatters.org.uk). The support will be allocated on a first come first served basis to approximately 300 organisations nationwide before the end of February 2013.

### New Community Rights website

The Government has launched a new community rights website, which aims to offer a range of support to help local communities achieve their ambitions. The website focuses on running local services, shaping local development and taking over local buildings by making use of the four new rights to bid, build, challenge and neighbourhood planning. It also includes an electronic map showing examples of local groups taking action to improve their communities

To access the website visit <http://communityrights.communities.gov.uk/>.

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