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Empowerment Newsletter

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

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If you have any events, news articles, announcements etc that you would like to contribute to the July Empowerment e-bulletin, please email them to clairechapman@one-em.org.uk by Friday 19 August 2011.

Empowerment News

Data cleanse of Empowerment Directory – Friday 29th July Deadline

As mentioned in previous emails, One East Midlands is carrying out a data cleanse of the Empowerment Directory on the East Midlands Empowerment Partnership website.

As part of this, if you haven't already done so, please visit the directory at http://www.emep.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=11&Itemid=11 and email information@one-em.org.uk to confirm if you want One East Midlands to continue to hold your details on the online database and whether your

details are correct or need changing, including the alterations.

If we have not heard back from you by this Friday (29th July), we will presume that you no longer want to be listed on the directory and we will remove you.

Recruitment of community organisers and hosts begins

Locality has begun the recruitment process to find the first 30 senior community organisers, and has announced the recruitment of up to 200 organisations to act as hosts for trainee community organisers by September 2014.

The government's £15million community organisers programme will train 5,000 people to work in communities to create local networks and run projects to help local people. Of these, 500 will be paid "senior" organisers and the rest will be volunteers.

The senior community organisers will work in local communities to build dialogues and create networks to help communities develop their collective power to act together for the common good. Their support will enable people to take action on their own behalf to tackle the issues which are important to them.

Recruitment of the first 30 senior community organisers will be undertaken by 'Kickstarter' hosts, who have the structure and capacity in place to recruit, host and supervise the community organisers while they are trained. Once the first 30 trainee senior organisers are recruited, they will be placed in their host organisation and begin training, provided by Locality's national training partner Re:generate.

Host organisations will recruit between two and five senior community organisers from their local communities and will be responsible for providing office space and support. Each host organisation will be paid up to £3,000 to cover expenses.

For further information on the recruitment of senior community organisers visit <http://locality.org.uk/projects/community-organisers/community-organiser>. For further information on the recruitment of hosts visit <http://locality.org.uk/projects/community-organisers/host-organisation>

Community Right to Build

The government has published information outlining its proposals for Community Right to Build, as part of the neighbourhood planning framework in the Localism Bill. If the bill becomes law, successful proposals for Right to Build will need to be:

- From a community group
- Independently assessed to see whether they meet specific criteria
- Supported by more than half of the community in a referendum.

For further information visit www.communities.gov.uk/righttobuild or email righttobuild@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

Empowerment Funding

£50million Inspired Facilities Fund

Sport England has launched a £50million programme to refurbish and improve up to 1000 community sports clubs through The Inspired Facilities Fund. Up to 1,000 grants will be made of £20,000 to £50,000 with 70% of the funding set aside for the VCS.

Applications, for the five £10million funding rounds, must demonstrate that the proposed project is community led and sustainable. The five rounds will take place:

- Round 1: 1 August to 28 September 2011
- Round 2: 1 February 2012 to 2 April 2012
- Round 3: 23 July 2012 to 17 September 2012
- Rounds four and five will take place in 2013/14 and the dates will be announced after the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Sport England have developed a catalogue of many of the standard facility improvements clubs they would like to make if they had funds available. The catalogue can be used to work out realistic costs, calculate budgets and gather information needed for applications to the grant. For full details of the catalogue and the key eligibility criteria telephone 0845 850 8508 or email funding@sportengland.org.

For further information on the fund visit <http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org>. For details of the Sport England funding workshops arranged to help potential applicants visit www.sportengland.org/about_us/places_people_play/inspired_facilities.aspx.

£23.7million funding available to coastal communities

The government is inviting charities and other organisations to bid for funding from a new £23.7million Coastal Communities Fund, which will be delivered by the Big Lottery Fund's Big Fund and disperse 50% of revenues raised by the

Crown Estate's marine activities, totaling £47.4million in 2010/11.

The new fund is designed to support the economic development of coastal communities, targeting projects that support charities, the environment, education and health. This might include support for developing renewable energy, improving skills or environmental safeguarding or improvement.

The funding available to each area of the UK is proportionate to the amount of revenue raised in that area, resulting in £18.2million available for England's coastal communities.

Empowerment Resources

Free community toolkit

Created by Zurich Insurance, the Community Toolkit is a free information resource for people who want to get involved in organising smaller, straightforward community activities.

Developed in association with specialists from legal, health and safety, risk management and volunteering backgrounds, the resource looks at the barriers standing in the way to volunteering in local communities, giving guidance, inspiration and information needed to get started.

As well as including guidance on some legal, health and safety, insurance and planning issues, it includes a tool to create a Personalised Community Toolkit Pack, including information sheets, which can be adapted to different activities.

The toolkit can be used by an individual or up to 50 people for activities ranging from one-off to regular events.

For further information and to use the toolkit visit www.communitytoolkit.co.uk

Report on community organisations controlling assets

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published a report examining the experience of community organisations controlling assets. Based on research commissioned by the foundation, the report examines:

- The range, nature and scale of different forms of community control of assets
- The benefits, costs and success factors linked to asset ownership and management

- The key benefits and outcomes
- Approaches to supporting different organisations involved in controlling assets.

For further information and to download the report visit

www.jrf.org.uk/publications/community-organisations-controlling-assets

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