

Email bulletin N° 104 – 10 February 2010

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to email bulletin 104 - which focuses on the Compact.

Stephen Blann, our Policy and Networks Officer, has compiled a special feature report on what is happening both locally and at a national level.

There is a reminder, if you haven't already, to book your place at our Commissioning Conference (25th February).

In our Funding news section, in addition to a large number of funds and grants, there are three recently posted notifications of local and pan London commissioning opportunities. And finally there are five job vacancies for you to review.

Best wishes,

Philippa

Membership, Information and Communications Officer

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Local news

Bromley Compact Champions Network Launch

The Bromley Compact is a document that sets out how public bodies and the voluntary sector can work together for mutual benefit. Vital to turning the Bromley Compact from a document into something, which has an impact, is to have “Compact Champions”. The launch of the Bromley Compact Champions Network on 15th January 2010 was very successful. Nearly 40 people attended and 21 people signed a Compact pledge.

The Local Strategic Partnership agreed last year to “refresh” the Bromley Compact following the “refresh” of the national Compact in the autumn. A Bromley Compact Steering Group was set up ([see below](#)) but Compact Champions are needed to turn change into a reality. The event on the 15th January was to launch the Compact Champions network.

There were potential champions from most council departments, the PCT, police, fire brigade and a wide range of voluntary sector organisations.

People learnt about the Bromley Compact and found out about how other parts of the country used their Compact to bring benefits to their communities. They also found out about what being a Compact Champion is all about – and many people found it wasn't as scary as they thought.

21 people signed a compact pledge that they “support the principles of the Bromley Compact and will use them as part of my every day working.” They also gave examples of how they would do this. The most common were:

- To promote the Compact within my organisation / department – for example at staff / trustee meetings
- To apply Compact principles in carrying out my work

- To see that others in my organisation / department apply the Compact

The Champions will have a range of support – occasional network meetings to share good practice and solve problems, a two monthly e-newsletter updating them on developments and an online resource hosted on LBB's onebromley site.

We are looking to have as many champions as we can - so why not sign up? Find a [compact pledge card](#) and more details about the [Compact Champions network](#).

The organisation [Compact Voice](#) conducted a "Relationship Poll" asking the participants about partnership working. Two thirds feel that the relationship between voluntary and statutory sectors has improved in the last year and nearly all expected it to improve more next year.

There were three discussion groups on issues facing the Bromley Compact. Common themes from the three sets were:

- The importance of 12-week consultation periods
- Recognising the value of volunteers – the unique strength of VCS
- Involve as many people as much as possible
- Agree good commissioning practice – and learn together
- Recognise what's already good practice and celebrate as Compact achievements
- Spread the word

A [full feedback report of the launch](#) has been written and sent to the participants and to the Bromley Compact Steering Group. For further information, contact [Stephen Blann](#), Policy & Networks Officer, Community Links Bromley on 020 8315 1907.

Bromley Compact Steering Group

The Bromley Compact Steering Group met for the first time in December 2009 and again on 4th February. It now has members from all the signatories to the Bromley Compact – the Council, Police, PCT, Oxleas and South London Healthcare trusts as well as the voluntary and community sector represented by CLB, the Voluntary Sector Reference Group and the Volunteer Co-ordinators Forum.

The first meeting identified following priorities:

1. Consultation
2. Resources (commissioning)
3. NI 4 (percent of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality)

4. NI 7(environment for a thriving third sector)
5. NI 6 (participation in regular volunteering)
6. Equalities outcomes in collaboration with the LSP Equalities review group

NI4 and NI6 are targets in the Bromley Local Areas Agreement and the Compact is an important part of achieving them – and will deliver benefits for the community as a result. NI7 and the Compact go almost hand-in-hand.

The second meeting last week agreed a “direction of travel” identifying a range of tasks dealing initially with consultation, participation and engagement as this was the issue of most interest at the Compact Champions network. [Stephen Blann](#) Policy & Networks Officer at Community Links Bromley and [Andrew Favell](#) Partnerships & Planning at London Borough of Bromley will be working on a more detailed action plan with the Compact steering group and Champions Network. The steering group also agreed on some monitoring arrangements. This includes a “Compact Way of Working scorecard” and a reporting template for the LSP showing examples of good practice and “Compact wins” and areas for improvement. Champions will be asked to identify examples of good Compact working to share.

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Local Compact events

Coming soon – Bromley Police Compact event

Later in the year - possibly April or May - there will be a joint Bromley Police / Community Links Bromley Compact event. It will look at how the Compact and partnership working can increase trust and confidence in policing and improve outcomes for all of Bromley’s diverse communities. Compact is not just about money, it’s about being creative about improving things for the community. Look out for news in future e-bulletins.

Commissioning Conference II

Resources and commissioning were identified as key issues for the Bromley Compact. As a demonstration of Compact principles there is a joint event between CLB, LBB Adult and Community Services and Children & Young People’s Trust organised on 25th February 2010 from 10 - 4pm. This is a follow up to the Commissioning Conference held in the autumn. There will be a series of presentations including:

- CYP Contracts and Services
- Commissioning in CYP
- Procurement in CYP
- Adult and Community Services Commissioning – Transforming Community Equipment Service Project
- Commissioning for personalisation in Adult Services
- The Compact in Bromley
- Funding Support

[Download more information and a booking form](#) for the Commissioning Conference.

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Local training

Puzzled by partnerships? Fazed by forums? Looking for leadership training?

CLB is running a free tailor-made programme of training to help you understand and get involved in local forums, network, partnership and decision-making. [Click here to find out more.](#)

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National/regional news

National Compact Annual Meeting

Every year there is an annual Compact meeting reporting on progress and issues concerning the Compact nationally and locally. The tenth Compact Annual Meeting was held on Monday 1 February and was attended by [Stephen Blann](#), Policy & Networks Officer at Community Links Bromley attended the meeting and picked up some good ideas for what we could do in Bromley.

Sir Bert Massie called on all voluntary sector organisations to announce publicly their commitment to their Compacts (local and national). A number of pledges from the [Compact champions network launch in Bromley](#) (above) involved a commitment to raising the Bromley Compact with trustees. Sir Bert also said he was disappointed at the response to a survey about awareness of the Compact among government departments and non-departmental public bodies – including several that made no response. Mark

Davies from the Department of Health and Compact Voice's chair Simon Blake announced they will be working together on new ways to ensure widespread Compact-compliant working and commissioning in the Department.

Compact Voice also launched their [Impact Report](#) for 2009. This indicated that they had recruited 22 Compact champions in London - the same as were recruited by the Bromley Compact Champions Network launch. The big message this year however was about the "implementation debate", with all the speakers emphasising the importance of recognising and sharing real positive outcomes from Compact working. This approach will be adopted in Bromley. You can see examples at the Compact Voice "[Compact Stories](#)" webpage – including Bromley being one of the first to take advantage of the national Compact refresh to refresh its own Compact.

A number of key questions emerged from the round-table discussions held in the latter part of the event, where the more practical aspects of implementation were dissected. These included:

1. How can smaller voluntary groups build relationships with Government departments – and are there examples of this happening?
2. How are voluntary groups involved in scrutiny of new local legislation? for example when brought in as advisers
3. Are there examples of "parcelling" contracts – for example getting a local voluntary group to run its local park, as it's not only better connected within the community but more efficient and motivated than a private contractor
4. How will the next year's Annual Meeting report a year of Compact successes, particularly around implementation and embedding?

Sir Jeremy Beecham, from the Local Government Association reminded the public sector to view voluntary groups as partners, not as "cheap alternative options" – recognising that the Sector gives greater value and efficiency, and that such relationships represented good investment in local economy and local skills.

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National/regional events

Democracy Days

Date: 23 March, London

NAVCA and the WEA are bringing Democracy Days to communities around the country with four events planned for March. These free one-day conferences will be lively and entertaining events for staff in local infrastructure organisations or public bodies seeking to engage local people as well as voluntary and community sector reps or activists. They are also an excellent introduction to active citizenship for people who expect to take on community leadership, development or teaching roles. More information visit

www.navca.org.uk/democracyday

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Local Jobs

Bromley Autistic Trust – Head of Adult Services

Salary of up to £40k depending on skills and experience

Bromley Autistic Trust is a thriving, independent charity operating in Bromley and surrounding boroughs in the South East of England. We are looking for a new Senior Manager to join our team and manage residential, supported living, outreach and domiciliary support to Adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

Reporting to, and deputising for, the Chief Executive, you will be professionally qualified with substantial management experience. You will have the ability to lead a team of Service Managers to deliver the day-to-day operations of all our Adult Services.

Knowledge of the special needs of people with ASD is essential, as is a thorough understanding of learning disability needs. This role is also an opportunity to demonstrate strong leadership, communication and organisational skills and contribute actively to the strategic development of the Trust.

By phoning 020 8464 2897, please contact Alison Hunter, Chief Executive for an informal discussion or Claire Landy for an application pack. Email:

claire@bromleyautistictrust.co.uk

Richmond Council for Voluntary Service – two posts

Richmond CVS is recruiting for two key part-time posts within our innovative Supported Volunteering Service

- Supported Volunteering Adviser - Mental Health - 21 hours per week @ £25k pa pro rata (Ref SVAMH)

- Supported Volunteering Adviser - Disability - 28 hours per week @ £25k pa pro rata (Ref SVAD)

Closing date: 22 February.

You can get a detailed application pack from www.richmondcvcs.org.uk, or email to jobs@richmondcvcs.org.uk, or call 020 8255 8500. Please quote the job reference.

Volunteer Centre Southwark - Volunteering Development Coordinator
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FT £25,520pa NJC 6.26 based in SE1

We are looking for someone who is passionate about volunteering to coordinate our work with volunteer involving organisations and improve volunteering in Southwark. Encouraging groups to develop good practice in volunteering is key to our work and this role is key in making the move from running a reactive, to a proactive service. You would be offering advice and support to groups, developing resources, training, and implementing the new pan London good practice charter whilst linking in with work going on across London and the Volunteer Centre network.

To find out more download an application pack at www.volunteercentres.org.uk or contact Barbara on 0207 703 4205 barbara@volunteercentres.org.uk

Deadline for applications 10am Friday 5th March, interviews Friday 12th March

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Funding News

Youth Opportunities and Youth Capital Funding 2010-2011
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The new round of Youth Opportunities and Youth Capital funding for Bromley will shortly be launched for projects running between 1st April 2010 and 31st March 2011. In total the annual allocation will be: Youth Opportunity Fund £151,800 and Youth Capital Funds £144,100.

Details of the application process should be available on line by 26th February 2010 www.bromley.gov.uk , along with downloadable copies of the guidance, application form and other useful information. Please ensure you read the Standard Terms and Conditions and the Evaluation Form prior to submission of an application to ensure your organisation is able to meet all monitoring and reporting requirements.

The first bidding round closes 19th March 2010; details of all bidding rounds will also be available on line.

This is likely to be the last year that Youth Opportunities and Capital Funding is available it is therefore likely that the panel will be looking for projects which can demonstrate longer-term sustainability.

For more information, contact Ruth Wood, Area Manager, Bromley Youth Service on direct line: 020 8776 3071

Expressions of Interest– SEN Transport Contracts

Applications are invited from transport providers who wish to be included on a 5 year Framework Arrangement for the delivery of transport services for the London boroughs of Bexley & Bromley. The deadline for registering expressions of interest is 15th February 2010. For more information go to www.bromley.gov.uk

Commissioning – new funding stream from the London Development Agency (LDA).

At a meeting co-ordinated by VCS Engage and Partnership for Young London with the LDA on 26 January 2010, Denise Burke, Head of Youth and Childcare at LDA, gave advance notice of the funding that will be available in 2011 for VCS and/or private organisations, working in consortia, to address issues relating to young people who are, or are at risk of becoming, not in education, employment or training.

There then followed round table discussions, which identified future support needs, some areas of concern and some topics to be addressed through lobbying. Notes of both sessions are included in the [feedback](#).

For more information contact Julie Hunt at Community Links Bromley who also attended the session.

The Santander Foundation

The Santander Foundation funds local, regional and national charities for their work within the UK. We are committed to helping disadvantaged people through our two charitable priorities.

The Foundation brings together the initiatives previously undertaken by Abbey, Alliance & Leicester and Bradford & Bingley savings business. Formerly the Abbey Charitable

Trust, the Foundation was set up in 1990 and has given more than £28 million to charities in the UK.

2010 is an exciting year for the Foundation with some changes to charitable priorities and to the type of grants available as well as a significant increase in the size of grants on offer.

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £1,000 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people, and adults & children with disabilities.

www.tescopl.com/tescocharitytrust

Community Cash Fund

For the first time ever, Capital Community Foundation in partnership with other community foundations in London are distributing a £62,500 Community Cash fund raised through Sport Relief to communities across the city.

Community Cash grants of £500-£1,000 are available to small organisations in all 33 London boroughs that are doing great work to help local people living in areas of disadvantage.

Groups need to be constituted, working in areas of disadvantage, and need to have an income of less than £50,000 a year.

If this sounds like you, make sure you apply for a Community Cash grant now by completing the [online application form \(click here\)](#).

If you would prefer to print, complete and post your application, you can also [download an application form here](#) or call Capital Community Foundation on 020 7582 5117 to request a form in the post.

To view the full fund guidelines, click Applications need to be received no later than Friday 5th March 2010, so get yours in now!

Working with the grants advisors at Comic Relief, we'll make sure the money reaches those who need it most in London. London is leading the rest of the UK in supporting Sport Relief with people from all over the city rising to the challenge and entering the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile. The money raised by people's sponsorship will be spent by Comic Relief to transform lives here in London, across the rest of the UK and in the world's poorest countries.

You can enter the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile in London at www.sportrelief.com.

Heritage Lottery Fund - Skills for the Future

The Heritage Lottery Fund has launched a new £5m programme, which will provide grants of between £100,000 and £1m to organisations across the UK that can assist in the provision of training places for people seeking a career in heritage or conservation work. Applications must be completed by 19 March. <http://bit.ly/blfskills> or www.hlf.org.uk

Social Enterprise Investment Fund

The Department of Health's Social Enterprise Investment Fund has capital grants from £100,000 to £450,000 available for social enterprises working in health and social care that require funding into capital assets.

Your organisation could receive a grant to enable you to:

- Secure your premises
- Purchase vehicles
- Update your systems
- Refurbish
- Purchase equipment

The application deadline is 19 February 2010 for posted applications and 21 February 2010 for emailed applications. However, grants will be awarded on a rolling basis and there is only a limited pot of money available. In order to access the funding it is important that you submit your application as soon as possible. Any money awarded must be drawn down by 31 March 2010.

If your project costs exceed £450,000, you may be eligible for additional loan financing. Capital grants are available to organisations that have been trading for 12 months or more and are looking to grow/improve their services within the health and social care sector.

All investments are subject to State Aid implications. Funding may be subject to further eligibility criteria. For further details go to their website

www.socialinvestmentbusiness.org

Community Voices Programme

The [Media Trust](http://www.media-trust.org) has opened a new £250,000 grants programme to fund charities that run digital media projects for people from disadvantaged and isolated communities.

The fund is part of the charity's Community Voices project, a two-year, England-wide project funded by the Communities, Local Government department, and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

It will give out 26 grants worth between £1,500 and £14,000 each, as well as one grant of £61,000.

The closing date for applications is 28 February.

The trust has already been giving out grants of £500 to projects that support disadvantaged and isolated communities through digital media as part of the [Community Voices](#) programme. For more information go to the new [Community Voices website](#).

Ecominds Update

Owing to the large number of applications received to date, the closing date for their small grants has been brought forward to 12 noon, Friday 30 April 2010.

No late applications will be considered. The amount of funding currently available for small grants is limited and prospective applicants are encouraged to consider carefully before applying.

Please keep checking the [Ecominds website](#) for any further updates.

Youth of Today Leadership Fund

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund has been set up to fill outstanding gaps in the provision of leadership opportunities available to young people.

The fund is managed by The Young Foundation. Their mission is to increase accessibility and raise the standard of youth leadership opportunities offered by third sector organisations across England.

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund helps third sector organisations scale up innovative youth leadership projects, and reach out across communities. They've got £1 million of funding to be spent by March 2011. The next application round will open from 23rd February 2010. Please check back then for details

Currently they are looking for 13-19 year olds in specific areas including South London.

Full information is on their website: www.theyouthoftoday.org

Faiths in Action - Round 2 now open

Faiths in Action is for local projects and activities, and is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England.

For full eligibility criteria, please read the guidance notes (available to download below). The maximum size of a grant in Round 2 is £6,000. There is no formal deadline for applications – Round 2 is a rolling programme.

Applications will be accepted in the date and time order that they are received by CDF, until the total value of the eligible, relevant applications received equals the overall value of the fund.

What does my organisation need to apply?

[Click here for application form](#)

[Click here for guidance notes](#)

If you would like a hard copy version of the guidance notes, please call 01223 406533 or e-mail fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk

Grants will be distributed from April 2010 and will fund activities that take place between April 2010 and March 2011.

Faiths in Action funds both new and existing projects. They welcome those that support women and young people. You can also apply in partnership with another group or organisation if this helps your project.

In your application, you must show how your project relates to one or more of the fund's four priorities:

1. Developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link"
2. Supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action
3. Developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action
4. Improving opportunities for learning which build understanding

These priorities come from the Government's framework, [Face to Face and Side by Side](#)

Questions?

Consult the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact the Faiths in Action helpline: Tel: 01223 406533 Email: fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk

J Paul Getty Jr. Charitable Trust - Winding up

The trustees have now decided to wind down the Trust over a period of between five and ten years. This means that they will be increasing the level of annual spend and will be looking for opportunities to award a number of more substantial grants that will have an enduring impact. The Trust is currently focusing its support on registered charities in England and will only consider applications for work in one or more of the following areas:

- Reducing Reoffending: projects aiming to improve the lot of people in prison and smooth the transition for those leaving prison, maximizing their chances of successful resettlement
- Improving Prospects: projects providing meaningful occupation for young people aged 14-19 to improve their employability and diminish the risk of social exclusion; work to improve the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers.
- Repairing Communities: projects led from within the community with the aim of integrating different social and ethnic groups in pursuit of worthwhile goals
- Repairing Lives: projects making a lasting impact on the lives of people with substance misuse problems; projects helping people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Preserving Heritage: conserving or restoring buildings and landscapes which are of national value and accessible to the public; saving from export art and manuscripts of national importance; developing conservation skills, especially among disadvantaged groups
- Sustaining the Arts: nurturing and developing artistic endeavour of the highest quality

The Trust awards grants towards both revenue and capital costs. However, the trustees will not normally approve grants to cover more than 20 percent of a charity's entire annual running costs, as they feel it is important for organisations to develop a range of income sources and not become dependent on any single funder.

Main grants are between £10,000 and £250,000 over a period of one to three years, and it usually takes between three and six months for the Trust to reach a decision if your application is taken forward to the final stage. Small grants of up to £5,000 are also available for smaller charities, and these may be awarded in as little as 2 to 3 months.

In September 2009, the Trust launched a new online application process, and all applications must now be submitted using the online form available via the website at www.jpgettytrust.org.uk. There are no closing dates, and you should hear within 6 weeks if they are able to take your application forward.

If you have a question that is not answered on the website, you are welcome to contact the Trust for advice Tel: 020 7486 1859.

All other correspondence should be addressed to their director, Elizabeth Rantzen at: J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust, 1 Park Square West, London NW1 4LJ Website: www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/funding.html

Old Possum's Practical Trust - Small Grants for the Arts

Old Possum's Practical Trust seeks to increase knowledge and appreciation of any matters of historic, artistic, architectural, aesthetic, literary, musical or theatrical interest. The charity does not normally support individuals but rather organisations involved in these fields of interest.

These are the Trust's preferred areas for support. Applications for other areas will be considered in the light of the Trust's purposes.

The trust was founded in 1990 - 25 years after T. S. Eliot's death in 1965 - and following the enormous success of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical 'Cats'. The musical drew for its inspiration upon Eliot's 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats' - a collection of poems written for children and first published in 1939.

The trustees of Old Possum's Practical Trust make grants each year in line with the aims of the trust, the size of which usually fall within the range of £500 - £5,000.

The preferred method of application is via the online application. However, applications will be accepted by post but not by fax or email. It is important that applicants first read the guidance notes on website below. Old Possum's Practical Trust, PO Box 5701, MILTON KEYNES, MK9 2WZ Email: generalenquiry@old-possums-practical-trust.org.uk
Website: www.old-possums-practical-trust.org.uk

BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need have moved. Their new contact details are as follows:

BBC Children in Need, London and South East Office, PO Box 1000, London W12 7WJ.
Telephone: 020 8752 4200 Fax: 020 8576 8887.

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Compact Resources

Latest Compact Resources: Updated February 2010

- Compact Champions Launch - [Presentation PowerPoint 3.9 mg](#) or [available as PDF 1.9 Mb](#)
- Compact Champions Launch - [Report 88Kb](#)
- [Compact Champions Pledge Card](#) - 40Kb
- Model presentation for Compact Champions - [PowerPoint 114 Kb](#) or available as a [PDF 62Kb](#)

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Benefits of becoming a member of Community Links Bromley are many. Here are a few:

- Membership is free
- Specialist advice and support services
- Inclusion in the Directory of Local Voluntary Organisations
- Community library with over 500 titles
- Specialist funding information service
- Networking events
- Forum events
- Benefit from CLB's strong relationship with statutory authorities
- Opportunity to elect CLB trustees and attend the AGM
- Free or discounted prices on members' events
- Advertising job adverts and events on our website and e-bulletin free
- Volunteering brokerage and representation.

Membership of Community Links Bromley (CLB) is open to charities, voluntary organisations and community groups operating for the benefit of Bromley people and those groups whose aims are compatible with those of CLB. To become a member your organisation needs to fulfil these criteria.

Please note that CLB is a company limited by guarantee. Therefore all members are liable for the sum of £1 if CLB should be wound up.

To apply or to check the full criteria, download the [membership form and criteria](#). Or contact Sue Lee on 0208 315 1902.

If you aren't sure whether or not your organisation is a member, follow this link to the full [membership list of Community Links Bromley](#).

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