

The Essential Guide to Useful Websites

The following websites provide a wide range of information, advice, guidance and resources for groups. They cover things like how to write policies, business plans, set up projects, trustees role and responsibilities, budgeting, finances, and the 1,001 other things that voluntary and community groups need to do – including finding funding.

www.3va.org.uk – a charity that provides a range of support and development for local groups including funding advice, governance support, training, start-up, room/office hire, newsletters, networking and advertising

www.acas.org.uk – Provide an information, advice, training, conciliation and other services for employers and employees to help prevent or resolve employment problems.

www.acevo.org.uk - Membership organisation, The Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations, exists to connect, develop and represent the third sector's leaders.

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk - As well as information about the Lottery Programmes, this site provides information and support in many areas of funding raising, budgeting evaluation and project management.

www.businessballs.com - This site offers free business training, organisational development, resources, exercises, tools and templates to support the development of commercial and voluntary organisations.
www.bwbllp.com/services/charity - provides charity and social enterprise legal support and information, some of which is free and others services incur a cost.

www.cafonline.org - A registered charity that provides cost and tax efficient banking and other financial services, information and resources to charities.

www.ces-vol.org.uk - Charities Evaluation Service have developed a series of resources covering various aspects of evaluation, performance indicators, outcomes monitoring and quality standards.

www.cfg.org.uk – Membership organisation that promotes best practice in finance management in the voluntary sector.

www.charity-commission.gov.uk - Is the independent regulator for charitable activity in England and Wales, enabling charities to maximise their impact, ensure compliance with legal obligations, encourage

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innovation and effectiveness and championing public interest in charity to promote the public's trust and confidence.

www.cranfieldtrust.org - charity providing pro bono management consultancy and HR Advice for charities and social enterprise groups. Highly skilled managers from the commercial sector act as Trust volunteers throughout the country. Volunteers donate their time and expertise to support the voluntary sector, providing advice and mentoring on a wide range of issues to improve management and HR effectiveness

www.diycommitteeguide.org. – Offers tools, resources and information in easy to reference guides for all those involved in or supporting management committees and trustee boards

www.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk - gives access to essential data, statistics, information and analysis about local areas and East Sussex in general.

www.gov.uk – Government website giving access to all Government Departments and services, including national policy, CRB/ DBS, Charity Commission, DCLG, DWP, disability rights, benefits, State Aid and many others

www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities-donors - information about all aspects of tax, gift aid and CASCs for the voluntary and charity sector.

www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/gift-aid.htm - information about gift aid, forms and advice

www.hmrc.gov.uk/factsheet/record-keeping.pdf - guidance on what and how to keep finance records

www.ictknowledgebase.org.uk - A comprehensive source of independent ICT information and advice, designed to help community and voluntary sector organisations access the benefits of information technology.

www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk - This membership organisation is the professional body that represents and supports fundraisers in the UK.

www.knowhownonprofit.org - Free expert help & advice from NCVO on all aspects of running a non profit organisation.

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www.lawworks.org.uk - a charity which offers free legal help to individuals and community groups who cannot afford to pay for it and who are unable to access legal aid

www.navca.org.uk - The National Association for Voluntary and Community Action is the national voice of local third sector infrastructure in England.

www.ncvo-vol.org.uk - The National Council for Voluntary organisation connects, represents and supports the voluntary and community sector in England to help them make the biggest difference they can.

www.nomisweb.co.uk – Office for National Statistics providing national and local statistic data, including data from the 2011 Census.

www.residentsassociations.co.uk – information on setting up and operating a resident’s association.

www.resourcecentre.org.uk - Brighton based organisation offering information more widely.

www.smallcharities.org.uk - Small Charities Coalition helping small charities access the skills, tools & information they need to get going and do what they do best.

www.scip.org.uk - offers IT services, web design and training to voluntary and community organisations in South East England.

www.volunteering.org.uk - Volunteering England is an independent voluntary agency committed to supporting, enabling and celebrating volunteering in all its diversity. Their work links research, policy innovation, good practice and grant making in the involvement of volunteers.

www.vces.org.uk - Volunteer Centre East Sussex for local support and information.