



**Community  
Southwark**

## Lambeth Newsletter – July 2017

Hello and welcome to the July Lambeth newsletter specifically for groups and organisations based in or working in the Borough of Lambeth.

Community Southwark are providing FREE capacity & capability building support for Lambeth based groups including training, a small groups network, 1:1 Support Sessions and a newsletter. Phew!

Below you can find out more about what is happening and how to get involved as well as booking details and some funding information.

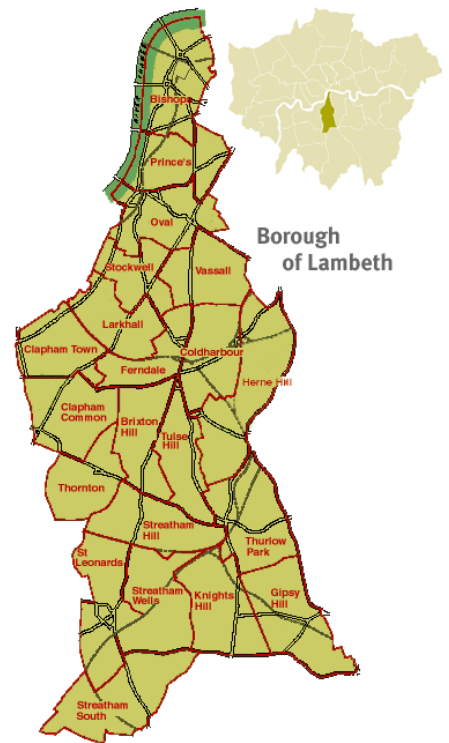
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We hope you enjoy all this newsletter. Please do get in touch if you have anything you would like to add to future communications – we want to hear about all of your events over the summer.

Hope to see you soon

Deborah

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## 1. Stronger Together Programme

[Community Southwark](#) is delivering [a two-year programme of practical support and advice](#) for Lambeth-based voluntary and community organisations funded by [The London Community Foundation](#) (LCF) as part of the Lambeth Community Fund, from February 2017 until April 2019.

Under the theme, 'Stronger Together', LCF aim to strengthen and build the capacity of local organisations, increasing skills and knowledge of staff and volunteers in order to improve service delivery and increase sustainability. They also hope to encourage collaboration between the third, public and private sectors within the borough.

This programme of support is being provided by Community Southwark entirely free of charge and all voluntary and community organisations, including social enterprises, based in Lambeth are eligible to take part. The programme is particularly aimed at small community groups and those which are not yet formally established. This is a unique opportunity to gain expert support and advice to help with fundraising; business planning; marketing; financial management; and governance and leadership.

The programme of support will include:

- 1:1 Support
- Training
- Small Groups Network
- Access to Community Southwark membership, resources and other Southwark based activities.

To find out more about the programme, request support, or if you know of a group that would benefit from this free support, please email Graham Collins or Deborah Hayman at [development@communitysouthwark.org](mailto:development@communitysouthwark.org) or call them on 020 7358 7011.

To find out more about the London Community Foundation or the Lambeth Community Fund please email Donna Yay at [donna.yay@londoncf.org.uk](mailto:donna.yay@londoncf.org.uk) or call 020 7582 5117.

## 2. Free 1:1 Support Surgeries

One hour sessions, run once a month, during which you have the opportunity to meet a Development Officer, sign up for Community Southwark membership and talk through some of the issues you are encountering in your daily work and/or as a whole organisation. The first meeting will always include an organisational diagnostic to support action planning and evaluation of the programme.

The 1:1 support is designed to promote the long term sustainability of your organisation, and we encourage board members with strategic responsibility to attend alongside staff members. When you book we will ask what issues you wish to discuss and request that you send appropriate information prior to attending the meeting.

The 1:1 Support Surgery is free but booking is essential, as they fill up fast! To book a slot, simply email [development@communitysouthwark.org](mailto:development@communitysouthwark.org) or call 020 7358 7020

**The surgery dates are:**

- Tuesday 11 July 2017, FULLY BOOKED
- Wednesday 9 August 2017, 2-3pm
- Thursday 14 September 2017, 2-3, 3-4 or 4-5pm
- Tuesday 17 October 2017, 2-3, 3-4 or 4-5pm
- Wednesday 15 November 2017, 2-3, 3-4 or 4-5pm
- Wednesday 6 December 2017, 2-3, 3-4 or 4-5pm

These sessions are being held in various locations around Lambeth. We will confirm the venue with you on booking an appointment, so please do check your emails.

If a session is fully booked but someone drops out, we will send out a quick email to see if anyone would like to take the appointment.

### 3. Training Programme

We will be delivering our three most popular training sessions: our 'Made easy' suite of training twice a year over both years of the programme:

- **Finance Made Easy: [Tuesday 11th July 2017, 10am - 4.30pm](#)**

*'The wealth of advice, tips, signposting to free or low cost tools. I left with loads of ideas to try out. An inspiring and valuable event, thank you. She was an excellent trainer and pitches the content really well. The practical exercises were great.'*

- **Lambeth Small Groups Network: Volunteer Management: [Tuesday 5 September, 6 – 8 pm](#)**

*'Really useful evening. I met loads of people and even found someone who is going to work with us on the next project.'*

*'Fascinating speaker, brought up some interesting ideas and practical things I am going to try to take back to my organisation.'*

- **Fundraising Made Easy: [Thursday 28 September 2017, 10am - 4.30pm](#)**

*'Everything was really useful, however the websites for funding and exercises were amazing and helpful'*

*'I found everything fine. It was all helpful, especially the language / mock application'*

- **Governance Made Easy: [Thursday 12 October 2017, 10am – 3.00pm](#)**

*'Fantastic knowledge of the trainer - she knew everything, so I felt in excellent hands and much more confident'*

*'The tasks & slides. The interaction with others. Learning the general rules of governing, as it is something I am new to.'*

- **Finance Made Easy: [Tuesday 7 November 2017, 10am – 4.30pm](#)**

To book a place on the training simply click on the links above and fill in the Eventbrite form.

You are also welcome to take a look and book a place or two on our full training programme delivered in Southwark: <http://communitysouthwark.org/training>

One session you really don't want to miss is [Cyber Safe Southwark: How to be a digitally savvy organisation](#). This session is relevant to organisations outside of Southwark as well and was so popular in May that we have added an extra date on **1 August 2017**. This session is also going to be broadcast live through Twitter using the hashtag #CyberSafeSouthwark. More information will be on our website soon.

This session will cover a whole range of issues around the digital world including data protection laws; good practice around using and storing information and tips on protecting your organization against hacking and viruses.

These issues are becoming more of a problem as we go ever more digital and it effects all shapes and sizes of organisations: smaller organisations have been hacked recently with all of their work and data being held for ransom of £400 to be paid through Bitcoin - not only could you lose all your work if you can't afford to pay or decide not to pay but new regulations mean you could also be fined for this breach of security!

#### 4. Free Small Groups Network

A quarterly network specifically for groups and organisations with less than £30k income. The meetings will be created for you and by you - we will be asking what you would like to talk about, what guest speakers or topics you would want to hear about etc. and we will arrange these evening networks to cover the topics you choose in venues across Lambeth.

**The second Small Groups Network will take place on [Tuesday 5 September 2017, 6-9pm](#).** So book your place now. Venue to be confirmed.

The first session covered your ideas for what you would like to happen at the sessions and a top answer was looking after your volunteers so on the agenda for the second meeting on 5 September 2017 is **VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT: Finding and Maintaining Volunteers.**

- How do you look after your volunteers when you have few or no staff?
- How much of your resources should you put into volunteer management?
- What does good volunteer management look like?

Marissa Charles, our Volunteer Management and Best Practice Officer will explore what volunteer management looks like in different sizes of organisations, taking best practice and making it practical and useful for smaller organisations such as yours.

Some feedback from Marissa's Volunteer management sessions:

*'Resources to contain in induction packets & training were really useful. Marissa was enthusiastic and informative throughout the session.'*

*'Hearing from fellow attendees & learning about their organisations and experiences; hearing from Marissa's experience & knowledge'*

*'The whole course was great. My org has a long way to go. But this gave a great idea of actions we have to take.'*

#### 5. News from the sector

- [DFID launches small charities fund – expected to be worth £4m](#) Civil Society, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- [What does the Queen's Speech mean for charities?](#) NCVO 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- ['The only rule for Chairs and CEOs is to have an adult relationship'](#) Civil Society 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- [Volunteering Platform 'Do it' transferred to new provider](#) Civil Society, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017
- [Free Advice Line for small charities opens](#) Civil Society, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017

- [Charities Aid Foundation makes 15 recommendations about how charities can be put at the heart of policy making](#) Civil Society 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017
- [Charity Commission pilots closer working agreements with local authorities](#), Civil Society, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- [Tracy Crouch is new Minister for Civil Society](#) Third Sector, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## 6. Funding Opportunities

To search for specific local, regional, national and/or European funding opportunities – grants, contracts and loans – we recommend signing up to [www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk) and creating a profile. You will receive weekly bulletins and can search the database at any time.

Below is a selection of opportunities suitable for Lambeth organisations:

### [UK Social Enterprise Awards 2017](#)

The Awards recognise the achievements of social enterprises and supporters in 12 categories, including Social Enterprise of the Year, Women's Champion. It is also an insight into the amazing work being done in the UK social enterprise sector. Applications are now open for the 2017 Awards event. To apply involves completing an online application form.

**Deadline: 7th July 2017**

### [Co-op Foundation](#)

The Co-op Foundation, working in partnership with the #iwill campaign are inviting applications from charitable organisations working with young people aged 10-20. Organisations will be able to apply for up to £35,000 to deliver activities that engage young people in social action and tackle youth loneliness. They are looking to fund one organisation in each English region, and are targeting specific locations within those regions based on deprivation levels and existing opportunities for youth social action.

**Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 7th July 2017: Deadline for completed applications: 14th July 2017**

### [Deutsche Bank Small Grants Fund](#)

The Funder's aim is to support projects that help society's most disadvantaged and communities on the ground by reducing social isolation and improving wellbeing. See guidelines for areas and range of funded activities. Projects can apply for grants of up to £5,000.

**Deadline: 14th July 2017 (5pm)**

### [Peter Minet Trust](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for registered charities that run social welfare, health, cultural and community projects in the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark.

**Deadline: 20 July 2017**

### [The Wakefield & Tetley Trust](#)

The Trust is interested in projects that make a positive difference to the lives of people who face significant disadvantage and have limited choices and opportunities. Average grants of £7,000 are available under the main programme. Your turnover must be less than £500,000.

**Deadline: 11 July 2017 (2pm)**

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**Deadline: 14th July 2017 (5pm)**

### [The Steel Charitable Trust](#)

The Trust supports projects in five areas: Arts and Heritage; Health; Education; Social or Economic disadvantage; Environment. Grants of £2,500 - £25,000 available.

**Deadline: (aim to submit applications by mid-July 2017)**

### [The Henry Smith Charity Holiday Grants for Children](#)

The Charity is offering grants of between £500 - £2500 for recreational trips and holidays for groups of children aged 13 and under who experience disadvantage and or have disabilities. The Charity will fund a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a holiday or trip. Trips should be between 1 July to 31 August 2017.

**Deadline: 21th July 2017**

### [London Marathon Charitable Trust - Major Capital Project Grants](#)

Grants of between £20,000 and £150,000 are available for capital projects which provide, renovate or modernise facilities for recreation or leisure in the areas of London, Surrey, Aylesbury Vale and South Northamptonshire.

**Deadline: 24th July 2017**

### [London Marathon Charitable Trust - Small Capital Projects](#)

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for capital projects which provide or improve facilities for recreation or leisure in London, Surrey, Aylesbury Vale and South Northamptonshire

**Deadline: 24th July 2017**

### [DM Thomas Foundation Central Grants Programme](#)

The Foundation is interested in projects working in the areas of education or health targeting the following groups: Children and young people with disabilities; Children and young people who are sick in hospital; Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care). Grants of up to £30,000 per year for up to 2 years can be awarded.

**Deadline: 25th July 2017**

### [Ernest Cook Trust: Large Grants](#)

The programme supports educational projects focused on environment & countryside and literacy, numeracy and science. Most awards are in the range of £4,000 – £12,000. There are no application forms and applicants are asked to post a covering letter on official headed paper and also include a simple budget and up to two additional sheets of A4 describing the organisation, outlining the project and specifying its educational elements and the way in which it fits in with the interests of the Funder. Check other conditions.

**Deadline: 31st July 2017**

### [The Woodward Charitable Trust](#)

The Trust's areas of interest include: Children and young people who are isolated or at risk of exclusion; Prisoners and ex-offenders; Disadvantaged women; Disability projects; Arts outreach work by local groups and projects that promote integration and community cohesion amongst minority groups. Small grants of up to £5,000, and large grants of over £5,000 available.

**Deadline: 31st July 2017**



### [The Ironmongers' Company](#)

The Trust aims to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people aged 25 and under to fulfil their potential. Grants of up to £10,000 is available.

**Deadline: 31st July 2017**

### [Heritage Lottery Fund - Grants for Places of Worship](#)

The grants programme will fund urgent structural repairs to listed places of worship. It will also fund improvements to facilities and work that helps more people get involved with the buildings.

You can apply for between £10,000 - £250,000.

**Deadline: 14th August 2017**

### [Youth Music Grants Programme](#)

The Fund A strand of the programme offers small grants for high quality music-making projects that benefit children and young people. Funding of between £2,000 - £30,000 is available for projects that last from 6 – 24months. Matched funding of 10% is required.

**Deadline: 18th August 2017**

### [People's Postcode Lottery](#)

Community groups and charities can apply for grants ranging from £500 - £20,000 for projects that aim to enhance local areas and make a positive impact on the planet: both environmentally and by enhancing a community's cultural heritage and, thus, pride in their local area. Organisations that are not formally registered as a charity can apply for £500 - £2,000 in funding. There is a two-stage application process.

**Expression of Interest Deadline: 18th August 2017**

### [London Theatres Small Grants Scheme](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help small theatres with urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility in London and Greater London.

**Deadline: 22nd August 2017**

### [Greater London - Royal Victoria Hall Foundation](#)

Funding to encourage and assist projects in the Greater London area with the performance and/or development of professional dramatic work. Grants awarded will normally be in the range of £250 to £2,000.

**Deadline: 25th August 2017**

### [Newcomen Foundation](#)

Grants available to support extra curricula activities (school trips, after school clubs, holiday clubs, uniformed organisations) for children and young people; organisations which provide educational opportunities to schools and colleges in the Borough of Southwark (e.g. visiting theatre companies and musicians). We are unable to guarantee continuing support to projects, and for this reason, are unwilling to take responsibility for funding the cost of salaries and administration. The Foundation does not usually fully fund a project.

**Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

### [Libor Fund](#)

HM Treasury has launched the Libor Fund for 2017 and is inviting applications from registered charities, CICs, and Armed Forces unit with a UIN that are based and working within the UK.

**Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

### [London Legal Support Trust:](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for organisations who provide or facilitate the provision of free, specialist legal advice to those who are based in London or the Home Counties.

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

### [Consolidated Charities for the Poor Grant](#)

Grants are available for small, charitable organisations in Inner London to relieve poverty, disadvantage and homelessness; assist those who are elderly and infirm, and to support people with disabilities; and enhance education.

**Deadline: Applications will be accepted at any time.**

### **Diana and Allan Morgenthau Charitable Trust (no website contact via phone or email: 0207 4931904 or [allan.m@btinternet.com](mailto:allan.m@btinternet.com) )**

Grants are available to charitable organisations undertaking a variety of general charitable activities in London and overseas.

**Deadline: The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time.**

### [Fidelity UK Foundation](#)

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to registered charities located near a Fidelity International office in London, Kent or Surrey for strategic, transformational projects in arts and culture, community development, education or health.

**Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.**

### [Merchant Taylors' Consolidated Charities for the Infirm](#)

Grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 are available for charitable organisations providing services to people living with significant disabilities or health concerns in South East London.

**Deadline: Applications can be made at any time.**

### **Oliver Stanley Charitable Trust (no website, please phone on 0207 399 0000)**

Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available for registered charities carrying out projects for the relief of need throughout the UK.

**Deadline: Applications can be made at any time and will be considered once a year.**

### [Peter Minet Trust](#)

Grants of up to £500 (small grants programme) or £5,000 (main grants programme) are available for registered charities that run social welfare, health, cultural and community projects in the London Boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark.

**Deadline: Main Grants applications is 20 July 2017 (midnight).**

**The Trust are not currently welcoming applications for small grants. Small Grant applications are expected to re-open on 20 July 2017.**

### [Sir John Cass's Foundation - Grants to Schools and Organisations](#)

Grants of between £10,000 and £30,000. are available for schools and organisations to support education and rehabilitation projects in inner London boroughs.

**Deadline: Applications may be made at any time.**

### [The Master Poulter's Pelican Trust](#)

Small grants to charitable organisations for work which relieves poverty, sickness and distress in London.

**Deadline: Applications are considered once or twice a year.**



### [City Bridge Trust - English for Speakers of Other Languages](#)

Grants are available to charitable organisations for projects that increase the number of Londoners with improved English language skills, and lead to enhanced access to mainstream services and greater participation in the wider community.

**Deadline: The Trustees meet regularly and applications are accepted throughout the year. It usually takes about four months from receiving a complete application until a final decision is reached.**

### [City Bridge Trust - Improving Londoners' Mental Health](#)

Grants are available to support specialist services in London that target those with mental health issues.

**Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.**

### [City Bridge Trust - Improving London's Environment](#)

Grants are available for projects to maintain and enhance London's biodiversity or support the environmental education of Londoners.

**Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.**

### [City Bridge Trust - Making London More Inclusive](#)

Funding is available to support work that will help remove barriers to enable disabled people in London to live independently and to fully participate in society.

**Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.**

### [City Bridge Trust - Making London Safer](#)

Funding is available to enable survivors of domestic violence and trafficking, and victims of hate crime in London to access high quality specialist support services.

**Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time.**

### [City Bridge Trust - Older Londoners](#)

Funding to support older Londoners, particularly those over 75, to live more active and healthier lives and to have more choice and control in their lives through quality advice and support.

**Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time**

### [City Bridge Trust - Reducing Poverty](#)

Funding is available to tackle food poverty and provide money, debt and housing advice in London.

**Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time**

### [City Bridge Trust - Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Offenders](#)

Funding is available to support work that sees more ex-offenders in London successfully and sustainably resettled in the community and re-offending reduced

**Deadline: Applications may be submitted at any time**

### [Crystal Palace Park Community Projects Fund](#)

Grants of between £100 and £20,000 are available to voluntary organisations and community groups in London for projects and activities that improve Crystal Palace Park and the park user experience.

**Deadline: 27 January 2017 or 5 May 2017 or 22 September 2017 (final deadline)**

### [London Catalyst - Project Grants](#)

Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available for charities and voluntary and community organisations working in Greater London to fund initiatives that will tackle the effects of poverty and ill health and make a difference.

**Deadline: London Catalyst hold quarterly review meetings in February, June, September and December. Applicants are advised to contact London Catalyst for the exact meeting dates.**

## **7. Getting ready to fundraise**

A lot of time, energy and heartache can be saved by planning ahead. Make sure you can answer some basic questions:

- How much money do we need?
- When do we need it?
- What do we need it for?
- Is this the best way to raise this amount in this time?
- What resources will we need - equipment, skills, volunteers?
- What are the legal requirements?
- How much will our fundraising cost us? Will there be enough profit?
- What are the risks - weather, etc., - and how can we manage them?
- What else is going on locally?
- Who can we contact for help/advice?

### **Be daring - and careful**

Encourage new, wacky fund-raising ideas, but before you go ahead think carefully about every possible problem. If you can't think of reasonable safeguards, move on to a new idea or try to adapt the original one to make it more manageable. Remember - your responsibility doesn't stop where the legislation stops.

### **Use your members/volunteers**

Everybody has different skills, experience and interests. Your fundraising will be most effective if it uses your groups skills in the best way possible. Why not ask people what skills they have? You could be surprised by the answers!

### **Keep a good eye on the money**

Many groups go on year after year making fund-raising efforts that cost, rather than raise, money. For example, if you run a regular cake stall but don't, or can't, charge enough for your produce, you could find out when you have done all the sums that your group would make more money if everyone just donated the cost of making the cakes directly into the funds. If you don't set a budget for your fund-raiser, you could find that well-meaning volunteers have spent your profit before you even make it.

### **Start a Fundraising group**

This is a small sub-committee that can take over the day-to-day fundraising tasks. Don't leave it all up to one person - even a Saint soon gets fed up, and when they leave their skills, knowledge and contacts leave with them.

### **Get organised**

Keep written records of who, is doing or has done, what. Have regular meetings to check progress. Make sure everyone knows what to do, how and by when. Have a checklist of important jobs, and keep it updated.

### **Produce good quality, targeted promotional material**

We are all used to glossy, well-produced advertising nowadays, and yours will be a lot more effective if you produce it to the best possible standard (but watch the cost!). Use a style that will attract the people you expect to be interested in your event - bright colours for children, etc. and

make sure it will be seen in the right places. Promotional material that is not targeted in some way is almost useless.

### **Use your contacts**

If you have contacts with local sports or hobby groups, there are lots of ways you can use them. For instance, a local Martial Arts group could do a display at your Fete, or provide a lesson in self-defence as one of the items in a Pledges Auction. You may have someone in your group who is in contact with a local bigwig or celebrity. These people are used to being approached by people wanting help, so if you are polite, sensitive and reasonable in your requests you may attract their support.

### **Sponsorship**

- Remember, every form must have the name of the Charity, the name and nature of the event, where and when held, who is organising it, final date for collection and space for a signature or stamp confirming completion.
- Number the forms, then include everyone in a draw who manages to raise more than five pounds. Ask businesses for a prize for the biggest fundraiser.
- Send certificates, prepared by a friend who has a computer, to everyone who completed the event and sent in their money.
- Suggest, for big or difficult events, that the participant forms a fundraising group who will do the dirty work while the participant prepares.
- Find a celebrity to take part in/start the event.
- Encourage people to give cash straight away - one of the biggest problems with sponsorship is collecting the money after the event.
- Do a collection as well, if the sponsored event is funny/interesting to look at.

### **Raffles**

The trick is to approach people at a place or time when they already have their purses out. Announce the draw 1/4 hour early, to encourage last-minute sales.

### **Collections**

- Apply for your licence in plenty of time, as only one group at a time can be issued with a licence. There is lots of competition for the best times, so if you want to collect on Saturdays or around Christmas, you may have to apply up to a year in advance.
- It is illegal to ask people to put money in your tin, or even to shake it! Get over the invisibility by dressing up your collectors in silly costumes or identifying T-shirts, or put up a display about your work.
- Give collectors information and training ahead of time so they are aware of the rules, clear about security arrangements and prepared to smile silently all day!
- Place collectors intelligently - concentrating them in the most popular area (so long as they don't look like a "mob") can be far more effective than spreading them around.
- If you are running a collection on private property you don't have to get a licence, but you do need the permission of the owner. The legislation has changed recently, and may lead to places like Pubs being seen as public within the law

### **Stalls**

- Take something to sit on, flask of tea etc. Remember to take a "float" of useful change (if you are charging 4.99 for something, you will need a lot of pennies).
- If possible, theme your stall. It is quite difficult (except at a Car Boot Sale) to sell a little bit of this and a little bit of that.
- Arrange your stall to look interesting, attractive and easy to approach. Put stuff at the back on little improvised shelves; make prices clear and easy to read. Bargain Bins at the front catch passers-by and make it easier for people to approach you.

- Decorate/design your stall to fit your theme and attract your most likely customers - pretty coloured cloth under dried flower arrangements, attractive plain wood under pot plants.
- If you are organising the event; keep the stalls close together, however big the field. Put together a plan with "zones" of stalls selling similar things - this encourages people to buy. Stalls selling heavy or big things should be near the car-park, so that people don't have far to carry their purchase. Put refreshments at the far end - get people buying first!
- Good stall ideas: Plants; Home-made cakes, pickles, jams etc.; Wood (collect leftovers and donations); Books and records (need a lot); Crafts (especially at Christmas); Second hand baby/children's clothes

### Before you go ahead....

You will need to think about rules and regulations that may affect your fundraising efforts.

- If you hold an event in a public place check with your Local Council or the owner of the property for permission and to find out how to go about it. Contact the Police if it will affect traffic in any way.
- If you are collecting money in public places you need a permit from your Local Council.
- If you are organising an event, you may need to think about insurance.

### Large raffles/lotteries

If you wish to run a raffle or similar activity, you may need a licence.

The [Gambling Commission](#) provides information to ensure you comply with the law.

### Ideas

Below are some ideas for fund raising events. Use your imagination and you can dream up different ones or adapt these to suit your circumstances.

- **Wishing Well**  
Everyone loves to throw money into water! You'll need a water-feature of some kind (borrow from your local Garden Centre in return for the publicity?), and a venue, for instance a local shopping centre, where plenty of people will pass directly by and where you can maintain reasonable security.
- **Ghost Walk**  
If you have volunteers with suitable public-speaking skills, why not exploit any ghosts or nasty goings-on in your area and take people on an hour-long guided tour after dark. An event of this sort needs to be very well organised - make sure you time things beforehand, arrange to meet somewhere sheltered near a Pub or other source of refreshment and have a "stand-in" ready in case your leader pulls out at the last minute. You will need written permission from the owner if the tour wants to visit private property or land.
- **Double or Nothing**  
Give each member of a Fundraising team a small amount and give them a set time in which to (at least) double it. A prize could be offered for the person who makes the most.
- **Seventies Clothes Stall**  
Your old cast-offs could be just what the trendy young things of today are looking for - the more outrageous the better! Make sure you run your stall at a venue or event where the sort of people who want your clothes will be.
- **Sponsored New-Year Pledge**  
Planning on giving up smoking, or cycling to work at least two days a week? Get sponsored - it will increase your motivation and raise useful cash. Remember to put a time-limit on your sponsor form - people are unlikely to want to pay out for the rest of your life!
- **Craft Projects Finishing Service**  
If you have suitable skills, why not offer to finish off those knitting, woodwork or cross-stitch projects that people have lying around, for the price of a donation. To avoid misunderstandings, it is as well to have a short written agreement stating exactly what you will do and by what time.

- **Bag4Sport Limited**

Bag4Sport Limited (B4S) have helped over 300 organisations raise over £40,000 in funding. Getting involved is simple: B4S bags and posters are issued to the organisation, each with a letter, and given out to members. Bags are then filled by the members etc., then collected on an agreed date, weighed, and a receipt issued. We then pay the organisation 40p per kilo (£400 per tonne), and issue a certificate of achievement. Cheques are sent out within 6 weeks.

B4S can also deliver a short presentation if necessary to raise awareness of recycling and the scheme, and storage issues can be resolved by the clothes being donated on the collection date when we are on site. Contact Bag4Sport.co.uk on Tel: 01380 728880 for more information

Items marked \* adapted from “Tried and tested ideas for raising money locally”, Passingham, DSC.