

Governance

Section seven Useful contacts

This is not a definitive list, but some useful organisations that your management committee members can approach for information and guidance on governance related issues (mostly selected organisations taken from the Charity Commission's, *The Essential Trustee, Crown Copyright 2007*)

Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (ACEVO)

ACEVO provides good practice resources and information on sector issues.

ACEVO
3rd Floor
1 New Oxford Street
London
WC1A 1NU
Tel: 0845 345 8481
Email: info@acevo.org.uk
www.acevo.org.uk

British Association of Settlements and Social Action Centres (bassac)

A membership network of multi-purpose community organisations. Bassac represents its members at a national level and offers them strategic support.

bassac
33 Corsham Street
London N1 6DR
Tel: 0845 241 0375
E mail: info@bassac.org.uk
Website: www.bassac.org.uk

The Charity Commission

The Charity Commission for England and Wales is established by law as the regulator and registrar of charities in England and Wales. The website contains comprehensive information and guidance on charity law and practical advice for any charity.

Charity Commission Direct
PO Box 1227

The Basis Project online toolkit
www.thebasisproject.org.uk

Liverpool
L69 3UG
Tel. 0845 3000 218
www.charitycommission.gov.uk

Charity Trustee Networks (CTN)

Offers trustees mutual support by encouraging and developing self-help trustee network groups providing consultancy and mentoring.

Charity Trustee Networks
3-4 Frensham Suite
Friary Court
13-21 High Street
Guildford
Surrey GU1 3DG
Tel: 01483 230280
E mail: info@trusteenet.org.uk
www.trusteenet.org.uk

Companies House

The incorporation authority for limited companies. Also runs seminars for newly appointed directors and company secretaries.

Companies House
Crown Way
Maindy
Cardiff CF14 3UZ
Tel: 0870 3333 636
E mail: enquiries@companies-house.gov.uk
www.companieshouse.gov.uk

Directory of Social Change (DSC)

The Directory of Social Change is an independent source of information and support to the voluntary sector. It provides practical training courses, conferences and seminars and publishes reference guides, handbooks and journals.

Directory of Social Change
24 Stephenson Way
London NW1 2DP
Tel: 020 7391 4800
E mail: enquiries@dsc.org.uk
www.dsc.org.uk

The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA)

The professional body for chartered secretaries. Produces best practice guides and guidance. Also assists charities looking for new trustees.

The Basis Project online toolkit
www.thebasisproject.org.uk

ICSA
16 Park Crescent
London W1B 1AH
Tel: 020 7580 4741
E mail: info@icsa.co.uk
www.icsa.org.uk

National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA)

Local charities can use the NAVCA website to find their nearest Council for Voluntary Service (CVS). These Councils provide support and training for local voluntary organisations on many practical issues, including management issues, IT and volunteering.

NAVCA
The Tower
2 Furnival Square
Sheffield S1 4QL
Tel: 0114 278 6636
E mail: navca@navca.org.uk
www.navca.org.uk

National Council for Voluntary Services (NCVO)

Produces a wide range of information and support services for those working in the voluntary sector, including a publication on inducting and supporting Trustees.

NCVO, The National Council for Voluntary Organisations
Regent's Wharf
8 All Saints Street
London
N1 9RL
Tel: 020 7713 6161
Free Helpdesk
Tel: 0800 2 798 798
Email: ncvo@ncvo-vol.org.uk
www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

The Resource Centre

Produces a range of downloadable easy to understand information sheets to help people run small voluntary and community groups.

Prior House
6 Tilbury Place
Brighton
BN2 0GY
Tel: 01273 606160
Email: info@resourcecentre.org.uk
www.resourcecentre.org.uk

Other useful websites:

www.russell-cooke.co.uk

www.sandy-a.co.uk

Useful publications

(1) Voluntary but not Amateur

An introductory guide published by Directory of Social Change.

(2) The Russell-Cooke Voluntary Sector Legal Handbook

A comprehensive guide to all aspects of governance practice and law likely to affect voluntary organisations.

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