



Improving support for a stronger third sector

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We want every organisation to be able to find high quality support that meets their needs when they need it

New 'media centre' resource now available on Capacitybuilders' website



As part of an ongoing website development project, a new 'media centre' resource has been added to the Capacitybuilders' website. In addition to [news stories](#), [staff biographies](#) and [brand guidance](#), copies of the latest Capacitybuilders' [press releases](#) are now available for third party organisations to use within their own publications and e-bulletins.

Other noticeable updates to our website include a direct link from the homepage to the new national support services '[improving support](#)' website and a refresh of the [funding pages](#), to bring you up-to-date with all ChangeUp grant programmes.

Capacitybuilders' acting Chief Executive to address NAVCA conference



Capacitybuilders' acting Chief Executive, Catherine Johnstone is set to address delegates at Navca's forthcoming 'Steps to Success' event on 30 April.

The residential event will provide the ideal platform for Chief Officers to meet, and share ideas with colleagues from across the country, and to hear from a range of expert speakers. The day's format is a mixture of traditional workshop meetings, conference sessions and one-on-one surgeries; and informal learning opportunities within guided social activities. To find out more about this event, please visit the [NAVCA website](#).

ChangeUp funded resources to be brought together



Capacitybuilders is developing work which will bring together all historical and current ChangeUp funded activity into one place via an online, searchable database. At the end of 2007, ChangeUp Consortia in each of the nine regions began compiling asset logs detailing ChangeUp funded material that had been developed across the regions since the beginning of the ChangeUp programme in 2004.

Capacitybuilders has now appointed a consultant to work at a national level – bringing together work developed through the six national Hubs of expertise (now replaced by the nine workstreams of the National Support Service programme) and other nationally funded work. This consultant will amalgamate and assess the local, regional, sub-regional and national assets with a view to getting them ready to load onto a searchable online database alongside any new resources produced under the programme. The database will be part of the new '[national communications web portal](#)' which is currently under development. To read more about this, please visit [our website](#).

ChangeUp...a vital catalyst in the process of upgrading Third Sector services



SUSTAIN, the infrastructure consortium for Solihull in Birmingham, has been awarded a contract with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council for the provision of Infrastructure Development and Support Services.

Dave Pinwell, CEO of SUSTAIN commented how the contract "fits in well with the ChangeUp programme which is a vital catalyst in the process of upgrading Third Sector services in Solihull." SUSTAIN's Operation manager, Charles Rapson added; "Change takes time but we are now starting to see the fruits of our labour. SUSTAIN must now shift up a gear to deliver the promise that ChangeUp started – a transformation of support services." To read more about this, please visit the [SUSTAIN website](#).

Getting the best out of working with local communities



Talk Action are hosting a facilitation training event on 14 May in Islington, London. The event is aimed at anyone working with groups of people that is looking to expand their facilitation techniques and better engage with local communities.

The course will cover a variety of topics including; relationship building, developing facilitation work in ways appropriate to a range of diverse communities, dealing with problematic situations and helping people to develop their facilitation techniques. To find out more about this event, please visit the [Talk Action website](#).

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