

Capacitybuilders Press Release

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Capacitybuilders appoints Jon Fox as Director of Strategy and Policy.

Capacitybuilders is pleased to announce the appointment of Jon Fox as Director of Strategy and Policy. Fox joins Capacitybuilders from BVSC, the centre for Voluntary Action in Birmingham, where he was Director of Sector Development & Active Citizenship.

Fox has over 10 years of experience at a national and regional level within the third sector and was a member of the Home Office, Active Community Unit team responsible for the implementation of capacity building recommendations from the *2002 Cross Cutting Review of the Role of the Voluntary and Community Sector in Service Delivery*.*

This new post, based in the Birmingham Head Office, is the result of an organisational review carried out by Capacitybuilders earlier this year and reports into Simon Hebditch - Chief Executive. The role will act in support of policy development and programmes, including providing leadership and support to the Capacitybuilders' regional team on their work priorities.

Fox commented on his appointment : *"I am delighted to be joining Capacitybuilders in this new role and to be working with third sector partners as well as the public sector to ensure that the ChangeUp programme has real focus and impact in support of organisations working in communities across England."*

One of Fox's first tasks will be to work with Capacitybuilders' senior management team on the implementation of Destination 2014 – Capacitybuilders' strategy for the delivery of ChangeUp, which will be launched at the organisation's inaugural annual conference on July 3rd at The Birmingham Botanical Garden's and Glasshouses.

EDITORS NOTES:

* The 2002 Cross Cutting Review recommended that the Government and the Voluntary and Community Sector should develop a shared strategy to develop the capacity of the sector to deliver quality and reliable services. The strategy was published in June 2004 under the title 'ChangeUp' and it set out a vision of high quality support services available for front line voluntary and community organisations by 2014.

The Home Office launched ChangeUp in July 2004, with the aim of strengthening the sector by 2014. This was to be achieved by radically improving the support available to third sector organisations.

Capacitybuilders was established in April 2006 to undertake the management and administration of the ChangeUp programme and to work with other funders to influence policy on building the capacity of the third sector.

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