



Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action

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## **Sources of Information on General Support and Funding**

### **Funding**

- 1. The Directory of Social Change**  
24 Stephenson Way, London, NW1 2DP  
Tel: 020 7209 5151  
[www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)  
Publishes directories of grantmaking trusts, companies and government departments, and the magazines *Trust Monitor* and *Corporate Citizen*. Also runs the subscription website [www.trustfunding.org.uk](http://www.trustfunding.org.uk)
- 2. The Charities Aid Foundation**  
King's Hill, West Maling, Kent, ME19 4TA  
Tel: 01403 710851  
[www.charitynet.org](http://www.charitynet.org)  
Lots of information, reports, articles, searchable databases, community message board and the CAF Think Tank. From the homepage you will be able to find
- 3. Fit4Funding, Charities Information Bureau**  
[www.fit4funding.org.uk](http://www.fit4funding.org.uk)  
A very useful website with information about training, funding and links
- 4. UK Fundraising**  
[www.fundraising.co.uk](http://www.fundraising.co.uk)  
A large site that is updated daily with funding news. Can take awhile to get to grips with.
- 5. Funding Information**  
[www.fundinginformation.org](http://www.fundinginformation.org)  
A service exclusively dedicated to the needs of voluntary organisations, charities, local authorities. You have to register (this is expensive but well worth it for the information it provides).

**6. Government Funding**

[www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

Information about government funding. You can do funding searches.

**7. Institute of Fundraising**

[www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk)

Their aim is to develop, promote and champion excellence in fundraising. Run training courses in all areas of fundraising. For more info contact their website or phone 020 7840 1000. Home to the 'Good Fundraising Guide'.

**8. Funderfinder**

[www.funderfinder.org.uk](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk)

recently updated website not only giving information about the funderfinder software but lots of information on useful resources, books etc. Very informative section on funding for individuals as well.

**9. Finance Hub**

[www.financehub.org.uk](http://www.financehub.org.uk)

The Finance Hub, which is supported by NAVCA, has a new website including toolkits for funding advisors, and sections on: grants and donations, selling goods, non-money support, managing money and resources. <http://www.financehub.org.uk>

**General Support**

**10. NCVO, The National Council for Voluntary Organisations**

[www.ncvo-vol.org.uk](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk)

The umbrella body for the voluntary sector in England with sister councils. Links to voluntary organisations with lots of articles and archive. OCVA resource centre has the recent pack re: sustainable funding. Very useful for funding and budget information.

**11. Charities Commission for England and Wales**

[www.charity-commission.gov.uk](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk)

Call centre: 0845 300 0218

This site is big and can take awhile to get used to. Gives information on the Law and Good Practice. Click on search to enter a vast database with everything you need to know about managing a charity. For quick queries the Call Centre is extremely useful with very knowledgeable staff on hand to answer any of your questions.

## **Legal Information**

### **12. Sandy Adirondack**

[www.sandy-a.co.uk](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk)

A great site for legal information which is completely up to date. Start by clicking on 'Legal Update'.

### **13. Employment Issues**

[www.acas.org.uk](http://www.acas.org.uk)

Useful website focusing on employment issues; equality & diversity, rights at work etc.

### **14. ACEVO, Third Sector Leaders**

[www.acevo.org.uk/legalforms](http://www.acevo.org.uk/legalforms)

There is a legal forms section that is very good in explaining the differences between unincorporated, incorporated benefits for organisations and community groups.

### **15. Community Matters**

[www.communitymatters.org.uk](http://www.communitymatters.org.uk)

Members are entitled to free publications information, advice and consultancy on subjects such as: leases, employment, governing documents, committee procedures, managing staff, legal info etc.

### **16. Professionals4free**

[www.professionals4free.org.uk](http://www.professionals4free.org.uk)

This website offers information about professionals who offer their services for free to the community sector including: management and business consultancy, marketing, publications and web design.

### **17. IT4 Communities**

[www.it4communities.org.uk](http://www.it4communities.org.uk)

iT4Communities is the leading national IT volunteering programme. Our main areas of activity are: Introducing skilled, professional volunteers to VCS organisations looking for help with IT projects, Promoting volunteering among IT Professionals and companies and providing presentations, workshops and freely available best practice resources on IT Volunteering.

## **Statistics**

### **18. Neighbourhood Statistics**

[www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/neighbourhood)

Provides information from the 2001 Census on subjects including: Access to Services; Community well-being; Crime and Safety by area.

## **19. Facts & Figures for Oxfordshire**

Good place to go for this information is the Oxfordshire Data Observatory.

[www.oxfordshireobservatory.info](http://www.oxfordshireobservatory.info)

### **Specific information**

#### **20. Incorporation**

Useful case study on the OCVA website [www.oxnet.org.uk](http://www.oxnet.org.uk)

Charities Commission website

Companies House website

Books in the resource centre - OCVA