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Capacitybuilders announce £2m of new capital investment in third sector resource centres



Four flagship resource centre projects in Blackburn, Scarborough, Gateshead and Slough are in line to receive grants of up to £500,000 under the final strand of Capacitybuilders' £7m 2008-11 Capital Investment Programme.

With additional match funding of at least 50% from other sources, the investment will support the development of new resource centre facilities and shared services for co-located organisations.

To find out more about the four grant awards and the Capital Investment Programme, please [visit our website](#).

Capacitybuilders announce skills development providers for Volunteer Management Programme



Capacitybuilders has announced details of the four successful providers of skills development programmes under Strand C of the Volunteer Management Programme. The four providers are Skills – Third Sector, Voluntary Action Sheffield, Attend and Project North East.

Under Strand C of the programme, individuals with volunteer management responsibilities will be able to apply to take part in a bursary funded skills development programme. Full details of the bursary application process will be announced in March, ahead of it opening for application in April. To find out more about the Volunteer Management programme, please [visit our website](#).

Modernisation Fund Grant Holders set to benefit from continued support



Capacitybuilders is partnering with registered charity, [Pilotlight](#), to offer continuing capacity building support to some of the Modernisation Fund Phase Two grant holders who are in the final stages of working through a merger or collaboration.

Pilotlight provide free capacity building support to small, ambitious charities and social enterprises. It brings together multidisciplinary teams of skilled strategists and experienced professionals from the private sector with the managers of small third sector organisations - coaching them through the process of planning for growth, development and sustainability.

Under this new partnership, Pilotlight will act as broker, sounding board and critical friend and take care of administrative matters for the selected grant holders. To find out more about this, [please visit our website](#).

Improving Support Magazine – don't miss out



Copies of the new Improving Support Magazine are still available, so if you are yet to receive your free copy, please email us today.

If you have received your copy, we would really welcome your feedback to help us ensure that future editions are as relevant to you as possible and we would love to hear your suggestions for future themes, topics and case studies. If you would like to have your say and help to shape the future development of the magazine, please complete our [short online questionnaire](#).

Third sector community of practice hosts 'online' conference on the recession



Between 10-12 March the Third Sector Community of Practice will be hosting an online conference focused on learning more about the third sector's experiences of the economic downturn and the local responses to them. The conference will feature expert contributions from both the third sector and government.

They want as many people as possible to be involved in the conference, sharing knowledge and ideas with other Community of Practice members. If you are interested in getting involved, please visit the [Communities of Practice website](#) today to join in.

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