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How resilient is your organisation?



A new online self-assessment tool, produced by Centre for Charity Effectiveness at Cass Business School and funded by Capacitybuilders as part of the Modernisation Fund Grant Programme is now 'live' and accessible on the [Modernisation Fund website](#).

This easy to use tool helps determine an organisation's strengths and weaknesses in eight key areas including governance, finance and people and creates a priority list helping organisations plan and identify where support is needed. If you are interested in finding out more about the self assessment and the programme, please visit the [Modernisation Fund website](#) today.

Communities across England benefit from Capacitybuilders' Capital Investment Programme



Capacitybuilders has invested over £1.4m through its Capital Investment Programme; enabling 61 resource centres across England to improve the level and accessibility of facilities and resources on offer to local third sector organisations. A wealth of frontline groups are already benefiting from more effective and sustainable support services including new ICT, multi-media and print equipment, flexible shared office, hot-desking facilities, training and meeting space and growing resource libraries.

Speaking about the grant awards, Capacitybuilders' Chief Executive Matt Leach said: *"Community and voluntary groups are more important than ever in the recession and we are delighted that our investment is helping more local groups access the help and support they need to make a real difference to their communities."* To find out about some of the Capital Investment Programme activity in your region, please visit [our website](#).

Improving Support website building up a picture of third sector support services across

England



Finishing touches are being made to the new Improving Support website and by the time it goes live in late May / early June, all of Capacitybuilders' 200+ grant holders will feature in the site's members directory. This directory will start to build up a picture of third sector support services across England and raise the profile of the vital work that is taking place across the country.

Capacitybuilders web development team has also been working closely with the team at KnowHow NonProfit, whose website targets frontline organizations and the two initiatives are looking at ways in which they can collaborate to bring a wide range of benefits to organisations across the third sector. To find out more about the Improving Support website and our work with KnowHow Non Profit, please visit [our website](#).

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