



Improving support for a stronger third sector

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Welcome to the Capacitybuilders' Update

Capacitybuilders confirm details of immediate £1m funding package for third sector recession proofing measures



Further to the Government's announcement of its £42.5m action plan, "*Real Help for Communities: Volunteers, Charities and Social Enterprises*", Capacitybuilders has announced details of £1m of investment to be distributed to local support organisations as an immediate response to address the impacts of the recession.

This cash injection will enable organisations to gear up to support frontline organisations to build resilience, ensure the third sector is represented in local partnerships responding to recession and up-skill development workers and advisors so that they can respond to the changing needs of frontline organisations.

In addition, £300k has also been allocated to additional national projects put forward by the national support service workstreams.

To find out about more this announcements and the work that will be funded, please visit [our website](#).

Capacitybuilders welcome National Audit Office report



Capacitybuilders has welcomed the publication of the National Audit Office's (NAO) report

'Building the Capacity of the Third Sector'.

Commenting on the publication of the report, Capacitybuilders' Chief Executive, Matt Leach said:

"I welcome the publication of the NAO report, and in particular its recognition of the emerging evidence of the positive impact of Capacitybuilders' funding on the quality of support available to frontline third sector organisations.

Working closely with the Office of the Third Sector, Capacitybuilders will continue to develop our approach to supporting the sector, building on the recommendations contained in the NAO report."

To find out more about the report and download a full copy or executive summary, please visit the [Office of the Third Sector website](#).

Less than 10 days to book your place at bassac conference 2009



The bassac conference - Get it together! Collaborating for stronger communities - is on 25-26 February 2009 at the Peepul Centre, Leicester.

Come to the bassac conference to discuss how collaboration, collective action and cooperation can strengthen the voluntary and community sector, and lead you to challenge national policy and deliver lasting local change.

Over the course of the two days, there are some truly inspirational speakers lined up including John Bird, Big Issue founder, and Julia Unwin from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation; Kevin Brennan MP, Minister for the Third Sector and Sadiq Khan MP, Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The 'Find a funder' dinner is the perfect opportunity to meet one-to-one with funders such as The Big Lottery, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, City Bridge Trust, Lankelly Chase, Foundation Lloyds TSB Foundation and the Department of Health.

With less than 10 days left places filling up fast book your place today via the [bassac website](#).

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