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## REACH NEWS – May 2010

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### **The craft of volunteer placement gets injection of new technology**

#### **Commercial recruitment software will streamline Reach services to volunteers and organisations**

Matching the skills, experience and aspirations of volunteers to the specific individual needs of thousands of UK charities and community groups lies at the heart of Reach's work.

At its London offices on the south bank of the Thames, the organisation's team of skilled and experienced 'volunteer advisers' devote their time to ensuring that the most suitable people are introduced to organisations in need of volunteer help.

Now, with the introduction of new cutting-edge software, they are being equipped to provide a faster, more flexible and more responsive service to volunteers and organisations alike.

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## What are the risks of becoming a trustee?

### The experts give Reach newsletter readers their view

The rewards of being a trustee, and giving back to society, should outweigh any worries about liabilities which potential trustees might have. However, anyone considering taking up the role will want to know what legal duties, responsibilities and potential liabilities are involved. While most people in the sector would find it difficult to name a single situation in which a trustee has actually suffered personal loss and liability, anyone wishing to become a trustee should know what the potential risks could be.

Andrew Studd and Sukanya Ransford of the law firm Russell-Cooke LLP explore the issues from a legal point of view.



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## New volunteer mentoring scheme to be launched to boost leadership potential in third sector

### Successful Reach pilot study demonstrates benefits for mentors and their clients

A new national scheme is being developed by Reach Volunteering to match senior managers of charities and community groups with experienced volunteer mentors who are capable of guiding their professional development. This follows a six-month project in which leaders of a handful of third sector organisations in London were mentored by specially selected Reach volunteers. Feedback from the project was so overwhelmingly positive that Reach has decided to develop it into a national initiative.

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## A glimpse of upcoming events

Event	Date	Location
<a href="#"><u>ACEVO - Improving Performance in the Voluntary Sector</u></a>	Jun 15 Jun 24	Birmingham Sheffield
<a href="#"><u>CASS Business School &amp; Centre for Charity Effectiveness: Why, When and How of a Relaunch</u></a>	Jul 14	London
<a href="#"><u>CASS Business School &amp; Centre for Charity Effectiveness: Proving and Improving our Worth - Performance Management</u></a>	Oct 13	London
<a href="#"><u>Charity Fair 2010</u></a>	Jun 21-22	London
<a href="#"><u>Charity Finance for Trustees</u></a>	Sep 29	London
<a href="#"><u>NCVO Annual Trustee Conference</u></a>	Oct 18	London
<a href="#"><u>Civil Society Trustee Training Course</u></a>	First Wednesday of each month	London
<a href="#"><u>Civil Society Trustee Training Course</u></a>	Jun 4	Edinburgh



## Thanking volunteers

We would like to celebrate Volunteers' Week this year by inviting all of our organisations to nominate volunteers who deserve thanks and recognition for the work which they have done for you over the past year.

Email us your nominations at [mail@reachskills.org.uk](mailto:mail@reachskills.org.uk) and we will put them up on a special dedicated [Thank you](#) page on our website.

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