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REACH NEWS OCTOBER 2010

Welcome to the Reach newsletter

Trusteeship – finders and keepers

"Trustees' Week provides opportunity for organisations to refresh their thinking on trustee recruitment", says Reach Chief Executive, Sarah King.

"It seems that finding new trustees is difficult; at least that's what people tell me. Personally, I think the traditional approach which is adopted to finding trustees is often, in itself, a barrier to success".

Sarah has been involved in charity governance and trusteeship for more than a decade. Here, she shares a range of practical tips and advice on how organisations can recruit good trustees and make the best use of them. [Read more](#)

Champion for improved corporate governance says 'it's too big a challenge to ignore'

Reformer reflects on YMCA's efforts to promote lasting organisational change and improved performance.

The YMCA is a large and complex organisation made up of more than 130 autonomous charities, each with their own board of trustees. Over the past few years, the national body to which these charities are affiliated – YMCA England – has developed a strategic plan aimed at improving corporate governance across the YMCA. They have tasked Regional Executive Officer, Jim Jenkinson, to champion that reform. Here, Jim reflects on some of the challenges and rewards of building better governing boards. [Read more](#)

Trustees' Week 2010 25th to 31st October



The Charity Commission, in collaboration with a number of national organisations including Reach Volunteering, will be launching Trustees' Week 2010 on October 25th. The initiative, which is due to become an annual event, is designed to highlight the invaluable work which trustees do for charities around the country. It is hoped that more people will be encouraged to consider becoming trustees by being made aware of the opportunities which exist to make a real and positive difference. [Read more..](#)

Does your charity's online annual reporting stand out from the crowd?

Third Sector must demonstrate its impact in response to 'Big Society'

Expert outlines a ten-step plan for monitoring and evaluation.

'Big Society' is the new coalition government's programme for the third sector, which it is now referring to as 'civil society'. It involves supporting the creation and expansion of charities, social enterprises and community groups and facilitating a much bigger role for them in the running of public services. This is likely to be accompanied by a greater emphasis on payment by results and means the voluntary sector will increasingly need to demonstrate that its programmes and initiatives are effective and value for money.

For this reason, monitoring and evaluation has become a hot topic in the voluntary sector. Here, charity consultant Diana Parkinson responds to the debate with some simple tips on how organisations can respond to the issue. Read [more](#)

Volunteer support for monitoring and evaluation described as 'miraculous'

Expert consultant appeals for more skilled volunteers to help the voluntary sector meet the challenge of evaluation.

Andy Bagley is a management consultant who, for the past 20 years, has specialised in performance management and evaluation. As a Reach volunteer, he is currently demonstrating the value and relevance that skills like his can have in the voluntary sector. Andy is collaborating on the monitoring and evaluation of an ambitious scheme to improve the quality of senior management in charities. He'd like to see more volunteers with his sort of background step forward to take up similar influential roles. [Read more ...](#)

Trustees' Week events

Event	Date	Location
Reach Volunteering event - Trusteeship- Missionary or visionary?	27 October	Welwyn Garden City



The ICAEW is looking for charities whose online annual accounts and reports are concise, compelling and accessible. If yours fits the bill, enter the ICAEW Charities Online Financial Reporting Awards (COFRA) and get your achievement recognised. There are five income categories, and nominations from all good causes – large and small are welcomed. This year's winners included Chesterfield Philharmonic Choir and the British Red Cross. Winners and runners up will receive a prize and each short-listed charity receives recognition that tells donors, beneficiaries, staff and stakeholders that its financial reporting follows best practice. Entering is easy and it's free. For details and tips on how to succeed, visit www.icaew.com/cofra

Reach Volunteering event - Trustees - finders, keepers?	28 October	Newcastle
ACEVO Leadership and Governance Workshop	13 October	London
	9 November	Newcastle
NCVO Annual Trustee Conference	18 October	London
Voscur Event, Why am I on the committee?	19 October	Bristol
NAVCA trustee network events	25 October	London
	29 October	Manchester
Thrive and VANEL recruitment event	25 October	Grimsby
CTN Annual Lecture	26 October	London
ViSTA workshop events	26 & 28 October	Langport
eVOLution, Surviving or Thriving?	29 October	Darlington
Voscur Event, So you think you're a charity	11 November	Bristol
ACEVO, Strategic Planning for the Board and Chief Executive	2 November	Liverpool
	26 November	Newcastle

Do you think there are barriers which deter people from becoming a school governor?



Lord Hill has called for governors with ideas on how we can remove any barriers which may prevent people from becoming school governors. He has set up the email address school.governors@education.gsi.gov.uk to which people can email suggestions.

Register Today

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