

## Sources of advice and support for Charity Trustees

### National Resources

- **Regulators**

Charity Commission website – all registered charities receive a quarterly newsletter **CC News** and trustees can also sign up for **weekly updates** [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission)

### Umbrella bodies, professional bodies, specialist charity organisations

- **Association of Chairs** [www.associationofchairs.org.uk](http://www.associationofchairs.org.uk) A new small charities programme for organisations with an income under £20K
- **CASS Centre for Charity Effectiveness** – free online tools for trustees [www.cass.city.ac/facilities-and-research/centres/cce](http://www.cass.city.ac/facilities-and-research/centres/cce)
- **The Foundation for Social Improvement (FSI)** – offers a range of free and subsidised training for trustees and see website for a range of governance resources and their new Essential Trustee video series. [www.fsi.org](http://www.fsi.org)
- **ICSA: The Governance Institute** – the professional body helping charity leaders to achieve the highest standards of governance. Subscribers receive free guidance notes and tools. Visit the ICAS Charity hub for details of events, qualifications, training etc. [www.icsa.org.uk](http://www.icsa.org.uk)
- **NCVO** (National Council of Voluntary Organisations) – [www.ncvo.org.uk](http://www.ncvo.org.uk)  
Also hosts knowledge bank [www.knowhownonprofit](http://www.knowhownonprofit) free online resource.  
Training and consultancy available – fees apply.
- **Reach Volunteering** has a range of resources including a ‘Guide to being a trustee’, ‘Introduction to the Voluntary Sector’ <http://reachvolunteering.org.uk>
- **Small Charities Coalition** – (free to join) offers a range of free governance resources including resources on insurance and risk, accounts and finance. [www.smallcharities.org.uk](http://www.smallcharities.org.uk)
- **The Institute of Fundraising** has a useful handbook to help trustees understand their responsibilities when it comes to fundraising. [www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk)

- **The Honorary Treasurers Forum** provides a place for Treasurers to share expertise and promote best practice. [www.honorarytreasurers.org.uk](http://www.honorarytreasurers.org.uk)
- **Law Works'** Not for Profit Programme brokers free legal advice to small not-for-profit organisations in England and Wales. [www.lawworks.org.uk](http://www.lawworks.org.uk)
- **Young Charity Trustees** supports young people and charities to find each other and campaigns for Board diversity. Find via LinkedIn page (groups page on LinkedIn)
- **National Governors Association (NGA)** has developed resources to help school trustee boards fulfil their role effectively including A Framework Guide for Governance: a flexible guide to strategic planning. [www.nga.org.uk](http://www.nga.org.uk)

### In person training

NCVO [www.ncvo.org.uk](http://www.ncvo.org.uk)

Directory of Social Change [www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)

Civil Society Media [www.civilsociety.co.uk](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk)

Charity Leaders Trustees Academy

New – free training programme 'Building Resilience' from the Small Charities Coalition

### Local Resources - Somerset

- **Engage** – support and development for voluntary and community groups in West Somerset and Taunton Deane including help with trustee recruitment, local forums, volunteer recruitment etc.

[www.engagews.org.uk](http://www.engagews.org.uk)      01643 707484

- **Spark Somerset** – support and development for voluntary and community groups in South Somerset, Mendip and Sedgemoor. Trustee recruitment, local forums, DBS checks, volunteer recruitment and affordable local training programme.

[www.sparksomerset.org.uk](http://www.sparksomerset.org.uk)      01935 475914