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1. NEWS

1.1 Change to GiftAid

The 2% reduction in lower rate income tax announced in the Budget on 21 April will, from April 2008, reduce the credits claimed by charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) on donations made by way of Gift Aid. At present, when taxpayers make donations under Gift Aid, the charity/CASC receives an additional 28p in the pound; this will be reduced to 25p.

For further information, please visit: www.cascinfo.co.uk.

1.2 Recording electrical purchases

Under the WEEE regulations in force from July 2007, producers (manufacturers, importers or resellers) will be responsible for collecting, via producer compliance schemes, any waste electrical equipment purchased after 13 August 2005. Organisations should therefore keep a record of where such equipment is bought from. Items bought before that date can be removed as replacement equipment is being delivered otherwise it is up to the user to pay for it to be recycled or sent for disposal. CCPR should have links to fuller information nearer July. (From Workplace Law Network ebulletin).

1.3 Members' Briefing: Digital Dividend Review

As part of the Digital Dividend Review, Ofcom, the independent regulator and competition authority for the UK communications industries, is intending, after 2012, to auction the radio spectrum. This may negatively affect the use of radio or wireless microphone equipment, which is used extensively at major sporting events, live concerts and theatre, as well as at smaller events, including sports tournaments.

Please contact CCPR if you think this is relevant to your organisation and let us know exactly how you or your members might be affected.

If you wish to take immediate steps, you can join the British Entertainment Industry Radio Group (<http://www.beirg.org.uk>), an independent and non-profit making association, working for the benefit of all those who use radio spectrum. In addition, there is a petition on the 10 Downing Street website, which you can sign here: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/PMSEpectrum/>

2. FINANCE UPDATE

2.1 New income for your organisation

Generate new, unrestricted income by registering as a beneficiary of Wedge Card, a discount card that will benefit your organisation, members and your community. NCVO will help promote this scheme to ensure each time a member buys a card, your organisation will receive £10.

For more information and to register visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/wedge.

2.2 The 'Only Connect bursary'

The 'Only Connect bursary' scheme develops income generation through trading. The scheme helps smaller organisations by paying their costs to visit other organisations that are already making money. If interested in hosting visiting organisations, you could earn your organisation £150 in consultation fees.

For more visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/onlyconnect.

2.3 Personal development training

Save 50% off personal development training courses from QA-IQ. Courses are run at 20 venues around the UK and cover people management; personal development; management communications; business transformation; and financial skills. The 50% discount also applies to their IT training courses.

For more visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/training.

3. EVENTS

3.1 CCPR's 35th National Conference & Sports Club of the Year Awards

8 & 9 May 2007

CCPR is aiming to 'Engage the Nation' at its 35th National Conference on 9 May 2007. The CCPR conference is the only platform which brings together all the interests in sport and recreation in the UK. The event is an opportunity to absorb and take part in topical debate, and to mix with key decision-makers of the sporting world. In conjunction with CCPR's conference the annual Sports Club of the Year Awards dinner will be held the night before on 8 May 2007, with prizes presented by Sir Bobby Charlton CBE.

For more information or to reserve a place, visit our website or contact Angela Sasso at asasso@ccpr.org.uk.

3.2 ENGSO Youth – 'Future Leaders' Conference'

2 – 6 May 2007

Focusing on developing the skills and experience of the future leaders of sport, this six day conference in Helsinki, Finland will provide an opportunity for individuals under 35 years to learn, contribute and network within a European sporting environment. Presentations and workshops will include: how to be a successful leader, breaking down barriers to youth participation and governance, and teaching leadership through sports activities.

Costs: €100 (£70) participation fee (inc. full board and hotel board) and participant's own travel expenses.*

*An application has been made to the European Youth Fund, which, if successful, will cover 70% of UK participants' travel expenses.

To apply: please contact Judith Wood at jwood@ccpr.org.uk

3.3 European Youth and Sport Forum 2007

17-23 June 2007

The aim of the forum will be to highlight the opinions of young sportsmen and women and to make practical suggestions for future European and national policy developments. All participants must be aged 18-30 and actively involved in sport and recreation.

Cost: participation is free and travel expenses will be reimbursed to a maximum of €200 for UK participants.

To apply: please request an application form from Judith Wood jwood@ccpr.org.uk.

3.4 Developing leadership skills in a complex world

15 May 2007

This event will bring together leaders, providers and funders working in the third sector, who share a common objective of promoting and facilitating leadership and workforce development.

For more information visit: www.thirdsectorleadership.org.uk.

3.5 SkillsActive Convention

1 May 2007

This convention aims to offer delegates the opportunity to examine and influence the delivery of the Sector Skills Agreement through interactive discussions. There will be keynote speeches from policy shapers and successful leaders. The convention will aim to map out the next steps to ensure employers have the right people, with the right skills, in the right place, at the right time.

To request a conference brochure or to reserve a provisional place at the event contact Natasha McDonough on 020 7324 4357 or e-mail: natasha.mcdonough@neilstewartassociates.co.uk

4. NOTICE BOARD

4.1 Sports Researcher

Dr Geoff Nichols is a well-known sports researcher at Sheffield University and has previously worked with England Netball to survey their netball clubs and members. Dr Nichols wants to repeat this research with another national governing body. His main interest is how the clubs are managed and how this determines what they achieve. Dr Nichols is a member of the Sport's Strategic Partnership for Volunteering: Research Sub-Group and research would both be informed by this group and feed into it. If you are interested in becoming involved with his research or if you would like more information please email: g.nichols@sheffield.ac.uk or telephone: 01142 222 184.

4.2 New resources and support for chairs

The Governance Hub is launching two new on-line guides that will cover chairs' recruitment, induction and networks, and a new pilot chairs' mentoring scheme.

For more information visit: www.governancehub.org.uk, call the Governance Hub Freephone Helpdesk on 0800 652 4886 or email: governance.hub@ncvo-vol.org.uk.

4.3 Compare and improve your board's performance

Transform and Agenda Consulting, in partnership with The Governance Hub, have launched a new initiative focused on board effectiveness for the UK third sector. By taking part in Boards Count™, you will gain a clear picture of how the governance practices in your organisation compare with those in other third sector organisations. Participating in the service will also help charities to assess how far their organisation complies with the new Code of Governance.

For more information visit www.BoardsCount.com . To register call Anne Barrett on 020 8469 8665 or email: anne@trans4mgt.com.

4.4 Good Investment Guide

This publication offers an insight into how to balance current financial pressures against future financial needs. The new edition includes an expanded ethical investment section and an updated legal framework and case studies. Retail price: £25 (£17.50 NCVO members)

To order copies of this book call the NCVO HelpDesk on 0800 2 798 798 or visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/publications.