



Worksheet 8: Resources and contacts

This worksheet provides links to the websites of various organisations which may be of use to you in developing the work of your cluster. It is by no means exhaustive – as with all these things, one link leads to another, but hopefully you will find at least some of these to be useful points of departure.

General resources

GENERAL SUPPORT FOR COLLABORATION

Bassac Collaboration Benefits programme
<http://www.bassac.org.uk/our-programmes/collaboration/collaboration-benefits-programme/want-help-collaborating>

Bassac’s Collaboration Benefits Team can put you in touch with access to resources, help, and ways of staying in touch with other groups of organisations developing collaborative approaches.

The following sites are good sources of information on some of the issues which can arise in developing collaborative enterprises.

HACT Collaborate 1 worksheets
<http://hact.org.uk/collaborate-worksheets>

NCVO Collaborative Working Unit
www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/advice-support/collaborative-working

Charity Commission
www.charity-commission.gov.uk/enhancingcharities/cwmresources.asp

OTHER GENERAL SOURCES OF HELP

See Worksheet 4 for more details of how these sites might be of use.

Knowhow Nonprofit
<http://www.knowhownonprofit.org/help/usingthissite>

Business Link
www.businesslink.gov.uk

Business in the Community Pro-Help programme
www.bitc.org.uk/community/employee_volunteering/prohelp/

Capacitybuilders
www.capacitybuilders.org.uk

Recession Support
www.recessionsupport.org.uk

Specialist resources

These contacts may be of use when looking for resources to help you put your workplan together; see Worksheet 4.

PURCHASING

The Charities Buying Group
www.charitiesbuyinggroup.com

Money Saving Expert
www.moneysavingexpert.com

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Work Foundation
www.workfoundation.com

Beyond A Helpline
www.broadwaysrealpeople.com/Contactus

Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
www.cipd.co.uk

TRAINING

Train To Gain
www.traintogain.gov.uk/In_your_Region

ICT

ICT Champions
www.ictchampions.org.uk/contact

Online tools

You can find out more about these resources in Worksheet 7.

Dropbox
www.dropbox.com

Skype
www.skype.com

SurveyMonkey
www.surveymonkey.com

e-bulletins

These can provide a good way of making sure you stay informed of new opportunities and programmes which might be of benefit to your cluster; your regional Business Link provider will also offer a free subscription to its update bulletin.

Third Sector Daily
www.thirdsector.co.uk/bulletins/

Charity Times Weekly
www.charitytimes.com/pages/ct_e_newsalerts/admin/ct_newsalertform.htm

Directory of Social Change
www.dsc.org.uk/NewsandInformation/DSCe-news/Subscribe

Capacitybuilders
www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/sign-updates

About HACT

HACT, the housing action charity, works with housing providers to improve the wellbeing and living conditions of poor and marginalised people. Our projects deliver lasting change, by harnessing the energy and enthusiasm of local people, housing providers and other organisations.

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Collaborate 2 resource kit

(see www.collaborate2-hact.org.uk)

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About your organisation – key facts and figures
About your organisation – people resources survey
Priority areas for capacity building
Purchasing survey
Training questionnaire