



# Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber Newsletter

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## Joint Lunch – Social Enterprise Chamber & Chamber of Commerce

A joint mini conference, lunch and networking event to celebrate enterprise in the Borders is to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at Selkirk Rugby Club. Representatives from the Social Enterprise Coalition, Scottish Enterprise, Scottish Borders Council and local third sector intermediaries as well as local businesses will be there.

For information on the event please contact either Margaret or Sue at the Chamber office.

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## Senscot refuses to back Social Enterprise Mark

Senscot has announced it will not be the Scottish partner for the Social enterprise Mark because it fears the identifier is 'blurring the boundary' of the movement. Three main criteria were given for the refusal of the offer – the practicalities of the distinctly Scottish process, the specific criteria of eligibility for the Mark and the structure and business plan of Mark's new company, which is a community interest company.

The statement added that Senscot held off announcing its feelings publicly so as not to 'dampen' the Mark's official launch at Voice10 in Cardiff last week.

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## Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator to cut annual return from five pages to two!

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator is to press ahead with plans for an enhanced charity register and a shorter annual return after it received positive responses to a recent public consultation.

OSCR's proposals, announced at its annual open meeting last year, include cutting the annual return that all Scottish charities have to submit **from five pages to two**. The Scottish Charity Register will incorporate graphically displayed financial highlights, along the lines of those already offered by the Charity Commission. OSCR will also begin to offer online services, such as options to submit annual returns and changes to a charity's details.

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## Companies House news

The filing dates for filing private limited company accounts have been brought forward by a month and now need to be filed **within 9 months** of the year end. If the accounts are filed late then the following penalties apply:

1 month £150

1-3 months £375

3-6 months £750

More than 6 months £1500

## Some training news

Social Enterprise Chamber is offering the following training:

- **Tendering Writing for Third Sector Enterprises**

Do you currently deliver services to Social Work or Education? The Scottish Borders Council will tender all or most of these services in the future, are you ready to tender? Do you know how to complete an ITT? Then this **free two day workshop** is for you.

The two days are over the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010, at the Chamber Office in St Boswells from 9.30am to 4.30pm both days (lunch included). A pack full of useful information will be given to each person attending. Places are limited so book today!

- **Calling All Treasurers**

12<sup>th</sup> May at the Chamber office 10am – 12.30pm. A look at the monitoring returns for OSCR and Companies House as well as a check through of all those important items and records you should and need to keep!

Contact Sue at [sbsecfinance@btconnect.com](mailto:sbsecfinance@btconnect.com) to book a space

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## Guide to analysing charities, for charities and funders

NPC's latest tool for charities is now online. The **little blue book** - their concise and practical guide to analysing charities. The book draws on NPC experience of analysing the charity sector over nine years. It is written with a clear understanding of the day-to-day challenges of running a charity, of managing finances in the turbulent world of fundraising, and of the difficulties of measuring impact. In writing The little blue book, they have drawn heavily on lessons from charities, grant-makers and other experts, many of whom have been involved in the charity sector for much longer than they have.

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## Pass IT on...

Pass IT On's core work is to adapt donated computers for people with disabilities who receive the computer at cost price (usually free). To raise funds for Pass IT On, they sell on surplus refurbished computers to members of the public (and organisations) at low cost.

They have regular sales from 10am – 1pm on the first Saturday of each month at their workshop: 14 Wardie Avenue, Edinburgh, EH5 2AB. Base Units are available from £25, full systems (including flat screen monitor) from £60 – all internet ready.

Sales will be on - 6<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> December. For more information [www.passitoncomputers.co.uk](http://www.passitoncomputers.co.uk)

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## CRNS news

And just to confuse you CRNS are having a Pass It On Day on the 5th June 2010 - Scotland's first national celebration of reuse. This is an opportunity for your organisation to get out there and raise awareness of reuse and the great things you're doing in your community.

For more information about Pass It On Day and how you can get involved please contact Linsay Chalmers CRNS Furniture Projects Coordinator mobile 07980 895182 or e-mail her at [linsay@crns.org.uk](mailto:linsay@crns.org.uk)

## Funding News

### EventScotland's National Events Programme

Deadline: 4 June 2010

Round 15 of EventScotland's National Events Programme is now open to applications. Funding is available to support events taking place from January 2011 onwards (outside Edinburgh and Glasgow) that showcase Scotland and help to generate tourism. The National Funding Programme does not provide long-term or core funding, but is designed to support additional elements or new activity specifically to help events grow. For more information, please visit

[www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme](http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme)

or telephone 0131 472 2313

### John Brabourne Awards

Deadline: 31 July 2010



The John Brabourne Awards are a stepping stone for new talent who wish to further their experiences and careers in all aspects of film and television. The awards also seek to help those disadvantaged in some way, either through lack of funds or set-backs due to illness or accident. There are two types of award, the Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund (CTBF) Awards and the Sponsored Awards:

The CTBF Awards provide cash sums of between £1,000 and £5,000 to assist with training, rental of equipment, or the costs of travel, rent, bills or childcare.

The Sponsored Awards offer new talent direct access to essential industry experience, through paid work experience at leading companies and/or access to training, equipment or materials, and in some cases a mentor.

For more information go to [www.ctbf.co.uk/johnbrabourneawards/index.html](http://www.ctbf.co.uk/johnbrabourneawards/index.html)

### Fidelio Charitable Trust

Deadline: 1 June and 1 October 2010

The Fidelio Charitable Trust was established in 2008 in support of the Arts in the UK. The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support, particularly those who are at an early stage in their careers. Such individuals and groups must be recommended by an appropriate person in an institution, college, Arts Festival and similar organisations. Applications by those seeking support for themselves will not be considered by the trustees.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available, and Fidelio is particularly keen to support the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. Institutions, colleges, Arts Festivals and other arts organisations may seek financial support for individuals or groups of exceptional ability for the following:

- \* to receive special tuition or coaching (e.g. in the case of musicians to attend Master Classes)
- \* to participate in external competitions.
- \* to be supported for a specially arranged performance.
- \* to receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

For more information go to [www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk)

## Be a winner and celebrate your achievements

Jobcentre Plus Awards are proud to announce the Jobcentre Plus Awards 2010 for employers and would like to invite you to be a part of the celebration. In difficult times, it's more important than ever to celebrate the successes of businesses in your local area and we will be inviting nominations from companies of all sizes, across England, Scotland and Wales.

The Jobcentre Plus 2010 Awards give you the chance to showcase the achievements of your business, your people, and your partners. Many organisations have enjoyed a successful working relationship with Jobcentre Plus, either by becoming a LEP employer, benefiting from the recruitment subsidy, signing up to a work trial or simply by saving on the costs of recruitment. These awards are a real opportunity to tell everyone about your business success and how Jobcentre Plus can help organisations like yours.

The awards are open to all employers and there are five category options which you can enter on a region/country basis. Entries will be accepted between 1 and 28 March 2010.

### 1. Recruitment Partnership Award

Given to the employer that has shown the best approach to partnership working with Jobcentre Plus and other parties through LEP.

### 2. Youth Employment Award

Given to the employer that has demonstrated clear commitment and action to help young people back into work.

### 3. Diversity in Action Award

Given to the employer that has shown the most innovative and inclusive approach to recruit and retain a balanced workforce, reflective of the local community.

### 4. Skills Development Award

Given to the employer that has the best approach to developing the skills of their people to maximise their potential.

### 5. New Recruit of the Year Award

Given to the most outstanding new recruit who has found work since being previously unemployed.

### Employer of the Year Award

Given to the employer in each region who has made the most outstanding contribution to recruitment within their sector using Jobcentre Plus services and initiatives. There is no need to enter this award as all entries to each category will be automatically considered.

### Award ceremonies

North East - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

North West – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Scotland – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## It Pays to Work with Us

£1000 cash back on your new recruit

To help make your next recruitment decision an easy one, Jobcentre Plus is offering £1000 for every eligible person that you recruit, who has been claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for six months or more.

Thousands of eligible candidates looking for work want you to notice their potential and may refer to the £1000 in their letter of application, as part of their CV, on your application forms, or during your recruitment process.

You may be recruiting a few people this year or you may be looking to bring 12 or more new people into your business. Either way the process for making a claim is quick and easy:

- less than 12 people a year
- 12 or more people a year

In-work training, worth up to £1,500, may also be available through our partners to help you get the most from your new recruits and your current employees.

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## Future Jobs Fund – next round

The Chamber is working with Scottish Borders Council to formulate the second round of the Future Jobs Fund. In the first round the Chamber was lucky to be part of the bid and secured placements for nearly 30 jobs with various Social Enterprise Chamber members.

If you are interested in being part of the next bid please let us know and we can ensure that you have all the information you need.

The Social Enterprise Chamber itself is seeking to have a number of placements in house and is looking for some of our smaller members or those with a few hours needed to offer work experience to our candidates.

This would help us to offer placements that are varied and give some experience of what it is to work in our sector. As an organisation you will have someone to work for you for a day a week at no cost.

To be involved or for more information please contact either Margaret or Sue at the Chamber office

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