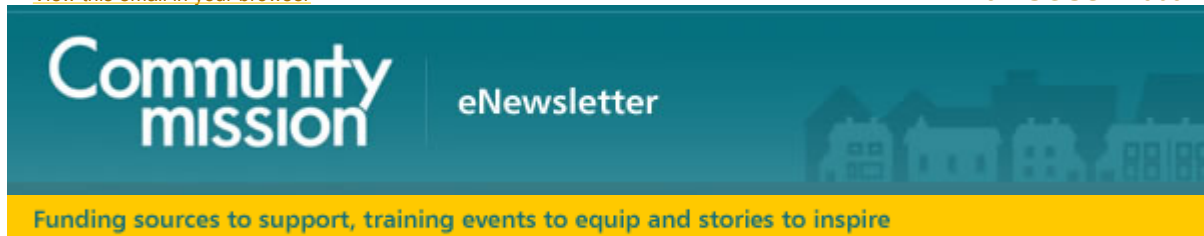


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Dear Friend,

This month we highlight funding and resources for those working with three groups frequently discussed both in churches and the media: asylum seekers, older people and those involved in criminal activity.

We are encouraged by the amount of people who began reading Tony Uddin's [On the frontline- a blog from the East End](#). If you missed it, keep up with Tony's updates on mission in a predominantly Muslim community by visiting regularly.

If you wonder whether people are happy living in your local community, read [Place Survey](#), a new Communities and Local Government report.


God bless,  
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## FUNDING





 [The Criminal Justice Board](#) has launched a new scheme to help local communities have a say in how recovered assets are spent in their area. [Community Cashback](#) provides **funding for projects that reduce crime and involve communities in restoration of those involved in crime**. It also allows local people to vote on which projects receive funding. Each county has £95,000 to allocate to projects. Deadlines differ in each area. Find out [how it works](#), the [criteria for selection](#) or suggest a project for funding by visiting the [Community Cashback](#) homepage.

 The [Awards for Bridging Cultures](#) provide awards of £10,000 for **community projects that bring together different types of communities and cultures in order to build trust and respect**. This is a one-off award rather than ongoing funding and is focused on showcasing good projects and giving help with publicising their work. There is a [category for projects](#) with an annual turnover of under £500,000 and [guidance for applicants](#) as well as an [online application form](#). The deadline for applications is 14 September. For more information, phone 024 7679 5768.

 [The Rayne Foundation's](#) Social Welfare and Development grants provide funding for


**projects that improve the quality of life for older people and also those that help refugees contribute to their community.** There are no deadlines for applying or maximum grants awarded although the average grant is £13,000. Complete the [e-guide](#) in order to assess eligibility, read the [guidelines](#), or download the [stage one application form](#). For more information, phone 020 7487 9650.


 The [Charles Hayward Foundation](#) primarily provides community projects with capital funding of between £5,000 and £20,000. Their current focus is on **projects that work in criminal justice or those that support older people**. Preference is given to areas of deprivation across the country and projects that are preventive, rather than service provision. A [small grants programme](#) of under £5,000 is available to projects in north-west England. For more information, read the [guidelines](#), follow the application process described and phone Dorothy Napierala on 020 7370 7063.


 [Abel Charitable Trust](#) makes grants of between £3,000-£5,000 to **projects based in south-east England that support offenders, young people, those with addiction problems and sex industry workers including victims of trafficking**. The next [deadline for applications](#) is the end of October and a visit would be arranged prior to the grant being offered. To apply, follow the [application guidelines](#) or, for more information, [email](#) them.


## TRAINING AND EVENTS




 [Frontier Youth Trust](#), [Church Urban Fund](#) and three other youth organisations are hosting [Shalom: A gathering for Christians working with young people](#). It is being held 2-3 September at St Paul's Centre in Birmingham and the cost is being kept to a minimal fee of £55 in response to the economic crisis. The focus of the event is on sharing with others involved in youth work and learning from experienced practitioners. It is non-residential but help can be given with finding accommodation. To book, complete the [booking form](#) and email it to [East to West](#).

 [Measuring real success in your community project: Statistics, anecdotes and transformation](#) is being hosted by [Livability](#) on 24 September in response to the current climate that surrounds community projects of lengthy monitoring forms and fear of failure. It is being held at [Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church](#), London and is £20/person including lunch. The day is focused on what it means to be effective and how to communicate this to others. To book, contact [Jill Clark](#) or phone 020 7452 2018.

 [Livability](#) is hosting its popular event [Are you really managing? How to overcome the barriers to being a great manager](#) on 30 September at [St George's Church, Leeds](#). Aimed at church leaders and community project managers, it focuses on the basics needed before employing someone, how to address problems as they arise and the theology of good management. It is £20/person including lunch. To book, email [Ruth Smith](#) or phone 0113 350 8070.

 [Church Urban Fund](#) and [Livability](#) are hosting two [Faith in Action workshops](#) on [6 October](#) at St Matthew's Church Centre in Walsall and [21 October](#) at Bishop Street Methodist Church in Leicester. Jointly hosted with the local diocese in each region, the events are aimed at churches who would like to impact their community and workshop topics range from funding advice to making the most of your church building and managing volunteers. Cost is £10/person to be paid on the day. To book, complete the online booking for [Walsall](#) or [Leicester](#).

 [Crucible](#) is a training programme for Christians who want to think creatively about mission in 21st century life and focus primarily on un-churched urban areas. It runs over three weekends: 24-25 October, 13-14 February 2010 and 10-11 July 2010. It is possible to attend

just one or all three. Hosted by [The Salvation Army](#) and [Urban Expression](#), it is held at the [International Mission Centre](#) in Birmingham and provides accreditation if this is desired. Cost is £50/weekend or £130/three weekends. To book a place or for more information, [email Crucible](#).

## STORIES AND RESOURCES



As our population ages, **churches are asking how best to reach out to older people and also how to include them in mission.** [Church Army](#) and [The Leveson Centre](#) have responded to this need by publishing [A Mission-shaped Church for Older People](#). With practical suggestions for church services as well as tips on engaging with older people who have not grown up in church, it is aimed at busy church leaders. The website has reviews and the ability to buy a printed version for £10 or PDF for £9.

Responding to requests to present a **biblical perspective on wealth and poverty**, [Livability](#) prepared a [wealth and poverty powerpoint](#) presentation that can be used by churches and community projects. It gives guidance on telling the overall story of the Bible including justice, repentance and right relationships with money. It also includes teaching on the dangers of wealth and the three types of poverty seen in the UK.

For small churches and community projects, **questions about numerical growth can be difficult to answer.** [Latymer Christian Centre](#) in west London started measuring their success by looking for signs of the kingdom and are inspired by what they found. Their centre manager, Mary White, shares a few stories of transformation of those who attend their centre in the heart of a diverse community including different ages, cultures and faiths.

A new campaign called [Still Human Still Here](#), supported by many Christian charities involved with asylum seekers and refugees, has created a video to highlight the fact that **destitution should play no part in the asylum process.** It shares the real stories of asylum seekers in the UK and is short enough to be shown in church services and Bible study groups. The campaign website has [helpful resources](#) including a [Why are they still here?](#) fact sheet and several ways to [take action on the issue](#). For more statistics on asylum seekers, download the [Home Office Asylum Statistics](#) 2007 document.

**Researching community needs is the first activity that most churches and community projects undertake when getting involved in their community.** [Community profiling](#) is a downloadable guide on how to carry out a community audit or profile, as well as the different types of profiles. It was developed by Barnardo's CANDL project, the community development project that ran for 20 years in east London before closing last year. Similarly, [Livability's Questionnaire Pack](#) offers help completing a door-to-door survey and includes examples of questionnaires that churches have used. It is available for £12.50 by phoning Jill Clark on 020 7452 2018.

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