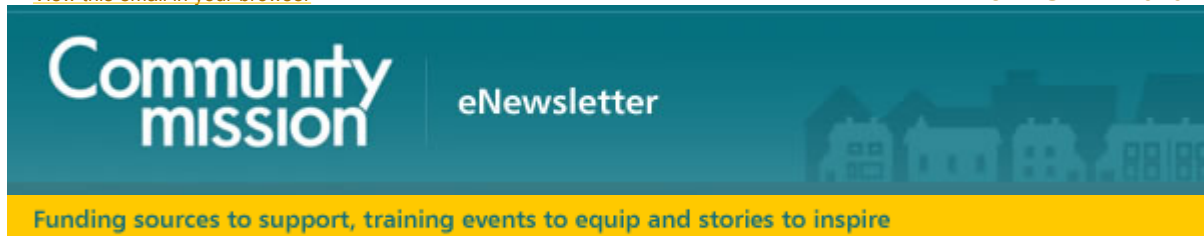


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Dear Friend,

The financial pressure is on now more than ever, so this edition focuses on ensuring your funding applications are successful by offering ten questions to ask before applying. We also have a toolkit for developing church buildings and a number of homelessness-related resources.

Meanwhile, as the themes of the poverty and homelessness action week 2010 remind us – wealth is not just in material things, we are wealthier together than we are on our own and we have wealth we do not know about yet. We hope this encourages you for the coming year.

God bless,
 Jill Clark and Maggie Harding
 Community Mission


PS We've extended the deadline, so there's still time to help us with our [community mission website](#) by completing a [short online survey](#).


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FUNDING



 [The Beatrice Laing Trust](#) is a Christian trust offering small grants for the relief of poverty in its broadest sense. Grants are generally between £1,000- £5,000 and could be used for core costs to national organisations or small capital grants to local organisations working to relieve poverty in their local communities. **The priority groups are children, young people and the elderly, the homeless and those with physical, mental or learning difficulties.** Applications can be made monthly in writing to Elizabeth Harley, c/o Laing Family Trusts, 33 Bunns Lane, Mill Hill, London, NW7 2DX. For more information, visit the [Charity Commission website](#) or phone 020 8238 8890.

 [Grassroots grants](#) are available through the [Community Development Foundation](#). Grants between £250 - £5,000 are available for **volunteer-led groups that are working for the benefit of the local community** and have an average income over three years of less than £30,000 a year. The fund is open until March 2011. For an application form and more information, find out [who is distributing the grants in your area](#), email [CDF](#) or phone 01223 400 331.

The [Volunteering Fund](#) is offering a new fund from January 2010 to **local charities running volunteering projects in the fields of health or social care**. Grants are available for schemes such as providing friendship and support to vulnerable adults or community services for disabled children. A second round later this year will support national schemes. For more information, [read more about the fund](#), check out the [FAQs](#), email [ECOTEC](#) or phone 0845 172 8058.

[Ten questions to ask before applying for funding](#) is a paper written by experts and available on the [Funding Central website](#) designed to **ensure all grant or contract applications are a good use of your time and resources** and more likely to result in success. It includes questions like: 'Have we included the full costs of the project in our application?' and 'If we get this grant, what happens when the grant ends?'

TRAINING AND EVENTS



[An Introduction to Homelessness](#) is a popular one-day training workshop on homelessness and related issues run by [Housing Justice](#). Held on Saturday 13 February and Saturday 6 March at the Housing Justice office in Finsbury Square, London, it is particularly suitable for volunteers in churches or people new to working in the field. It will cover legal issues, mental health, drugs and alcohol awareness issues as well as boundaries and dealing with conflict. The cost is £25 for Housing Justice members and £40 to non-members. Bursaries are available. For more information, email [Titi Shonibare](#) or phone 020 7920 6600.

[360' – Building Whole Communities: the Faithworks Conference](#) will take place from 4pm Friday 26 February to 2pm Sunday 28 February at the Oasis Academy, Enfield, London. The event will offer practical training from leading agencies, inspiration from visionary leaders, free resources, networking opportunities and worship time. The cost is £98 for Faithworks members and £108 for non-members. For more information, read about the [speakers and contributors](#) (including Livability staff), [programme and seminar streams](#), [venue](#) and [accommodation options](#). [Book online](#) or phone 08456 522511.

Due to requests from churches working in predominantly Muslim areas, [Livability](#) are hosting [Mission in multi-faith communities](#) on 10 March in central London. The day is facilitated by [Richard Sudworth](#), author of [Distinctly Welcoming](#). Richard also runs a community project in a diverse part of Birmingham. The day will focus on evangelism in a multi-faith context and how to maintain a distinctive Christian approach. It is £20/person including lunch. To book, contact [Jill Clark](#) or phone 020 7452 2018.

[Jesus in the City – the UK Urban Congress](#) is a three-yearly residential event for people in inner-city and estate churches that aims to encourage, challenge and inspire Christians to work for change in their communities. It is being held in Belfast from 9:30am on Friday 12 March to 1:30pm on Sunday 14 March. Read the [programme](#) or [book online](#). Delegates will visit a local Belfast project and discuss the key issues affecting that area of mission. The fee is £109, not including food or accommodation (this is provided by local Christians in their homes). For more information, email [Jesus in the City](#) or phone 028 9074 7114.

[Measuring real success in your community project: How to move beyond stunning statistics and amazing anecdotes](#) is being hosted by [Livability](#) on 14 April at [St George's Centre](#) in Leeds. This day is a response to the current climate of lengthy monitoring forms and fear of failure that surrounds community projects. The day is focused on what it means to be

effective and how to communicate this to others in order to grow in confidence about your work. It is £20/person including lunch To book, contact [Ruth Smith](#) or phone 0113 350 8070.

STORIES AND RESOURCES



➡ **Many churches are developing their buildings for community use** and due to requests for help, [Hereford Diocese](#) has developed a [helpful website with practical toolkits](#). Part of a programme to help churches use their buildings well, the toolkit is designed for Anglican churches. However, much of the information about local planning and consultation, working with architects and accessing appropriate funding would apply to any church building project. For more information, read the [presentations at the launch event](#), email [Joanne Gibbon](#) or phone 01584 871089.

➡ **[The role of faith-based organisations in the provision of services to homeless people](#)** is a report by the [Centre for Housing Policy](#) at the University of York. It found that most basic services such as night shelters and soup runs are provided by faith-based organisations, and Christian agencies dominate the provision of specialist projects such as hostels. They also found that the visibility and practice of religion in most projects has diminished significantly over time. For more information, email the author [Sarah Johnsen](#) or phone 01904 321485.

➡ **[The Rough Sleepers Rights guide](#)** is a joint publication of [Housing Justice](#), [Liberty](#), and [Zacchaeus 2K](#). **It looks in detail at police powers such as stop and search and criminal offences such as sleeping rough, no-drinking zones and urinating in the street.** It would be useful for anyone involved in this area. It is planned that these organisations will continue to carry out joint actions on homelessness. For more information, email [Sally Leigh](#) or phone 020 7920 6600.

➡ **[Music at Mary Magdalene's](#)** is the story of how **one church decided to arrange high-quality musical events to increase the use of their building whilst finding new ways to profile their community projects** and fundraise for them. It has also been a good way to involve the musical skills of former clients of their refugee and asylum seeker project and build good links with a range of other communities. For more information on the projects, visit [St Mary Magdalene Centre's website](#), email the [Centre Organiser](#) or phone 020 7609 2616.

➡ **[Catalyst Trust](#)** inspires Christians to put their faith in action in tough places. They recently launched a [Love is a Verb DVD training resource](#) and are offering free copies of the first two modules (incarnational living and hospitality) in return for completing a short survey with your feedback by the end of February. **Love is a Verb combines theory and theology with the experience and reality of gritty urban mission.** For more information, visit the [Love is a Verb website](#) or contact [Jill Clark](#) to get your free modules.

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