

# Investment and Independence: Joining Up Infrastructure

## ~ a Celebration of the Eastern Region ChangeUp Programme

### What is the event about?

This event is to celebrate ChangeUp in the Eastern Region, sharing achievements and outcomes of projects funded through the programme. There will be an update from Capacitybuilders agency and an East Midlands perspective on ChangeUp in their region. There will be an opportunity to network with other VCS organisations and statutory sector representatives and an afternoon panel discussion will enable delegates to raise questions or issues with representatives from GO-East, Big Lottery, National Association of Councils for Voluntary Service and East of England Development Agency.

### Should I attend this event

#### Yes if:

- You work in the statutory sector or for a beneficiary or infrastructure VCS organisation
- You would like to find out what has been achieved in the Eastern Region ChangeUp Programme
- You want to learn more about Capacitybuilders and ChangeUp in the East Midlands
- You are interested in sharing your experiences and achievements in your region

### Programme

- 9.30 Registration, tea & coffee
- 10.00 Welcome from Brian Hackland, Government Office for the East of England
- 10.05 Keynote Speaker: Caryl Agard, Capacitybuilders plus questions from the floor
- 10.50 Wynne Garnett, Engage East Midlands
- 11.20 Morning Workshops
- 12.35 Lunch and Networking
- 1.35 Afternoon Workshops
- 2.50 Comfort Break
- 3.00 Panel discussion with: Sue Howl, Community Safety & Regeneration Director, GO-East  
Richard Weller, Regional Policy Advisor, Big Lottery  
Diane Leyland, Director of Development, NACVS  
Judith Barker, Head of Communities, EEDA
- 4.00 Close

**Booking:** Please return booking forms by Friday 9th June. If, having booked a place, you are then unable to attend, please feel free to transfer your place to a colleague, but please inform Leyla Newling of the new attendee's details. Although attendance is free, if you cancel **within one week** of the event, an administration charge of £30 will be charged.

**Access:** The venue is fully wheelchair accessible. If you require further help, please indicate on the booking form.

**Refreshments:** Lunch will be included in the day's event, as well as morning and afternoon refreshments. Please indicate on the booking form if you have any special requirements.

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## Workshops

### Workshop 1 : ICT

- a) Project:** Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Circuit Riders - Provides an ICT circuit rider facility for frontline and local Infrastructure Organisations  
**Lead:** Cambridge Independent Advice Centre
- b) Project:** ICT Infrastructure Development – Overview of ICT projects in other regions  
**Lead:** ICT Hub

### Workshop 2 : Workforce Development

- a) Project:** Workforce Development - Development of a county based strategy and training network  
**Lead:** Voluntary Sector Training
- b) Project:** Partnership for Access to Accreditation for the VCS – tailor making accredited courses for VCS organisations  
**Lead:** Voluntary Sector Initiative for Professional Development

### Workshop 3 : Governance

- a) Project:** Trustee Development - Provide development support and resources for working better with Trustees  
**Lead:** Suffolk Association of Voluntary Organisations
- b) Project:** ChangeUp for Better Governance - Promoting trusteeship, developing a tool kit and provide trustee training  
**Lead:** Watford CVS

### Workshop 4 : Volunteering

- a) Project:** Volunteering Herts- Improving the long term sustainability of volunteering agencies across the county  
**Lead:** Dacorum Volunteer Bureau
- b) Project:** ESTIC Volunteering - mapping and research into current volunteer infrastructure organisations and develop strategy  
**Lead:** Voluntary Action Epping Forest

### Workshop 5 : Performance Improvement/Finance

- a) Project:** Corporate Social Responsibility - Enable business engagement with local VCS, increase capacity to provide a proactive brokerage service  
**Lead:** Suffolk Connect
- b) Project:** Social Enterprise & Procurement – Develop a local social economy support service, look at statutory sector procurement from VCS  
**Lead:** Voluntary Action Luton

### Workshop 6 : Specialist 1 – Disability/BME

- a) Project:** Disability Issues – Develop and improve infrastructure support to disability organisations across the county  
**Lead:** Directions Plus
- b) Project:** BME Inclusion - Needs/gap analysis of local BME community issues  
**Lead:** Norwich & Norfolk Racial Equalities Council
- c) Project:** BME Communities - research and map needs of the BME groups across the county.  
**Lead:** Hertfordshire BME Partnership

### Workshop 7 : Specialist 2 – Development Bank/ Youth /Older People

- a) Project:** Development Bank – Invest in improving the capacity & service delivery of VCS Infrastructure work  
**Lead:** Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
- b) Project:** Children & Young People's Voluntary Sector Forum - Establish and facilitate a 0-19 network, research & engage local frontline organisations  
**Lead:** Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services
- c) Project:** Older People's Cluster - Build a VCS cluster which brings together the knowledge and experience of older people and the organisations working with them  
**Lead:** Regional Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Partnership

## Speakers

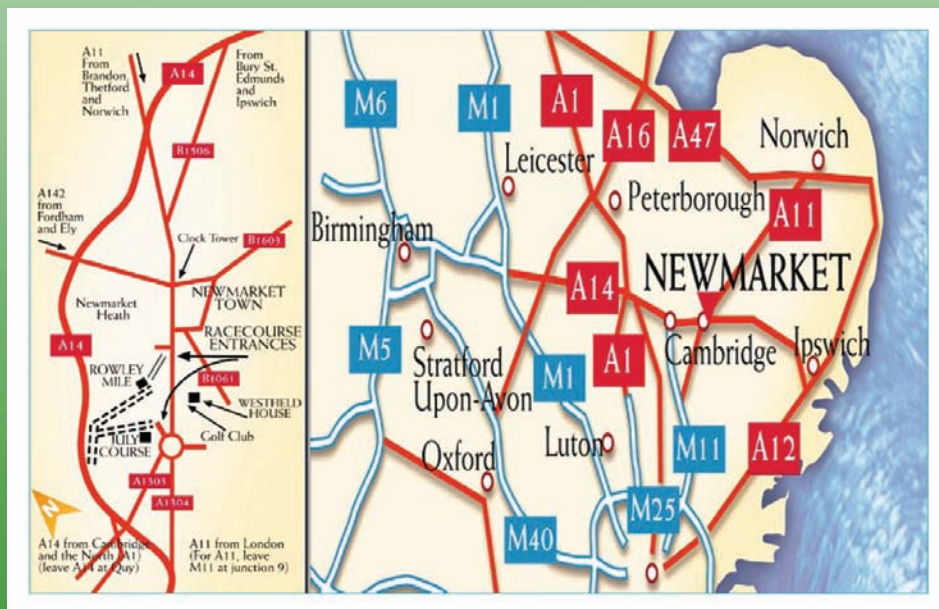
**Caryl Agard** – Caryl is the executive director of The Social Business Company, and has a 20 year background in social and economic development. He was recently awarded an OBE as recognition of his contribution to improving the quality of life for individuals from BME communities through training. Caryl is also an independent board director of FutureBuilders and chair of the BME sub-group for the Compact.

**Wynne Garnett** - Wynne is the Chief Executive of Engage East Midlands, the network organisation for the voluntary and community sector in the East Midlands. Wynne was previously Chief Executive of Mansfield CVS and worked for the NHS on developing partnership and commissioning processes. He is a member of the National Voluntary Sector Advisory Group that advises the Home Office on the implementation of policies relating to voluntary organisations. Wynne chairs the Regional Infrastructure ChangeUp Consortium and Engage has provided the programme support to the East Midlands consortia.

**Brian Hackland** - Brian was appointed Regional Director of the Government Office for the East of England in November 2005. Before moving to the Government Office, Brian spent four years as Director of Town and Country Planning in the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. He was a member of the Prime Ministers Policy Directorate advising on environment and transport policy. He has worked as Private Secretary to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Urban Regeneration. Brian joined the Civil Service in 1991 after working in the House of Commons, for the Local Government Ombudsman and for Bedfordshire County Council.

**Venue:** Millennium Grandstand, Rowley Mile Racecourse, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 0TF  
Set on the Suffolk / Cambridgeshire borders, the Rowley Mile and July Racecourses are just 12 miles from Cambridge and 60 miles from London.

**By Road:** The A11 and A14 provide easy access from the major cities of East Anglia and from the M11 and A1 respectively.



**By Rail** Regular commuter services run from London Kings Cross and Liverpool Street to Cambridge and Ipswich where onward connections by rail or road can be made to Newmarket. Call the National Rail Enquiry line for train times on 08457 484950.

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**Tuesday 4 July 2006**

10am – 4pm

**Millennium Grandstand, Newmarket Racecourse**

Free of charge

**Chair:** Brian Hackland, Regional Director, Government Office for the East of England

**Speakers include:**

Caryl Agard, Capacitybuilders Director

Wynne Garnett, Chief Executive, Engage East Midlands

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