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CLINKS PUBLICATION: Manifesto

The Clinks manifesto, launched at our recent Spring Conference, sets out the key commitments that we assert would underpin a reduction in offending and lead to a more effective criminal justice system. It provides some real examples to show how this approach is already achieving positive outcomes. We are asking all political parties to pledge their support to this vision. Download at: [Clinks Publications](#)

CLINKS SURVEY: working with problem solving courts

Clinks is currently taking part in a European Project exploring the potential for greater sentencer involvement in managing offenders in the community. One of our activities is to seek the views of VCS organisations about your role in these kinds of initiatives. If your organisation is involved in one of England's problem-solving courts, please complete the [Clinks Survey](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: Short sentenced prisoners

'Managing offenders on short custodial sentences' is a new National Audit Office report that claims more could be done to rehabilitate prisoners serving short sentences and reduce their risk of re-offending. It also states that NOMS has little information on the quality, cost or effectiveness of its rehabilitation activities. Read more at: [NAO](#)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: IPP prisoners

A joint inspectorate report has found that the wide scope of indeterminate sentences mean that there would continue to be a 'huge number' of prisoners that neither the probation service nor the prison system had the capacity to handle effectively. Download at: [HMIP](#)

COMMISSIONING: Housing & Financial Advice Service

HMP Preston is advertising for the provision of a Housing and Financial Advice Service. The service will bring stability to a previous unstructured life and the foundation for pursuing other important life events such as gaining employment, bringing a family together and registering for health services. The deadline for Pre Qualification Questionnaires is 1st April at: [BravoSolution](#)

FUNDING: summer play schemes

The Hilden Charitable Fund annually awards grants to help community groups in the UK run summer play schemes for the benefit of children aged five to 18 years from refugee and ethnic minority families. Grants of around £1,000 are available to voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000 running play schemes lasting for two to six weeks. Summer camps or play schemes with a budget of over £12,000 will not be considered for funding. The deadline for applications is 14th May 2010 at: [Hilden Charitable Fund](#)

FUNDING: education and alleviating homelessness

The Erach and Roshan Sadri Foundation awards grant funding to organisations in the UK for purposes that include providing financial assistance for education and welfare purposes and relieving poverty by alleviating homelessness. Grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 are available to registered charities and charitable organisations with projects that match the Foundation's areas of interest. The next deadline is 1st June at: [ERSF](#)

FUNDING: for work with older people

Comic Relief's Older People's Programme is inviting expressions of interest from community groups and organisations targeting their work at older people aged 65 and over. They are

looking to fund projects where older people are acting as mentors to vulnerable young people; giving support to their peers who may be isolated; acting as advocates around the needs and rights of those with caring duties; and running social enterprises. Comic Relief particularly welcomes applications which address the needs of those who experience the greatest levels of isolation and exclusion. Grants of between £15,000 and £40,000 are available for up to three years. The deadline for expressions of interest is 30th April at: [Comic Relief](#)

FUNDING: to transform local environments

The 2010 People's Millions competition awards grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 for projects that transform local environments and offer opportunities or facilities for people to take part and enjoy their local area. This will include initiatives focusing on buildings, amenities, public and green spaces and natural habitats. The deadline for receipt of entries is 14th May 2010 at: [BIG](#)

FUNDING: summer activity schemes

The LankellyChase Foundation is now accepting applications under its 2010 Summer Activities Small Grants Programme. Around 120 grants of up to £500 are available to UK registered charities wishing to run small local summer activity schemes. In 2010, the Foundation will be supporting specific activities for children and young people who are living in refuges for families escaping domestic violence or are young carers. The deadline for applications is 14th May at: [LankellyChase Foundation](#)

FUNDING NEWS: new money to support veterans

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced details of a new £35 million fund to help veterans who struggle with the transition to civilian life. The Forces in Mind Programme will assist veterans whose psychological wellbeing impacts on the quality of their life and others around them. Former armed forces personnel and their families are set to benefit. Read the press release at: [BIG](#)

PUBLICATION: new duties for Community Safety Partnerships

'Reducing reoffending, cutting crime, changing lives' is guidance on the new duty for Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) across England and Wales to reduce reoffending. It includes a range of case studies which illustrate what some local partnerships are already doing to tackle reoffending. Download at: [Home Office](#)

PUBLICATION: commissioning services for women offenders

'Women in Focus: Promoting Equality and Positive Practice' is a new report which brings together the findings of the ten recent Women in Focus events. The report will be used to support the implementation of the Government's strategy by the regional Directors of Offender Management and local authorities, in their commissioning of services for women offenders and women at risk of offending. Read the press release and download the report at: [GEO](#)

TRAINING: Free strategic training

'Empower & Win 2010' is a series of free training courses for VCS organisations in **London [EC2A 4LT]**, throughout March and April. Topics include 'Win that Contract', 'Write an Environmental Policy', and 'Strategic Business Planning'. For more info and to secure a place email [Suzanne Uittenbogaard](mailto:Suzanne.Uittenbogaard)

TRAINING: Guns, Gangs, Knives & ASB

'Gangology UK: How to reclaim the streets' is a three day Train the Trainer residential **[24th - 26th March, Birmingham, £1214 VCS]** for practitioners working with young people at risk or affected by life threatening behaviour involving Guns, Gangs, Knives & Anti Social Behaviour. More info and booking at: [Gangology UK](http://GangologyUK.com)

RESOURCES: lobbying MPs

Does your organisation need to influence parliament and lobby MPs? 'Ten campaigning tips for lobbying MPs' is a free nfpSynergy guide that summarises lessons learnt through regular surveys of MPs, with ten top tips to improve your parliamentary work. Download at: [nfpSynergy](http://nfpSynergy.com)

CLINKS MEMBER'S NEWS: Howard League

The Howard League for Penal Reform is asking as many people as possible to promise to take action for less crime, safer communities and fewer people in prison. The Take Action 2010 campaign wants to stop the cycle of crime where prisoners are shut up, forgotten and then released with no help to resettle back into society. They are campaigning for more investment in communities to tackle the underlying causes of crime. Support 'less crime, safer communities and fewer people in prison' at: [Howard League](http://HowardLeague.org)

CLINKS MEMBER'S NEWS: Stonham

Stonham have recently been commissioned to carry out a strategic review of accommodation and support services for offenders in prison and in the community in the **South East England Region**. The review will entail visits from Stonham to Prisons and Probation Local Delivery Units in the South East, but also requires input from third sector accommodation providers and clients. If you are interested in being involved or would be willing to pass information on to your clients, please email: [Sarrah Munro](mailto:Sarra.Munro@stonham.org)

TIPS OF THE WEEK...

TIP OF THE WEEK III: Walk in to your nearest Giraffe before 10.30am on a Wednesday to get a totally free take-out cappuccino, latte, americano or teapigs herbal tea! Offer valid until 16th June, find your nearest Giraffe [here](http://Giraffe.com)

TIP OF THE WEEK IV: Buy anything at WHSmith before the 11th April and you will receive a booklet of 2for1 vouchers for popular theme parks including Alton Towers, Chessington World of Adventures and Thorpe Park.

TIP OF THE WEEK V: Dove Spas have a Spring Indulgence Spa Package for £49. It includes four treatments, and must be purchased before 24th March. Find your nearest Dove Spa and book at: [Dove Spa](#)

TIP OF THE WEEK VI: The English National Opera is offering tickets to "Katya Kabanova", at the **London Coliseum**, for just £10. The offer is valid for performances on 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27 March. Call the ENO Box Office on 0871 472 0800 0871 472 0800 and quote promotional code 'KATYAZOO'.

TIP OF THE WEEK VII: Superdrug's selling 1st-class stamps at 37p (normally 39p) until 15th March. Prices rise to 41p in April, but, provided the stamps say '1st' and not the price, they're valid after that. So stock up now if you'll need them.

TIP OF THE WEEK VIII: Boutique hotel broker Mr & Mrs Smith has 2for1 nights for stays until 14th May. Check out the available hotels [here](#), then enter the code 'Kiss, Smith & Style' at: [Mr & Mrs Smith](#)

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