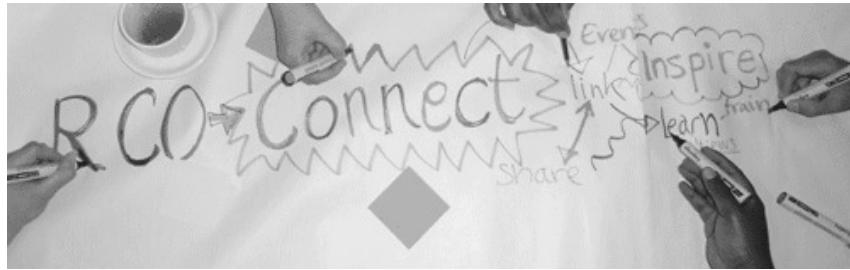


## Basis Project blog

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### **News for refugee community organisations (RCOs)**

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Dear Tom

Welcome to RCO Connect from the Basis Project, providing RCOs with information on funding, training and resources, and helping RCOs to share experiences. If you have any ideas for RCO connect, or would like to share any work or learning with other RCOs please contact [basis@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:basis@refugeecouncil.org.uk).

### **Help make the Basis Project national conference amazing!**

Building on the success of the Basis Project's first [National Conference](#) last year, we would like input from RCOs to make this year's conference even more amazing. We are inviting RCOs to take part in a planning workshop.

To apply for a place at the planning workshop and / or to share your ideas about the conference please contact Maro Pantazidou, Training and Development Support Officer on 020 73461297 [maro.pantazidou@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:maro.pantazidou@refugeecouncil.org.uk). Participating organisations will receive a recognition fee of £100 for their input and travel and childcare costs.

Planning workshop: 14 September 2011, Birmingham, venue to be confirmed  
National Conference to take place in Birmingham, November 2011

## **News**

### **Share your experiences with other RCOs- opportunity**

The Basis Project would like to commission RCOs to deliver experience papers and multimedia pieces to share experiences and learning with other RCOs. You can find out more [here](#) and see examples of papers from last year [here](#)

The fee for delivering an experience paper is £300.  
Deadline for expressing interest: 6 September  
Papers to be completed: 30 September

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Thavarani Nagulendram - Londoner of the Day

Congratulations to Thavarani Nagulendram of the Tamil Community Centre, who was profiled as Londoner of the Day on the website London 24, and has won a London Star award from the Mayor of London. Read more on the Basis Project blog.

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### **Interact seeks partner organisations**

InterACT brings together 16-25-year-old asylum seekers and refugees with local young people to tackle issues in their communities through social action.

They are currently looking for partner organisations for the third year of the project in Manchester, Sheffield, Coventry and Slough. To find out more please contact InterACT Project Coordinator, Leila:  
T: 020 7566 4153  
E: [leila.nicholas@citizenshipfoundation.org.uk](mailto:leila.nicholas@citizenshipfoundation.org.uk)

InterACT is funded by Comic Relief and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

## **Training and events**

### **Yorkshire and Humber Basis Regional Seminar between Funders & RCOs**

The emphasis of this event is to bring together both the refugee community organisations (RCOs) leaders and community activists to share their experiences and find about current and future funding opportunities. The day will also highlight some valuable experiences from some of our progressive RCOs on funding and other areas of their development process.

Date: 8th September 2011 from 10:30 am till 3:30 pm.

Venue: Refugee Council Resources Centre, Hurley House, 1 Dewsbury Road, Leeds LS11 5DQ.

If you would like to attend the event, please contact the one of the Organisational Development Officers for Yorkshire and Humber

Mani Thapa (Refugee Action): email [ManiT@refugee-action.org.uk](mailto:ManiT@refugee-action.org.uk), phone 07775 914 028

Hussein Mahamed (Refugee Council): email [Hussein.Mahamed@Refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:Hussein.Mahamed@Refugeecouncil.org.uk), phone 07908952425

### **Need some INSPIRATION?**

The Basis Project with Evelyn Oldfield Unit and Jesuit Refugee Service are hosting a day of learning. You will participate in discussions in an intimate 'World Café' setting on some of the hot topics of the day including exploring new income streams, working with other organisations and making the best use of a building (yours and others'). Each table will be led by an experienced organisation and you will be invited to visit that organisation afterwards to see the work in action. Interested? E-mail [basis@refugeecouncil.org.uk](mailto:basis@refugeecouncil.org.uk).

Date: 27th September from 10.30 to 4PM

Venue: Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LS

## **Fundraising opportunities**

### **The Bromley Trust**

The Bromley Trust is a grant-making trust set up to offset 'man's inhumanity to man'. Over the last twenty years the Bromley Trust has made many awards to charities working in the key focus areas of human rights, prison reform and the environment.

You can apply at any time. Find out more [here](#).

### **Epic Awards 2011**

Voluntary Arts Network's Epic Awards are designed to draw attention to work taking place by groups within the voluntary and amateur arts sector. It gives these groups an opportunity to raise their profile and to win a package of prizes including training, equipment and publicity.

### **Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards**

The Community Cash Awards, from the Prince's Trust, helps individuals set up projects that will benefit their community. Grants of up to £3,000 are available, with £1,500 given on average, to support setting up a project.

### **2011 Compact Awards**

The awards highlight and reward outstanding examples of partnership work between voluntary and community organisations and the statutory sector. The Awards provide an opportunity to recognise commitment to Compact principles and achievement as a result of implementing Compact-working.

Deadline for applications: 5 October. Find out more [here](#)

## **Resources**

### **What is policy?**

NCVO have put together a new introductory resource for charities explaining what policy is and how it can be influenced <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/what-policy>

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## Get Legal

This is a free online reference and decision-making tool about legal issues for charities, social enterprises and co-operative organisations <http://www.getlegal.org.uk/>

### **Job vacancies and volunteer opportunities**

#### **Trustees Required – Council of Somali Organisations**

The Council of Somali Organisations [www.councilofsomaliorgs.com](http://www.councilofsomaliorgs.com) is a company limited by guarantee, and is a newly formed organisation, currently hosted by Ocean Somali Community Association. To date it has been managed by an active and dedicated board of Trustees, and a separate advisory panel.

We are currently in the process of recruiting up to 11 trustees with an interest in Community Development specifically in the Somali community.

To apply, please request an application pack by email to Ms Tebussum Rashid at [sukoonLtd@gmail.com](mailto:sukoonLtd@gmail.com)

Deadline for applications is 5pm Tuesday 6th September 2011.

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