**Getting Support for your Community Project - Free (or really cheap) Products, Services & Volunteers**

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| Provider | What | Website | Contact |
| GENERAL |  |  |  |
| Project Dirt | Most active UK Social Network connecting and resourcing community and environmental projects. | <http://www.projectdirt.com/forum/> | Tel: 07840 320636 |
| Streetbank | Social network to borrow, swap or give away free resources eg. gardening tools, office equipment, car rides, electrical goods, kitchen supplies etc | <http://www.streetbank.com/> | Search for offered items and contact directly. |
| Street life | Social network for neighbours to connect and share news, views, recommendations and resources. | <https://www.streetlife.com/> | Search for offered items and contact directly. |
| Freecycle | Online platform offering free furniture, bicycles, electrical goods, kitchen supplies, office and garden equipment etc | <http://uk.freecycle.org/> | Search for offered items and contact directly. |
| Gumtree | Online platform to buy and sell goods eg. electrical, kitchen, office equipment – also has a free section. | <http://www.gumtree.com/> | Search for offered items and contact directly. |
| Compost Pick Up | Pick up large quantities of free compost 24 hours a day  (bring your own large bags and a shovel or spade) |  | alexsmith@alara.co.uk  Alara Wholefoods, 110-112 Camley Street, London, N1C 4PF |
| IT |  |  |  |
| Grow Your Charity Online | Advice on websites, social media and free analytics | <http://www.growyourcharityonline.com/uk> | A Media Trust service |
| Canva | Free online design package -can upload stock shots to use on posters etc for cheap | <https://www.canva.com/> |  |
| I Stock Photo | Very cheap stock images online | <http://www.istockphoto.com/> |  |
| Word Press | Free websites | <https://wordpress.com/> |  |
| Pugh.co.uk | Discounted software – including Indesign | <http://charities.pugh.co.uk/> |  |
| IT for charities | Recycled IT equipment | <http://itforcharities.co.uk/it-services/recycled-pcs/> |  |
| BT community connections | Free broadband for eligible community groups | [www.btcommunityconnections.com](http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/) | 0845 257 6792 |
| Computers for charities (Microsoft) | The Microsoft giving programme - Refurbished computers and free software | [ukgiving@microsoft.com](mailto:ukgiving@microsoft.com/) | **01323 840641** |
| IT4communities | IT support offered from volunteer IT professionals. | <http://www.it4communities.org.uk/> | info@it4communities.org.uk  020 7796 2144 |
| FURNITURE/DIY/OFFICE/ EQUIPMENT |  |  |  |
| Globe Chain | Charity & social enterprises collect or list unwanted items to reuse, resell or recycle | <https://www.globechain.com/> |  |
| Restore community projects | Provides community groups with free 2nd hand furniture and appliances. | <http://www.restorecommunityprojects.org> | Based in Tottenham Hale  02084930900 |
| Green Furniture Aid | Provides charities with free used recycled office furniture. Furniture can be collected from warehouse facilities in London, Manchester, Sheffield, Worksop. | <http://www.greenfurniture.org.uk> | 0114 243 7079  info@greenfurniture.org.uk |
| Warp It | A network where organisations keep their equipment, assets and resources ‘circulating’ to reduce spend, waste and supply chain environmental impacts. Eg. furniture, office and kitchen equipment, appliances. | <https://www.warp-it.co.uk/> | 01913080309 |
| SKILLS and TRAINING |  |  |  |
| Big Lunch Extras | Free online resources eg Community Food Projects Guide | <http://www.biglunchextras.com/resources/guide-community-food-projects> | Jeni Lewitt [jlewitt@edenproject.com](mailto:jlewitt@edenproject.com) |
| FSI | Free Training for charities in fundraising, evaluation, social media etc | <http://www.thefsi.org/> | 020 7009 3543  info@thefsi.org |
| Media Trust | Free advice for non profits from Media/PR professionals | <http://www.mediatrust.org/communications-services/volunteer-services/> | 020 7871 5600 |
| Pilot Light | Free business planning support for non profits | <http://www.pilotlight.org.uk/> |  |
| Inspire to Enterprise | Free business planning support and ‘business plan template’ | <http://www.inspire2enterprise.org/> |  |
| The Bulldog Trust | Financial and Advisory assistance to charities – free networking events if you join mailing list | http://bulldogtrust.org/ | info@bulldogtrust.org |
| Small Charities Coalition | Skills, linking with trustees (speed networking), funding | <http://www.smallcharities.org.uk/home/> | 0207 391 4812  [info@smallcharities.org.uk](mailto:info@smallcharities.org.uk) |
| Young Philanthropy | Encourage young city professionals to form syndicates to fund particular projects / charities. Also provide pro-bono support. | <http://youngphilanthropy.org.uk/> |  |
| Technology Trust | Charity software donations. | <http://www.technology-trust.org/> |  |
| Legal Guides | Law Firm DLA Piper have provided a series of free downloadable Legal Help Sheets. Eg. Template employment contracts, how to choose which legal structure is right for your project. | <https://unltd.org.uk/legal-help-guides/> |  |
| LawWorks | Free advice for non profits from lawyers | <https://www.lawworks.org.uk/legal-advice-not-profits> |  |
| I Pro Bono | Free advice for non profits from lawyers | <https://www.i-probono.com/about-us> |  |
| Enterprise Nation | Hold Events on small business accounting. Offer a marketplace and peer support platform as well as a panel of experts to pose questions to.  Basic membership is £30 which provides discounted entry to their events. | <https://www.enterprisenation.com/> |  |
| British Library Business and IP Centre | **F**ree resources on setting up a business and regular talks from experts | <http://www.bl.uk/bipc/> |  |
| MentorsMe | Free business mentoring | http://www.mentorsme.co.uk/ |  |
| Aspire Foundation | Free business mentoring for women | <http://www.theaspirefoundation.org/mentees> |  |
| VOLUNTEERS |  |  |  |
| Project Dirt | Most active UK Social Network connecting and resourcing community and environmental projects. | <http://www.projectdirt.com/forum/> | Facility to post your volunteer opportunity |
| TimeBank | Recruit and train volunteers to deliver mentoring for charities. Also work with businesses to engage their staff in volunteering. | <http://timebank.org.uk/> |  |
| Universities | Academic Institutions with students looking for career building intern opportunities in the community sector | Various  One example: <http://enactus.org/who-we-are/universities/> | Contact Careers Departments |
| Social Impact Internship Scheme | Apply for a High-calibre student to work with your project for 4 and 8 weeks over the summer | <http://www.studenthubs.org/placements/> |  |
| Permablitz | A group of volunteers can create or develop a community or household edible, wildlife-friendly garden. | <http://www.permablitzlondon.com/> | Contact through website |
| Charity Job | Free online promotion of your volunteering opportunity | [www.charityjob.co.uk/](http://www.charityjob.co.uk/) |  |
| Local Volunteer Centres | Volunteer Centres are local organisations that provide support and expertise within the local community, to potential volunteers, existing volunteers and organisations that involve volunteers. | https://www.ncvo.org.uk/ncvo-volunteering/find-a-volunteer-centre |  |
| NETWORKS |  |  |  |
| London Food Link | Runs campaigns and initiatives to help create a healthy and sustainable food system for all, and helps join-the-dots between growers, producers, cookers, sellers and consumers – regular e mails promote volunteering opportunities | <http://www.sustainweb.org/londonfoodlink/membership/> | Run by charity Sustain – contact directly |
| Capital Growth | London's food growing network. The campaign is run by London Food Link. Lots of networking events. | http://www.capitalgrowth.org/ |  |
| Guardian Social Enterprise Network | A LinkedIn network for social enterprises and social entrepreneurs. Can questions, seek advice and post resources and useful links | http://www.theguardian.com/uk/sustainable-business | LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3827697> |
| Social Enterprise UK | The UK body for social enterprise - business with a social or environmental mission. | <http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk> |  |
| NCVO | Practical support network for non profits - practical how-to guides to video training courses or bespoke advice | <https://www.ncvo.org.uk/practical-support> |  |
| Know How Non Profit | Knowledge and e-learning for charities, social enterprises and community groups | <http://knowhownonprofit.org/> |  |