



Social accounting and audit for the community sector



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Happy New Year from the Social Audit Network!

This short edition of the SAN newsletter contains more information about the new Guide, an update on social accounting training in India, and report of a smooth transition of SAN's administrative activities to their new home in Wolverhampton.

As we reported in the December edition of this newsletter, the new Guide to Social Accounting and Audit is almost complete. Alan Kay's Guide is based on the Social Accounting and Audit Manual (plus CD) published in 2005 by the Social Audit Network. It takes account of the growing experience of social accounting and audit in recent years and includes reference to the range of frameworks and methods developed to help organisations explain and account for their performance and impact. It is a "roadmap" to the social accounting and audit process and has been written for social enterprises, social economy organisations and voluntary sector organisations that wish to regularly account and report on their social, economic and environmental performance and impact. SAN would like to offer its gratitude not only to Alan, but other social accounting and audit practitioners who have given their time and support in its development.

As reported in December, the Guide will be available from late January 2011, and will consist of a paper version with a companion CD. In future, it will also be available via the SAN website for those organisations and people who have taken out membership with SAN. This online version will be regularly up-dated and include new materials and tools as they become available.

CBS Network, Social Audit Network, the WISE Group, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Make it Happen, Imani Development and Shared Interest have all contributed towards the funding of the production of this Manual. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of these organisations. However, despite the support received, we are hoping to secure enough advance orders to ensure that all printing costs are covered.

The retail price of the Guide will be £40.00 each (including postage and packing to UK addresses), but we are currently taking advance orders for 10 or more copies of the new Guide at a reduced rate of £30.00 plus postage and packing per manual ordered. For more information, please click here to download a leaflet.

Please support SAN in the launch of our new Guide by ordering 10 or more manuals now, by e-mailing info@socialauditnetwork.org.uk or phoning the SAN office on 01902 877565.

You may be aware that the SAN office has successfully relocated from the Community Enterprise Unit in Exeter, to the All Saints Action Network in Wolverhampton. Thanks are due to Sean (pictured) and his colleagues at CEU for their work keeping SAN members and contacts from across the world up to date with our activities. Sean's wise words and dry sense of humour will be much missed.

Finally, just a quick reminder of the SAN conference on 8th April 2011 – look forward to seeing you there!

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SAN IN INDIA

Social Accounting and Audit Master Class and Workshop 20th and 21st January 2011, Delhi. India. The Master Class is a 2-day Workshop meant to orient professionals on Methods used for processing and preparing Social Accounts Standardized formats for presenting the accounts The process of getting them audited. This will enable in building the social balance sheet for the organization. Social Audit Network, India (www.san-india.org) is partnering with Business and Community Foundation (BCF)(www.bcfindia.org) to bring the workshop to Delhi. The Workshop is meant for people working in Corporate, NGOs, Management Institutes, CSR professionals, independent consultants as well as government officials. It is especially targeted at people wishing to facilitate the process within their organizations and to enable the design and development of the Social Accounting and Audit practice. For booking details, please visit <http://www.san-india.org/>

NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS

SAN Training Programme

SAN runs two types of training event: the two day Social Accounting 'master-class' and the one day Social Auditor Workshop.

The master-class (MC) works through the Three Steps of the Social Accounting and Audit process and is designed for people who either wish to use social accounting in their own organisation or wish to assist other organisations prepare social accounts..... for more information and list of upcoming events,

SAN practice Case Studies

SAN is always looking for organisations to feature as Case Studies in both this newsletter and on the SAN website. A number of these have been prepared following the SAN research project.

There are now 23 Case studies on the SAN website, and these will shortly be accompanied by a handy directory feature to help you select the best for your needs.

Register of Social Auditors

Anyone wishing to become approved as a SAN Social Auditor should contact their Regional Co-ordinator in the first instance - see end of Circular. Prospective auditors are required to attend a SAN Social Auditor workshop and to have attended at least two social audit panels and written a set of notes before being mentored, when they chair a first panel for themselves. To see more about Social Auditing

SAN MANUAL & CD

Should you wish to purchase a copy of the interactive Manual and CD, please contact your Regional Co-ordinator in the first instance, who may have some in stock.

Larger orders should be placed via the SAN office in Exeter - contact details at the end of this newsletter.

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For more information about social accounting activities in India, please go to the new SAN India website <http://www.san-india.org/>

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