



SAN: SOCIAL AUDIT NETWORK MARCH 2011

Welcome to the March edition of the SAN newsletter. Finally, after four months' delay, the SAN Conference will go ahead on 8th April 2011 in Newcastle upon Tyne and at the Castle-gate Centre.

For further information about the Conference, see the article below and the SAN website.

SAN will be able to launch the new Guide to Social Accounting and Audit at the Conference, which 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.

We are currently taking advance orders for the Guide, which will help cover printing costs. Although we now have orders for a good number of Guides, we are hoping that more organisations, particularly those who support others with social accounting and audit, will take advantage of the discounted pre-order rates. Please contact the SAN office on info@socialauditnetwork.org.uk to place your order or for further information.

The new Guide will be available by the middle of March 2011. On behalf of SAN, I would like to apologise for the delay in publication to those who have ordered in advance.

I will also be leading a 'Training the Trainers' one day course on 4th May for all those people who want to carry out training using the new Guide... (further information on the SAN website Training page)

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a welcome to the new auditors who have been approved through SAN India - which appears to have developed into a strong supporter and leader of social accounting and audit in Asia.

The SAN office is now located at All Saints Action Network (ASAN) in Wolverhampton, England, where Kay Stevens and Marie Lavender will be available to support you. Further information about their duties is provided in the newsletter below.

As many of you will know the Public Services (Social Enterprise and Social Value) Bill is progressing through the House of Commons in England - with all-party support. We'll bring you an update, as soon as it becomes available.

Finally, SAN would like to offer its support to the new organisation formed through the merger of the Development Trusts Association and Bassac - Locality... Further information about how Locality will champion the measurement of social value will follow in a later edition of this newsletter.

Alan Kay

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News of the forthcoming Conference

There are still a few places left at the SAN Conference, which will be held on 8th April 2011 at the Castlegate Centre in Newcastle upon Tyne.

The broad agenda will be the same as originally proposed, with two slight changes in speaker - Dr Colin Dey of the University of Stirling will replace Jan Bebbington at the head of the programme, and Chris Clarke will represent Jesmond Pool in the local social accounting case studies workshop.

SAN will also be able to launch the new Guide to Social Accounting and Audit.

All bookings for the 2010 Conference will be honoured for April 2011, and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the SAN Office (see below for new contact details). We do have spaces for new attendees, and please use the following web link to further booking information - please **CLICK** here.

The Conference will be followed by the SAN AGM, at which the accounts and Chair's report will be presented and new Directors elected. All SAN members are urged to attend..

Welcome from the new SAN office



Marie Lavender, (Left) the facilities manager and Kay Stevens, (Right) the administration assistant are the new team running the SAN office which has recently moved from CEU in Devon, to All Saints Action Network (ASAN) in Wolverhampton.

The SAN office is based at The Workspace which is one of ASAN's community enterprises.

Our role with SAN is to run all aspects of the office, responding to any emails or phone calls relating to Social Audit Network business, and sign posting enquirers towards the relevant regional co-ordinators or SAN

directors.

Some of our key tasks will include taking bookings for training courses SAN will be running and dealing with membership enquiries and renewals.

At the moment we are taking requests for the new Social Audit Guide, these are being printed and will be dispatched within the next couple of weeks. Copies can be order by contacting the SAN office (info@socialauditnetwork.org.uk).



NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS

SAN Training Programme

SAN has recently updated its training programme, with a number of new events across England and Scotland over the coming months. SAN runs two types of training event: the two day Social Accounting 'master-class' and the one day Social Auditor Workshop. There will also be further training for those using the new Guide to Social Accounting and Audit.

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,

See Training <http://www.socialauditnetwork.org.uk/>

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 26 Case studies on the SAN website, accompanied by a handy directory feature to help you select the best for your needs.

To visit the Case Studies page....

See Case Studies <http://www.socialauditnetwork.org.uk/>

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.

SAN would like to welcome four new Social Auditors in India who have recently trained as part of the SAN India initiative and join 2 other colleagues on the list of non-UK Auditors: 1. Bina Joshi 2. Aruna Subramaniam 3. Radha Jagan 4. Latha Suresh For more about Social Auditing and to see the Register

See Social Auditors <http://www.socialauditnetwork.org.uk/>

The postponed SAN 2010 CONFERENCE will be held on

APRIL 8th 2011.

For an agenda

Please click

<http://www.socialauditnetwork.org.uk/>

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We are still seeking to identify people willing to serve as Regional Co-ordinators in Northern Ireland and the South of England.

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