



Charity News

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As the UK welcomes its new Prime Minister Liz Truss, there are questions within the sector as to how the policies of her new cabinet will change the charity landscape. It is notable that unlike Rishi Sunak, Liz Truss holds no formal charitable roles. Her commitment to tax cuts, although popular with voters, may also have significant impacts on charities. Tax cuts may reduce opportunities for charities through gift aid payments and will also have implications on how key services will be funded.

Charities respond to Liz Truss election

A number of key charities have publicly urged the new prime minister to work with the sector. There is a general consensus that the not-for-profit sector has an important role in supporting the country through the current financial crisis and key voices are urging the government to continue its commitment to levelling up. There are also calls for greater support for charities with spiralling energy bills reaching 300%.

National Lottery funding opportunities

The National Lottery Community Fund is relaunching its funding programme "The Peoples Projects". £4m will be available in grants up to £70,000. For more information and to apply visit www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 7th October 2022. Interested groups are urged to apply early as the programme may close sooner depending on the volume of applications.

Children in need to fund core costs

For the first time, Children in Need will directly fund core costs as part of its new strategy. Many charities who rely on grant funding often consider core funding "the holy grail" of fundraising. While funders are often interested in restricting income to a particular item or project it can often be challenging for charities to fund the costs to run core activities. The new programme will open in October this year. It will also launch a new funding stream for smaller, emerging organisations who may need greater support from Spring 2023.

Charities Act 2022

The Charity Commission has released an update on the implementation of the new Charities Act 2022, which is due to be implemented this Autumn and next Spring. The changes include how charities can sell, lease or transfer land, greater flexibility on using permanent endowments and ways charities can change their governing documents.

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