Small Charities Coalition Improves and Relaunches Trustee Finder Service

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Small Charities Coalition has relaunched Trustee Finder, a key service for charities recruiting new trustees. Trustee Finder is a free trustee searching and posting service that syndicates with the Do-it.org national volunteering service, run by ivo, which connects over 200,000 volunteers with charities every month*. Linking Trustee Finder to Do-it will significantly increase the number of potential trustees viewing the vacancies, and as a result, help fill more trustee positions in charities of all sizes.

Alex Swallow, CEO of Small Charities Coalition, said: 'Our free Trustee Finder service is a very valuable resource for our members and we are delighted with the improvements made. A skilled and effective board of trustees makes a huge difference to the impact and success of small charities and we're proud to help connect charities and trustees who share common passions.'

Trustee Finder (formerly known as trusteefinder) was launched by Charity Trustee Networks (CTN) in 2008 in response to the lack of a comprehensive, national database for users to search and post trustee vacancies. Since then, 1000's of trustee positions have been filled as a result of the service. However, vacancies posted through the old trusteefinder service were only viewable through that platform. With the improvements made, vacancies posted through the new Trustee Finder are now also posted on the Do-it volunteering service (www.do-it.org.uk), giving trustee vacancies exposure to 100,000's more volunteers every month. The Trustee Finder service is open to all charities regardless of their annual income or size.

Jamie Ward-Smith, CEO of ivo the charity behind the Do-it volunteering service,** said: 'We are so pleased to be working with the Small Charities Coalition to ensure that charities have even better access to trustees they need to steer their organisations. We are confident that this joined up tool will further enable charities to find the trustees they require.'

CTN and Small Charities Coalition merged in 2011 and began a review into their brand in 2012. The conclusion of the review was to completely merge the Small Charities Coalition and Charity Trustee Networks into one unified and evolved Small Charities Coalition brand. All information and support previously available to trustees through www.trusteenet.org.uk have been transferred to www.smallcharities.org.uk and will continue as normal.

Trustee Finder was the last service to be switched and was made possible thanks to the generous support of Net Efficiency, the London based web design and development agency. As of Monday 17th February the www.trusteenet.org.uk site was closed for good.

The new Trustee Finder service can be viewed at www.smallcharities.org.uk/trustee-finder. As well as its Trustee Finder service, Small Charities Coalition is also involved in other charity governance initiatives through its partnership support of Trustees' Week, the Code of Good Governance group, its Trustee Networks service, and more.

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Notes to editors

* Source: Do-it, 2013

** Formerly run by YouthNet, Do-it was transferred to the social action charity ivo who took over ownership and management of the service in 2013 and will be redeveloping it for a relaunch in 2014 in partnership with Believe.In, Blue Dot, Prospectus and Vivo

About Small Charities Coalition: Small Charities Coalition is a national support and networking organisation that helps over 6000 small charities, their staff, volunteers and trustees access the skills, knowledge and resources they need to best serve their causes. For more information visit www.smallcharities.org.uk

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