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Charity Commission releases refreshed guidance for trustees

As part of Trustees Week 2020 (2 November – 6 November) the Charity Commission launched 5 new 5-minute guides covering a 'core syllabus' that trustees need to know.

Please [click here](#) to read more.



Update to Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020

In [May](#) we wrote about the charity aspects of the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020 ("the Act") which was introduced to provide businesses with the flexibility and the breathing space needed to comply with their legal obligations in the difficult conditions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.



The latest update to the Act has been the extension of the deadline from 30 September 2020 to 30 December 2020. To read more [click here](#).

The Prime Minister pledges that the Government will do “much more” to support the voluntary sector

In response to a Parliamentary question, the Prime Minister has promised to do “much more to support the voluntary sector” over the winter.

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Regulator finds mismanagement at faith broadcasting charity

A Charity Commission inquiry, opened in 2014, into Revelation Foundation has finally concluded that the charity was not used for private advantage.

To read more [click here](#).



Chair of Charity Commission to step down

Baroness Stowell has announced that she will not be seeking re-appointment as Chair of the Charity Commission when her three-year term of office ends in February 2021.

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Still standing with the sector

Recognising the “incredible work civil society groups” during the pandemic, over 350 funders have signed a pledge offering renewed assurance that they stand with the sector as it faces the Covid-19 outbreak. Co-ordinated by London Funders (the membership body of funders of London’s civil society), organisations from across the funding spectrum have acknowledged that Covid-19 is an exceptional event affecting charities.

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Complaints to the Fundraising Regulator increased by 13% this year

This month the Fundraising Regulator published its annual complaints report, which looks at fundraising complaints that could not be resolved by charities and have been escalated to the regulator.

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Trustees Week Virtual Celebration

On Wednesday 4 November the Hewitsons Charities, Education and Social Enterprise team co-hosted with Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire a virtual Trustees' Week Celebration online via Zoom.

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