



# Not for Profit eNews

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# Welcome to the latest edition of MHA Not for Profit eNews.

We highlight in this edition of eNews what charity leaders are saying following the Labour Party's historic win in the general election. The Labour Party had made promises to the Charity sector that charity leaders are now urging the new government to deliver.

We also look into how funders are increasingly reluctant to give to smaller charities on the basis the charity may not survive in the long term, and how this is causing issues for these smaller charities.

We also follow the recent news of how two Trustees have been disqualified from the Captain Tom Foundation.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the recent relaunch of our Trustee Hub, full of free resources and support material to aid Trustees fulfill their duties effectively.

As ever, if there are any points you wish to discuss further in this issue please do get in touch.

Best Regards,  
**MHA Not for Profit team**





# Charity sector leaders call on Labour Party to deliver

**Following the Labour Party's victory in the general election, many Charity sector leaders have come together to urge the Party to deliver its pledge to work together with the sector.**

Lilian Greenwood, who is the Party's former shadow charities minister, has said that this does not mean that Labour would provide "tonnes of additional funding." One of the pledges is to build a partnership with civil society, however there is a lack of detail behind this.

- ▶ **Charities 'must have a seat at the table'**
- ▶ **Rob Preston: Now Keir Starmer must deliver on his civil society partnership pledge**

The executive of ACEVO, Jan Ide, has said;

**"Civil society leaders will not only be vital partners in delivering that change, but also in making sure that the new government meets its commitment to govern in partnership with civil society."**

Charities will have to make sure that the Labour Party deliver their promises and back the Charity sector with funding and tackling any issues which may be encountered. In order to help society, it is important that the sector is being adequately funded and supported by government. The CEO of Bond, Romilly Greenhill, has said:

**"We call on the new Labour government to act urgently on its manifesto commitment to restore the UK's reputation as an ambitious, reliable and equitable development partner."**





# Supporting smaller charities


**At a recent sector event, concerns were raised that funders are reluctant to give to smaller charities as there is a fear that these small charities will close down. It was felt that in order for these smaller charities to survive they have to then rely on short-term funding from a number of different sources, which can often be difficult to obtain. It is argued by some that a new representative body should be created for these smaller charities so that they can obtain the funds they need without complications.**

Gary Beharrell, regional manager of Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales, raised a good point that these smaller charities already have the issue of needing to retain staff and plan for the long-term, and so applying for short-term funding can be 'difficult and time-consuming' as they may not have the relevant staff and resources to do so.

Chloe Knott, manager of the UK Veterans Hearing Foundation has said that;

**"We rely on a wide range of grant-giving trusts and the government just doesn't sit within that and it should be government that is supporting small charities to try and grow and get better services within the charity sector."**

So, there are calls for the government to provide better support to these smaller charities.

 **Funders 'afraid' of supporting smaller charities, says charity leader.**





# Captain Tom Foundation: two disqualified from being Trustees

**The Charity Commission has disqualified Hannah Ingram-Moore and her husband from being Trustees. The inquiry into the Captain Tom Foundation which began in 2022 is still ongoing following concerns over governance and controls in place at the Charity.**

Hannah Ingram-Moore, who is the daughter of Captain Tom, has been banned for 10 years, whilst her husband Colin Ingram-Moore has been disqualified for eight years.

When certain tests are met, Section 181A of the Charities Act 2011 gives the Commission powers to disqualify individuals from serving as trustees or holding senior management positions.

The CEO of the Charity Commission, David Holdsworth has said that;

**“As a fair, independent and evidence-led regulator we only disqualify someone from serving as a trustee or a senior manager in a charity when the evidence gathered means it is proportionate and lawful to do so. The evidence in this investigation meant that the level of misconduct and/or mismanagement was serious enough to warrant this action.”**

There has been no challenge from the family, although they do disagree with the decision made by The Commission. The Commission has said that no further information can be disclosed but the level of misconduct was enough to warrant this decision.

▶ **Captain Tom Moore’s daughter and her husband disqualified from being trustees.**

▶ **Charity Commission confirms it has disqualified two individuals in The Captain Tom Foundation inquiry**



# MHA Trustee Hub

The MHA Trustee Hub has gone through a revamp lately. It has been updated to make it easier for all to use. The hub contains a wealth of free information from practical tips and guides to pro-forma policies and checklists. We will also be looking to add further support documents and videos on a regular basis so that Trustees will be able to gain more valuable support on the Hub.

Link to the Trustee Hub can be found [here](#).





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