



# Charitable Trusts West Midlands

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### Regional News

#### Birmingham Law Centre faces closure

Leader of Birmingham city council, Sir Albert Bore unveiled the 2013/14 budget, showing brutal savings will have to be made, including 1,000 redundancies.

Childrens homes will be closed to save £1.3 million, free school travel will be cut by £1 million, street cleaning slashed by £500,000 and early years support services will lose £1.3 million. The under-performing children, young people and families department is set to suffer a £24 million budget cut – with the city hoping that schools, health and justice agencies might pick up some of the services or share costs in future.

Read More <http://www.birminghampost.net/news/politics-news/2013/02/07/birmingham-city-council-budget-reveals-host-of-cuts-65233-32767105/#ixzz2MHjtThS0>

### National News

#### Family Foundation Giving Trends Report now out

Family foundation giving reflects overall trend for endowed trusts that 6% giving has risen during 2010/11. Report can be downloaded [www.cgap.org.uk](http://www.cgap.org.uk)

#### Latest analysis of UK Poverty Trends

Joseph Rowntree Foundation has just published the annual Monitoring Poverty and Social Exclusion Report, written by the New Policy Institute. The report examines the impacts of the current Government's policies on poverty and exclusion, and examines who will be affected by welfare reform and what the impacts of this will be. Download from [www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk)

### CTWM latest News

*Inspiring Impact Workshop Consultation: 11th March 2013 2pm - 4pm-* James Magowan. Find out more about the development of a good practice framework for measuring impact by charitable trusts and feed in your experience as a grant giver. email: [info@ctwm.net](mailto:info@ctwm.net)

*ABM and Talk - 12th March 2013 @ HPLC from 5.30pm.* Caroline Hutton, Director of Martineau Gardens - guest speaker. <http://www.ctwm.net/>

#### Links:

*Charity Commission officially opens the application process for the registration of Charitable Incorporated Organisations.* Extensive guidance and for more information please go to: [http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Start\\_up\\_a\\_charity/Do\\_I\\_need\\_to\\_register/CIOs/default.aspx](http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Start_up_a_charity/Do_I_need_to_register/CIOs/default.aspx)

*Charity Commission 15- point checklist for trustees* checklist to be suitable for all charities to use when looking at what they do and how they do it. The 15 main questions will not all be relevant to every charity - it will depend on your charity's size and how it operates. The checklist reflects a good practice approach your charity should use when regularly reviewing the way it operates, and this approach becomes especially important in a changing or uncertain economic climate. [http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About\\_us/About\\_the\\_Commission/ccnews29check.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About_us/About_the_Commission/ccnews29check.aspx)

### About Charitable Trusts West Midlands

Established in 1975 it is the leading membership association for trusts and foundations in the West Midlands. With 50 members ranging from large national trusts that give grants in the region to local grant givers and individuals. Charitable Trusts West Midlands is an unincorporated not for profit organisation. It provides charitable trust funders with an opportunity to share and learn from each others experience of grant giving and develop good practice in grant making; explore matters of common concern, and forge productive relationships that contribute to the wider benefits and overall sustainability of the region's voluntary and community sector.

The organisation also aims to provide a route for charitable trust funders to be able to engage formally with private and public funders and their networks to increase opportunities for co-ordination and collaboration to better meet the needs of the diverse communities in the region.