More ‘million pound donors’ but fall in total value of ‘million pound donations’

The latest edition of the Coutts Million Pound Donor Report, which is researched and written by the Kent Centre for Philanthropy, was published in December 2012. The two key findings - that the number of these biggest donors has increased to the largest number yet recorded, but the combined value of their donations has fallen - may seem contradictory. But the identification of 232 gifts worth £1m or more indicates that efforts to promote philanthropy are bearing fruit, yet people’s capacity (or perceived capacity) to give has not yet returned to pre-recession levels. The full report contains case studies of those giving and receiving at this level, as well as facts and figures on what kind of donor gives how much to what causes.

All five editions of the report are freely available online.

If you would like a hard copy of the 2012 report, please email the author Beth Breeze on b.breeze@kent.ac.uk

New faces at the Kent Centre for Philanthropy

We are delighted to welcome three additions to the Centre: a new researcher on the staff team, an honorary fellow and a new research associate.

Dr Eddy Hogg (pictured) joined the Centre as a researcher in March 2013. Having recently completed his PhD at Northumbria University on the topic of volunteering by older adults, he will be working on a range of projects including a study of philanthropy and volunteering over the life course.

Liz Lipscomb has been contributing to Centre projects since summer 2012 and has now been appointed as an honorary fellow. Liz has written a wide range of research reports on charitable giving in the UK and across the world, and now runs her own independent research consultancy. She has taken over from Beth as lead researcher on the 2013 Coutts Million Pound Donor Report.
and is involved in a number of other Centre projects.

Caroline Walsh joins us as a research associate with extensive experience in a wide range of volunteering activity. She set up an NGO promoting marine conservation activities for disabled and non-disabled divers and has undertaken research into volunteering in tourism, with a particular focus on under-represented groups especially those with a physical disability.

**Kent wins contract to evaluate £35m Heritage Lottery Fund programme**

We are delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has appointed us to undertake a five-year evaluation of their major new grant-making programme, Catalyst: Endowment. This programme offers £35 million of matched funding to c.30 heritage organisations across the UK to help them attract additional private donations to build endowments that can be invested to provide sustainable funding in the long term.

Our work on this project began with a vibrant and successful workshop for grantees in February (pictured), at which philanthropy expert Theresa Lloyd shared her extensive knowledge of working with major donors in the arts, cultural and heritage sectors.

**Free registration for forthcoming philanthropy conferences**

Members of our Centre who have been involved in the national Centre for Giving and Philanthropy (CGAP) will be presenting work at a major CGAP conference being held in central London on the 9th and 10th May 2013. The title of this event is: ‘Keeping philanthropy's promises - today's austerity, tomorrow's riches?’ Further information, including the provisional programme and the opportunity to register for a place, is available here

Beth Breeze will be speaking at a conference on ‘Generosity and Well-Being’ at the University of Warwick from the 9th-11th April 2013. Beth’s paper is on ‘Doing good or having fun? Exploring claims about enjoyment as a driver of philanthropic behaviour’. A small number of free places are still available, for further information please see here

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