Thank you for your ongoing interest in the work of the Centre on Philanthropy at the University of Kent.

**More Million Pound Donors but fall in total value of their donations**
This week we launched the 2012 edition of the annual 'Million Pound Donor Report', which is researched and written here in the Centre on Philanthropy at the University of Kent, and kindly sponsored by Coutts bank.

This annual report, which is now in its fifth year of publication, tracks the size, scale and recipients of donations worth £1m or more from individuals, trusts and corporations in the UK and is illustrated with a number of case studies of donors and recipients, who discuss their experience.

[Click here to view the 2012 Million Pound Donor report](#)

And you can freely download the full 2012 report, as well as the previous 4 reports, [here](#):

To request a hard copy of the 2012 report, please email Dr Beth Breeze at [b.breeze@kent.ac.uk](mailto:b.breeze@kent.ac.uk), including your postal address.

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**New research on UK Giving Circles**

We are pleased to announce a new research project to better understand the operations and impact of giving circles in the UK. This study is being conducted in partnership with Professor Angela Eikenberry, an American academic who is an expert on giving collaboratives and networks,

This study will explore how prevalent giving circles are in the UK, how they operate, who participates and why. We will also make a comparison between the UK and the US, with the hope of extending this work to other countries in the future.

If you have any experience of giving circles - either as a member, supporting a giving circle or simply know of one in your area, then we would love to hear from you!

Please get in touch via [b.breeze@kent.ac.uk](mailto:b.breeze@kent.ac.uk)

**New professional development course on 'Fundraising and Philanthropy'**

We are proud to announce the launch of a new open community course, which will provide an up-to-date overview of
current academic knowledge about philanthropy and fundraising practice, plus the chance to gain the Institute of Fundraising’s Introductory Certificate in Fundraising.

Lectures and seminars, delivered by academic staff, practitioners and a philanthropist, will explore historical and contemporary issues relating to philanthropy and fundraising, the various theories and ideologies regarding the existence of philanthropic behaviours and the role of government and policy-makers in shaping the legal, fiscal and cultural context for philanthropy and fundraising.

The course will take place on the university's Canterbury campus from 1-3pm every Tuesdays from 15th January 2013 – 1st April 2013.

For those interested in pursuing a full Masters degree at a later date, this course will be worth 20 credits towards that qualification.

The course fee is £550, and some bursaries are available for those interested in studying for the full Masters degree in Civil Society, NGO and Non-Profit Studies. Students will receive a student card and a Kent email account for the duration of the course.

To book onto the course, please click here

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