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	<p>Should you collaborate? <i>Checklist to help you decide whether to embark on collaborative working covers key issues. (6 pages)</i></p>	<p>www.ncvo-vl.org.uk/collaborativeworking</p>
	<p>The Step-by-step guide to successful partnership working <i>As it says! Plenty of worksheets and questions. (40+pages)</i></p>	<p>www.raise-networks.org.uk</p>
	<p>Getting started on collaboration – a toolkit <i>Covers what you give/get from process and common ground & differences. (15 pages)</i></p>	<p>www.bassac.org.uk/system/files/dms/documents/8/Getting started on collaboration a toolkit.doc Charity Doctor LLP JH Consulting, 2007</p>
	<p>A strategy for change (resource kit 1) <i>Although focus is on Supporting People it covers the starting points (8 pages)</i></p>	<p>www.hact.org.uk Series of 6</p>
	<p>Large/small partnerships (resource kit 2) <i>What kind of partnership do you want. (8 pages)</i></p>	<p>www.hact.org.uk</p>
	<p>Consortia (resource kit 3) <i>Looks at pros and cons for smaller providers of being involved in Consortia. (6 pages)</i></p>	<p>www.hact.org.uk</p>
	<p>The Prince's Trust Making Partnerships work <i>A practical guide to building & maintaining effective partnerships. Success factors and barriers, page 28. (entire doc is 60+pages)</i></p>	<p>http://www.bassac.org.uk/node/238/</p>
	<p>Checklists from Charity Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Due Diligence</i> - <i>Collaborative working and mergers resources</i> - <i>Collaborative working</i> 	<p>www.charitycommission.gov.uk in your pack together with CC</p>

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<p>Working in Partnership: A Sourcebook <i>Designed so you can dip in and out easily. Covers all stages. (40+ pages)</i></p>	<p>www.biglotteryfund.org.uk New Opportunities Fund</p>
<p>From policy to practice <i>extract pages 21-25 consortium delivery (entire doc is 40+pages)</i></p>	<p>www.ncvo-vol.org.uk</p>
<p>Working in a consortium: A Guide for third sector organisations involved in public service delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is it right for you? P6-9 - The legislative framework p12/13 - Developing a consortium agreement - Models for working as a consortium p22-27 - Acting as a lead contractor, contractor or consortium member p28/29 	<p>www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/107235/consortium%20guide%20final.pdf Office of the Third Sector December 2008</p> <p>Sections on all stages</p>
<p>LEGAL all advise specialist</p>	<p>legal advice</p>
<p>Before signing the dotted line – Working with others section 3 (4 Pages)</p>	<p>http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/Sustainable_Funding/Publications/Procurement_Guide.pdf NCVO – sustainable funding project</p>
<p>Legal Issues (resource kit 6) <i>Info on the most common structures for collaborative working and issues to take into account when developing legal agreements. (8 pages)</i></p>	<p>www.hact.org.uk</p>
<p>Joint working agreements <i>Aims to guide organisations developing their own agreements with partners in the vcs. (8 pages)</i></p>	<p>http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/index.asp?id=3005&terms=collaborative%20working%20unit</p>
<p>Collaborative working & mergers CC34 <i>Section B (13 pages)</i></p>	<p>www.charitycommission.gov.uk</p>
<p>Working in a consortium: A Guide for third sector organisations involved in public service delivery <i>Developing a consortium agreement - (Appendix C)</i></p>	<p>Office of the Third Sector Dec 2008 www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/107235/consortium%20guide%20final.pdf</p>

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Partnership agreement guidelines / template and guiding principles (7 pages)	www.bassac.org.uk/system/files/dms/documents/8/Getting started on collaboration a toolkit.doc Charity Doctor LLP JH consulting
Example: Suffolk learning consortium Terms of Reference	http://www.suffolklearningconsortium.org/links.htm July 2008
The Prince's Trust Making Partnerships work Agreements – page 45 & Appendix A p53-56	http://www.bassac.org.uk/node/238/
The Complete Guide to Surviving Contracts <i>Structures p92-96</i>	Directory of Social Change ISBN978 1 903991 94 7 http://www.dsc.org.uk/Home

Developing positive relationships (resource kit 4) <i>Focuses on the issues raised in the process of building a consortia. Also relevant to organisations considering sub contracting relationships. (8 pages)</i>	www.hact.org.uk
Working in Partnership Sourcebook Self evaluation checklists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - choosing to work in partnership - setting up – early stages - planning & delivery - evaluating progress 	www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

National organisations:

- NCVO National Council for Voluntary Organisations
Gives voice and support to civil society. Believes passionately in the vcs.
- NAVCA National Association for Voluntary and Community Action
National voice of local third sector infrastructure.
- BASSAC British Association of Settlements & Social Action Centres
Our mission is to harness the power of working collectively. Through forming and leading partnerships.
- CC Charity Commission
The Charity Commission is the independent regulator for charitable activity
- ACEVO Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations.
We connect, develop and represent the third sector's leaders.
- DSC Directory of Social Change
A leading source of information and training to voluntary and community sectors worldwide.
- OTS Office of the Third Sector
Part of the Cabinet Office, the Office of the Third Sector (OTS) leads work across government to support the environment for a thriving third sector.
- HACT The Housing Associations' Charitable Trust
Pioneers housing solutions for people on the margins.

Regional organisations:

- VONNE Voluntary Organisation Network North East
the regional infrastructure body for the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in the North East of England.
<http://www.vonne.org.uk/policy/sectorissues/commissioning&procurement/index.php?fblink=399>
- NESEP North East Social Enterprise partnership
Regional Partnership of Social Enterprises in the North East.
<http://www.nesep.co.uk/index.php?id=74&sub=68&type=2>
- FINE Funding Information North East
Providing funding information services on behalf of CVSs and RCCs to support the voluntary sector in the North East of England.
<http://www.fine.org.uk/home.htm>
- PNE Project North East Group
Offer a range of services from business support to training
<http://www.pne.org/>
- Business Link *Provides business advice. Services are available to the Third Sector.*
<http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?topicId=5000501575&site=101>

Local organisations:

- CAN Community Action Northumberland
a voluntary sector intermediary body to support and develop community groups, charities and voluntary bodies throughout the County of Northumberland.
<http://www.ca-north.org.uk/> Tel: 01670 517178 / info@ca-north.org.uk
- CVABV Community and Voluntary Action Blyth Valley
provides independent specialist support and information for the continued development for voluntary and community organisations in Blyth, Cramlington and Seaton Valley. Tel: 01670 353623 / info@cvabv.org.uk
<http://www.cvabv.org.uk/default.asp>
- NCDN Northumberland Community Development Network
supporting people who support communities Tel: 01670 517176 / info@ncdn.org
<http://www.ncdn.org/pages/about-us.php>
- WCVS Wansbeck Centre for Voluntary Services
provides information, support and advice to voluntary and community groups
<http://www.wansbeckcvs.org.uk/home.html> Tel: 01670 858 688
enquire@wansbeckcvs.org.uk

Northumberland VCS Consortium

provide a voice for the sector to secure a better deal for the huge variety of groups and organisations in the county.
<http://www.northumberlandvcs.org.uk/> Tel: 01670 500817
georgecourtice@ca-north.org.uk

FUNDING AND FREE RESOURCES

North East England Investment Centre managed by Business & Enterprise North East Limited. Access to funding would be via Business Link. Covers such things as consultancy, marketing, strategic planning. enquiries@businesslinknortheast.co.uk
Tel: 0845 600 9 006

<http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/layer?topicId=5000501575&site=101>

Newcastle University Business Voucher Scheme

Provides a voucher worth up to £5,000 to small/medium organisations which can be redeemed against a wide range of University provided activities and services.

Covers such things as consultancy, training, management and business services
business@ncl.ac.uk 0191 222 3461

<http://www.ncl.ac.uk/nubs/about/events/item/accessing-the-university-s-business-voucher-scheme>

Futurebuilders Cashflow Fund

Short term loans (up to 2 years) to cover cashflow needs required to bid for, win & delivery public service contracts. Tel: 9191 2615200 info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/what-we-offer/products/cashflow-fund/>

Futurebuilders Small Organisation Tender Fund

Grants to small third sector organisations. Small sums of money to help the tender successfully for specific public sector contracts. 10% contract value. Max £15k. (tel & email as above)

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/what-we-offer/small-organisation-tender-fund/small-organisation-tender-fund/>

Futurebuilders Consortia Fund

Loan & professional support specifically for consortia groups aiming to work together to win public sector contracts. No upper limit. Minimum of £50k.
(tel & email as above)

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/what-we-offer/consortia-fund/consortia--fund/>

Modernisation Fund

Grants will pay for professional support to help you explore how you can increase your impact and become more resilient, including through working more closely with others. There will be two phases of funding, bursaries of £1,000 followed by grants of £10,000.

<http://www.modernisationfund.org.uk/grants/index.html>

Bassac

Are aiming to support up to 60 clusters over a 3 year programme by offering free facilitation. It's for organisations who are either starting out on a collaborative venture or those needing help from an independent facilitator to move forward. Keith Kibirango, keith@bassac.org.uk

Business Link

Currently have a 'Built to Achieve' programme of free training in a variety of business skills tel 0191 2815777 leanne@btob.co.uk

Improving Support Magazine - www.improvingsupport.org.uk

For further information/advice contact: Lynda Watson, Compact & Contracts Officer
lyndawatson@ca-north.org.uk Tel: 01670 500815

