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What place for Mergers between Charities?

What place for mergers between charities? looks at whether mergers can contribute to a more effective charity sector in the UK. It argues that by bringing together organisations with similar missions, mergers can improve existing services, create new benefits and save money. But they are also risky—if not done well they can destroy value.

Available from [New Philanthropy Capital](#)



Impact Evaluation & Development

NONIE will focus on sharing of methods and learning-by-doing to promote the practice of impact evaluation. The current Guidance document was developed for supporting those purposes.

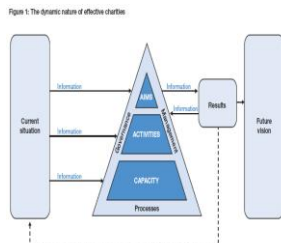
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'Prove And Improve' Toolkits

Toolkits for Measuring and Demonstrating Impact for Non-Profit Organisations.

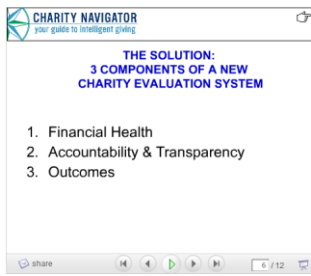
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Charity Analysis Methodology

New Philanthropy Capital (NPC) is an organisation aiming to make effectiveness central to how charities work and how funders give. A core part of their work is analysing charities and helping them to improve their effectiveness. Their toolkit and methodology are available in this document.

Available from [New Philanthropy Capital](#)



A Conversation About Measuring Impact

A presentation from the 'Valuing Impact' conference.

Available from [Slideshare](#)



Collaboration for Greater Impact

This report predicts a shake up and likely concentration of agencies in the charitable and non-profit sectors which currently employ over 63,000 full and part time workers and contribute more than €2.5 billion to the economy. The report notes that on the financial side savings may be found through efficiencies of scale, such as sharing employees or administrative functions.

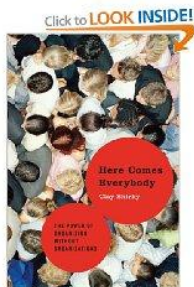
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Successful Partnerships

In relief and development assistance, “partnership” is a term with many meanings and forms—from alliances to contracts to grantor-grantee relationships. The international aid system now recognises and even encourages “partnerships,” but provides little to no real guidance on how to equitably create and function in a partnership. ALPI’s Partnership Assessment and Monitoring Tool (PAT) is designed to help evaluate and improve the quality of both bilateral (between two organisations) and multilateral (among a network of organisations) partnerships.

Available from [InterAction](#)



Here Comes Everybody: The Power of Organising Without Organisations

Blogs, wikis and other Web 2.0 accoutrements are revolutionizing the social order, a development that's cause for more excitement than alarm, argues interactive telecommunications professor Shirky.

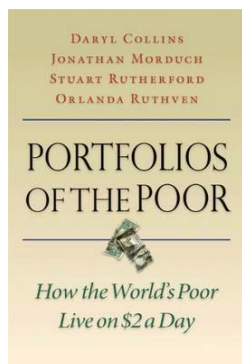
Available from www.herecomeseverybody.org/ .



Keeping a Low Profile: What determines the allocation of aid by NGOs?

This study of NGO work shows that, in stead of providing alternative priorities to donors, NGOs tend to follow donor funding, and cluster together in countries selected on the basis of language or colonial history. NGOs, much like donors, tend to avoid risk and do not work in difficult environments.

Available from [IVF Kiel](#)



Portfolios of the Poor - How the World's Poor Live on \$2 a Day

This book tackles the fundamental question of how the poor make ends meet. Over 250 families in Bangladesh, India, and South Africa participated in this unprecedented study of the financial practices of the world's poor. These households were interviewed every two weeks over the course of a year, reporting on their most minute financial transactions. This book shows that many poor people have surprisingly sophisticated financial lives, saving and borrowing with an eye to the future and creating complex "financial portfolios" of formal and informal tools.

Available from portfoliosofthepoor.com

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