

ARIADNE

Grant Skills Workshop and Networking Dinner

Tuesday, 24th September 2013, 14:00-18:00

Venue: [The Exchange](#), 28 London Bridge Street, Southwark, SE1 9SG

Accountable or Not?

Accountability is one of the thorniest issues that grant-makers and funders face. Is there a need for us to be accountable at all? If so, then to whom should we be accountable and how? What are the particular difficulties for human rights and social change funders?

This half day is designed as a peer-to-peer session. It will provide grant-makers, trustees and donors with an overview from a respected and senior grant-maker, an introduction to a number of different accountability loops or ways in which this can be built into your work and a series of round-table workshops to think through in more detail the approach that most appeals to you.

[Please note, the language of the event is English.]

13:30 - 14:00: Welcome: Coffee and Tea: Please bring any material that you would like to share – if you have digital links please send them to lisa.hashemi@ariadne-network.eu by September 20th.

14:00 - 14:15: Introduction: Welcome from **Jo Andrews, Ariadne Director**, overview of the day and breakdown of sessions.

14:15 - 15:00: Session 1: An Overview of Accountability in Philanthropy: This session will hear from **Debbie Pippard, Head of Programmes at the Barrow Cadbury Trust**, on her thoughts and experience of accountability, why it's important, and how it can help or hinder philanthropists in carrying out their mission. It will be followed by questions and answers.

15:00 - 16:00: Session 2: Different approaches to accountability: This session is a brief introduction to four different forms of accountability.

1. **Transparency:** **GrantCraft** will share with us the first results from their new research and survey into the use and extent of transparency in foundations. **Rosien Herweijer, Director of Grantcraft Europe**, will present the main findings from their new guide which is to be published this autumn.
2. **The view from a family foundation:** **Oak Foundation** was set up 30 years ago and its board includes a number of family members. In 2012, Oak gave away \$150 million in grants. It pursues several portfolios including international human rights, the environment, and issues affecting women. It has asked its grantees to review its activities and performance. **Adrian**

Arena, Director of Oak Foundation's Human Rights Programme will look at what this disclosed and how it altered the Foundation's work.

3. **The view from a local foundation:** **Trust for London's** assets derive from the philanthropy of the people of London over centuries. They come from more than 1,400 bequests and charitable gifts received by the 112 parishes of the City of London. The Foundation gives away around £7 million a year and its mission is to reduce poverty and inequality in London. **Rachael Takens-Milne, Grants Manager of Trust for London**, explains how it seeks to be actively accountable to its grantees and to Londoners.
4. **Shareholder activism and mission-related investment:** **Suzanne Biegel** is a private donor and social impact investor. She is also a Senior Adviser at **Clearly So**, which helps social entrepreneurs raise capital, looks at ways in which grant-makers and donors can act as shareholder activists, using their investments and endowment as a form of leverage to help them be accountable to the communities they serve and the issues they support.

16:00 - 16:30: Tea and cake

16:30 – 17:30: Workshops: Each of the four workshops will be headed by the funders above and will enable small groups to look in detail at the approach, or accountability loop, being proposed and how it can be applied to different contexts. A rapporteur will be appointed for each workshop to gather together the main lessons and difficulties. Choose one of the four!

1730 – 1800: Report back and overall lessons:

18:30 onwards: Drinks and Networking Dinner for all Ariadne members, at [the Rooftop Cafe](#), at **The Exchange, 28 London Bridge St, SE1 9SG**, close to London Bridge Station.
