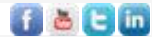




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I would like to end the final newsletter of the year on a seasonal note. The English novelist Charles Dickens once wrote: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.'

In many ways this sums up a year which has known its fair share of hope and despair, from the highs of the Arab Spring to the depths of the worst financial crisis in living memory. 2012 promises more of the same, but I remain optimistic that if foundations can work together we can help navigate a course out of the storm.

In anticipation of the challenging year that lies ahead, I would like to wish you all a peaceful end of 2011 from all of us here at the EFC.

Warm regards,

Gerry Salole
Chief Executive



Join us for Brussels reception!

Join us for an evening reception to mark the adoption (foreseen early January) by the European Commission of the European Foundation Statute.



Calling all Members - Revising the EFC Principles of Good Practice

Over 2012 the EFC will be revising the Principles, and is calling on its members for help. Would you like to serve on the Task Force that will be

considering how to raise the bar?



Call for Proposals: Business study for an online platform for practitioners in international philanthropy

The Global Philanthropy Leadership Initiative (GPLI) seeks submissions

from business studies for an online platform for practitioners in international philanthropy.



Share your experience on investing in women and girls!

The European Foundation Centre and Mama Cash are developing a brand new GrantCraft guide on 'Investing in Women and Girls' and are calling

foundations to share their experiences on related programmes.



2012 EFC Research Forum Stakeholders' Conference – Programme now available!

The programme is now available for the conference in Barcelona, register now and book your

accommodation before 9 January to benefit from special EFC rates.



Call for nominations for the 2012-2013 King Baudouin African Development Prize

The King Baudouin Foundation has announced the launch of the King Baudouin African Development Prize,

and invites submissions for the first edition of the Prize.

Latest from Alliance magazine

Focus on ... Responding to the hopes of the Arab Spring

Events

European Environmental Funders Group Learning Call, 27 January 2012

2012 EFC Research Forum Stakeholders' Conference, 9-10 February

Spotlight On
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