

March Newsletter

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BBC features Pro Bono Economics report on domestic abuse ahead of wider parliamentary campaign

A [new report](#) for Hestia – a charity dedicated to supporting people in times of personal crisis – highlights the human and monetary costs of exposure to domestic abuse and generated substantial media interest following its launch in Parliament on March 5th. It estimates that there are 500,000 children in the UK who are exposed to severe domestic violence, but not supported to overcome the resulting trauma. The price of this oversight ranges between £1,000 and £2,900 per child, with high education and foster/residential costs making up the large part of this. These figures were picked up through various channels, including The BBC (a catalogue of relevant coverage is available [here](#)). Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Justice Edward Argar MP spoke at the report launch, where Pro Bono Economics set out its analysis in detail. With debate on the Government's Draft Domestic Abuse Bill about to kick-off, Hestia is well-placed to argue for a better deal for victims of domestic abuse.



Pro Bono Economics publishes new brochure: "Celebrating 10 Years of Outstanding Work"

Over the last ten years Pro Bono Economics has had the privilege

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...them, a [new section](#) showcasing their collective efforts and achievements is now available. The scene is set with reflections from our co-founders, Andy Haldane, Chief Economist at the Bank of England and Martin Brookes, Founder of Brookes Impact Partnership and further insights from our Chair Lord Gus O'Donnell. These remind us of the original vision for our charity, in the wake of the Global Financial Crisis and look forward to future opportunities. We have also captured views from both the volunteers and charities we work with, highlighting how our work makes a difference to the people they serve.



A one-stop-shop for all things policy at Pro Bono Economics

In support of Pro Bono Economics' expanding policy brief, a [new section](#) of our website has now been launched to bring together all relevant materials in the one place. Here you will find position papers and newsletters covering topics including social impact measurement and volunteering. This also houses our new blog series, including thoughts on how policymakers can and should get to grips with wellbeing and tackle unhappiness and a lack of achievement for so many young people. This is an exciting new area of inquiry for Pro Bono Economics, collaborating with the standard bearer of wellbeing in Britain in What Works Wellbeing.



Coalition for Efficiency offers programme designed to boost understanding of impact management among small charities

"Measuring The Good" aims to address one of the most fundamental problems facing small charities everywhere: a lack of time and space to focus on impact management. It does this by matching organisations with skilled volunteers who coach participants through a step-by-step framework, helping them develop an impact management framework applicable to their organisation and embed a learning culture. This practical approach is designed to consider the day-to-day pressures of running a charity or social enterprise and ideally

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...with each meeting overseen, managed and supported by experts within the Measuring the Good team. The Open Programme fee for small charities is £750. For further enquiries or to apply, please contact the [Coalition for Efficiency](#): measuringthegood@cfefficiency.org.uk.

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Pro Bono Economics Colleagues in the Media

[March 19th 2019](#): Writing for ING Think, Patron Lord Jim O'Neill considers the collapse of economic orthodoxies, such as the Phillips curve, and suggests that advanced economies may need to consider alternative policies to encourage growth.

[March 13th 2019](#): The Digital Competition Expert Panel - established by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in 2018 and composed of experts including Patron Professor Diane Coyle - has launched its final report: "Unlocking Digital Competition". It makes recommendations for changes to the UK's competition framework that are seemingly needed to face the economic challenges posed by digital markets both domestically and globally, as reported on in the [Financial Times](#).

[March 12th 2019](#): Patron Vicky Pryce, writing in City AM, argues that smart speakers represent a better measure of inflation than envelopes.

[March 8th 2019](#): Following on from co-founder Andy Haldane's visit to Hull for the Bank of England's inaugural citizens panel last month, he says "people feel very upbeat about how things are going in the city. I think that is partly because Hull is shouting louder, and partly that we are listening more intently", speaking to Hull Live.

[March 5th 2019](#): Quoting his fellow Patron Gavyn Davies' forecasts on the modest recovery of the Chinese economy, Martin Wolf uses his Financial Times column to explore the potential effects this may have on the Eurozone.



[Clore Social Leadership](#)

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identifies a link between investment in leadership training and improved charity performance. Using data from the then Department for Business, Innovation and Skills' 2016 Small Business Survey, Dr Mark Graham, Toby Kenward and Dan Healy worked to understand the prevalence of leadership and management training in charities compared to other small and medium sized enterprises and establish whether there is a correlation between training and improved performance.

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[WorkingRite](#)

On March 18th Pro Bono Economics published a report for WorkingRite, recommending the charity makes changes including setting minimum mandatory requirements within the data collection system and ensuring follow-up data is collected at set intervals. WorkingRite is an Edinburgh-based employment charity providing work placements to young people with the aim of helping them maintain a job, apprenticeship or purposeful learning in the long-term. The report, compiled by Department for Work and Pensions volunteer Fiona Thom, is a data advisory piece focused on helping WorkingRite collect the right data at the right time to demonstrate sustained outcomes because of the programmes it delivers.

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