

UK Report

IGI 2012 AGM



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Highlights of 2012 – Team Update

- Team update
 - Alan Brunton
 - Andrew Bennett
 - Dave Barbour
- Search for new trustees and volunteers





Andrew Bennett

- Christian from Northern Ireland, active member of Jesmond Parish Church, Newcastle, UK
- Long-term interest in Africa
- Lawyer working for large international practice
- Currently working on government-led financial services regulation investigation
- Keen to develop career in anti-corruption
- Ambition to cycle through Africa!



UK Team

In addition to the UK-based Trustees:

Dave Barbour

Mike Joy Fernando
(and Mel)



Jonathan McAllister



Talking to One Another and the World

- Website revamp
- Does it do what we want it to?
- Facebook
- Limited input to both
- African vs. European attitudes
- Your forum
- Propagating IGI



Corruption in UK and Europe

- Transparency International: UK report 2011, EU 2012
- Background of high-level scandals (BAe, MP expenses, newspaper hacking, Chirac, Berlusconi, etc.)
- Levels of corruption in UK
 - Historically (18th, early 19th Centuries) high
 - Currently: 1.9% of respondents been asked for a bribe in 1 year
 - In construction: 41% offered during career
 - Perceptions Index 2011: 16th
- Observations
 - “Growing threat, inadequate response”



Pockets of Corruption in UK



- Construction sector
- Sport
- Political lobbying and influence – revolving door
- Lack of transparency of funding political parties
- In the face of growing apathy for political process
- Does the CTA concept have something to offer UK?



Danger signals

“On the whole, the UK as a robust national integrity system”, but...



- Complacency and lack of knowledge of corruption
- Budget reductions for enforcement agencies (e.g. SFO)
- Organised crime targeting the Border Agency, social housing
- Organised crime from overseas using UK
- Dismantling oversight structures (e.g. abolition of the Audit Commission, move to voluntary standards)
- Lack of coordination to counter increasingly sophisticated criminal and corruption operations



...moving to Europe

- Huge variation across 25 countries studied: Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Spain with serious deficits of public accountability...and deep-rooted problems of inefficiency, malpractice and corruption...
- WEC business ethics rankings (142 countries): 1 (Denmark) to 125 (Greece)
- Political parties (especially lobbying, funding and parliament), public sector, business and anti-corruption agencies are the main weaknesses
- Public procurement in Italy and Eastern Europe flawed
- Limited provision for whistle-blowers (e.g. EU)





Future Focus

- More members
- Better support to FIT offices and help identifying funding
- Increased technical support to FITs
- Additional volunteers to implement these improvements
- Continue improving communications (web / facebook)
- Should we / can we start real projects in UK?

