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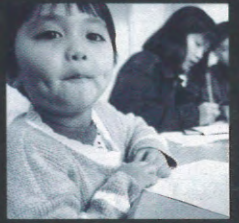


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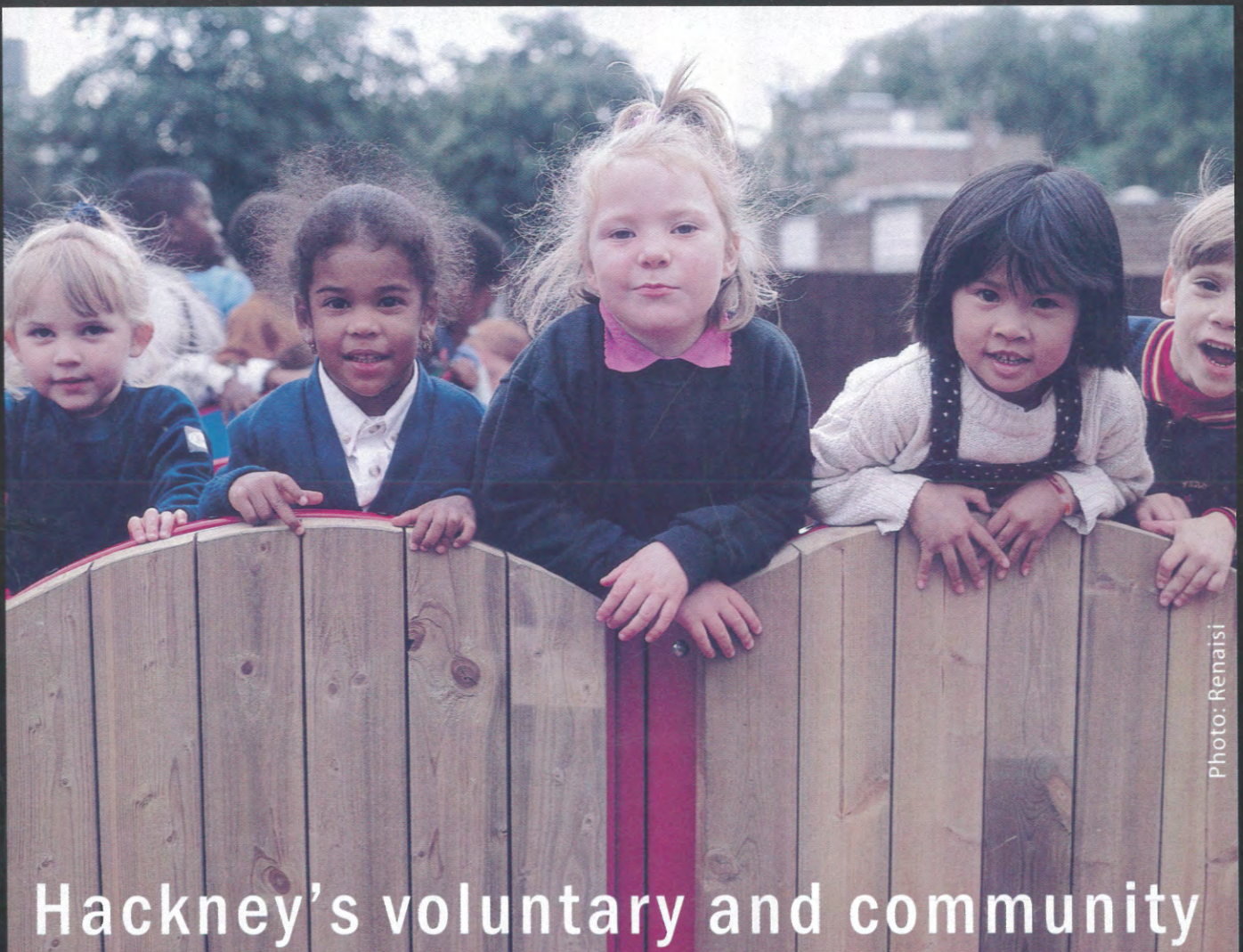


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SPARK is back and once again packed with your news and views as well lots of useful stuff about funding and grant making trusts.

Everyone no doubt knows about the cuts and is trying to reel against them. SPARK wishes to thank everyone who showed their support for opposing the cuts at the town hall protest on the 13th September. The amount of money spent on security could probably have gone a long way to helping fund local groups but there is a 'war' going on and we are in Hackney - I forget!!

As always, HCVS is continually doing what it can to fight these cuts and is mobilising support. Keep up the struggle and don't lose hope.

Future developments in relation to a local voluntary sector compact and Local Strategic Partnerships & Community Empowerment Fund should bring much deserved strength to the sector.

Peace, success and happiness.

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Hackney's voluntary and community sector will be decimated by council cuts

London Borough of Hackney have announced cuts of £727,000 to its Community & Learning budget affecting the future of 100 local voluntary and community groups in the borough. 50% have had all their core funding completely cut and the rest will each receive a minimum cut of 38% which is tantamount to closure for many of them.

Notably, it is the black and ethnic minority community who face the brunt of these cuts. 65% of the groups who have had their funding completely removed are from the black and ethnic minority communities. Given that nearly half of the borough is made up of ethnic minority groups, it appears the financial mismanagement resulting in these cuts will disproportionately affect those most in need. The African, Chinese, Turkish, and Jewish and Muslim communities have all had vital services cut. Hackney also looks set to lose two of its long standing public services,

the Hackney Law Centre and Dalston Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Director of HCVS, Adiaha Antigha says, "Not only are people losing key community services for their communities, people won't even be able to get access to information about their basic rights as citizens. For many communities these services are their only lifeline in a borough that is barely fulfilling its statutory responsibilities. This is the worst thing that has happened in Hackney for as long as I can remember."

A spokesperson from the council, in NewStart magazine (7 September 2001) says that the cuts were an 'unfortunate' but essential part of the council's strategy to deal with its enormous deficit, adding: 'We are not the only



funding organisation voluntary groups have access to."

The process itself which led to the cuts being made was steeped in confusion, with the council at one point utilising external assessors to ensure a 'fair' decision, then deciding this was too expensive an approach. As time ran out, the resulting process left community groups less than 3 weeks to fill out applications forms for grants from the council's Community & Learning Directorate. All of this has happened without any strategy or local Compact for the voluntary sector being in place in Hackney.

Voluntary groups take to town hall steps to fight cuts

Hundreds of people gathered on the steps of the Town Hall at 6pm on 13th September to protest at the proposed cuts imposed on the voluntary and community sector. Hackney Town Hall was heavily guarded by private security guards and local police, at no doubt substantial cost to local people. The Regeneration Committee, who had proposed the cuts, moved its meeting into the main council chambers but only 30 people of the crowd of hundreds were allowed to attend this public meeting amidst exaggerated fears of violence. Those that did get in were only allowed into the gallery and were told that they couldn't speak.

Three deputations from HCVS, Hoxton Hall and the Law Centre, respectively, were submitted to the Regeneration Committee prior to this protest. All three deputations were rejected on the grounds that they might jeopardize the appeals process currently underway for groups who want to contest the cuts they were to receive. The appropriateness of the process that



has led to these cuts has been questioned by the different political parties given that they were imposed by Chair's Action (SO40) during the summer recess and thus made without any discussion or endorsement by other council members.

Declarations of interest by councillors at the Regeneration Committee meeting were requested and when announced ended in the meeting being declared 'iniquorate' - a term given to the fact that councillors present were directly involved with organisations



affected by the cuts. There was also some discussion about the legality of the cuts because there would be insufficient funds in the remaining Community & Learning budget to pay organisations if they won their appeals which, inevitably, would increase the level of cuts to those groups already facing a 38% drop in funding. Legal services agreed to look into this further. A Special Meeting of the Full Council had already been requested for the 25th September at 10pm therefore the meeting was adjourned until then.

Government is saying the complete opposite

discussion and a suitable organisation or consortium must take the lead.

Despite the government's announcement to consider intervening in the financial affairs of the council, it is making welcome commitments nationally to renewing deprived neighbourhoods and helping disadvantaged communities in its Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. Hackney being one of the areas eligible for the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) will receive £26 million over three years in Hackney. Hackney 2020 being the self-made Local Strategic Partnership for Hackney has allocated the majority of the NRF money for 2001/2 and is beginning to consider how the £8million for the following year 2002/3 will be spent. Equally the £582,000 Community Empowerment Fund is available to local community and voluntary groups to participate in the NRF agenda is also up for

The irony of the whole situation is that local groups have been decimated by the cuts yet are now being asked to engage in the NRF agenda and effectively compete for a pot of money that far outweighs the annual budget available for community groups. Natural laws of the jungle suggest only the 'fittest' will survive and reap the resulting benefits. The imminent intervention by Stephen Byers at the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions will put more pressure on the council in the following years to make further cuts the voluntary and community sector therefore leaving it less and less able to actively participate in the NRF agenda.

Local groups will have the chance to respond to this situation in February 2002 when the Government Office for London must accredit LSPs in London to see if they have been properly implemented, have satisfactorily achieved the PSA Floor Targets



and the principles of the NRF agenda, and have sufficiently involved the community in discussion about how the money should be spent.

Stephen Byers announces tough directions to bring improvements to Hackney Council

Stephen Byers, Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions announced on 18th September that the Government is taking action to safeguard frontline services, such as education and social services, for the people of Hackney and to ensure the council tackles a legacy of financial mismanagement.



"Hackney Council cannot be allowed to fail its people again." (Stephen Byers)

The five Directions would require the council to:

- produce a strategy for bringing their budget into balance and an action plan for establishing a new system of financial management within the authority;

- recruit key staff and address any lack of skill in procurement and contract management in certain specified areas;

- produce proposals for a review of property and accommodation management;

- implement plans to establish a new body to deliver the education service in the Borough;
- submit proposals for carrying out best value reviews of services for older people and mental health services in co-operation with the NHS;

- clear the large backlog of outstanding Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit work by 31 December; and

- submit a plan for improving waste management services and recycling, agree this with the Secretary of State and then implement it.

In announcing the measures Stephen Byers Secretary of State for Local Government said, "The

Government is simply not prepared to let the present situation continue. It is unacceptable that people who live, or work in Hackney should have to suffer poor services because of the council's corporate failure. The package of measures the Government is announcing today is designed to protect and improve the key services and ensure the council tackles its budget deficit."

"I have directed Hackney to produce a budget strategy to start the process of getting them back into balance. My Department will be writing separately to the council about how they can continue to work to return to financial stability, without the help of Government resources, at the earliest possible time. To assist, the council's leadership has agreed to appoint an independent person to monitor financial progress.

"It is now for Hackney's elected members and senior staff to ensure that people in Hackney see very big changes. It will involve tough decisions to tackle the years of failure and it will be painful but the Government is clear it must happen. Hackney Council cannot be allowed to fail its people again."

LSP and Community Empowerment Fund event: 1st November

Community Participation in Local Strategies Voluntary and Community Sector meeting

1st November 2001
Queensbridge Centre
10am - 4pm

Draft Agenda

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| <p>1 Welcome and introductions</p> <p>2 What is a Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)? - presentation from GOL
What are the proposals for Hackney's LSP? - presentation from Hackney 2020
Background and the Future, including presentation on proposals for a Community Forum in Hackney
Questions and answers</p> <p>3 What is the Community Empowerment Fund? - presentation from Christine Holloway, GOL
Questions and answers
What is the Community Empowerment Network? How does this network relate to a possible Community Forum?</p> <p>4 Workshops - sector, language, community of specific interest - to answer the following:</p> | <p>a) Do we participate in the LSP? If so, how? If not, then what?</p> <p>b) How does the Community Empowerment Network relate to a possible Community Forum?</p> <p>c) Suggestions as to who should be on the Community Empowerment Network (organisations, reps etc?) and who should manage the Community Empowerment Fund</p> <p>d) Suggestions for the development of a structure for the future</p> <p>5 Feedback from workshops leading to decisions about:
a) Community Empowerment Network and Community Forum
b) Accountable body to manage the Community Empowerment Fund</p> <p>6 What are next steps?</p> <p>Submissions will be accepted by post by 14th November 2001 for anyone unable to attend.
Anyone with transport, signing, and language difficulties should contact organisers for assistance.</p> <p>This meeting has been organised by a planning team made up of representatives from Age Concern, Hackney Agency for Volunteering (HAVE), Hackney Action for Racial Equality (HARE), Hackney Council for Voluntary Services (HCVS), Hackney Training & Enterprise Network (HTEN), London Voluntary Sector Training Consortium (LVSTC), Interlink and the North London Muslim Community Centre.</p> |
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What is the Community Empowerment Fund?

The Community Empowerment Fund (CEF) is part of the national government's strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal. It aims to support local residents, community and voluntary organisations to be involved in the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) as equal partners. The CEF should be used specifically to support and enhance the following processes for involvement:

- Outreach, especially to excluded communities, to make them aware that they have a chance to express their views and directly influence service providers.
- Help pull together the views of the community and voluntary sectors, and those of community members and residents.
- Support for identifying key issues and developing solutions (for instance, paying for surveys, meetings, consultancy advice)
- Procedures for choosing community and voluntary sector members of the LSP, especially from deprived neighbourhoods and excluded communities
- Participation of community and voluntary sector members in sufficient numbers on LSP, for which they might need training and other forms of support.

The fund is not a replacement or subsidy for

existing support for the community and voluntary sectors. The fund is also not aimed at funding community activities more generally.

How much is the fund worth?

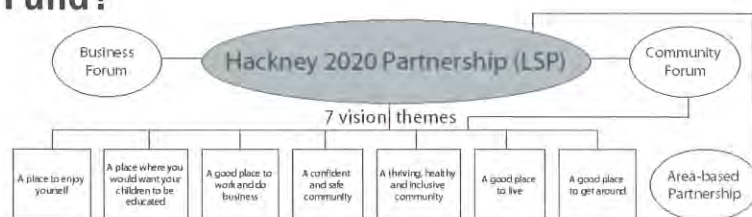
The CEF provides £36 million over 3 years (2001/2, 2002/3 and 2003/4) to the 88 areas eligible for Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF). In Hackney, this equates to £194,312 for each of these years. 50% of the year one allocation must be spent by March 2002.

Who administers the Fund?

The fund is not administered by local authorities. Instead Government Offices (in our case GOL) channel it directly to voluntary and community sector organisations. Each NRF area has to set up a Community Empowerment Network to administer the fund and identify a local voluntary or community sector organisation to act as the accountable body. You will be asked to say who should administer the fund.

What is happening in Hackney?

Hackney 2020 have proposed to set up a



Community Forum as a subgroup of the LSP to look at community involvement in neighbourhood renewal. This could be the Community Empowerment Network or it could be something separate.

During August HAVE and HTEN held a meeting at which Christine Holloway (GOL) explained what the CEF is. It was agreed that HTEN would convene a meeting of all umbrella groups to try and arrange an open forum meeting where the Community Empowerment Network could be elected and a decision made as to which organisation would act as the accountable body for the CEF.

The first meeting took place on 6th September and agreed that the open forum meeting would take place 1st November [see details above] and that we would request £5,000 from the NRF to make this happen. The next planning meeting will take place on 9th October. Anyone wishing to contribute to this process can contact any of the organisations on the list above for more details.

Relaunch of Environmental Action Fund

Michael Meacher has relaunched the £4.2 million Environmental Action Fund, which will focus on enhancing biodiversity, raising environmental awareness and promoting innovative solutions to sustainable development challenges. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is inviting applications from voluntary groups throughout England for grant from the Fund to support core work for up to three years from 2002-03. Application forms and guidance notes are available from Rosemary Thurbon, Zone 6/G9, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE. Telephone 020 7944 6553, fax 020 7944 6559, e-mail rosemary.thurbon@defra.gsi.gov.uk, and on the Internet at <http://www.defra.gov.uk>.

Outside help available for Community Empowerment Fund

Government Office for London will be allowed to use money from the community empowerment fund to contract external agencies where local groups cannot agree who should take the lead. The new guidance about the fund is available from <http://www.neighbourhood.dtlr.gov.uk/guidance/index.htm>

GLA could take control of regeneration

The Greater London Authority looks set to try to wrest control of hundreds of millions of pounds of regeneration funds from civil servants, in the light of increasing evidence of poor co-ordination and underspends under the current system. Members of the London Assembly who are investigating regeneration funding told New Start there was cross-party agreement that the Government Office for London (GOL), which controls the capital's regeneration funds, was not 'democratically accountable'. They showed their frustration as their regeneration investigative committee heard

development agency, local authority and skills council representatives describe a confusing situation where community projects are stumped to know exactly where they should apply for funds. Conservative committee chair Eric Ollerenshaw said more regional co-ordination 'would help ensure money was distributed more effectively across London'.

A community of communities

ActivityForum is a web-based service that helps clubs, societies and social groups to manage their membership and events. You can keep an accurate register of your members, manage your membership subscriptions and renewals, organise and publicise your events and activities - and much more. The system is secure and easy to use, and allows members to keep in touch with each other, as well as the group's activities. For more information visit their website at www.activityforum.co.uk.

London Regional Office of Community Fund makes awards

The London Regional Office of the Community Fund has just awarded the first round of grants in its medium-size grants programme, for projects costing up to £60,000. This new programme was launched on 9 April 2001 to coincide with the change of name from NLCB. For Community Fund application forms pop into HCVS or contact the Community Fund on 0845 791 9191 or visit www.community-fund.org.uk/grants.

Research suggests community development workers key to funding

Research by Social Regeneration Consultants into 17 different funds for communities, worth a total of £369m a year, found that a new breed of community development worker with funding expertise and the authority to hand out small grants could help satisfy demands for improved access to public money. The report also says that some

communities who are not confined to a specific geographical area still miss out on a range of opportunities. It concludes that the culture is still that grant programmes are conceived and managed separately by individual departments, with the imperative of doing something new and doing it quickly. Research on allocation of funding for communities, Research Brief 279, is available at <http://www.dfee.gov.uk/research/>

New NHS Asian Tobacco Helpline

A specialist Asian language helpline has been launched by the NHS. It will provide a dedicated, confidential and free advice service on smoking and paan chewing. The phone numbers are 0800 169 0 881 (Urdu), 0800 169 0 882 (Punjabi), 0800 169 0883 (Hindi), 0800 169 0 884 (Gujerati), 0800 169 0 885 (Bengali). For more info contact Adam Butcher on 020 7655 6703.

New childcare opportunities

The building neighbourhood nurseries programme is one of the New Opportunities Fund's childcare programmes in England. It aims to support the construction and renovation of nurseries in deprived areas, helping address the lack of good daycare provision for children in these areas. These new neighbourhood nurseries will all offer full daycare for children from birth to school age and will often be integrated with nursery education and support for families. The £85 million programme will play a crucial role helping meet the childcare needs of working families, particularly lone parents. The programme is intended to complement revenue funding from the Department for Education and Skills as part of its Neighbourhood Nursery Initiative (NNI). Only nurseries that have been allocated NNI revenue funding are eligible to apply for building neighbourhood nurseries grants. Printed copies of the booklet are available from the Fund's enquiries line on 0845 0000 121.

A critical role for the community and residents in Local Strategic Partnerships

Joe Montgomery delivered a rousing and at times very personal lecture about the link between local people and regeneration programmes for Renaisi's 3rd Anniversary Lecture held on Monday 23rd July at the Institute Directors in London. He shared the lecture with Eleanor Stephenson, Chair of the New Finsbury New Deal for Communities and Willie Docherty, Chief Executive Action Acton. Using the story of Dora Boatemah a community leader from the Angel Town Estate (Lambeth), who took on the local regeneration agenda and transformed the area for residents, Joe Montgomery stressed how important it is to have local people playing a central role in regeneration. "So what I want us [regeneration professionals] to do in inviting residents, tenants, lay people to be at the centre of the regeneration and renewal process is not to dump our problems on those of us who are working in the regeneration and renewal sector on a paid basis, but genuinely to act in support of the lay people on whose time and energy, integrity and credibility, we are relying to turnaround some of our poorest and most disadvantaged neighbourhoods."

The Director of the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit, who is responsible for spending £2 billion over the next few years in the most deprived areas through Local Strategic Partnerships and other initiatives, talked in length about the need to steer mainstream funding to areas of deprivation and that this should be the long term goal for all local authorities. Talking about whether LSPs will be successful, Joe Montgomery stressed the importance of having all the local players from the public and private sectors in a LSP but that "it is critical that the voluntary and community sector - and residents - get a chance to shape the neighbourhood renewal strategic that an LSP or any particular area will build up." In bringing together all the existing bits of public service delivery,



'Neighbourhood renewal is not about the £2 billion that we will spend over the next few years, it is about the degree to which we can encourage the rest of Government and their delivery agents to bend the £400 billion they spend each year so that it makes a better impact on the poorest neighbourhoods.'

LSPs should focus on the core floor targets set out in the Chancellor's 2000 Spending Review such as raising the number of A-C GCSE passes by 2004. 'Scorecards' listing what has been achieved in relation to these floor targets will help the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit decipher what is happening locally. Key drivers of social exclusion such as teenage pregnancy and rough sleeping should be tackled across departments and local people should be asked what they think of the renewal that is going on in their area. For more information about the lecture contact Lawrence Garry, PR Consultant at Renaisi on 020 7683 8316.

Colourworks opens



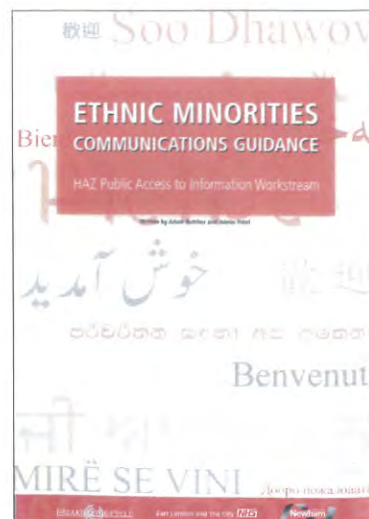
Mary Cane and Diane Abbot MP on 30th July at the opening of Colourworks, the new office development managed by Bootstrap Enterprises.

Guide produced about ethnic media and press in East London

East London & City Health Authority and London Borough of Newham have jointly produced a guide to help information providers meet the needs of all communities living in East London called 'Ethnic Minorities, Communications Guidance HAZ Public Access to Information Workstream' [pictured]. They want to know if you think the guide is good enough. The guide itself helps readers identify appropriate ethnic minority media in the area and suggests ways of making further links into

communities such as developing and testing messages and materials, advocacy, the internet, advertising and translation. Coincidentally, the majority of the ethnic press listed in the document are from Asian communities.

Copies are available from Jaimin Patel, Newham Language Shop, LB Newham, 32-36 Romford Road, Stratford, London E15 4BZ 020 8430 3040. HCVS have a couple of copies left.



Local people opposed to Town Hall Square redevelopment and neighbourhood renewal plans



Members of Hackney Tree Wardens presenting Renaisi with over 400 signatures opposing the Town Hall Redevelopment scheme

Hackney Tree Wardens have collected over 400 signatures from local people who oppose the planned Town Hall Square redevelopment scheme. This scheme, which will cost over £1million, will destroy many of the mature trees in the square and the listed Art Deco Town Hall design. Hackney's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), chaired by Rose Albrow, have decided to spend £600,000 (10% of this year's neighbourhood renewal fund for Hackney) to bolster the redevelopment scheme. Although the Government Office for London is happy for Hackney to spend NRF money in this way, many local people have made objections on the grounds that money aimed at tackling poverty and deprivation should not be spent on redeveloping a landscape they are already happy with.

Speaking on behalf of Hackney Tree Wardens, ex-town planner Jo Lamb says, "It's a completely inappropriate use of the money. The town hall square is timeless. It's well respected and important to local people. Why get rid of something we are familiar with and love only to replace it with something anonymous".

Hackney Tree Wardens, who are demanding a full borough wide consultation promised by councillors, are seeking your support for their campaign. For more information contact Jo Lamb on 020 7249 5820 or visit their website at www.hackneytreewardens.org.uk

City Farm fights on

The glorious sunshine the last week of July saw the first opening in 8 weeks, of Hackney City Farm, but with limited operations, as there is no access to the farm animals due to the on-going foot and mouth crisis.

This did not dampen the spirits of the children and adults on the day, with a variety of activities to keep them entertained, from pottery sessions to Raku firing.

In attendance, Tommy Walsh, Ground Force expert, Hackney's own home-grown talent said: "This is an essential facility for inner city kids as it provides them with the opportunity to see, touch and feel some form of wildlife that they wouldn't necessarily be able to." He continued: "I hope the farm receives more funding to help with its long-term plans to make it more commercially viable."

The purpose of the farm is to replicate countryside farming to city dwellers and the driving focus is that it creates different services for a variety of people in the local community. It has a café and play area and facilities for private hire. As part of Life Long Learning, the farm has built links with Sundial Centre, a senior citizen's facility and a Youth Project being run by young local volunteers.



Photo: Renaisi

Sarah Green, Chair of Hackney City Farm explained: "We are trying to expand the number of people and ages, using the farm, in a non-threatening environment."

By giving a rousing presentation in February at the Haggerston Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) Partnership's - Show Me the Money Funding fair - young volunteers secured £1000 for their Youth Project. The farm has received further funding

from the Partnership, to develop education facilities at the farm, which will include local schools.

For further information at the farm, please contact Chris Pounds at 1a Goldsmiths Row, London E2 8QA on 020 7729 6381

For further information on Hackney City Farm's Education Project, please contact Janina Holubecki, at 1a Goldsmiths Row, London E2 8QA on 020 7729 4675.

Turkish nursery to set up homework club

Minik Kardes is delighted to receive funding from the New Opportunities Fund (NOF) to set up Homework Club for Turkish speaking children in the area for 6 to 11 year olds. They will be running two classes for different age groups. One of these classes will be at Mildmay Library and the other one will be at the CLR James Library. Their aim is to raise achievement levels of Turkish speaking children in the schools and this will enable them to develop more self confidence in themselves. Local parents are so happy to have received this grant as they believe, "it will enable our children to have a better chance of making the best of their abilities". The NOF funding will be for the next 3 years.

Minik Kardes Day Nursery provides childcare for local Turkish speaking parents as well as running different projects for the local Turkish speaking community. In the Turkish community there are limited resources and services. It runs an outreach service to help the community with educational matters.



Minik Kardes can be contacted on 020 7923 7226 and are based at 53-55 Balls Pond Road, London N1 4BW

Health & Social Care update

Membership of the Health and Social Care Forum is open to all voluntary and community organisations and groups in Hackney who have any interest in health and social care. This could include providing local services, or having members who are users of local health and social care services.

The Forum holds open meetings every two months to consider items of interest to members, and has special interest groups that meet to consider the planning and operation of local health and social services. With all that's going on locally and nationally, there's never a shortage of issues to consider!

The next open meeting of the Health & Social Care Forum is on **Thursday 15th November from 12 - 2p.m.** in the 'Lusk Room', Second floor, 'D' Block, St Leonard's Primary Care Centre, Nuttall Street, London, N1 5LZ. A snack lunch will be provided.

Volunteers required

The Forum elects representatives to represent the voluntary and community sector's viewpoint on a range of partnership and other joint groups. Representatives report back regularly to the Forum, and raise issues of relevance

to Forum members on those groups. If you are interested in representing the Forum on any groups please contact us. At the moment, we need volunteers to represent the Forum on:

- the Primary Care Trust's Community Participation Steering Group's Equalities working group
- the Primary Care Trust's Community Participation Steering Group's Information Access working group
- the City & Hackney Health & Social Care Partnership Board Children's Sub-board.

For more information on please contact Meshra Kullar at the Forum's office on 020 7301 3481

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Want to play the harp?

Opportunities for young people to play harp are rare, and this project, The Strings Unlimited Music-making programme helps to plug that gap in Hackney. The Claudia Jones Organisation, who work with Afro-Caribbean women and children in Hackney and surrounding areas, has secured the talents of renowned harpist, Elizabeth Taylor, who is already a music teacher at the organisation. She is particularly skilled in communicating her love of music to children, and will give workshops and practice sessions to children between 5 and 18. This music-making programme hopes to involve other professional musicians. The programme is open to all young people.



Participants will be attracted through demonstration days at schools (including 2 schools for special need children). The emphasis will be on world and especially Afro-Caribbean music. There will be opportunities for all the young people to perform at different venues. This programme has been funded through the National Foundation for Youth Music. For further details contact The Claudia Jones Organisation on 020 7241 1646.

Today's young thoughts

Today's Young Thought's is in the name of a youth magazine that has been founded by a group of young people living in Hackney. The first monthly issue will be published at the end of September 2001. They set out with this project after realising there was a demand for a youth magazine that could educate people in all kinds of ways. The magazine will enable young people to learn new things and at the same time educate others about things they do not know or should know. Some of the issues that will be

covered in the magazine include racism, racist attacks, drugs, youth problems, youth activities and many more issues.

So far the magazine editorial team is made up of six young people but they are seeking to broaden the ethnic diversity of the team. They have received grants to help fund the publishing costs through the Prince's Trust Millennium Awards and Save the Children. They have the funding needed for printing and equipment costs but they are in the need of an office space.

The name of their office is going to



Photo from l to r: Ibrahim, Emel, Tutku, Ali-haydar, Meral and Ozgur

be 'London's Youth & Cultural Centre' and they are on the look out for a sponsor who might be able to give them free office space in return for advertisement space in the magazine. Anyone wishing to get in touch with Today's Young Thought's can contact Emel Dag on 07890 617305.

Muslim community devastated by cuts

The Muslim community of Hackney has been devastated by the news of the recent proposed cuts Council, as this will effect its only remaining Centre in Hackney. The proposed cuts of 38% will result in a heavy reduction in opening hours and services provided by the North London Muslim Community Centre leaving it a shell of its previous self. The cuts amount to £34,200 for this organisation.

The NLMCC is the only Centre of its kind in the whole of Hackney, serving a community almost 40,000 strong. It provides essential services such as a Community Advice Surgery, Youth Centre, Mental Health Project and Elderly Peoples Club - in total twenty-three services are provided. It is located in the heart of the Muslim and Asian community, and serves a healthy mix of people from a variety of cultural, national and even religious backgrounds. Its doors are closed to none, and as an open and friendly place, it has survived for the last 20 years.

Ismail Amaan, Director of the Centre states that, "the services and activities for Asians and Muslims provided by the NLMCC actively supports Hackney's 2020 Vision in making Hackney an inclusive

community where young people and ethnic minorities

are partners in a thriving community - a place where social exclusion does not exist. If Hackney cuts our services, they are acting directly against the policies they have set. By the year 2020 Hackney may have to admit that it is a place which has actually gone backwards in meeting the aims of the 2020 Vision - a situation which would be acutely embarrassing for Hackney." He goes on to state that it will also have serious implications for Hackney's Equal Opportunities policy, as cutting funding to the only service for the Muslim community will put them in a disadvantaged situation, making it more difficult for them to access services.

"The Muslims will not take this lying down" was the clear message sent out by Mr Ashraf Hakim, Chairman of the Centre. "We will do all we can to send a clear message to Hackney that we will not be side-lined". Hundreds of signatures have already been collected in a petition against cuts, and dozens of letters of support have arrived at the Centre. "We will fight until our needs are met, and will do all we can to receive recognition for Hackney's large Muslim community".

Hackney Charity celebrates 10 years of care

Hackney based charity TLC Care Services recently celebrated 10 years service to the community by hosting a party in Haverfield Green. Formed when the three Hackney voluntary organisations Triangle, Lockwood and Crossroads amalgamated in 1991, TLC has become a leading provider of care in East London.

Having helped thousands of people with disabilities to live in their homes, TLC now also helps children with disabilities to attend mainstream schools, and adults with disabilities to go to work.

"We also run special projects" said Jonathan Passman, Chair of the Trustees. "Our rehabilitation support project has been very successful at both helping stroke survivors regain their skills and in giving training and work experience to the unemployed. We're currently expanding this work in the Shoreditch area and would love to hear from unemployed Shoreditch residents who want to get into work".

Demand for TLC care and support



services has been so great that TLC staff now also work in Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest and neighbouring areas.

Mayor of Hackney, Councillor M. Saleem Siddiqui joined the party. "It's wonderful to be celebrating this terrific Hackney success", he said. "Many people I've met this afternoon have told me of the wonderful care they've received over the years. Such dedicated staff deserve the highest praise".

Diane Abbot to spearhead Operation Trident community forum

Spark interviewed Chief Superintendent Peter Robbins about Operation Trident and the six shootings of black British young men in Hackney in the last 18 months. Operation Trident, the Met's proactive strategy against gun crime in London, was originally set up as an intelligence-based initiative by the Metropolitan Police Service in 1998 to help bring an end to a spate of shootings in London's black communities.

It has since launched a new Operational Command Unit (OCU) and a series of major publicity campaigns including setting up a local Community Forum to help the police communicate with the local community in Hackney. Diane Abbot MP has agreed to lead this group.

SPARK asked Chief Superintendent Robbins what was preventing the police making prosecutions. He stated that in all the first five killings the difficulty in solving these cases has been around eye witnesses. In each case there were considerable numbers of eye witnesses to these events but there is reluctance on the part of the witnesses to come forward to the police. In some of the case there were just black audiences. "What we have got to do is to

breakdown the barriers that exist between the fear that these people have about coming forward and talking to the police to secure a prosecution against these people. There is an issue of trust and confidence in the justice system, not just in the police but also in the justice system itself."

Operation Trident has worked with all the black club owners in Hackney in an attempt to stem the violence that has in the past been a serious problem. He says, "The one big issue for us is to reaffirm that the CrimeStoppers number 0800 555 111 is completely anonymous. There is a fear still that calls can be traced but they cant. For us this is where the solution lies. We do understand the apprehension people have about coming forward to the police but what we need is really good strong intelligence to put us onto the killers to stop the next round of killings so that we can intercept the killers and put them into prison for other reasons."

Discussion are currently underway about how the Community Forum will work and who could be part of it. If you would like more information about this forum, please contact DS Howard Way on 020 7275 3645 .



Stephen Grant Michael Cabey

June 25, 2000 **Meneliek Robinson**, 20, of Northwold Estate, Upper Clapton Road, E5, shot while driving his car along Upper Clapton Road by a suspect on a motorbike.

December 16, 2000 **Anthony Rose-Windon**, 25, shot outside a block of flats in Kenninghall Road, E5, after incident which began outside Chimes nightclub, Lower Clapton Road, E5.

December 25, 2000 **Steven Grant**, 29, of the Hornsey area, shot in the head outside the Golden House nightclub in Waterden Road, E15.

April 21, 2001 **Corey Wright**, 20, from Hackney, and **Wayne Henry**, 19, from Enfield, found shot inside a BMW at the junction of Lower Clapton Road and Millfields Road, E5.

August 5, 2001 **Michael Cabey**, 28, of Amhurst Park Road, Stoke Newington, shot in a drive-by shooting while he sitting with two friends on a wall at the corner of Rossington Street/Northwold Road, E5.

Kids Shop for Safety in Dalston



Duke Baysee, DP3's Business Crime Reduction Officer, Russell Jones presenting young people with their prizes

Kingsland Shopping Centre was alive with the sound of Duke Baysee performing his number one hit. This was part of Dalston Partnership Policing Project (DP3) and local retailer's Personal Safety Day.

One of the main events was a safety

competition where 32 young people won prizes donated by local stores. International singing sensation Duke Baysee presented the prizes and stated; "We all need to work together to reduce crime in Dalston and we should be proud that we have already begun to reduce crime."

There were long queues for the mobile phone security markings plus advice on safety from the borough's Crime Prevention Officer, who saw over 150 people. DP3's Business Crime Reduction Officer, Russell Jones stated: "The whole day was one of fun, with achieved the aim of promoting personal safety to the young people of Dalston for themselves and their property."

The day highlighted the continuing partnership work between Dalston's retailers, the community, the London Borough of Hackney and the local police team. Police Inspector Barry Scales explains: "Our latest independent survey has confirmed that peoples' fear of crime in Dalston is still falling. This is great news and event such as this will only keep that trend moving in the right direction."

Dalston retailers actively supported the event especially Kingsland Shopping Centre who hosted the day.

An independent survey found that the fear of crime was down 14 percent since the inception of DP3. If you require further information contact Barry Scales or Jennifer Alert at the project on 020 7249 7530.

Regeneration showcase

The Community Development Team at Social Action For Health are organising a Cross Borough Conference to showcase the achievements of local people and small organisations who have been involved in regeneration projects. The Conference is planned for the end of January. It will bring together individuals and grass roots organisations from The City &

Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham who want to get involved in the renewal of their neighbourhoods, with those who have had experience of involvement in local regeneration initiatives.

Groups and individuals will have the opportunity to talk about successful projects and, importantly, can also highlight the barriers and difficulties which are faced when trying to access

regeneration monies. Key individuals from the regeneration programmes will be invited to listen to these common barriers faced by marginalized groups.

Have you been involved in the regeneration of your local community? Are you a resident board member? A local person who has benefited, (or not) from regeneration? A small organisation with experience of developing a project?

Contact any of the Regeneration

workers at the Community Development Team by phone on 020 7247 1414 or email:

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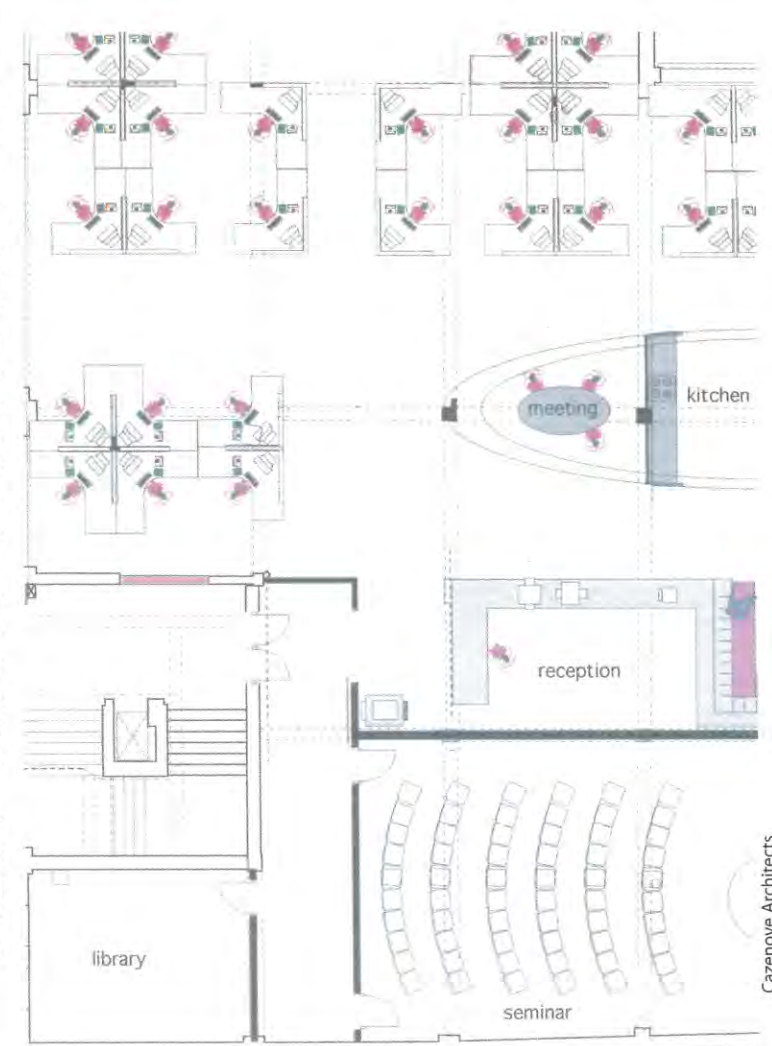
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New opportunities for affordable workspace

In response to the growing concern about the shortage of suitable accommodation for the voluntary and community sector, particularly for small organisations and groups, Hackney Council For Voluntary Service and Agora Trust are seeking to establish a supported workspace centre for the voluntary and community sector in Hackney. 'The idea is to provide about 50 affordable workstations arranged over a large open floor plan in a low cost, industrial building. These will be made available for rent in configurations of between 1 and 4 person units to small voluntary and community organisations. Workstations will also be available for shared use or for hire by the day, particularly to groups starting up. Other facilities we are planning include a training/workshop room, reading/resource room, private interview rooms and informal communal areas.' Steve Norley, Agora Trust. It is envisaged that the open, communal and interactive

nature of the workspace will provide for a stimulating environment and facilitate the exchange of ideas, information and resources amongst those who work there. A building in Stoke Newington has been identified and plans are being drawn up for its adaptation. If successful, the centre could be fitted out and ready for occupation by the end of the year. The more organisations that have 'signed up' and in a position to move in, the easier it will be to secure this or another suitable building. Anyone who is seriously interested in taking up workspace in the centre should contact HCVS on 020 7923 1962 and your requirements will be discussed with you in more detail. Agora Trust is a not-for-profit organisation recently set up for the purpose of providing supported workspace to the voluntary and community sector.



Cazenove Architects

Look what's on OFFER - cheap office furniture

OFFERS collects and supplies reused and recycled office furniture fittings and equipment donated by companies and organisations from both the private and public sectors. The items donated will be passed on to community and voluntary sector groups and small start-up businesses in London.

OFFERS, the Office Furniture, Fittings and Equipment Reuse Scheme receives regular donations of good quality, unwanted office furniture and equipment for major companies. They then distribute the materials to voluntary sector groups including childcare organisations, and small start-up businesses. In the past years

OFFERS has assisted various childcare projects with low-cost office furniture, equipment (incl. copiers, fax machines, computers) and fittings.

OFFERS has been run as a pilot project in the past three years to maximise the current and potential re-use and recycling activities within the Borough of Southwark. The official origin of the project dates back to 1996 when a need was identified for setting up a reuse scheme specifically dealing with office furniture and equipment. OFFERS was set up with initial financial support from Southwark Council and further funding from Environmental Action Fund

(EAF) has enabled them to expand to adjacent boroughs in South London and London wide. The scheme is managed by a part-time project co-ordinator and creates further employment for four people (Driver & mate, warehouse supervisor, administration).

For further information please contact Armin at OFFERS, C/o CRISP, Unit 3, Sumner Workshops, 80 Sumner Road, Peckham SE15 6LA. Tel. 0207 - 703 5222, Fax. 0207 - 701 6662, e-mail: CRISPEJ@aol.com. The scheme is supported by Southwark Regeneration and The Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

Are you a voluntary organisation looking for space? If so, read on...



Hidden between Shoreditch Baptist Tabernacle Church, a 1960s building on Hackney Road and the Mildmay Hospital, is a little gem of East End heritage, the church hall. Currently the church is working to restore the hall so that the building can be used Monday to Sunday to serve its local community. The hall was built in 1890 as a schoolroom and lecture hall, before state education was available for all, and the church wants to continue the tradition of using the building to serve local

people. Today the hall is used by the church to provide a lunch for the elderly, meals for the homeless, activities for young people and space for drug counselling. However, this use is severely restricted due to acute disrepairs. Once the building is restored, the work of the church can expand but there will also be space for other community provision to be housed in the building and complement the church's work.

We are looking for voluntary organisations that need space to partner with us. We are particularly interested in organisations whose work will complement the church's own work with young people, elderly and

homeless. We are also interested in arts organisations that need premises since the hall has a main space with a small stage.

We cannot house organisations now, but interested organisations would be invited to be part of the development process so that they can have a say in how this project is shaped. This is an exciting opportunity to part of a community centre where different services will complement each other through sharing the same historic building. The hall sits back from the street on Hackney Road, close to the junction with Shoreditch High Street. It is ideally located for serving people in both Hackney and Tower Hamlets and is easily accessible by public transport.

The church wants to complement, not replicate, what is already going on in the local area. We are therefore asking voluntary organisations in the area to give us feedback as to what they think are the gaps in service provision in the Shoreditch area and how we could help to fill those gaps.

For more information, please contact Hannah Roberts on 020 7739 9302 or email hannahr@fish.co.uk Please contact Hannah if you are also looking for space now.

Darsham Country Centre - Hackney's House in the country



Darsham Country Centre is jointly run by Hackney Country Centre and Woodcraft Folk. The Centre (Reg Charity No. 1047729) was set up in 1979 with money from the Queens Silver Jubilee Fund and Urban Aid and was originally the vision of staff and students at Hackney College who were tired of feeling 'like strangers in other people's space' when they went on residential out of the city. Many of the students were from minority ethnic backgrounds and a surprising number had enjoyed very little access to the countryside. In the 22 years since its foundation the Centre has provided a safe place for hundreds of

educational and community groups to take a break from the city and experience 'their bit' of the English countryside. It is just 100 miles from London and only 4 miles from the lovely Dunwich Beach and Westleton Heath with lots of opportunities for walking, boating and cycling, with the seaside towns of Southwold and Yarmouth close by. But most groups agree that the best thing about their visit is the centre itself and the chance it gives groups to really relax in their own space. A converted Victorian station - a few local trains still stop at the platform outside each day - the Centre provides self-catering accommodation for groups of up to 15 with a large garden and easy access to the surrounding countryside and villages.

The voluntary management group has recently been strengthened by partnership with the Woodcraft Folk who are helping to renovate and upgrade the Centre so it can go on serving Hackney and other community groups for many years to come. The area hasn't been much affected by the Foot and Mouth outbreak so if

your group could do with a low cost country break give us a call - Lord knows we need the money! Charges for groups are: .80 per night for Community/Voluntary Groups, .90 per night for Statutory funded groups. Bookings and Information: Annette Day Tel: 01728 668736 Bookings are on a first-come, first-served basis so please book now to reserve your country break away from the city

Quotes from users

"When we went to Darsham we stayed in this big house, I really enjoyed it there, I'd like to go back to Darsham" (Special Needs Student: Diana)

"Hackney's House in the Country?" - if this sounds an unlikely concept literally hundreds of community groups have discovered it is a reality over the last 22 years.

"To be honest I never went much places except London or maybe Birmingham, it was really something else to go to Darsham and the best thing was we had this great place to ourselves ... they said it was ours"

Why Somalis can't get access to housing in Hackney

Without the support of the local authority and a RSL, Sahil Housing Association will never be able to manage housing for the Somali community.

Sahil housing, run by Mohammed Abdullah [pictured] was established to meet the housing needs of the Somali community in Hackney. "We set up Sahil after we saw a report by the Health of Londoners Project which highlighted the disadvantage faced by the Somali communities". Mohammed, who used to work for Barnet Education Authority, told SPARK why Somali's have distinct housing needs. "It is because they are mainly refugees. They have language barriers; there is no availability for housing provision; they cannot get access to advice services and they do not understand the system or know how to get access to housing. We have no lobbying power. We are a very new community. We don't know our rights". For the last 5 years Sahil has tried to get the recognition and support from the council so that it can manage properties for the Somali community.

There are thought to be more than 5000 Somali people in Hackney. Somalis are not taking part in the regeneration of the borough and are not fully participating in the wider community. Nobody knows where the Somali community are in Hackney or what their needs are mainly because they are not included in the council's housing, health and education strategy. Somali's are a hidden community, invisible to the policy makers. They are a hard-to-reach community group. There are no feasibility studies or research about them so therefore they are not catered for in local housing policy. In the Census, Somali's, like other distinct ethnic groups, are included in the broad 'African' category. Although Somalis are African they are culturally distinct from most African communities in terms of their language, diet and religious and cultural practices. They are Muslim, but are not part of the Asian community. The Civil War in their country has left many traumatised and those who come to UK are penniless with only a few possessions. As there is no spatial resettlement programme, advice or help for them, many Somali's face the resulting problems of family breakdown, mental health problems, low attainment in education, high levels of poverty & social exclusion, and difficulty getting access to existing services.

Sahil, like many other black and ethnic minority voluntary sector organisations in Hackney, has had its core funding from the council completely cut. SPARK asked Sahil what other difficulties it faced in trying to provide housing for the Somali

community. "As an organisation we cannot ourselves get access. We need the support of the local authority housing services. When we have approached the council for help they have asked us to provide evidence of need, evidence that we are supported by a larger housing association". Working with a Registered Social Landlord (RSL) is the only way forward for Sahil, who are a non-registered HA, to manage its own property. So far Sahil has received support and recognition from KUSH HA, North London Muslim HA, Agudas Israeli HA, Shian HA and Circle 33 Housing Group and hope soon to manage properties on behalf of a larger HA.

The council is committed to supporting BME communities to manage their own properties. Nearly every community is represented in Hackney, apart from the Somalis. Sahil ask, "Where is our share?". Simon Rees, Team Leader of Regeneration for LB Hackney says, "Ultimately the decision rests in the hands of the housing associations". Sahil have written to the council's housing department to include them in the Hackney housing strategy so that Somalis can get better access to housing. Without the recognition, commitment and support from the council, Sahil cannot begin to

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manage properties for their community. This support is needed so that the larger BME housing associations in Hackney can bid for properties on Sahil's behalf.

Sahil is campaigning for funding to do research on the Somali community. They have £2000 from the Charities Aid Foundation and £5000 earmarked by Renaisi for research. The Housing Corporation have agreed to fund research into housing and other social problems faced by the Somali community in England. Unless this research is undertaken, there will be no true estimate of the needs of the community.

Sahil Housing Association is a member of the National Federation of Black Housing Associations, Hackney's BME Housing Association Forum and the National Housing Association. They part funded by the National Lottery Community Fund for the next two years. Sahil Housing Association aims to cater and meet the housing needs of the Somali community in Hackney. We also provide help, support and advice services on the areas of housing, education, health and welfare issues in general.

For more information contact, Mohammed Abdullah @ Sahil Housing Association, The Colourworks, Unit 203/204, 2 Abbot Street, London E8 3DP 020 7 249 7227.

Hackney to get three new programmes in 5th Sure Start wave

SPARK asked the consultants, Jean Anastacio and Brian Cohen, involved with the Homerton & Hackney Wick Sure Start consultation to update us about Sure Start and to air their views about the process.

In the last issue of SPARK, Theresa Shortland, Acting Head of Early Years, Hackney Education, discussed the 4th Wave Sure Start programme for Homerton and Hackney Wick. The first stage of the consultation for this programme has been completed and a draft Final Plan has been submitted to the Sure Start Unit. SPARK has invited the consultants, Jean Anastacio and Brian Cohen, to comment on the process as they saw it. This should be of particular interest to readers of SPARK, as it was announced in late July that Hackney will be getting three more Sure Start programmes in the next twelve months.

Our first and over-riding impression was that the process was very rushed and the key lesson is that in future much more time is necessary for a proper consultation. Much of the cause of this was due to certain key staff leaving employment in Hackney. All government advice on consultation is that a minimum of twelve weeks is necessary and that does not include essential preparation and time to digest the results and prepare a report - probably a total of 16 weeks, at least. We had actually eight weeks in total and therefore had to cut a lot of corners. Our recommendation for the future is that consultation takes time and must be started as soon as possible.

A second major impression is that many agencies were slow off the mark in responding. We appreciate that very many organisations in the Borough are very hard pressed with many other priorities. It was a disappointment that fewer than expected voluntary

organisations responded - the article and flyer in the last edition of Spark drew very few enquiries, even just to be put on the mailing list.

When asking for responses from organisations we were looking for ideas, not proposals. We appreciate that proposals take up far too much time for small agencies, we did not want all the i's dotted and t's crossed. Also we were asking for innovative collaborative approaches as opposed to the more usual competitive tendering approach.

A further problem is that we believe a number of borough wide voluntary organisations failed to respond because the program was in a small localised area of Hackney. Maybe they need to push down information to their local membership about local initiatives. We think this particularly applied to black and minority ethnic groups. One of us, as a black Hackney resident, feels that Sure Start is one of the few initiatives where black groups can make a difference for black families. But to do so, they must get involved to have their say.

Despite all the above, we were very impressed by the vitality and imagination demonstrated by many in the area. Many of the very local groups, schools and other agencies were very welcoming and enthusiastic. Many, not all, the consultation events were successful, with rooms buzzing with energy with parents and workers talking and networking. We were lucky to get tremendous co-operation from organisations like Chats Palace, Wally Fosters, the Kabin, local



Photo: Renaisi

churches and schools and Homerton Library.

There is further work continuing on the Homerton/Wick Sure Start. Those who want information should ask to go on the mailing list (020 8356 7480) or look at the dedicated web-site www.hackney.gov.uk/surestart - which we were informed is the first web-site in the country used for a Sure Start consultation.

The 5th Wave of Sure Start programmes has now been announced. Hackney has been told it can have three new programmes. By the time this is published, Hackney must confirm interest (20 September 2001). The plans for the three programmes must be submitted by 6 March 2002, 1 May 2002 and 26 June 2002.

It always needs remembering that with programmes like Sure Start, Government sets deadlines that have to be met. If voluntary organisations want to be involved in future programmes they need to be doing their thinking now.

Any Hackney community or voluntary organisation that is interested in being involved in the planning of future programmes or wants to be kept informed and be on the mailing list, should either: phone 020 8356 7480 or write to Early Years, Hackney Education, Edith Cavell Building, Enfield Road, N1 5BA and/or visit the web site www.hackney.gov.uk/surestart

PEAS, PEAS, PEAS sort out education in Hackney

SPARK asked Maria Wright, Parents Education Advice Support group (PEAS) about the relationship between schools and parents in Hackney

Why was PEAS set up?

PEAS was set up because parents were having trouble getting answers. The original founder when she wanted to know more of the goings on in schools and Hackney's education system could find no one to turn to. Everywhere she turned she was sent to someone else. She had to find out herself. She found other parents too were having trouble accessing the education system and when they did manage, they could not understand the jargon. Two other parents came on board and it was decided to set up a group to advise and support parents.

What do parents think about the education system?

Parents often feel that they are the only ones experiencing difficulty with the hierarchy in education. PEAS is there for those parents who care what happens to their children, who want to become involved in their child's education and help their child to achieve their highest potential. Parents need advice and support but they also need to be aware of the education system. They need to get involved in the governing body. Not only get involved, but understand what their duties as governors are and their function. Some parents are not even aware that they are entitled to see their child's school records.

Are there particular problems that Hackney's education system has?

Exclusion and bullying are high in Hackney. Some parents do

not complain about bullying they just take their child to another school, if it happens again they move their child again. Some parents tell the head teacher but then the head will deny that bullying exists in the school. Many parents are not made aware of the complaints procedure and when they are it can cause friction with staff. The education authority in Hackney turns a blind eye. They don't see what is happening when a complaint is received - it is not even acknowledged sometimes. I have come to the conclusion that the school system in Hackney is so bad because the majority of the pupils are from black and ethnic minorities. It seems the education authority do not want them to do well. They can get more money by saying that its because they are ethnics, English is not their first language, despite the fact that these black children are born in this country. Why is its that Black children enter school with above average performance but by the time they reach 9 years they are well below average.

I have worked with parents from one school in Hackney for the last 3 years. Things have progressively gotten worse because the authority refused to do anything. When a parent complains nothing is done and they are classed as

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PEAS First Aid course for parents



troublemakers and their children are bullied even more. Those parents who see this remove their children from the school instead of complaining, this is not right. A child needs stability. The problem is with the school and not the child. Each time a child is moved the child think they are the one who is at fault. Complaints are not dealt with efficiently. As far as Hackney is concerned, the parents are wrong and the school is right.

How much is race an issue in Hackney's schools?

Racism is rife in the schools and the education authority. The council pays lip service to racism, inclusive education and parental involvement. As long as you agree with them and don't

have an opinion and don't complain when things are not right, then you will be in their good books. When you have your own opinion or dare to complain you become a troublemaker.

In one particular school, the chair of Governors makes all the decisions without informing the rest of the governors, and has banned 2 black parent governors. Their crime was to speak out about what is happening at the school, especially to black and ethnic minority children. The governing body is made up predominately of Caucasian people although the pupils are mainly from a black and ethnic minority background. Ironically,

Some of PEAS successes:

- Getting a child re-instated in a school after admission was refused.
- Organising a Family Health Awareness Day for African/Caribbean families.
- Organising 2 Basic First Aid courses for parents over 2 days. Parents received a certificate that is valid for 3 years. It is important that parents know first aid as there are a lot of accidents in the home. If a child or anyone stopped breathing, how many of you would know what to do?
- When funding is available we run workshops on different educational topics that are of interest.
- PEAS also has a Governors Support Group, especially for black and ethnic minorities who are governors or ex-governors.
- PEAS has answered queries from parents in Ilford, Haringey, Waltham Forest, Dagenham as well as Hackney. All this without funding and premises.
- Organising a Governors Recruitment Fair.

a group of Caucasian parents were handing out leaflets to children and parents on the school premises. Nothing was done but when a group of black parents were handing out leaflets to parents outside the school about similar issues, one of the parents and his wife were banned.

As long as there are governors, especially Chairs of Governors, who do not know their roles and do not take any steps to find out how to become good governors for the sake of the children, there will be no improvements in the education system. Some governors are only on the governing body because of their inflated egos. They do not care about the welfare of the children or working in partnership with parents.

Some headteachers and teachers are inexperienced and incompetent but the authority is failing to acknowledge this. At present this school has an inexperienced senior management team. The only people to suffer in all this are the children. I wonder if this would have been the same if the majority of the children were Caucasian!

Who is to blame?

Some parents would rather sit back and watch their children suffer than take the appropriate action. These are the adults of the future and they should be given the best possible start in life. Education is vital, its power and

that is why a lot of people are stopping others from accessing it. Don't let them win. It is easy to say 'its because English is not their first language, they are ethnic minorities, they are African Caribbean etc, than to deal with the real problems. Majority of the children, especially blacks are born in this country, their parents were born in this country and sometimes even their grandparents; these children do not know any other education system, so why is it that they enter school being above average and by the time they are 9 they are underachieving?

Apart from more resources, what single thing would improve PEASG?

PEAS is currently using office space at HCVS, Aswhin Street. The thing that would most improve PEAS is having its own office and paid staff to develop the organisation further thus being of more benefit to more parents who need help. PEAS only has 1 Development Co-ordinator who is not paid and is only at HCVS for two hours once a week.

Who does PEAS network with?

PEAS gets to know other organisations through conferences, seminars etc. PEAS is a member of the Steering Group and Voluntary Sector Group at Edith Cavell's Parent Partnership section.

PEAS tries to make links with other organisations and tries to pull them together, but some organisations just want to go it alone because they want to be boss. Who is boss does not interest me, but I think organisations that have the same goals should come together to form a powerful alliance. Some will only get in touch when they need to form partnerships in order to get particular funds. Organisations should not be coming together just because of funding, but for shared goals and to have a powerful alliance to have some input into policies, especially those that affect our children.

What are the key challenges that face LB Hackney Education in addressing the needs of parents?

L B Hackney (and other boroughs) need to listen to parents and to stop being an ostrich. Not all parents are troublemakers and not all schools are right. Investigations need to be carried out efficiently and fairly. Complaints need to be dealt with properly and procedures followed and implemented. 'Independent' investigators should be competent in carrying out investigations. Hackney is good at writing procedures, unfortunately, it's not good at implementing them. When letters are written to the Director of

Education, he should acknowledge them and deal with them.

How are you funded?

PEAS is at present unfunded but is seeking to remedy that. We have successfully obtained small funding from Awards for All for part money for Computer, equipment and 2 Basic First Aid courses for parents and from Bridge House for a Health Awareness Day. We have an annual membership fee for those wishing to support us. You do not have to be a member to access the services. Being a member entitles you to vote at AGM and be elected to the Management Committee.

PEAS would not consider asking for core funding from the Council as it would lead to conflict of interest. Parents would be asking "how independent are we if the council is paying us?" Since we are dealing with parents and majority of the time they will be against the council even legal proceedings might ensue, we might then lose funding. It would not be because we are going up against the council of course, it would be for some other reason. The Management Committee from the beginning chose not to approach the council for core funding. We will approach them for one off grants. In view of the cuts that affected most organisation, PEAS was right not to go for core funding.

Hackney schools win nation-wide competition

Local primary schools have made Hackney proud again, by winning a coveted British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (BECTa)/Guardian UK School Web Site - Learners' Award. The London Borough of Hackney submitted four web site designs to the competition and Gainsborough, Kingsmead and Sebright Primary Schools; the winning combination schools, developed three of those four.

Hackney Learning Live is the education network for schools and is a collaboration between the schools and Hackney's education authority. The web site was chosen as the primary school overall winner, because the whole project illustrates good use of the Web to underpin the learning processes for children. It also has a strong community feel with the content aimed at parents as well as pupils.

These schools received full support to build the web site, under an educational programme from Hackney Wick and Haggerston Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) Partnership Boards. For more information on British Educational Communications and Technology Agency (BECTa) see www.becta.org.uk

Hidden History of African Women E-X-H-I-B-I-T-I-O-N Come Celebrate Black History Month 2001

Admission Free!

Stoke Newington; 1st- 13th October, 12noon-6pm,
Mon-Sat, Hackney Black People's Association,
18 Stoke Newington Rd, London, N16
(Dalston & Kingsland BR, 5 mins Ridley Lane Market)
Brixton; 18th-31st October, 12noon-6pm, Mon-Sat,
ABENG Community Centre, 9 Gresham Road, SW9
(Brixton Tube/BR, turn right @ Brixton tube,
Gresham Road;3rd left)

Presenting History as a social process, the exhibition features a powerful documentation of the historical and contemporary pathways of women of African Origin from the Continent and her Diaspora. With issues from law to liberation, resistance to renaissance, labour rights to immigration wrongs, it explores diverse patterns of organisation woven over the years by women.

HIDDEN HISTORY of AFRICAN WOMEN



none so fit to break the chains
as she who wears them
none so fit to fight for change
as she who craves it

EXHIBITION

Community-Led Neighbourhood Renewal Day

Tuesday 2 October

Broadwater Community Centre, Broadwater Farm Estate, Adams Road, London, N17 6HE.

Speakers include Joe Montgomery, Director General of the New Government Neighbourhood Renewal Unit; 5 Outstanding Community Leaders (who have transformed their Estates) from London, Plymouth, Liverpool, Walsall and Bradford; Tricia Zipfel, Former Director of Priority Estate Projects; Liz Walton, Government Office, London. Chairman The Bishop of Dudley Rt Revd David Walker

This is a timely and unique national conference on Community-Led Neighbourhood Renewal, generously hosted by Broadwater Community Centre Trust, The Centre for All Nations and Broadwater Farm Estate, which has been transformed into a popular multicultural community.

It is also the national launch of REGENERATE The Community-Led Estate Regeneration/Renewal Advice Service designed by and for Residents. It is designed for residents and professionals who are keen to make a difference in their community and neighbourhood. To book a place contact: Keith Proctor: REGENERATE 1 Seymour Terrace, Bridgetown, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5AQ. Tel: 01803 863 363

Cost including lunch £38 per person. Special Offer for tenants and faith leaders £12 per person including lunch

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NITRO

AN EXPLOSION OF PERFORMANCE + MUSIC
FROM THE BRASHEST + BRIGHTEST
BLACK BRITISH ARTISTS

NITRObeat is a one-day festival exploring new ideas in musical theatre.

It will be held at the South Bank Centre, using the Purcell Room, the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the open foyer areas, on Saturday 17 November 2001. NITRObeat is supported by Serious Music, the organisers of the London Jazz Festival, which will be running at the South Bank Centre. The festival presents new commissioned work alongside ongoing developing and other extant pieces, as well as debates, bookstall, record stall, Help Stations and all-day bar.

Queensbridge Trust



On 18 August 2001 The Queensbridge Trust launched its first ever summer celebration the Queensbridge Festa. Opened by the Mayor of Hackney this community event was attended by the local residents of Holly Street who enjoyed live bands, drumming workshops, fire-breathers, jugglers, street performers, a bouncy castle, magicians, face painting, delicious Caribbean food and much more. In collaboration with local residents this community event was staged to celebrate the progression of the regeneration building works in the area. It is hoped that this will become a regular feature in the Holly Street calendar and plans are already being made for next year. If you would like further information about the Festa and would like to input ideas for next year then please visit the Trust's website on www.queensbridgetrust.org or call the office on 020 7923 7920.

Dreams and Visions of Communitythe legacy of George Lansbury

In 1951 the Lansbury estate was built as part of the Festival of Britain. It was a vision of how communities might be built following the devastation of the war. The people of the estate are celebrating this in the Lansbury Festival and as part of this they are providing an opportunity to explore what community means for us now in an increasingly complex London and in the light of Lansbury's radical vision which has continued to inspire many in the East End over the years.

Thursday September 27th 2001 10:30 -- 5:00
Trinity Methodist Church. 119 East India Dock Road

Keynote Speaker: Bob Holman
(author of biography of George Lansbury)

- Tour of the Lansbury estate and reflection on its post-war vision of community
- Four workshops exploring four different local understandings of community

Cost (including lunch) £10 (£1 unwaged) cheques payable to Trinity Methodist Church

Further details: David Hill 020 7987 1794 or James or Gill 020 7792 9701 James.Ashdown/Gill.Kanga@Barnardos.org.uk



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Why this boy can't go to school he needs

A series of blunders by Hackney's SEN unit has led to Khailam [pictured], a child with autism, missing out on an appropriate secondary school place in September and because of the lack of specialised summer play, his mother had to give up her new found job up to look after him. SPARK asks is provision for disabled children really this bad? (Author, Jake Ferguson)

Heather Vacciani, the devoted mother of Khailam, has had an awful year at the hands of the special educational needs system in Hackney. Khailam is 11 and has particular needs associated with his autism, developmental delay and speech development. Heather and her child face a daunting future in September because Khailam, who has a fundamental right to appropriate education like any child, cannot secure a secondary school place that meets his needs this September as a result of LB Hackney's incompetence in dealing with his case.

Heather, who knows the system very well, had done all her homework since Khailam was a young child making sure she knew what he was entitled to, which schools inside and outside Hackney were the best ones for him and what she, as a mother, could do to assist the authorities. "I would have liked for him to have gone to a Hackney school because being outside the borough you [and the child] are isolated from other parents and it's such a long distance to travel every day. I love Hackney and I live here but I realised very early on that schools in Hackney didn't specialise in the issues that my child has."

Heather began looking at appropriate secondary schools for Khailam when he was 9 because she knew that the transition from primary to secondary education can be particularly difficult to make for children with educational needs. She identified three schools outside the borough that she thought would be appropriate for Khailam, went to view them a number of times, looked at all the OFSTED reports and did all the background work that she thought she had to do because she wanted to work in partnership with her child's case officer. "I was trying to do my part to ensure that Khailam had an appropriate education so I am very upset and disappointed that this hasn't happened".

The educational system is such that if a child has particular needs which cannot be met by the school alone they are assessed by the Special

Education Needs (SEN) unit within the education department and a Special Educational Needs statement is produced and then reassessed every year. This is sent by the local authority to which ever school the child is hoping to attend. Producing a statement of a child's educational needs is a long process that requires a Complex Needs Panel to approve the content of the statement. Anyone who has had a professional relationship with the child presents relevant evidence to contribute to the statement (in Khailam's case this was Hackney Family Backup Social Services, the Donald Winnicott Centre, his educational psychologist, Khailam's primary school and his mother). The statement is a legally binding document detailing a child's needs. Schools make a decision whether or not to admit a child based on whether they can meet the child's requirements. If the child is going to a school outside the borough they live in then all communication is dealt with by the Special Educational Need unit in the local authority. The parent cannot be involved in this part of the process so must rely on the respective SEN departments in each borough to carry out the necessary communication and make competent assessments.

Back in September 2000, Heather asked Khailam's SEN case officer, Paul Clarkson, to reassess her child's current SEN statement rather than to use his school report to do the annual review. This school report had little in the way of useful information and the old statement didn't have sufficient medical evidence to describe Khailam's autism. Incorrect or out-of-date information in a statement can prevent a child getting into the most appropriate school. In March she approached the Hackney's SEN again only to find out that the case officer had missed the deadline for the Complex Needs Panel who decide whether to do a reassessment, putting back a decision about the content of Khailam's statement to May, jeopardizing his chances of getting into the school in Southwark in

September. Eventually the old statement was sent and Southwark school declined Khailam's application on the grounds that his statement did not meet the necessary assessment criteria. It did not refer to Khailam's autism. If his new statement had been completed on time and the revised version sent to the school the situation could have been somewhat different as the new statement and supporting evidence refers to autism.

The case was taken up by the team leader of SEN, John Hudson in July who met with Heather Vacciani, Kunbi Jones from *The Key* and Khailam's case officer, Paul Clarkson, to try to progress the situation. The school in Southwark is yet to make a final decision. This leaves Khailam's secondary education still unresolved. He will have to stay at his primary unless the Southwark school or another that is equally appropriate admits him.

Speaking about the service she has received from the council, Heather says "I think the service is shoddy. Usually the council uses lack of funding as an excuse for poorly provided services but it's not always just about money. Hackney Family Backup for example have similar issues to do with lack of funding but they treat people with respect and consideration. This is what's lacking. The council don't see people as individual families who happen to have special needs children. To me children with disabilities are discriminated against. What the council wants to do is give you a very basic service. Most of the time the case officers don't actually meet the children or parents so how can they treat them as individuals."

Heather's story was made much worse by the prospect of having limited summer play scheme provision for her child. LB Hackney's Social Services division announced late in July this year that provision for disabled children over the summer holidays would be limited to just one week play scheme for all children regardless of their specific needs. This meant that Heather had to give up her new-found

job which she was about to begin two weeks earlier in Hackney's Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership whose central aim, ironically, is to develop provision for kids up to 16 with disabilities.

Heather is devastated. "You have to deal with people on an individual basis. Some people may not want their children to go to a play scheme, other people can afford private care, whereas some people may want provision for the whole summer".

Statements made by Max Caller, Managing Director of Hackney Council, in a letter to readers of *The Key*, appear to present a positive picture of service provision for parents who have children with disabilities. "The council is committed to ensuring that the various agencies, groups and council departments plan and work effectively together and share expertise and resources to provide the best possible services for children....the future is bright for our young people in Hackney". Many parents will find this hard to swallow given the backdrop against which these comments have been made. Voluntary and statutory provision for parents with children with disabilities have had severe restrictions placed upon them.

Social Services withdrew funding which closed down Equal Play two weeks before the Summer of 1999, with parents finding out only two weeks before. Equal Play provided youth provision including opportunities for children's play after

school, youth activities, visits, and programmes of joint work with special schools. It had an accessible adventure playground, a hydrotherapy pool and soft play room. It was open all week and on Saturdays. Crucially it accepted self-referrals from parents unlike Albion Grove and Hackney Family Back-Up which only take referrals from Social Services. Equal Play's funding was said to be ring-fenced by Social Services to replace this provision but for two years now there have been no further developments.

Ferndcliffe Family Centre used to provide special needs provision for around 60 children under 5 including those with autism and other communication & behavioural difficulties. As a result of a series of cuts by the council (30% cut in budget in 2000 was the biggest) it can now only provide shared care for 10 children under 3 with profound difficulties. In the recent Early Years Best Value Review there appears to be a commitment to providing better provision for children with disabilities but there have been no

developments as yet. To add to this, Social Services have requested that Ferndcliffe changes its focus to children referred to them by Social Services where the child is a 'child in need' (this could be a child on the at risk register, a child of a teenage parent, or a family at risk of breakup). Not only will Social Services change the remit to attend the nursery but instead of offering nursery education until age of 5 they plan to provide a fixed number of sessions. This means that parents will then be forced into looking elsewhere for nursery education once the sessions are over. If a child does not meet the Social Services criteria for referral then they will not be given provision.

Ickburgh is a special school for children with severe and profound disabilities which has a nursery for 3-5 year olds. Because of its remit its limited in its ability to take children with less severe disabilities such as autism or those with other behavioural difficulties.

The Huddleston Centre has been downsized. It used to provide a range of direct services and support services

for disabled children, young people and adults and their families including play groups, a youth project, play schemes, employment liaison project, family support workers, and an Asian & Turkish women's support group. They had a hydrotherapy pool, an integrated group as well as an all-girls group. The only thing Huddleston has now is a youth club junior club, womens night and senior club an integrated project funded by Nat Lot and only have enough money for a 4-week play scheme in the summer from Children & Families.

The consequence of all the changes and cuts that have been imposed by the council is that there is now no stand alone specialised nursery care for children with special needs in Hackney. Many disabled children do not get any pre-school provision of any sort.

What has happened to Khailam will continue to happen to other children if, in Heather's words, "there is a lack of communication... the child and the family are seen as just another case. LB Hackney do not appear to realise that this is a child's future and education

acts as a tool to ensure that the child reach its full potential. They [SEN] are in a very powerful position".

SPARK would like to thank Heather Vacciani for sharing her experiences and also would like to acknowledge *The Key* for its input. Any comments about this article should be addressed to Kunbi Jones @ *The Key* on 020 7599 1011.

Useful organisations

Special Educational Needs, LBH
020 8356 7512

Children with Disabilities Team, LBH
020 7241 0900

Donald Winnicott Centre,
020 7599 1000

The Key 020 7599 1011

Hackney Family Back Up
020 7275 0088

Ferndcliffe Family Centre - Barnardos
020 7254 1906

Huddleston Centre
020 8985 9089

Ickburgh School
020 8806 4638





Blue Key Day II

The Key, the register for children with disability or special educational needs in Hackney, held its annual summer bash at Clissold Park, Stoke Newington on 29th July. It was a great day out loved by all who attended and featured accessible bicycles courtesy of Hackney's Bikeability project, fairground rides which helped raise funds for The Key, fabulous food, bouncy castles, of course lots of kids and their families having a great time - the photos speak for themselves.



Raising over £900, the event could not have happened without the help of all the volunteers and the support of Social Service's Quality Protects, The Donald Winnicott Centre Trust Fund, Groundwork Hackney, Hackney Parents Partnership, The British Red Cross Society, Hackney Festival Support, Simply Loos, Mannings Amusements, HSS Hire Shop and Hackney Community & Learning.



Hackney Family Backup are recruiting carers

Hackney Family Backup (HFBU) is one of the few services left for disabled children who live in Hackney. They are a respite care service, supporting families with children aged 0-19 who have disabilities or disabling medical conditions. They are a voluntary sector organisation commissioned by Hackney Social Services and the service is free to families.

HFBU carers are normally linked with just one or two families over a long period of time so they really get to know the child and their family. Children have short but regular breaks at their respite carer's home or carers sometimes look after children in their own homes. Carers involve children in everyday activities and community events.

Respite carers are ordinary people from the local community: single people, couples or families, with a wide range of ages, backgrounds and life experiences. They are assessed carefully and then, if approved to be a carer, they are offered training and support by HFBU staff. Carers also get an allowance to cover the cost of care, and it doesn't affect benefits. Ayse has been a carer for HFBU for 4 years, "I feel like I've really achieved something for myself by becoming a carer, it feels good to give your support and time. I've got lots to give and I find it challenging. If you can give that commitment to a child and family, it's really satisfying".

Parents choose how much care they want, it can be anything from a few hours a month, to weekend breaks or longer. The service gives parents a much-needed break and helps children to become more independent and build up new friendships. It's not a huge time commitment but it makes a real difference to families. One of the parents says "the quality time that my carer has given my children has made a difference. Her training in caring for disabled children makes me feel confident in leaving them in her care".

Are you interested? Do you have some time to offer, to support children and their families, or to join our Management Committee, or are you a family needing some support? For more information contact Alex, Steph or Gloria at Hackney Family Backup on 020 7275 0088 any time from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Nafisa Gulied - Somali Women's Support Group



What is your organisation about?

Somali Women's Support Group provides information to Somali women who live in Hackney about health issues that affect them and services they can access to get help. This includes health promotion and gives them opportunities to discuss any concerns they have about their health in confidence. We are a social network that investigates the needs of the women their families, we have discussions, provide speakers on interesting subjects and provide opportunities for cultural activity.

What is preventing your organisation achieving its aims?

Lack of funding. I need to recruit more people to work with me, to pay for volunteer expenses, and also to rent premises. I also need more support in general to develop my project.

Who are you trying to get funding from to strengthen your organisation?

Trust for London, King's fund, Lloyds TSB, City & Hackney Health Action Zone, Home Office small grants, National Lottery Community Fund, Bridge House Estates etc.

Where do you want to be in a year's time?

We want to have our own space to run the project from. We also want to have funding for a co-ordinator, a development worker and some sessional workers. To have a thriving social centre where Somali women can get the most for their families and can have their health needs catered for.

For more information about the Somali Women's Support Group contact Nafisa Gulied on 020 8 802 7713

Ali-Rezaur Eslami - Sanctuary Housing

Ali-Rezaur Eslami has recently started work with Sanctuary Housing, a national organisation providing affordable rented homes to persons in need. He is employed as a 'Community Development and Initiatives Officer', to develop tenant involvement and to work with community groups on the stock transfer of estates in Hackney (Morningside, Old Gascoyne, Old Kingshold and Shore estates). "Essentially, the nature of my work is to encourage tenant participation in the decisions that affect the management of their homes and to facilitate Community Initiatives which are in line with the residents requirements and requests. Ultimately, my objective is to achieve harmony between the residents of the estates and the landlord, to raise expectations on what can be achieved through community initiatives and open up employment, training and childcare opportunities through joint working with voluntary and statutory agencies.

I am presently doing research into other organisations who share the same objectives. If you are interested in getting in touch to find



out more about my work, or would like to meet and discuss potential initiatives, you can contact me, Ali-Rezaur Eslami, 'Community Development and Initiatives Officer' at Sanctuary Housing Association, The Hackney

Regeneration Office, 145 Well Street E.9 7LJ Telephone 020 8986-6544, Fax 020 8533-0193 or e-mail: alirez@sanctuary-housing.co.uk "

Next round of Children's Fund

John Denham, Minister for Young People and Estelle Morris, Secretary of State for Education and Skills, have announced the second and third rounds of allocations for the £450 million Children's Fund. This announcement is worth up to £150 million over the next two years.

The Fund will primarily target 5-13 year olds at risk of social exclusion, forming part of a range of measures to support children and young people at risk of social exclusion, supporting them and their families in breaking the cycle of poverty. The aim is to provide increased and better co-ordinated preventive services, that provide support at an early stage not just when families reach a crisis.

The money has been allocated upon the

number of children in poverty in an area. Community partnerships between local government agencies, the voluntary sector and children themselves will be asked to develop projects. Projects could include:

- mentoring programmes e.g. mentors talking to young people at risk about crime, drugs or sexual health issues, often based at local youth centres;
- parental education and support - this could be delivered through parenting courses run by the voluntary sector, or support work in the home;
- befriending, counselling or advice services - including drop-in centres run by health services or voluntary organisations, or local groups where lone parents or step parents can support each other; and

· projects to provide structured out of school activities - for example building on successful projects in high crime areas for the children most at risk of offending.

There will also be a £70 million local network [see June edition of SPARK] which will provide small grants to local voluntary and community groups helping children and young people at risk of social exclusion aged 0-19. The local network is being administered separately by Community Foundation Network. The telephone helpline number is: 0845 1130161. Public Enquiries 0870 000 2288, info@dfes.gsi.gov.uk

For more information or to get involved in the Children's Fund in Hackney contact Nicola Baboneau at Edith Cavell on 020 8356 7465.

Jack Petchey helps East London Youth

The Jack Petchey Foundation is a Grant Making Trust that supports clubs, schools, groups, communities and projects that work with young people in East London and West Essex, England. The key objective of this Trust is to help young people to 'find their feet' in life and build up their self esteem. The Jack Petchey

Firstly Jack Petchey Achievement Awards are given to young people (mainly between 11 and 25 years of age) who make a wholehearted contribution to their club, school, group or community. The recipient is given a framed Certificate of Achievement to keep and £200 to spend on a community/club project of their choice. The Award

In addition to Achievement Awards the Foundation gives Project Grants. The value is normally between £500 and £50,000. As with the Achievement Awards the catchment area is East London and West Essex and the projects must benefit young people. The grants can be for capital schemes, training projects, youth development or occasionally charity running costs. The trustees require applicants to raise at least 50% of costs of a project from other sources, and evidence of this is normally requested with applications.

Jack Petchey Leader Awards are linked to the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme.

Awards are given to adults who have demonstrated, in an outstanding way, an ability to encourage and motivate young people aged 11-25 in East London or West Essex.

The scheme is open to Youth Leaders, School Teachers, Community Leaders, Volunteer Leaders, Sport Coaches and any other adults who have regular contact with young people.

Most nominations will come through umbrella organisations such as London Youth, Community Links, Essex Association of Boys'

Clubs, Head Teachers and Education Authorities. But, there is nothing to prevent young people, parents and colleagues submitting names directly to the Jack Petchey Foundation for consideration.

The Jack Petchey Foundation also considers sponsoring young people (usually 11-25 years old) living in East London or West Essex who are undertaking projects, or participating in events, that will benefit other people or specific charities. The normal support from the foundation will be £200. Examples of projects/events that may be sponsored:

- A gap year project helping other people in a voluntary capacity
- Youth club/school sponsored event
- Swimming marathon
- Sponsored cycle ride
- Long distance walk

If you want further information, please contact: The Jack Petchey Foundation, Exchange House, 13-14 Clements Court, Clements Lane, Ilford, Essex IG1 2QY, T: 0208 252 8000 F: 0208 252 7892 Email: information@jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk Registered Charity No. 1076886



Offcentre Director, Michelle Rogers, receiving her cheque for £5000 to help fund a volunteer mentoring programme.

(From left to right) Thelma Matthews, Tony McKenzie, Coralie Mattys, Michelle Rogers, Norman Gay, Rachel Rogers, Roy McLeod (Jack Petchey)

Foundation offers four main methods of grant support: Achievement Awards; Project Grants; Leaders Awards; Sponsorship.

Scheme is run through clubs, schools and community projects in East London and West Essex. Grants are channeled through these organisations, so applications must be made by club leaders, teachers, community managers etc.

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European Funding Update - Objective 2

Much of Hackney qualifies for European Funding under Objective 2. This funding is targeted on regions suffering relative industrial and economic decline. The Objective 2 region includes many parts of the Lea Valley and neighbouring boroughs. Government Office for London undertakes administration of Objective 2 but key decisions are taken at a sub-regional level. In Hackney's case the sub-region is called Inner East and takes in much of Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest.

Objective 2 is further divided into three funding areas known as Priorities. Bidding rounds have recently been concluded and successful bidders under Priority 2 and 3 are currently negotiating the final details of their bids with GOL. A list of successful bids is being drawn up as SPARK goes to press.

Priority 1

Of interest to many local groups, Priority 1 remains in a state of uncertainty. A special technical advisory group has been convened to assess the packages of bids that the Inner East partnership put forward from bids submitted at a borough level. The group has to be satisfied that the package of bids is strategic and that there is coherence between the bids. Priority 1 is worth only 15% of the Objective 2 Programme but is targeted on the 30% most deprived wards in Hackney as measured by National Indexes of Multiple Deprivation. Priority 1 is also of interest as it is the home of Community Economic Development.

Community Economic Development (CED)

Integral to the Pathways Process of the Objective 2 programme 1997-1999 (it used to be Priority 4), CED must now find a new home in Priority 1. This will be done through the

compiling of 'CED Plans' against which future bids under Priorities 1, 2 & 3 will be judged. The results of the current Priority 1 bidding round was considered at the key London European Partnership Committee at its meeting on 27th September. However offer letters resulting from this meeting may not come out until the New Year! Each CED/Priority 1 area must decide on a 'Local Economic Partnership'. This could be a new or existing body and would be expected to work with the emerging Local Strategic Partnerships.

The Hackney Priority 1 area comprises the following wards; - Moorfields, Haggerston, Queensbridge, West Ham and possibly East Ham.

Groups based in these wards who are interested in European funding are invited to contact: Les Moore, CED Support Worker, LVSTC, 18 Ashwin Street, E8 3DL. T: 020 7254 4593 les@lvstc.org.uk

What you are saying about culture in Hackney

"It means different things to different people. In conversations I have had with some people they see culture as something that reflects their religion, their cultural heritage or their belief system and their language. For other people it's the concept of what is culture - they have an idea of culture as participating in a cultural activity such as dancing or going to an art exhibition. There are other people who think it's nothing to do with them. However, when you ask them more questions asked in more detail they say that they enjoy walking in the park, they like trees, getting away from all the traffic and getting away from the busy streets. But it could be a variety of other things such as watching TV or going to a film. This, to me, is a very broad understanding of what culture means to everyone."

(Michelle Guimarin, Community & Learning, LB Hackney).

"I think culture is about keeping the children off the streets. We teach art and carnival craft including singing and dancing. We are also making CD's of music from the children's calypso group with the Association of British Calypsonians."

(Christina Oree, Beeraahar Sweet Combination is a multicultural group of all nationalities based in Hackney and sponsored by Western Union that was set up in order to pass on artistic and cultural expertise. They produce carnival crafts and run workshops during the run-up to Notting Hill Carnival, Hackney Mare De Gras and other carnivals and festivals between June and September).

"We realise we are part of a much larger community here in Hackney. Hackney is very unique in that it has just started up the Muslim-Jewish forum. I can't think of another place where Rabbi's and Muslim leaders sit at the same table. This is a product of the unique culture we have in Hackney."

(Ismail Amaan, North London Muslim Community Centre. The Muslim Jewish Forum meets every quarter).

"There are two cultures in Hackney. There is the culture within Hackney council. Non-caring in terms of officialdom. Not giving a toss about services it provides or how many people are desperate. The other culture is all the people who make Hackney a vibrant, throbbing, progressive and forward thinking borough. All the people, the Turkish, Kurdish, African, Caribbean, Chinese, and other ethnic groups who bring the economic core to this area and make life possible for all of us not only in terms of diversity but on top of all that they have made Hackney a viable community economically. Before the ethnic communities there was not a strong economy in this borough. Hackney has always been a place that welcomed refugees and immigrants and therefore everybody flocks to Hackney because it has always been an immigrant receiving place. Working class Hackney people have all contributed to this process and cycle."

(Algin Saydar, Health Advocacy and Counselling for Turkish & Kurdish people).

"We have brought Hackney to an international level. Most African Caribbean families in Hackney have had some link with us and in the 17 years we have been around we have taught 1000s of local people. Yet whenever we have approached the council to ask for support there hasn't been any money and they have never heard of us. What Hackney needs to do with this cultural strategy is to employ someone one from the community at ground level who can lead the process. They are so out of touch it's not funny."

(Ngozi Fulani, Co Founder & Senior Tutor, Emashi African Arts & Edutainment. Look out for more info on Emashi in the next edition of SPARK).

"There is a great deal of cultural activity in Hackney, most of it happening in spite of rather than because of the Council. The Council's role should be, I agree, to facilitate, encourage and where really essential, support. The most useful means would be to have a small team of officers acting as the main driver of the agreed actions, providing a central information point, monitoring what's happening, providing statistics and reports to support funding applications and advising on strategic policy and development. They could report to a consultative forum of representatives from the various cultural sectors in the community which would be charged with influencing strategic cultural policy".

(David Dewing, Director, Geffrye Museum).



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How is the council consulting you?

LB Hackney's Community & Learning department have tried to ensure that everyone in Hackney gets a chance to comment about the cultural strategy. They have run a consultation period up to 27th August 2001. Many of you will have seen the posters across Hackney asking people to comment on the strategy. Community & Learning also sent copies to all local voluntary organisations, sports organisations, people who have been involved with consultations in regeneration areas, and those people who have been part of the sports development consultation.

To date there have been several articles in Hackney Today and the Hackney Gazette have run several stories about the strategy since January this year. Michelle Guimarin, who is the lead officer for the strategy, has had a reasonable response to date. Individual organisations will also be helping the consultation period by running focus groups. The final version of the strategy will go to committee in September for approval.

To know more about what's happening with the consultation and future plans for culture contact: Michelle Guimarin, LB Hackney Community & Learning, Maurice Bishop House, Reading Lane, London E8 1HH, 020 8356 5000.

Regional Arts Lottery Programme supports creative talent in the Capital



hotline on 020 7608 6179.

London Arts also publishes guidance notes on the scheme and its priorities. If you would like a copy call the above hotline number or download the notes from our website: www.arts.org.uk/londonarts.

London Arts co-ordinates the successful Regional Arts Lottery Programme (RALP) for the capital. The programme supports arts activity through lottery grants in five areas:

- Access to the Arts
- Education through the Arts
- Production and distribution of the arts
- Investment in Artists
- Organisational Development.

In the last year just over 90 projects received awards, and RALP look forward to receiving more applications in the future. Due to the large number they receive, the programme is extremely competitive and to give everyone the best possible chance, we do strongly recommend that you attend a London Arts RALP seminar before applying. Once you have attended the seminar and have decided that

RALP is the right programme for you to apply to, you can book in for a one-to-one session with an independent advisor to discuss your application further.

Three types of grant are available:

- Arts Projects - from £2000 up to £30,000, with most grants likely to be between £5,000 and £20,000.
- Capital - from £2,000 up to £100,000, although most awards will be up to £50,000.
- Organisational development - from £2,000 up to £30,000.

If you are thinking of applying or would like more information about the programme, please contact the London Arts' Lottery Unit

Hackney to get Muslim Jewish Forum

Leading members of the Muslim and Jewish communities of North London have recently formed the Muslim Jewish Forum of North London.

The Forum was founded on the basis that followers of both faiths have more in common than in opposition. Both communities value high moral values and ethics, and follow monotheistic faiths. They therefore have much in common, and appreciate that this can build a basis for a healthy future of these communities in North London.

The aim of this Forum will be threefold. Firstly, it will act as a point of access for each community to the other, with hopes to allay the unfounded fears which each community may have of the other. This is especially important taking into account that both communities have large populations living very closely in areas such as Stamford Hill. Secondly, to work together on projects

where the Jewish and Muslim communities have common aims and thirdly to develop a strategic partnership, assisting each other whenever appropriate.

Chaired by Rabbi Hershey Gluck, a leading spokesman for the Jewish community of London, and Vice-Chaired by Mohammed Munaf Zina, ex-Chairman of the North London Muslim Housing Association, and current Treasurer of the North London Muslim Community Centre, it is hoped that this new relationship between the Muslim and Jewish community will lead to a better understanding of each community by wider society and by the Jewish and Muslim communities respectively. For more information contact: Muslim Jewish Forum of North London, 68 Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, London N16 6AA. T: 020 8806 1147 F: 020 8806 6859.

Hackney houses a large Muslim community estimated at 40,000. Within this community a diverse range of people from different ethnic and national backgrounds are reflected, including Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Mauritian, Turkish, Kurdish, Arab and African to name a few. However, for many the shared religious identity overrides the national and ethnic identity.

In Hackney we have two Muslim schools, the North London Muslim Community Centre, four large Mosques, and many smaller Mosques, with capacity to accommodate over 10,000 worshippers. The Mosques not only serve as a place of worship, but are also at the heart of Muslim cultural activities. During the Holy Muslim month of Ramadhan they become lively places at all hours of the day where Muslims come to pray and to meet to discuss Islamic history, law, philosophy and ethics.

The North London Muslim Community Centre also acts as key focal point for cultural activities. On Friday evening the elders from the community meet for supper and Urdu 'Shaeri' or 'poetry'. This poetry, recited from memory, are from classical Asian poets of the past such as Iqbal and Ghalib. They are linked to subjects such as the struggle for spirituality and the duality of this with the practicalities of everyday life. The Centre also acts as a link between life in Hackney and the culture of 'home' for the Muslim community; it imports magazines and newspapers from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, some found exclusively at the Centre and nowhere else in London, so that the community can read

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by Ismail Amaan

the daily news of what is occurring in the 'motherland'. Every service provided by the Centre, be this the Community Advice Surgery or the Hackney Muslim Mental Health Care, is implemented in accordance with the culture and traditions of Muslims. This includes opening hours based around prayer times to washing facilities adapted for Islamic ablutions required prior to prayer.

The way forward for these cultural activities and practises of the Muslim community is to tie them in with regeneration of neighbourhoods and with individual development. There is no contradiction between Muslim culture and Government initiatives and aims such as lifelong learning and education, and of integration while preserving culture and identity. These strong cultural links between the Muslim community can be used as a forum for social inclusion and social development. Stronger links between the Muslim community and policy makers need to be established to foster an environment where the cultural strengths of the Muslim community can be harnessed to meet local and central Government policies, especially where Islamic values, such as social conscience and community safety, find support in regeneration initiatives promoted by Government policy.

Freeform Arts Trust provide Cultural-Enterprise Training

Free Form Arts Trust will be running a 16-week training course in Urban Artforms to provide pathways for re-training and upskilling creative people by providing 'hands-on' experience of real projects which take them through all

continuing professional development of artists to enable them to achieve a more central role in public design and environmental projects as part of urban regeneration.

stages of the design process. It aims to promote the

The programme teaches you to work in a multi-disciplinary way and has a wide range of benefits including broadening skills to project management level. We offer NVQ Design Level 3 accreditation through BTEC/EDEXCEL.

For more information contact; Free Form Arts Trust, 57 Dalston Lane, London E8 2NG tel:020 7249 3394 fax:020 7249 8499 e-mail: meg@freeform.org.uk

DON'T MISS

Community Participation in Local Strategies Voluntary and Community Sector meeting

1st November 2001

Queensbridge Centre

10am - 4pm

Speakers from GOL, Hackney's Local Strategic Partnership and the local community. Call HTEN, HAVE and HCVS for more details or see agenda on page 6. No booking required just turn up and share your views about how we should move forward.



Getting the right relationship with Trusts Part 6 in the effective fundraising series

Tebussum Rashid, LVSC Funding Service Co-ordinator, informs us about how to approach a Trust for funding

In the last few articles on Strategic Fundraising, Jane Standing, LVSC talked about the key elements of a fundraising strategy, creating a good funding mix and sharing out the responsibilities involved in fundraising.

OK. So now you've got that far and know about what it all consists of and who needs to be involved, it's now time to get your teeth in and think about one of the sources. I will be talking about getting money from grant making Trusts and foundations – how should you approach them and what are they expecting from you.

The UK has over 9000 charitable trusts all of them from diverse origins and giving to a diverse range of social and economic issues. In total they give about £1.9 billion per year to charitable causes.

What do Trusts and Foundations look for?

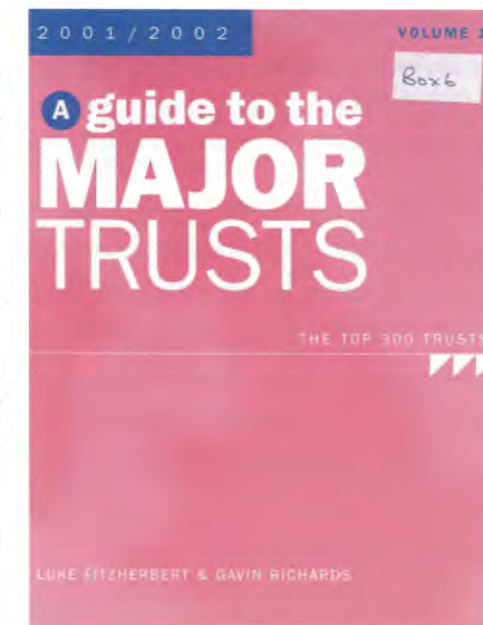
Generally, they want to see 'well communicated' applications and proposals. In other words

- a document that doesn't look like its been sent to 50 other funders,
- a document that explains exactly what the money is going to be used for and what the benefits would be,
- a document that reads like an organisation effort and not 'a person' with a brain wave,
- a document that has a realistic and accurate budget.

Out of the 9000, who should you approach?

Most of the trusts and foundations have specific priorities and criteria's that they prefer to fund, and some of these tend to change or be adapted incrementally or as a result of assessing changing needs. So when you are doing your research, ask yourself, does the issue or approach your are using fit within their stated criteria?

All the trusts and foundations vary so much in how they operate, how they assess applications and even how they



present themselves as well as varying in size and how often they meet (the same complexities and diversity as the voluntary sector!). Baring this in mind, they are approachable humans who mostly like to answer queries (not only to save your time, but also theirs).

WHAT ELSE DO THEY LOOK FOR?

- What skills are there in the organisation

- Is there any track record or credibility

- What's different about your project compared to all those others out there

- How will the proposed work be measured

- Are there any other sources of income or are you putting all your eggs in one basket

- Is there an exit strategy

- When is the money needed (hopefully not before they meet to make decisions)

AND WHAT ELSE DO THEY LOOK FOR?

Putting it all together, when approaching a trust or foundation, ask yourself whether your application or proposal is SMART. In other words is it specific, Measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound.

AND WHAT ABOUT AFTERWARDS?

Not only is it important to try to connect with funders before and during the process, but more importantly to build a relationship once you have received a grant. The way in which is done may vary according to what suits the funder but keep them informed and in touch with progress and development. Acknowledge their role. Not only does this give them reassurance that you are delivering but it may also lead to other routes or even continued funding for your fundraising strategy.

To find out more about the fascinating way in which the grant making trusts and foundations work independently in a specialist but collective way, (and more importantly, how to get money out of them), call LVSC Learning Team about funding courses on 0207 700 8113.

Mean business

Part 7: in the effective fundraising series

In this article Jane Standing, LVSC, explores possibilities for raising funds, resources and support from the Corporate Sector.

So far in this series of articles about effective fundraising, it has been argued that the fundraising process takes time and energy and therefore needs to be adequately resourced, that there needs to be a good balance of time spent between the fundraising and planning process, and these need to be intertwined, and that voluntary organizations need to have a wide range of funding sources.

Having a strategy and appropriate resourcing are fundamental elements of successful fundraising and nowhere is this more evident than in approaching the Corporate Sector for money, time or expertise.

Perhaps a helpful image to hold on to, as has been argued about approaching any funder, is that the businesses are as individual, as organised and disorganised, as over and under-resourced, and as *human and different* as the voluntary organisations. Therefore generalisations can be demoralizing and dangerous. An *individual personalised approach*, investing time and energy in the short term, is what counts and is more likely to deliver results in the long-term.

It is useful to bear in mind the role played by the Corporate Sector in supporting the UK Voluntary Sector. Nationally, in 1999-2000, the Corporate Sector gave £342.9million to the Voluntary Sector in money, employee time and gifts in kind, at a cost to themselves of £28.7m. This figure represents a 22% increase over the

prior year¹.

This compares to a Community Fund (National Lottery Charities Board) figures of £367.2m² in the same period. More interestingly perhaps, 'Jo Public in London' donated almost seven times more in hard cash to London-based charities than 'Jo Business' gave nationally in the same period³.

There is no doubt however, that voluntary organizations in London benefit greatly from the contribution made by the Corporate Sector. Practical considerations include:

1. **Crucial Criteria** - Many companies have grant-making criteria just as trusts do and it is crucial to research these, either via web sites or 'The Guide to UK Company Giving'.

2. **Dual Agenda** - Corporates have their own agenda for contributing to the voluntary sector, and are often pro-active in contributing in ways that enhance their public image and therefore profitability, but this is not necessarily a bad thing. It is vital to research the company profile and look for reasons why they might wish to support a particular organization.

3. **Who knows who** - A considerable amount of the total giving by the corporate sector is done via employee schemes, and many voluntary organizations get their first in-road to the community affairs department of a corporation through somebody they know. A useful exercise for a voluntary organization is to map out an entire list of people known to their organization and find potential personal links to the

business world, which incidentally can include a management committee member's cousin who works in Woolworths, who can refer voluntary organizations to the community affairs department, who are part of Kingfisher plc, who in 1998 gave £1.3m to charitable organizations

4. **Wider than money** - The corporate sector has developed a wide range of joint support initiatives for the voluntary sector that do not involve money, co-ordinated by groups such as Business in the Community, for example 'Pro-help', offering free professional and strategic support to voluntary and community organizations in their local area. The company that donates a second hand fax today could be responsible for an employee support scheme to the recipient organization in five years time

Like any approach to any funder, first impressions are very important and the Corporate Sector wants to see potential impact and change

For a voluntary organization, investment in acquiring the skills to raise resources from the Corporate Sector can lead to an important piece of pie in the income chart.

If you would like an advice sheet on raising resources from the Corporate Sector, or would like to attend a one-day training event, please contact the Funding Service at LVSC on 020 7700 8118.

Notes:

1. Figures supplied by Business in the Community
2. NLCB Annual Report 1999-2000
3. NCVO London Voluntary Sector Almanac 2000

Anglo-German Foundation

<http://www.agf.org.uk/>

The Foundation was established in 1973 by an agreement between the British and German governments to fund British-German comparative research projects, seminars and conferences on the industrial, economic and social policy issues and publish the findings; cultivate and maintain better understanding and closer relations; and establish practical and durable links between industry, academics, government and the media in the two countries.

Ove Arup Foundation

<http://www.theovearupfoundation.com/>

The Ove Arup Foundation was established by Ove Arup Partnership in memory of its founder Sir Ove Arup who died in 1988, more than 40 years after creating the firm which bears his name. Its objectives of the Foundation are the advancement of education directed towards the promotion, furtherance and dissemination of knowledge of matters associated with the built environment with emphasis on the multidisciplinary nature of design in engineering and architecture.

Laura Ashley Foundation

<http://www.laf.uk.net/index.shtml>

The Laura Ashley Foundation was set up in 1986 by the late Laura and Sir Bernard Ashley to help individuals realise their potential and release talent.

Audi Foundation

<http://www.audi.co.uk/information/Foundation/>

The Audi Foundation was launched in July 1997 to support and encourage 18-25 year olds with engineering and design talent and to inspire them in the way that is most appropriate for their experience and future development.

Baring Foundation

<http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/>

The Baring Foundation supports local, national and international organisations which fall within its funding programmes, currently Strengthening the Voluntary Sector, Arts in Education and the Community, and International.

BBC Children in Need Appeal

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cin>

Every penny raised for BBC Children in Need is spent on those who need it most. Applications are welcomed from good quality projects which show a clear focus on improving children's lives. Applicants must be properly constituted not-for-profit groups working with disadvantaged children under 18 years and in the UK. Their disadvantages may include any kind of disability behavioural or psychological problems, living in poverty or situations of deprivation, illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

BFWH Charitable Foundation

<http://www.bcfgrants.org.uk/>

BFWG Charitable Foundation offers Foundation Grants to help women graduates with their living expenses (not fees) while registered for study or research at an approved institution of higher education in Great Britain. The criteria are the proven needs of the applicant and their academic calibre. Grants are not given for the first year of postgraduate study or research. They are not likely to exceed £2,500

Boots Charitable Trust

<http://www.boots-plc.co.uk/>

Boots Charitable Trust supports work in Nottinghamshire on healthcare, economic development, education, and family, maternity and child welfare issues.

Bridge House Estates Trust Fund

<http://www.bridgehousegrants.org.uk/>

Part of the Corporation of London, Bridge House Estates Trust Fund makes grants for charitable projects which benefit the inhabitants of Greater London.

Worshipful Company of Butchers

<http://www.butchershall.com/>

The Worshipful Company of Butchers is one of the oldest Livery Companies of the City of London. It has four charities: General Charities, Butchers' & Drovers' Charitable Institution, Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Institute, and Education Charity.

The Cadbury Schweppes Foundation

http://www.cadburyschweppes.com/about/social_responsibility/

The Trustees of The Cadbury Schweppes Foundation review the allocation of funds on an annual basis and are only able to consider new applications for support by exception. Most appeals, including requests for sponsorship, purchase of advertising space, involvement in fund raising projects or requests for donation or gifts in kind (including company products) will therefore be declined.

William A Cadbury Charitable Trust

<http://www.wa-cadbury.org.uk/>

Founded by William Adlington Cadbury in 1923, this trust funds organisations serving Birmingham and the West Midlands and Ireland, organisations whose work has a national significance, and UK based charities working overseas.

Community Foundation for Calderdale

<http://www.ccfound.co.uk/>

The Calderdale Community Foundation raises and distributes funds to support local charitable activity in order to improve the quality of life for the people of Calderdale. The Foundation supports charities, organisations, families and individuals in the Calderdale area, in particular those who are suffering hardships or are unable to help themselves, and groups promoting educational, artistic, sporting or leisure activities. Priorities are determined locally and regularly reviewed.

Charities Advisory Trust

<http://www.charitiesadvisorytrust.co.uk/>

The Charities Advisory Trust is a registered charity which helps other charities with their trading. The Trust was set up nearly 20 years ago (originally under the name The Charity Trading Advisory Group) with home office funding, to provide an impartial source of advice on all aspects of trading for charities.

Charities Aid Foundation

<http://www.cafonline.org/grants-council/default.cfm>

Guided by an independent group of experts nominated by other voluntary organisations, the CAF Grants Council responds to applications from charities looking to increase efficiency, to develop new initiatives or simply to survive when another source of funding dries up.

Charity Know How

<http://www.charityknowhow.org/>

Charity Know How (CKH) is a grant-making body which combines the funds and knowledge of 14 grant-making Trusts, charitable Foundations and individuals, and the Department for International Development (DfID) of the British Government. It aims to support the revitalisation of the Third Sector in Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States by fostering partnership projects between voluntary organisations.

Chase Charity

<http://www.chase-charity.org.uk/>

The Chase Charity is based in Oxfordshire but works throughout the UK with the exception of the Greater London area. It only supports registered charities. The Charity gives grants between £1,000 and £10,000 and prefers to help small agencies or projects, particularly in rural areas.

Christian Development Trust

<http://www.cnwinfo.co.za/care/cdt>

Christian Development Trust (CDT) is an ecumenical lending body working in southern Africa (but mainly in South Africa). Its primary objective is to provide low interest rate loans for churches and other Christian bodies and preference is given to schools, clinics and the like.

Church Urban Fund

<http://www.cuf.org.uk/>

The Church Urban Fund, set up by the Church of England, supports practical, locally inspired initiatives in the UK which enable people to overcome despair, turn ideas into action and bring new hope to their lives and the lives of their communities.

City Parochial Foundation

<http://www.cityparochial.org.uk/>

The Foundation operates within the Metropolitan Police district of London.

Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust
<http://www.colyer-fergusson.org.uk/>

The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust makes grants to charities and churches in Kent and Suffolk aiming to improve quality of life, tackle poverty, social isolation or exclusion and protect the natural resources and heritage of the local areas for their inhabitants.

Comic Relief
<http://www.comicrelief.com/>

Comic Relief exists to tackle poverty and promote social justice in the UK and Africa.

Commonwealth Foundation
<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/>

The Commonwealth Foundation runs programmes in Arts and Culture; Civil Society; Commonwealth Understanding; and Professional Exchange.

Community Fund
<http://www.community-fund.org.uk/>

Community Fund is the operating name of the National Lottery Charities Board, the independent organisation set up by Parliament in 1994 to distribute money raised by the National Lottery to support charities and voluntary and community groups throughout the UK and to UK agencies working abroad. Its main aim is to help meet the needs of those at greatest disadvantage in society and to improve the quality of life in the community.

Cumbria Community Foundation
<http://www.cumbriafoundation.org/>

Cumbria Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of the community life of the people of Cumbria and in particular of those in special need by reason of disability, age, financial or other disadvantage by: building a professionally managed Endowment Fund; using its resources flexibly to match the wishes of donors and community needs; and establishing links between the voluntary, statutory and business sectors to ensure the best possible use of resources.

Roald Dahl Foundation
<http://www.roalddahlfoundation.org/index2.htm>

The Roald Dahl Foundation is a UK-based charity which offers a programme of grant-making to charities, hospitals and individuals in the UK only. The Foundation offers practical assistance to children and families in its three main areas of interest: neurology, haematology and literacy.

Delius Trust
http://www.delius.org.uk/g_trust.htm

The Delius Trust promotes the music of Frederick Delius by giving help towards the cost of performances; by publishing a collected edition of the music, and by financing recordings.

Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund
<http://www.theworkcontinues.org/>

The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund was set up in September 1997 in response to donations from members of the public following the death of the Princess. The Fund is to be a living memorial of the Princess by helping people in need and distress, especially at the margins of society. The Trustees intend that annual grant giving should be a minimum of £4m to £5m with approximately 25% going to UK-based organisations working in other countries, reflecting the international dimension of the Princess' interests. The Trustees' major funding themes are: Displaced people, People at the margins, Survivors of conflict and those requiring conflict mediation, and Dying and bereaved people.

County Durham Foundation
<http://www.countydurhamfoundation.org.uk/>

County Durham Foundation runs a grants programme to help local, grass roots groups working with the socially disadvantaged in County Durham and Darlington. This includes a fast-track grants programme for smaller grants and an impact grants programme which supports projects that will have a significant impact on the voluntary sector in County Durham.

John Ellerman Foundation
<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/jef.html>

The John Ellerman Foundation aims to support a broad cross-section of charities doing work of national significance, in the following categories: Medical and Disability, Community Development and Social Welfare, Arts,

Conservation, Overseas Aid (principally central and southern Africa. Only charities with a UK office will be considered).

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-making foundations in the UK. It makes grants in four areas: Social development, Environment, Education, and Arts and heritage.

Fast Track Trust Ltd
<http://www.bristol.digitalcity.org/org/fasttrac>

Fast Track Trust is a grant making trust which exists to enable people to make informed choices, overcome barriers, fulfil their potential and to participate more fully in the wider economy. This is achieved through education, training and employment initiatives.

Four Acre Trust
<http://www.fouracretrust.org.uk/>

The Trust makes grants in four areas: Respite Care and Holidays; Vocational Guidance; Relief of health disability at low unit cost; Social Housing to help individuals enjoy a better life.

Goldsmiths' Company's Charities
<http://www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk/>

There are three major and six minor charities, funding in three main areas: support of the goldsmiths' craft, education, and general charitable support.

Greater Bristol Foundation
<http://www.gbf.org.uk/>

Set up in 1987, the Greater Bristol Foundation was one of the UK's first community foundations. It provides a long-term source of support for charitable activity in the Bristol area, with the aim of ensuring that everyone has as full a chance as possible of enjoying and contributing to life in Bristol and its immediate surroundings.

Community Foundation for Manchester
<http://www.communityfoundation.co.uk/>

The Foundation is a donor services organisation offering a range of flexible professional services to help individuals, companies and other organisations to engage in effective giving by getting funds through to local communities and local causes in Greater Manchester.

Groundswell Project
<http://www.oneworld.org/groundswell/>

Groundswell is a unique project, promoting and developing self-help initiatives with people who are homeless, landless or socially excluded. It includes a small grants scheme.

Haberdashers' Eleemosynary Charity
<http://www.haberdashers.co.uk/>

Haberdashers' Eleemosynary Charity supports charities helping unemployed or homeless people; carers; sick, disabled or elderly people, especially to enable them to remain in their own homes or to allow elderly people to live in nursing homes, where appropriate; terminally ill people, hospices, mainly through umbrella organisations; excluded youth; holidays for sick or disabled people; employment training for disabled people.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation
<http://www.phf.org.uk/>

Paul Hamlyn Foundation has four priority areas of funding: the arts, education, publishing and overseas projects, which are mainly concentrated in India. In all these areas Trustees' emphasis is on helping to increase the opportunities available to people.

Peter Harrison Foundation
<http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/>

The Peter Harrison Foundation makes grants to people with disabilities and those that are disadvantaged. Priority will be given to organisations that work with or for such people in the field of sport, education and the support of children and young people.

Heart of England Community Foundation
<http://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/>

The Heart of England Community Foundation was established in 1995 to raise funds for community groups in Coventry and Warwickshire.

Help the Aged
<http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/>

Grants totaling hundreds of thousands of pounds are made each year by Help the Aged to a wide variety of projects, including transport services, respite care, hospices, homeless schemes, day centres, lunch clubs, the development of rural care and Care and Repair gardening schemes.

Housing Associations Charitable Trust
<http://www.hact.dircon.co.uk/>

HACT was set up in 1960 to raise and distribute charitable money to improve the quality of life for homeless people and people with housing and support needs. It is now one of the largest specialist grant-making charities in the United Kingdom, distributing over £1 million each year over the past ten years.

Worshipful Company of Information Technologists
<http://www.wcit.org.uk/>

The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists aims to bring the benefits of IT within reach of people disadvantaged for whatever reason. WCIT works with partner organisations to develop a growing range of IT based charitable projects - from computer networks in children's hospices to community-based cybercentres.

Benevolent Fund of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers
<http://www.imeche.org.uk/benfund/index.htm>

The Fund exists to provide financial and other help to present or past members of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, or their dependants, who are in need.

International Students House
<http://www.ish.org.uk/>

International Students House and its sister charity International Students Trust endowed a scholarship fund in 1996 to provide residential scholarships for students from the developing world.

Isle of Dogs Community Foundation
<http://www.idcf.org/>

Since 1990 the IDCF has worked in the Blackwall and Millwall wards of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, the Isle of Dogs, providing funding and training to empower local people, their communities and the voluntary sector.

Joint Educational Trust
<http://www.jetcharity.org/>

The Joint Educational Trust (JET) helps children who have suffered tragedy or trauma at home or are at risk in some way. JET enables these children to attend caring Independent Schools where they have a real chance of reaching their potential.

Kings Fund
<http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/>

King's Fund is an independent charity which aims to improve the health and health care of Londoners by undertaking health policy research and analysis, promoting good practice in health and social care, supporting leadership development, and offering grants to London projects.

Kleinwort Benson Charitable Trust
<http://www.drkw.com/aboutdrkw/community/>

At Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein in London, Community Investment works in partnership with specific voluntary sector organisations and schools in East London, and with national charities.

Allen Lane Foundation
<http://www.allenlane.demon.co.uk/>

The Foundation makes grants for work all over the United Kingdom but not overseas. Trustees give priority to work outside London and this means that grants are hardly ever made for work in Greater London. Apart from a small programme in the Republic of Ireland the Foundation does not make any grants overseas. The broad areas of work which are priorities for Trustees include the provision of advice, information and advocacy; community development; employment and training; mediation, conflict resolution and alternatives to violence; research and education aimed at changing public attitudes or policy; and social welfare.

Lankelly Foundation
<http://www.lankelly-foundation.org.uk/>

The Lankelly Foundation is based in Oxfordshire but works throughout the UK with the exception of the Greater London area. The Trustees recognise the special problems which London faces but, because the Capital has greater access to charitable funds, they have confirmed their previous decision to concentrate on other areas of the United Kingdom at least until they next review their grant making policies. Charities based in London but organising projects elsewhere will still be eligible to apply unless this application concerns London based staff.

Leadership Trust Foundation
<http://www.leadership.org.uk/index2.html>

The Foundation supports individuals and organisations wishing to advance leadership skills by awarding scholarships, bursaries and similar awards.

Lifespan Trust
<http://www.lifespan-trust.org.uk/>

The Trust supports research into the special problems of ageing and age discrimination, the advancement of public education on such issues, and preservation of health and relief of disabilities of people aged over 50.

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England & Wales
<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/>

This site also contains information about the Lloyds TSB Foundations for Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Channel Islands. The Foundations primarily fund regionally based charitable organisations in the UK.

Millfield House Foundation
<http://www.newnet.org.uk/mhf>

Millfield House Foundation (MHF) aims to help reduce social and economic deprivation in Tyne and Wear (in the North East of England), primarily by helping voluntary organisations to contribute to public debate and the policy-making process. It does not make grants related to the needs of people in Tyne and Wear, to large well-established national charities, or in response to general appeals.

Milton Keynes Community Foundation
<http://www.mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk/>

The Foundation works in the Unitary Authority Area of Milton Keynes and is a fund builder and grant-maker. Its broad purpose is to promote and support local charitable and community activity through a programme of constructive grant making.

Montessori St Nicholas Centre
<http://www.montessori.org.uk/>

The Montessori St Nicholas Charity aims to promote the Montessori method of education by providing support for Montessori schools, teachers and students. Grants may constitute scholarships, gifts, loans or partnerships. Grants are not normally made to other grant-making bodies or to general appeals. UK organisations and residents only.

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
<http://www.mott.org/>

Mott Foundation is a large, US-based grant-making foundation which funds in Central/Eastern Europe and Russia, South Africa and the US.

National Blind Children's Society
<http://www.nbcs.org.uk/>

The National Blind Children's Society is a charitable organisation providing information, advice, and support to both blind and partially blind children from 0-18 throughout the United Kingdom, and grants towards holidays for visually impaired children from low-income families.

Nationwide Foundation
<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/>

The Foundation makes charitable grants to UK based organisations whose aim is to improve the quality of life and the range of opportunities for those in need, promote social inclusion and achieve real and sustainable benefit to communities.

Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust

<http://www.nivt.org/>

The Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust is an independent charitable grant-making organisation whose aim is to create a more just and caring society by enabling people in positive action. The Trust will fund and support community development and will assist groups to tackle the causes and effects of inequality, poverty and disadvantage at a local and regional level.

Northern Rock Foundation

<http://www.nr-foundation.org.uk/>

The Northern Rock Foundation was established following the conversion of Northern Rock Building Society to a public limited company. The Foundation funds mainly in the North East of England, but applications from Scotland, Cumbria, and the North West of England will also be considered.

Nuffield Foundation

<http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/>

The Nuffield Foundation makes grants to support research and innovation in the fields of education, science, social research and innovation, health, disability and ageing. The Foundation also has a Commonwealth programme.

Nuffield Trust

<http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/>

The Nuffield Trust was established in June 1940 as The Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust and funds research and policy studies in health services. The grant programme, which funds research projects, gives preference to projects which tie in with the Trustees' priorities and contribute to the main themes that the Trust is developing. The Trust also awards a number of fellowships, including the annual Rock Carling fellowship and the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother fellowship.

Ouseley Trust

<http://www.ouseleytrust.org.uk/>

Joseph Patrick Memorial Trust

<http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org/>

The Trust makes grants to people with muscular dystrophy to pay for equipment

Peabody Trust

<http://www.peabody.org.uk/>

Peabody Trust is a general charity for the relief of poverty in London, concerned with providing high quality housing for people in need, and giving them the chance of training and skills opportunities, playing a major role in assisting the regeneration of urban areas across London. It is the largest charitable housing trust in the capital and is a registered housing association, providing 17,000 homes across 26 London boroughs. Unusually, it also has its own Act of Parliament, stipulating the Trust's objectives to work solely within the London region for the relief of poverty.

Jack Petchey Foundation

<http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/>

The Foundation supports youth projects (11-24 years) in East London and West Essex.

Pilgrim Trust

<http://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/>

Edward Harkness of New York founded the Pilgrim Trust in 1930 by endowing it with a capital sum of just over £2 million. It makes grants for social welfare, art and learning, preservation of historic buildings and monuments, cataloguing and conservation of historic and archaeological records, and repair of the fabric of places of worship

PPP Healthcare Medical Trust

<http://www.ppptrust.org/>

PPP Healthcare Medical Trust funds health-related activities, including research, training, public health initiatives and the development of new services, across the UK.

Prince's Trust

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/>

The Prince's Trust helps young people who, through disadvantage or lack of opportunity, are failing to reach their full potential through a nation-wide network which delivers practical advice and counselling, support for business

start ups, loans and grants, training, local projects, personal development and support for study outside school.

Prisoners' Education Trust

<http://www.prisonerseducation.org/>

Prisoners' Education Trust was founded in 1989 by a Prison Education Manager and others who saw a need to extend educational opportunities beyond what could be provided by the Education Service. Starting from just one prison in 1989, the Trust's scheme now extends to 60 prisons. In 1998 the trust made 480 grants to prisoners wanting to make a fresh start. Distance learning is especially suited to people in prison because the packs can travel with prisoners during frequent transfers and can be used by those who for reasons of security cannot attend education classes.

Ragdoll Foundation

<http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/>

The Ragdoll Foundation was set up in January 2000 to fund imaginative ideas which support children through the arts. Guidelines and application procedure are available from the site.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

<http://www.jrct.org.uk/>

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust funds in the areas of poverty and economic justice, handling conflict & promoting peaceful alternatives, democratic process, racial justice, corporate responsibility, Quaker and other religious concerns, in the UK, Ireland and South Africa only.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/>

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation is an independent, non-political body which supports programmes of research and innovative development in the fields of housing, social care and social policy.

Rufford Foundation

<http://www.rufford.org/>

The Rufford Foundation has a strong interest in nature conservation, the environment, and sustainable development, with approximately three quarters of the Foundation's funding going to these areas. Many other causes are supported, especially in the field of social welfare and HIV/AIDS in developing countries. There is a definite and conscious attempt to avoid replacing statutory funding. The Foundation does not give grants to individuals, only to registered charities. It tends to avoid making recurring grants on a long-term basis and usually does not provide funds for building costs or salaries. It does not make loans.

Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts

Ashden Trust

<http://www.ashdendirectory.org.uk/editor/thetrust.html>

Gatsby Charitable Foundation

<http://www.gatsby.org.uk/>

Woodward Trust

<http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

There are seventeen separate Sainsbury family trusts which are administered together, and an application to one is taken as an application to all. They are the Ashden Trust, Elizabeth Clark Charitable Trust, Gatsby Charitable Foundation, Glass-House Trust, Headley Trust, Indigo Trust, Jerusalem Trust, JJ Charitable Trust, Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund, Mark Leonard Trust, Linbury Trust, Monument Trust, Alan and Babette Sainsbury Charitable Fund, Staples Trust, Tedworth Charitable Trust, Three Guineas Trust, and Woodward Trust. In total, the trusts made grants of around £50 million in 2000.

St Pancras Welfare Trust

<http://www.spwt.org.uk/>

The St Pancras Welfare Trust works exclusively for people who live in the area of the old Metropolitan Borough of St Pancras and who need help in times of need and sickness. This area covers some of the most densely populated and poorly served parts of the London Borough of Camden, including Somers Town, Camden Town and Kentish Town.

Scott Bader Commonwealth Ltd

<http://www.scottbader.com/>

Scott Bader Commonwealth Ltd funds assistance of distressed and needy persons of all nationalities through projects which respond to the needs of those most disadvantaged, underprivileged, poor or excluded, encourage the careful use and protection of natural resources, or promote peace-building and democratic participation.

Francis C Scott Charitable Trust

<http://www.fcsct.org.uk/>

The Francis C Scott Charitable Trust is a major grant-giving trust based in Kendal, Cumbria. Grants support charities addressing disadvantage in Cumbria and North Lancashire (first priority) and the remainder of Lancashire (second priority). The homepage links to the website of the Frieda Scott Charitable Trust <http://www.friedascott.org.uk/> which gives grants to charities in the old County of Westmorland and the area covered by South Lakeland District Council.

Scottish Community Foundation

<http://www.scottishcomfound.org.uk/>

The Scottish Community Foundation supports locally based charities and community groups the length and breadth of Scotland. As a grantmaker and donor services agency it matches the interests of donors with the needs of communities, providing a unique and effective way in which all those who care about Scotland may channel their support.

SHINE (Support & Help in Education)

<http://www.shinetrust.org.uk/>

SHINE is a new trust focusing on education initiatives that encourage children and young people to raise their aspirations and realise their full potential. It will initially fund projects in London and the South East that broaden horizons for disadvantaged young people and give them an experience that they would not otherwise have.

Sir Halley Stewart Trust

<http://www.sirhalleystewart.org/>

The Trust has a Christian basis and is concerned with the development of body, mind and spirit, a just environment, and international goodwill. To this end it supports projects in religious, social, educational and medical fields. It aims to promote and assist innovative research activities or developments with a view to making such work self-supporting, with an emphasis on prevention rather than alleviation of human suffering.

Sutton Trust

<http://www.suttontrust.com/>

Peter Lampl OBE founded the Sutton Trust in 1997 with the aim of providing educational opportunities for able young people from non-privileged backgrounds.

Thames Community Foundation

<http://www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk/>

Founded in 1994, the Thames Community Foundation is a registered charity which operates in the London Boroughs of Kingston, Richmond and Hounslow. It is funded by various trusts and companies in the area, including Bentalls, Pepsico and William Grant & Sons.

Tudor Trust

<http://www.tudortrust.org.uk/>

The Tudor Trust makes grants to charities and organisations with charitable objectives. Support is given both for capital and revenue costs. The Trustees decide which charitable purposes are to be funded. Priorities in grant making are constantly evolving and a full policy review is undertaken every three years

Community Foundation (Tyne & Wear and Northumberland)

<http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/>

The Foundation provides a way for people and businesses to help the community by managing individual named funds that can be used to benefit their specially chosen causes.

Wates Foundation

<http://www.watesfoundation.org.uk/>

The Foundation was set up in 1966 by three brothers, Norman, Ronald and Alan Wates, Directors of the well-known building firm. The Foundation is co-located with the Wates Group, but has no connection with their commercial interests. Its primary focus is on the young and disadvantaged in the London area and it aims to alleviate distress and improve the quality of life. In line with its origin, the Foundation has always had an interest in the built environment and its impact on society.

Wellcome Trust

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/>

The world's largest medical research charity.

Wiltshire Community Foundation

<http://www.moneyshop.co.uk/charity/wiltshire.htm>

Wiltshire Community Foundation is an independent registered charity, pooling funds from companies and individuals to give out in grants to small local voluntary groups, operating in Wiltshire.

World in Need

<http://www.world-in-need.org.uk/>

World in Need provides seed corn funding and helps strengthen management and governance for innovative and potentially viable projects that help meet human need.

Zurich Financial Services (UKISA)

<http://www.zurich.org.uk/>

The Community Trust was founded in 1973 when the Directors of Hambro Life (renamed Allied Dunbar in 1985 and a member of the Zurich Financial Services Group since 1998) established a charity for corporate grant making.

Copies of this directory are available from HCVS's resource library. Pop in and collect one or ask us to post you a copy. We also have a range of publications which describe the major charitable trusts in further detail.

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*New * Barclays Regeneration Fund

Barclays has made available £1m of its community budget to help rural communities overcome the effects of Foot and Mouth. The objective is to provide funding to local communities damaged, either economically or in other ways, by the outbreak. The focus is firmly on regeneration and the rebuilding of local communities. Barclays is already working with a number of partners in the community to identify projects, which will deliver long-lasting and tangible benefit to the affected communities.

The types of projects for which support may be given include events to attract tourists back to rural areas, local chamber of commerce initiatives / information packs, environmental activities around the diversification of land use and employment retraining programmes. Applications for any amount will be considered, but most applications are expected to be for between £5k and £100k.

Barclays Bank PLC donates 1% of its UK pre-tax profits to community causes each year. In 2000 this amounted to £26.4 million, making Barclays one of the UK's top three corporate contributors.

Barclays has five main areas of support - education, the socially disadvantaged, people with disabilities, the arts and the environment. The aim of the Barclays community programme is to achieve real and lasting benefit both for the community and Barclays. Proposals for community regeneration support should be sent to: Barclays Rural Regeneration Fund, Community Affairs, Barclays PLC, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AH Tel: 020 7699 2969 E-mail: angie.tymkow@barclays.co.uk

*New * The Biscuit Barrel - IT Visual Media for the Voluntary Sector

The Biscuit Barrel believes the Not for Profit industry needs to embrace new technologies in order to: Address the 'Information Age' divide, building bridges in order to empower organisations in disadvantaged communities; Attract involvement and participation (especially from young people); Enable Voluntary organisations with a respected digital new media presence; Provide contemporary good quality training and educational materials.

Platforms such as the Internet, CD-ROM and DVD invite the user to play a more active role. One is able to interact with sumptuous graphics, crisp audio and streaming real time video. These interactions make way for a multi-faceted learning/entertainment experience. The Biscuit Barrel has a primary aim to work in partnership with their local community and National voluntary and statutory organisations to modernise the delivery of design and communication solutions.

They act as a creative communications hub for the community, local, national and international business, working in partnership with local educational establishments/ community groups to offer advice support etc. and can offer heavily subsidised rates to the voluntary sector. They encourage cultural exchange through the diversity of vision and ideas.

To find out more contact The Biscuit Barrel E-mail: thebiscuitbarrel@btinternet.com Web-site: www.thebiscuitbarrel.com

*New * Family Learning Weekend 12th - 14th October 2001

Family Learning describes a whole range of activities and programmes where parents, grandparents, children, carers, neighbours and friends are involved in learning.

It could be playing games, exploring places, trying a new interest, finding out facts or simply telling stories.

This is the third Family Learning Weekend following the hugely successful Family Learning Day in September 1998.

The objective of the Weekend is to raise the awareness of the vital role that the family plays in learning and to create more opportunities for the family to learn together.

A massive variety of organisations around the country host (mostly free) activities for families of all shapes and sizes. The key is fun combined with discovery and learning.

Family Learning Weekend is only successful thanks to the efforts of local organisations, and the generous support of ntl communications, the Department for Education and Skills. Family Learning Weekend is also supported by The National Trust Education, The National Confederation of Parent Teachers Association and Edexcel.

The Campaign can provide: Planning Guide - suggestions on activities &

resources; Families' Guide - a leaflet with activities to be done at home for you to give to families; Posters - which can be adapted to add details of your own activities ... and stickers and balloons, (Use of the FLW logo - re-designed following a competition).

Your activities will be posted on the CFL website; Learndirect will give out details of activities to the public; CFL will provide publicity for your events - (22 million reached last year) and provide a media pack with helpful tips on working with the media; They run competitions and promotions in local/national and regional press to stimulate national interest. They also provide advice in raising funds for your local events.

Community groups that want to organise a Family Learning Weekend activity should register their interest by calling 0117 966 7755. Free publicity materials will automatically be sent to groups who have registered. From September details of planned Family Learning Weekend activities will be made available on the free national learning helpline, Learndirect, on 0800 100 900. Campaign for Learning, 19 Buckingham Street, London WC2N 6EF Tel: 020 7930 1111 Fax: 020 7930 1551/2 Web-site: <http://www.campaign-for-learning.org.uk>

*New * Choirs for Young People

The British Federation of Young Choirs offers support and services to those setting up or operating youth or children's choirs. They give advice on funding applications and can sometimes provide bursaries and grants toward participation in choral events in the UK and abroad to members only.

Information from The British Federation of Young Choirs, Devonshire House, Devonshire Square, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3DW Tel: 01509 211664 Fax: 01509 260630 E-mail: admin@youngchoirs.net

*New * Community Fund - International grants programme

Under this programme they aim to fund development projects which address the causes of poverty and inequality and make a significant improvement to the quality of life of some of the most vulnerable people in the world. They support projects run by voluntary organisations based in the UK, working in partnership with organisations abroad. They also fund development education projects in the UK.

They will re-open this programme in Spring 2002, when application packs will be available. For the first time this programme will run continuously, with no closing date for applications.

They will announce grants under their fifth international programme in October 2001. The application line for this programme closed on 26 January 2001.

See web-site: <http://www.community-fund.org.uk/> for announcements in coming months including the consultation document for the International grants programme which will be published there from mid August to mid September 2001.

*New * Co-Op Offers Cash Dividend to Community Groups

The Co-op is urging voluntary and self-help groups across the UK to apply for cash awards from its Community Dividend Scheme which annually has more than £1/2 million available to support good causes.

The scheme is aimed at helping communities to help themselves by providing local groups committed to enhancing community life with grants, to help fund their activities or specific projects.

Thousands of organisations across the UK have already received financial help from the Co-op's Community Dividend Scheme since its national launch three years ago. Awards have totalled almost £2.5 million with individual allocations ranging from £100 to £5000. The average grant is £1000.

Community Dividend is part of the Co-operative Group's Dividend customer loyalty card Scheme offering the chance to donate their divi to the Community Dividend fund.

Co-op members are responsible for allocating the funds. In each area where the Co-operative Group trades, the local democratically elected committees of Co-



op members assess applications in their division and decide on the beneficiaries. The money donated by shoppers in each region is spent in that region.

Allocation of awards is decided from set criteria based on a set of values and principles including self-help and co-operation. Many community groups - concerned with the environment, young people, the disabled, children, the elderly, animal welfare and education, for example - share these values, indeed many are operated as co-operatives or along co-operative lines, and have benefited from the money that the Co-op's generous Dividend cardholders have contributed to the scheme.

To apply for a grant, pick up a Community Dividend leaflet in Co-operative Group stores - search for your nearest at www.co-opdirectory.co.uk. Alternatively, check out the Co-operative Group's website on www.co-op.co.uk

*New * Ethnic Minorities New Technology Initiative

Voluntary organisations serving the ethnic minorities can get help and advice with personal computers. Whether you are buying or upgrading IT equipment, installing a network or modem, accessing the internet, or choosing or installing software, a phone call for FREE advice and guidance may be all you need to avoid expensive mistakes or having to call in technicians. While those closer to Bradford may be able to get personal support it is hoped that most customers can be dealt with over the phone, so help is available wherever you are. Contact Mehrban Khan, QED, Quest House, 243 Manningham Lane, Bradford BD8 7ER Tel: 01274 483267 (9.00am - 5.00pm, Mon-Fri) Fax: 01274 305689 E-mail: m.khan@qed-uk.org

*New * Lloydspharmacy Charitable Fund

Every Lloydspharmacy has its own on counter collection box. They have chosen three national charities to support in 2001: National Meningitis Trust; Imperial Cancer Research Fund; and Diabetes UK. In addition to the big name national charities, Lloydspharmacy is also committed to raising money for the local community. During four months of the year donations can be made to the Lloydspharmacy Charitable Fund, which will distribute monies to local causes. If you would like to nominate a registered charity in your community please fill in the form on their leaflet for the charity to be considered. Remember they can only give to a registered charitable organisation and community projects and not to an individual. The Lloydspharmacy Charitable Fund is completely separate to the business of the pharmacy. The Fund is being managed by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), who will ensure that all the correct procedures are adhered to. Subject to funds being available, the Lloydspharmacy Charitable Fund will consider requests from charities concerned with health; wellbeing; children & families and community projects. The administrators reserve the right to determine the value of a donation and the recipient.

Contact: Lloyds Pharmacy Charitable Fund, PO Box 2412, Coventry CV2 2YY Tel: 0247 643 2400

*New * Golden Jubilee programme

An exciting calendar of events is being planned to celebrate fifty years of The Queen's reign. Festivities will be concentrated in the summer months of May, June and July 2002 to take advantage of longer days and better weather. The official Jubilee weekend of national celebrations will take place over the Bank Holiday weekend 1-4 June.

This is your chance to get involved! The Golden Jubilee will be an occasion for celebrations across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth in 2002. Are you planning a party or working on a Jubilee project? Do you have an idea for marking the Jubilee on a national scale? Large or small, your ideas will be welcomed by the Golden Jubilee Office. They can help in three ways - by channelling your suggestions to the right people, by helping to co-ordinate public ideas and local plans, and by suggesting ways in which you can make 2002 special.

While the Government is not making funds available, the lottery funders will, especially through 'Awards for All'. Copies of the 'Awards for All' application form can be obtained from the web-site: <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/> or by calling 0845 600 20 40.

Celebrations for the Golden Jubilee are still being planned, and they want them to be enjoyed by as many people as possible. All ideas received by the Golden Jubilee Office will be added to their database and given careful consideration. Working with government departments, national organisations and sponsors, they might be able to help your idea become reality.

Keep them up-to-date! Even if you are already well organised, they would like to

hear about your celebration plans. If they know what events and projects are happening when and where, they may be able to offer practical help, useful contacts or publicity in their on-line celebrations database.

If you would like to suggest places for The Queen or other members of the Royal Family to visit in 2002, please write to your local Lord-Lieutenant's Office and copy your letter to the Golden Jubilee Office so that your suggestion can be added to their comprehensive database of Jubilee ideas.

How would you like to mark The Queen's Golden Jubilee? If you have ideas for national or local celebratory events, the Golden Jubilee Office would love to hear from you. Use the on-line form to send the Golden Jubilee Office your suggestions.

Golden Jubilee Office, 85 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6PD Tel: 0845 000 2002 Web-site: www.goldenjubilee.gov.uk

*New * J Paul Getty Charitable Trust

The Trust funds projects concerned with poverty and misery, especially unpopular causes. The Trust favours initiatives that build self-esteem and enable local people to reach their potential, and small community projects which make good use of volunteers. Priority is given to applicants from outside London and the SouthEast. The previous focus of supporting work in inner cities is now extended to rural areas and market towns.

Priority categories are: Mental Health; Offenders; Disadvantaged Communities; Homeless; Job or Work Creation for the Unemployed; Ethnic Minorities, particularly projects for refugees regardless of origin. To a lesser extent, therapeutic use of the arts, conservation and the environment.

Get a copy of the guidelines and check the exclusions section carefully before applying. Contact Bridget O'Brien Twohig J Paul Getty Charitable Trust, 1 Park Square West, London W N 1 4LJ Tel: 020 7486 1859

*New * Youth Music regional contacts

Youth Music regional co-ordinators work in their local communities to promote the work of Youth Music at a grass roots level. They operate in their region, working with Youth Music Action Zones, gathering information and contacts and acting not only as ambassadors for Youth Music but also as the link between the community and head office.

Regional co-ordinators work for Youth Music on a part-time basis and spend much of their time out 'in the field'. So, if you try and contact one of them, an immediate response will not always be possible.

East of England - John Westcombe E-mail: jmuswestcombe@aol.com; East Midlands - Paul Lyttle E-mail: paul@musicprojects.fsnet.co.uk; West Midlands - Penny Collier E-mail: instruments@pennycollider.demon.co.uk; London (LYMAZ) - Christine Bisatt E-mail: cbinstrument@aol.com; and Lisa Guile E-mail: lisa@flow.netkonnnect.co.uk; Yorkshire - (until autumn 2001) Suzanne Winter - E-mail: swinstruments@netscapeonline.co.uk; South West - (Gloucester, Somerset, Bristol) Kirsty Carter E-mail: kirstycarter@aol.com; and (Cornwall, Dorset, Devon) Gilly Rudling E-mail: mittkr@compuserve.com; North - Jane Dancer jane@jdancer.fsnet.co.uk; North West - Fiona Gasper E-mail: fiona@fionagaspar.com; South East - to be appointed (until autumn 2001 see South); South - Bridget Whyte E-mail: whyte.music@talk21.com

*New * New Opportunities Fund - Activities for Young People Schemes

A raft of summer projects including adventure sports, creative activities and volunteering will be funded by the New Opportunities Fund to help school leavers step on board future education and job opportunities. £38.75million in England is available under its Activities for Young People award programme.

The funding will support a range of summer schemes which will offer local daytime activities and residential courses. Activities will include outdoor adventure, arts, music, drama and environmental projects. The schemes will be linked to local training providers and employers to offer taster courses and work experience, as well as help with CV writing and interview skills, to provide school leavers with a springboard into the world of work. Young people on the scheme will have access to a Connexions Personal Adviser for information, support and guidance about education, training, employment and personal development opportunities.

The Activities for Young People initiative will ease the transition between secondary school and adult life, by motivating young people and helping them to make informed decisions on their future life options. It will also promote more responsible attitudes and increase citizenship skills.

The funding will be allocated to summer activity partnerships across England, building on the success of a £11 million pilot DFES programme, Summer Activities for 16 Year Olds, which has been running since spring 2000 and will conclude later this year. Partners in each of the 47 Connexions areas have been invited to submit their funding applications for summer activities planned for 2002, 2003 and 2004.

There may be opportunities for voluntary organisations to work with these Connexions Partners. Further details of the Activities for Young People grant programme can be obtained by contacting the New Opportunities Fund Information Centre on Tel: 0845 0000 121 A leaflet will be available shortly and look at web-site: www.nof.org.uk for announcements.

*New * New Opportunities Fund - Out of School Hours Childcare - £220 million available

£220 million is available to create new childcare places for 865,000 children across the UK by 2003. The programme complements the Government's National Childcare Strategy, and the equivalent strategies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The aim is to fund good quality, affordable, and accessible provision in a range of settings which may involve the public, private or voluntary Sectors.

A further £98.5m is available for childcare projects UK-wide to extend the current programme, grants will be offered for 2 and 3 years in areas of particular disadvantage.

A further £100m is available in England to Build Neighbourhood nurseries, which will support the construction and expansion of nurseries in deprived areas.

The Building Neighbourhood Nurseries programme will support the construction and expansion of nurseries in deprived areas. The new programme will help close the gap in pre-school childcare provision between affluent and disadvantaged areas, ensuring that more parents can return to work or training. It will provide money for costs such as purchasing or refurbishing buildings and buying equipment.

The programme will complement revenue funding which the government is providing to these new nurseries under the Department for Education and Skills (DFES) Neighbourhood Nurseries Initiative. The initiative will create at least 45,000 new day-care places in disadvantaged areas by 2004 for children from birth to school age.

The Information for Applicants booklet and application forms are available in hard copy from the general information telephone numbers below or from their web-site: www.nof.org.uk The Helper Area on this website provides lots of useful information including: Frequently Asked Questions; case studies; copies of letters they have sent to local childcare partnerships; reports from seminars on Consortium Bidding, Tackling Sustainability and Better Applications. You can also call their information team who will be happy to answer your questions. England Tel: 0845 0000 121 Wales Tel: 0845 0000 122 Application forms for start-up grants and for continuation funding are downloadable from their web-site. If you have any questions about this document or the consultation process, please contact Richard Williams at the Fund (telephone: 020 7211 1707, E-mail: richard.williams@nof.org.uk)

*New * Opportunities for Volunteering update

The Consortium on Opportunities for Volunteering has fully committed all of its grant allocation until 31 March 2003. No new applications are sought. Funds have not been increased for the forthcoming year and so funds may be taken up by existing commitments so check with other Opps for Vol. funders before applying.

Churches Together in England (CTE) and the Children's Society fall into this category and have no more funds available for 2002. (CTE address should be updated from the one I gave last month to 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH Tel: 020 7529 8141 Fax: 020 7529 8134)

*New * The Quest Trust

The Quest Trust is currently offering funding for people to go on exchange visits. The aim is to allow groups from local projects and schemes to visit other similar schemes and exchange best practice, as well as getting a better idea of how to launch or improve their own project. The projects can be anything from a credit union to a community garden or a tenant management organisation.

One of the main aspects of this project is to compile a database of good projects, so that they can match hosts to applicants. If anyone would like to know more or has a good project they would like to let them know about, then they would really like to hear from you.

Contact Ed Sweetman Tel: 01225 466 263 E-mail: edsweetman@questtrust.co.uk or visit their web-site: www.questtrust.co.uk

The Quest Trust also offers other services

Grass Routes is the one-stop information service which creates better community newsletters with less effort. If you are part of a local authority housing department, or a registered social landlord, a community newsletter, a group starting up a local publication, a voluntary organisation they are the only service that provides a copyright-free supply of professional writing, Crosswords, puzzles, illustrations, humour, advice and tips on editing skills, news of funding opportunities, Other people's good ideas, and training opportunities. Grass Routes has already proved itself in hundreds of local publications on urban estates, in villages, for churches and for voluntary organisations. Grass Routes is the established back-up for community editors.

Each month it gives you more than 8,000 words of 'copy' for your publication, printed out in a magazine format and repeated on a floppy disk so that you can download anything you want to use straight to your own newsletter. All of this information is free of copyright. In addition, spare space on the floppy disk is used to provide about 15,000 words of additional back-ground information in each issue, much of it from official sources.

It operates in partnership with Quest Line, the national telephone conferencing network.

Opportunities with Deadlines

Sportsmatch Community Sports - dates for 2001

Sportsmatch is the government's grass roots sports sponsorship incentive scheme. It is funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport through grant aid from Sport England and administered in England by the Institute of Sports Sponsorship. The aim of Sportsmatch is to encourage business to invest in grass roots sport to increase participation and improve skills. Sportsmatch can match £ for £ commercial business sponsorship for a grass roots sporting event or activity.

Any not-for-profit group can apply e.g. sports club, school/college, charity, governing body of sport, local authority, voluntary groups etc. Matching awards are available between £1,000 (£500 if you are a school) and £50,000. Sponsorship can be in cash (or in kind for sporting equipment only). Projects being sponsored should be aiming to include one or more of the following elements: increased participation at the grass roots and/or improved skills, new activities or extend/enhance existing activities, provide links to the local community and ensure long term benefits. Projects can be capital (up to £5000) or revenue and include: coaching, competition, equipment, facility hire, publicity etc. Priority will be given to revenue funding.

Remaining closing dates this year are 25th September and 29th October 2001. Sportsmatch, 4th Floor, 25-27 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 0PP Tel: 020 7233 7747 Fax: 020 7828 7099 e-mail: info@sportsmatch.co.uk Web-site: www.sportsmatch.co.uk

*New * The European Youth Foundation (EYF)

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is a fund established by the Council of Europe to provide financial support to international youth activities. It has an annual budget of approximately 16 million French francs. Since 1973, more than 200,000 young people, most of them nationals of Council of Europe member states, have taken part in EYF-supported activities.

In particular, the EYF seeks to promote voluntary youth work across Europe. Since its inception, it has distributed some 170 million French francs to support international meetings - seminars, conferences, camps - organised by international non-governmental youth organisations (INGYOs), the production of publications, information material and the administrative costs of INGYOs. In recent years, the main topics of the activities supported by the EYF have been the building of Europe, youth work, minorities, the environment and a number of political issues. From 1995 on special attention has been paid to promoting solidarity and tolerance in Europe as part of the Council of Europe's Campaign against Racism, Xenophobia, anti-Semitism and Intolerance.

Five basic rules govern the distribution of the Foundation's resources: Applicants must represent either an international non-governmental youth organisation with branches in at least four member-states of the Council of Europe, or a national youth organisation co-operating with at least three other national organisations from different member states; No more than one third of the participants in any project supported by the Foundation should be of the same nationality and no more than one quarter may be over the age of 30; As a general rule, any eligible project takes place in one (or more) member states of the Council of Europe; Participants and organisers must make a significant financial contribution towards the activity themselves; Five per cent of the Foundation's budget is devoted to the activities of young people not belonging

to traditional organisations but actively supported by national or local authorities. These activities should also respect the above conditions.

As a rule, the EYF Secretariat must receive grant applications by the following deadlines: 1 April for activities to be carried out in the first half of the following year; 1 October for activities to be carried out in the second half of the following year.

European Youth Foundation, Directorate of Youth and Sport, 30, rue Pierre de Coubertin, F-67000 Strasbourg Tel: (33) 03 88 41 32 05 Fax: (33) 03 90 21 49 64 E-mail: eyf@coe.int Web-site: www.coe.fr/youth/english/EYF/EYF.htm

*New * Home Office Family Support Grant 2002/3

The Family Policy Unit of the Home Office is offering grants to organisations that work in support of the family. This funding is divided into 3 strands. Strand A (£400,000 total) is for national organisations only who are seeking to increase the effectiveness of other voluntary organisations which deliver services to parents and families. Strands B (£400,000 total) and C (£1,200,000 total) are for national, regional and local voluntary organisations. Strand B is for the development and dissemination of innovative work and models of good practice in supporting parents. This work must be replicable nationally. Strand C is for themed work parenting in challenging circumstances. All applications must include a strategy for meeting the needs of black and ethnic minority communities. The closing date for the next round is 31 October 2001.

Contact details for would-be applicants: to discuss ideas before the completion of an application form please contact: Virginia Burton, Family Policy Unit, Tel 020 7217 8108 Fax 020 7217 8114

To obtain an application form please contact: Dave Dwyer, Natalie Ford or Shanaz Saeed, Family Support Grant Team, Tel 020 7217 8373/8557/8985 The closing date for applications is 31 October 2001.

Web-site: <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/cpd/fmpu/fmpu.htm#fsp>

The Community Champions Fund

The Government has extended the Community Champions Fund for a further 3 years with £3 million a year available.

The Community Champions Fund was set up to help people to stimulate community activity and support small-scale community-inspired projects. This includes helping people to build on skills they already have and encouraging them and others to become more involved in the community.

The aim of the fund is to help you turn your idea into reality. It's designed to help a wide range of people and projects, so don't be put off if your idea is new or different. If you are committed to supporting community activity, good at making things happen and want to help others to help themselves, then the Community Champions Fund could be just what you've been waiting for.

The Fund is administered differently in the different Regions.

Contact your Regional Government Office for more details: Peter Fiddeman/Liz Walton Government Office for London, Room 6.7, Riverwalk House, 157-161 Millbank, London SW1P 4RR Tel: 020 7217 3057 - Peter Fiddeman; 020 7217 3086 - Liz Walton Fax: 020 7217 3460 E-mail: pfiddeman.gol@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk lwalton.gol@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk

Barclays Stage Partners

This programme continues this year. It is run in conjunction with the Arts Council of England, Scotland and Wales and £4.5 m has been available over 6 years. Consortia of 3 or more theatrical organisations, who plan to tour to 3 or more mid-large regional venues, can apply for funding for quality drama productions for wide audiences of classic/modern plays, new work from established writers, culturally diverse projects, adaptations or revivals, work for young people, or mime/musicals.

Enquiries to Barclays Stage Partners, c/o Kallaway Ltd, 2 Portland Road, Holland Park, London W11 4LA Tel: 020 7221 7883 Fax: 020 7229 4595

E-mail: barclaysstagepartners@kallaway.co.uk

The remaining closing dates this year are 3 September, 29 October 2001.

Film Council/Hi8us 'First Light'

The Film Council has announced a new partnership with Hi8us Projects to manage and run the Film Councils Innovative new Scheme called 'First Light'. Their emphasis for the scheme is on the involvement of the young people in the film making process and to support their ideas from development through production and to distribution and exhibition.

Access is central to their philosophy. They aim to reach the widest range of young people across the UK, especially those at risk from social exclusion.

Their intention is to fund a wide range of delivery organisations, for example media centres, schools, and youth agencies, to make and support these

productions. They will also support collaborations between groups linked within a particular region or by areas of interest, to enable organisations without a track record in film and video production to work in collaboration with more experienced organisations.

Funding is divided into two strands: The Large Scale Award - targeted at organisations with a track record of producing film and video with young people who can umbrella up to ten productions.

The Small Scale Award - aimed at organisations interested in making a single production by a group of young people.

The second round deadline is 2 October 2001.

Charlotte Jones - Project Administrator, Hi8us First Light Ltd Unit 419, The Custard Factory Gibb Street Birmingham B9 4AA Tel: 0121 693 2091 Fax: 0121 693 2096 E-mail: info@firstlightmovies.com

For other interesting projects involving young people film making and on-line drama, please look at their web-site: www.hi8us.co.uk

CAF Main Grants Programme

The Charities Aid Foundation makes grants to enable charitable organisations in the UK to improve their management and effectiveness.

1. Grants are made to assist a charitable organisation: To improve its effectiveness in meeting its objectives; To improve its use of financial resources, facilities, members, staff or volunteers; To improve its strength or sustainability; To research or move into new types of activity; In exceptional and unforeseen circumstances, to meet an emergency financial setback or to provide a single injection of funds to maintain the viability of the charitable organisation; Training needed to fulfil the above objectives; Staff funding only in fulfilling the above (not regular/core costs).

The CAF Grants Council are particularly interested in funding applications with a wide and lasting benefit and work which will improve the capacity, strength and sustainability of a charitable organisation. For example, if the charitable organisation seeks a grant for funding a consultant (fundraising or strategic review), the Council are keen to see how lasting benefit and transfer of knowledge to in-house staff or volunteers will be achieved.

2. Grants are for: Small and medium charitable organisations, with a maximum total income of £1 million. Preference is given to those with limited freely available funds or insufficient reserves to meet the need themselves; Any registered (or Inland Revenue approved) organisation anywhere in the UK; Charitable organisations of all types of organisation and beneficiary group (bar exceptions below); Maximum of £10,000 (the average grant in 1999/2000 was £4,400).

Exclusions - Grants will not be given for: Capital items, buildings, vehicles, maintenance costs; Core, routine or continuation costs of running or expanding the charitable organisation and associated general appeals; Start up costs of a new charitable organisation; Academic or scientific research projects; Retrospective, debt, deficit or loan funding; Funding that should properly be the responsibility of statutory agencies; Support or services to individuals or other beneficiaries; Schools, universities and NHS trust.

Forthcoming deadlines is 4 October 2001.

For more information and an application form contact: CAF Grants Unit, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA Tel: 01732 520 031 Fax: 01732 520 001 E-mail: grantscouncil@caf.charitynet.org Web-site: www.cafonline.org/grants-council

CAF Boosts Second Tier Charities

CAF is to make a further round of grants available to Second Tier support groups. Organisations whose role is to support voluntary organisations, rather than to offer direct charitable services themselves, can apply for grants of up to £10,000 from a Fund totalling £60,000.

A shift in funding criteria means that those organisations seeking to improve their management, overall effectiveness, or use of resources, are encouraged to apply to CAF's main grants programme. This will free up the new Fund to concentrate on one specific area: research to identify and respond to the needs of the groups Second Tier organisations are seeking to support.

This second round of grantmaking follows the Fund's success in 1999 when, in all, it made seventeen individual donations to Second Tier groups. Grant recipients included activities ranging from mediation services and rural community councils, to resource agencies and voluntary service councils.

Those wanting more information and an application form should call the CAF Grants Unit on Tel: 01732520031. The second deadlines for applications is 4 October 2001.

Any groups seeking to maintain or improve their operations can apply to CAF's main grants programme Tel: 01732 520 031 or visit web-site www.cafonline.org/grants-council

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The Civil Society Challenge Fund - DfID

The Civil Society Challenge Fund (CSCF) - Department for International Development (DFID) is open to any UK-based non-profit group, organisation or network/alliance/coalition, which shares DFID's goal of eradicating poverty. Applicants must show that they have established links with partners in developing countries. Applicants do not have to be organisations whose primary purpose is overseas development.

The Fund is expected to contribute to the achievement of the internationally agreed International Development Target to reduce by half of those living in extreme poverty by 2015. The Fund's overall aim is to increase the proportion of poor people in developing countries able to understand and demand their rights - civil, political, economic, and social - and to improve their economic and social well-being. Activities funded should be linked explicitly to this.

The CSCF will provide matched funding to an upper limit of £250,000 for single grants. Other initiatives, including short term or "one-off" proposals to promote community networking and information sharing, may be funded up to a limit of £10,000. There is a second round of applications in two stages with outline required by mid-September and full proposal by end of November 2001.

For information and application guidance, contact Carol Simpson, Civil Society Department, DFID, AH602, Abercrombie House, Eaglesham Road, East Kilbride G75 8EA, Tel: 01355 84 3586, Fax: 01355 84 3457 Web-site: www.dfid.gov.uk

The Whitley Awards Foundation

Rufford Small Grants

These grants have been made possible by The Rufford Foundation. Rufford Small Grants are aimed at smaller conservation programmes than those covered by the main Awards, including pilot projects. They are not designed to provide a small part of the funding for a large undertaking. The project requiring funding must be directly linked to field work and Rufford Small Grants may not be used to pay the costs of attending conferences or for tuition fees. Undergraduate projects are not eligible.

The Rufford Small Grants Facility offers between 10 and 15 grants each year, up to a value of £5,000 per grant.

The deadlines for the Rufford Small Grants are 31 October and 31 January, 30 April, 31 July.

The Whitley Awards Foundation, 139 Elgin Crescent, London W11 2JH Tel: 020 7229 7554 Fax: 020 7229 7578 E-mail: info@whitleyaward.org For full information visit web-site: www.whitleyaward.org

*New * National Foundation for Youth Music - Singing Challenge 3

National Foundation for Youth Music successfully launched Singing Challenge 1 and 2 in Spring 2000. Awards which have been made under these programmes have given opportunities to thousands of young people to discover and develop a love of singing in all styles and forms, from gospel to opera, pop to plainsong, world music to web broadcasts. Alongside these projects, training schemes are in place for voice animators, choral leaders, teachers, classroom assistants and parents so that more singing activities can happen into the future.

Funding for Singing Challenge 3 is designed to help build on these initiatives and reach more young people and children in more locations throughout the UK for projects taking place out of schools only. Singing Challenge 3 is for singing, training, and new ideas. Projects can include week-end or holiday singing workshops, evening drop-ins, breakfast clubs - any idea which you have that will get more children and young people singing. Any group or organisation that wants to develop singing opportunities for children and young people can apply and previous applicants may apply once their previous project is completed and evaluated. Applications may be received any time before 31 October 2001 for projects between now and March 2002.

For further information please contact: Hopal Romans, E-mail: hopal.romans@youthmusic.org.uk The National Foundation for Youth Music have moved to: One America Street, London SE1 0NE Tel 020 7902 1060 Fax: 020 7902 1061 E-mail info@youthmusic.org.uk Web-site: www.youthmusic.org.uk

Commonwealth Youth Exchange Visits 2002/2003

Are you planning a long distance Commonwealth youth exchange between April 2002 and March 2003? The Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council (CYEC) is the national agency for the promotion and grant-aiding of youth exchange visits between young Britons and their contemporaries in Commonwealth countries, especially those in Africa, Asia or the Caribbean.

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of nations which has a membership of 54 countries. Last year UK groups had exchanges with 21 of them and over 1,000 young people participated in exchanges supported by CYEC.

If your youth group is planning a Commonwealth youth exchange visit during the next financial year and you want to apply for financial assistance from CYEC, please note the deadline dates for submitting your application are 28 September & 31 October 2001.

You can apply for a grant to help subsidise your group's overseas travel from the UK or to help with hosting an overseas group in the UK. Only two-way youth exchange projects are eligible for funding. It is essential to apply on time because CYEC has normally committed its entire budget by Christmas.

Application forms and Guidelines for Funding are available from June 2001 from Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council, 7 Lion Yard, Tremadoc Road, London SW4 7NQ Please enclose a 54p A4 SAE. Tel: 020 7498 6151 Fax: 020 7720 5403

Barclays New Futures

Barclays New Futures is the UK's largest education sponsorship, presented in collaboration with CSV (Community Service Volunteers).

Barclays New Futures has more than £1 million in cash awards, educational resources, training materials and support for secondary school projects, where students are tackling social, community or educational challenges through school/community partnerships.

In all projects, whether new or existing, the judges will be looking for projects that: Enhance and increase student learning and personal development; Promote student empowerment through ownership and management; Meet a genuine need in the community and have lasting impact; Are sustainable through effective management and integration into the school; and Inspire other schools to undertake similar projects.

There are four different awards to choose from depending on the scale and duration of your project. All projects must have at least one community partner (other than a school) eg local business, charity or community group.

Barclays New Futures Fast Track - Student Awards of £500 - Designed for Years 12 & 13, these awards are aimed at groups of students (min 5 students) to undertake a small scale community partnership project quickly and effectively over one or two terms within the academic year. There are three deadlines for the Fast Track Student Awards - you decide when to apply.

Barclays New Futures Individual - School Awards of £3,000 - A one year award for a school and its students working with a community partner on any social, educational or community challenge.

Barclays New Futures School - Partnership Awards of £7,000 - A two year award for schools tackling similar challenges as the £3,000 Award but working in partnership with at least two other schools in addition to their community partner. Partner schools may include preparatory or primary schools.

Barclays New Futures Challenge Award - for Citizenship of £20,000 - A two year award to realise and promote an outstanding vision in the field of citizenship education. The winning project will meet the same criteria as the award levels but it must demonstrate national impact and exceptional opportunities for young people.

Up to five schools will be shortlisted and will each receive £2,000 to cover the costs of their final submission and presentation to the judges. The entry period for 2002 awards is 18 September - 11 December 2001.

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