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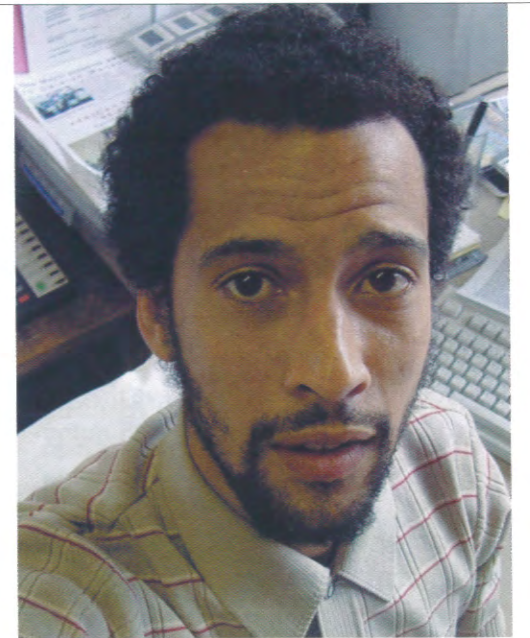
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**Autumn 2002**



Its been a while since the last SPARK. Apologies, but many of you will know that it has been a particularly destabilising time for HCVS as Hackney Council has tried to take away our core funding - see Director's Update for full details.

Well.. we are still in business.

We will be running the Community Chest, Community Learning Chest and Community Empowerment Fund again, the Local Network Fund (formerly the Children's Fund Local Network small grants scheme) as well as our weekly funding surgeries at HCVS and Finsbury Park. So we are busier than ever and committed to ensuring equality for all and access to funding for smaller groups.

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First of all many apologies for the delay in getting this edition of SPARK out. As I'm sure many of you have heard, it has been an eventful summer full of destabilizing influences just in case we in the sector should get comfortable and begin to believe that we could ever relax and get on with doing our jobs in peace!

## Transfer of Hackney Council's voluntary sector grants programme

In July 2002 Hackney Council entered into an agreement with the Association of London Government (ALG) which resulted in the formal transfer of the current Voluntary Sector Grants programme (Community & Learning) worth approximately £2.5million to be managed by the ALG. I think this is the first time in UK history that a Local Authority has taken such action. Of course Hackney had to be the first! Of course there was no genuine consultation with the sector, we are informed in a Council press release that it was done for the benefit of the sector. If this is so why not discuss it with us? They have the nerve to even imply that it is being done to provide stability! Which planet are these people living on?

**"The voluntary sector has over the last two years presented shared deputations to the Council on the issue of grant administration failings and its desire that the Council should address this issue in a meaningful way which would lead to clearer outcomes on funding decisions and bring organizational stability to the sector." LBH Press Release 2nd July 2002.**

We firmly believe this transfer has happened so that the Council thinks it can have less trouble in making more cuts to an already devastated sector. Making cuts is understandable, but there are ways and means of reducing funding and the first priority should be to listen to the sector

about how to make savings in the least painful and damaging ways in order to protect the sector in the longer term.

Whilst it is true that the sector, through HCVS and others, has complained about the system they had in place, none of us have ever sought to reduce the voluntary sector budget and certainly were not consulted about this transfer. In fact, news of the proposed transfer was only leaked to me a day before the Committee agreed it.

The Council, led by Jules Pipe, claim that this new initiative "will demonstrate that [they] believe in supporting the voluntary and community sector in providing high quality services to local people....and look forward to this new partnership that will deliver significant improvements to the way [they] support the voluntary sector."

It is true that we have been campaigning for change. We have been seeking genuine partnership embodied in a Voluntary Sector Compact for at least the past five years. We have also been asking for an end to these constant reviews and re-application processes and the introduction of 3 year contracts to introduce some stability to the sector. Yet here we are in the middle of yet another financial year and still no funding decisions have been made (they are promised for October). Imagine trying to run a business like this? It is so ridiculous that it would be funny if it were not so sad and so damaging for the people of Hackney and the organizations, which are striving to provide services for them.

Last year many community groups lost all of their funding (most of them were Black and Ethnic Minority organizations) and could not fundraise at all because the council kept them dangling until December for the outcome of their deliberations, leaving the sector stymied for most of the year. The monitoring of the voluntary sector was administered by Renaisi, the council created regeneration agency, but the results of the

monitoring were only very recently made available and had no bearing on their subsequent behaviour and process. In fact the huge monitoring exercise, which was conducted at great cost and effort, was hardly mentioned again. There has been no report or discussion of its findings. The next thing we knew we were being told that all our grants would be held by the ALG and that they were being openly advertised to invite more applications to a dwindling pot of resources much of which has already been allocated to cover contractual obligations. This agreement will last for three years (subject to yearly review). What significant improvements are the people of Hackney expected to see now with much its voluntary sector unable to access council funding and unable to replace it.

*Decisions about who will receive funding from the ALG will be agreed at Cabinet on 7th October. If you are a member of the press and have any inquiries about Hackney Council's voluntary sector grants programme you should direct them to the Hackney Grants Section at the ALG on 020 7934 9999.*

## Tender process creates more problems for Hackney's voluntary sector

Local community groups, Councils for Voluntary Services and anyone involved in community regeneration across the country will be alarmed to hear that Hackney Council has introduced a tendering process to decide who should provide the umbrella voluntary sector function in the borough at a time when stability and unity are vital to the sector's sustainability.

The tender contract is worth around £90,000 and covers the provision of support services such as information, resources, advice and training, advocating on behalf of the sector, developing new initiatives, promoting volunteering and providing a

forum for voluntary sector issues. These services are exactly the services provided by HCVS at present and represents the majority of HCVS's core funds. Don't forget this tender was introduced without any statements made about the quality of the current function provided by HCVS.

The tendering process started back in February 2002 and was managed by CSC Regeneration and Renewal Consultants at a considerable cost to the Council. The selection panel included Councillors but had no local voluntary or community sector involvement that we know of. LVSC's Director, who was invited to participate in the selection panel but declined to do so, wrote to Max Caller in May expressing her 'serious concern' that the council wanted to set up this tendering process.

**"Tendering for work that you are already doing is disruptive and disabling and can lead to decreasing morale and efficiency - the very things that a positive relationship avoids. If the local authority does have reservations about the quality of work being done by HCVS then surely a better course of action would be to raise these concerns directly with them and give them a timetable to address the problems." Director, LVSC.**

Hackney Council should be spearheading the government's community involvement in regeneration agenda but is actually blocking this happening in Hackney; frightened they will lose their power base and lose control if there is genuine empowerment. They also seem intent on destroying a dedicated and hard working voluntary/community sector by its own chaotic and inept ways of working. The current visits by the Audit Commission should provide very interesting reading when they report back. Lets hope that some notice is taken of what they find.

HCVS has been made aware that Hackney Agency for Volunteering (HAVE), Hackney Training & Enterprise Network (HTEN) and Renaisi put in a bid as a consortium for this contract. HCVS was disqualified from the

tendering process because CSC Regeneration and Renewal Consultants said the application was handed in late by 3 hours. Apparently, when approached, the other bidders were happy to include HCVS's tender application but Hackney Council over-ridden their views and maintained that HCVS should be disqualified on this technicality.

HCVS has long fought for the voluntary and community sectors in Hackney. The voluntary sector has shown its unequivocal support for HCVS at numerous community conferences and in voting for HCVS to manage the Community Chest and Community Empowerment Fund ahead of other interested parties such as Renaisi, HTEN and HAVE. We are one dissenting voice that will not go away, we were established as a CVS in 1996 to advocate for the sector and to combat social exclusion and this is what we will continue to do. How can a Council-created agency like Renaisi claim to be an advocate for the voluntary sector or propose themselves as a provider of services for the sector, especially when they monitored the voluntary sector last year? Incidentally, one of their Board members, Rose Albrow is also Chair of HAVE.

A decision should have been made by the beginning of August about who should get the tender contract but this remains unresolved as HCVS is involved in legal dispute with both the council and anyone who takes up the offer of the tender. We are awaiting the outcome of legal proceedings and we will keep you informed of developments. In the meantime if you feel strongly about what has happened please write to Max Caller and let him know how you feel, as many already have. Please copy us into any letters you send. We should add that we very much regret the inevitable disruption and divisiveness that this process is causing the sector, however, none of it has been of our making. We have tried at all times to be reasonable and to take a moderate stance. We will, though, when cornered fight hard for our survival just as we fight for yours.

## The urgent issue of premises

As a sector we have also been campaigning about the issue of premises for local organisations for a very long time. This is another issue that Hackney Council has chosen to ignore and even worse to take a very negative line which has resulted in many organizations having to resort to law to protect their buildings (or the council buildings they operate from) as they are being offered for auction by Nelson Bakewell, local estate agents, on council instructions. This is yet another example of the short term thinking of the council with respect or lack of it to the voluntary/community sector. Just where are we supposed to provide our services from as they sell our buildings around us. There are many examples of this but notably the Turkish Cypriot Cultural Association has been told that their building is up for auction in October despite the fact that it was offered to them for a peppercorn payment by the mayor of the borough in 1986, to hold for their community's activities. They are also one of the groups that lost all of their funding last year so this is a double whammy for them. No one has suggested to them where their clients should go for help or services if they close. We met with them recently and they were very distressed at how they could be treated so badly by a borough they have served for many years.

We suggest to you that these are not the actions of a council which "believes in supporting the voluntary and community sector in providing high quality services to local people...." and looks forward to this new partnership that will deliver significant improvements to the way we support the voluntary and community sector"



## Empowering East London research will put sector on the map

HCVS has successfully secured monies from the ALG and LELSC to run a large research programme across East London in partnership with Community Organizations Forum, Tower Hamlets and the Community Involvement Unit in Newham. The 'Empowering East London' research programme will assess the economic and social contribution of the voluntary and community sectors in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham over 18 months. Examining 3000 organisations across the three boroughs and focusing in detail on 75 Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) organizations, this project will provide detailed statistical and qualitative information about: the current shape, size and scope of the sector; the level of need in terms of workforce skills; the sectors' present and future capacity; its funding and finances; the sector's beneficiaries; the degree of access to strategic regional and borough-wide regeneration initiatives; and will identify barriers to the further development of the BME voluntary and community sector and the best means to overcome them.

This will be a hugely important piece of work that will show the statutory sector just what the voluntary and community sector is worth and really put us our contribution on the map. Similar work in West London found that their voluntary sector revenue totalled £727million. Imagine what that would mean if we collectively in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Newham were worth more than the Council's annual budget!!

The research will of course require your cooperation in providing us with the

information we need to make such announcements. Expect publicity materials and questionnaires coming your way in the New Year.

*If you would like more information contact Jake @ HCVS on 020 7923 1962 email: jake.hcvs@virgin.net If you are a BME organization that would like to participate in the research then please get in touch.*

## HCVS to manage Local Network Fund small grants

HCVS has been selected by the Community Foundation Network to administer the Local Network Fund for Hackney because HCVS ran a successful referral process for the fund last year and has demonstrated a commitment to engaging with the Black and Ethnic Minority sector.

The Local Network Fund (formerly the Children's Fund Local Network) is a new government initiative for voluntary and community groups working with vulnerable children and young people up to age 19 which are providing local solutions to the problems of child poverty. It will be a small grants scheme that lets you apply for up to £7000 for your activities. HCVS will set up a local panel of individuals working in the sector to decide who should receive funding. Last year HCVS successfully referred many groups from Hackney to this fund.

We are committed to getting the funding to groups working on the ground and will be targeting smaller organizations that traditionally don't get the access to the funds available.

*For more information contact the grants team at HCVS on 020 7923 1962.*

## Community Empowerment developments

Finally after many months of negotiations we have recently been approved as the organization funded to hold the Community Empowerment Fund, the Community Chest and the Community Learning Chest for the second year. This has involved considerable wrangling with GOL and, amongst other things, required us to achieve a unanimous agreement from the Community Empowerment Network Planning Group, the group of fifteen members mandated to run the process last year by the conferences we held. This was no simple task as it involved gaining the support of both HAVE and HTEN but to their credit they both endorsed our role, eventually!

It now means that we have to deliver all three programmes in less than six months and we will be launching them shortly. We intend to hold elections as soon as possible and are working with the Electoral Reform Society to establish the process.

*We will be contacting everyone about this in the coming weeks and will be holding a community conference in October to update everyone and hear your views. A Community Empowerment Bulletin will also be issued soon to review recent events and inform everyone about this year's funds and how to access them.*

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## The Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Sector Organisations (CEMVO) are organising a....

# FUNDING SURGERY

CEMVO are arranging a funding workshop for black and other minority ethnic voluntary and community sector organisations to address some of the issues that BME organisations face when filling in applications for grant funding.

**This is your opportunity to meet the funders face-to-face. The Funding Surgery will be held on 17th October from 1.30pm to 5pm at QUEENSBRIDGE SPORTS & COMMUNITY CENTRE, 30 Holly Street, London E8 3XW**

We strongly urge that groups check grant criteria and look at the application forms to check eligibility in order to utilise the time with a grants adviser to maximum effect. Most of this information is available on the web. If you have problems with access to the internet please contact CEMVO on 020 8432 0415.

The following organisations will be there to offer assistance on getting your project funded. Application forms can be obtained from:

### Community Fund

[www.community-fund.org.uk](http://www.community-fund.org.uk)

Tel 020 7587 6600

### Esmee Fairbairn

[www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk](http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk)

Tel 020 7297 4700

### Kings Fund

[www.kingsfund.org.uk](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk)

Tel 020 7307 2400

### Lloyds TSB

[www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk](http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk)

Tel 020 7204 5276

### Stone Ashdown Trust

Tel 020 7472 6060

### Ethnic Minority Fund (EMF) Core Grants

Tel 020 8432 0415

Organised in conjunction with:



## To book a place:

Contact Felicia Broomfield on 020 8432 0302

alternatively e-mail us your details at :

[Felicia.broomfield@emf-cemvo.co.uk](mailto:Felicia.broomfield@emf-cemvo.co.uk)

## We need to know:

- Organisational contact details
- Contact telephone number
- Which funder you would like to meet

Let us know if an interpreter is required as CEMVO can provide interpreters

**Appointments will be booked on a first come first serve basis!**

*Remember to bring your grant application with you!*



### LSP to help unsuccessful applicants to ALG

Hackney LSP has set aside £100K for projects who are unsuccessful in their applications to the ALG. This money will be granted to voluntary sector projects that assist hard to reach groups and address PSA targets. Relevant groups will be informed shortly. Decisions about who will receive ALG funding will be agreed by Hackney's new Cabinet on 7th October.

### Treasury Cross Cutting Review of the role of voluntary organisations in service delivery

The key recommendations of the Treasury's cross cutting review of the role of the voluntary sector in service delivery were announced on 15th July as part of the Government's 2002 Spending Review. They included the announcement of a new investment fund worth £125m to help overcome barriers to effective service delivery and modernise the sector. NCVO welcomes the considerable commitment to the role of the voluntary sector in the delivery of public services that the Spending Review represents. The Government appears to have answered NCVO's call for a new framework in the relationship between the sector and government that recognises its independence and the value it brings to services. More information on the Treasury's key recommendations, including details of NCVO's briefing and a consultation meeting taking place on 7th October are available in the Public Policy Update at

[http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/main/about/does/policy/policy\\_update.htm](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/main/about/does/policy/policy_update.htm)

### Successful bidders announced to lead New Deal delivery to help long-term unemployed

The Government has announced that Working Links is the successful private sector bidder to lead the delivery of the New Deal for Young People and New Deal 25 Plus programmes in Hackney and the City. The delivery of the New Deals by the private sector has been extended from 10 initial areas, which started in 1998 and 1999, to 12, with a separate competition for each. The new contracts for delivering the programmes are due to start on 18 November.

### Looking for trustees?

Looking for a trustee vacancy? The new Trustee Bank directory lists agencies that can match trustees to vacancies and can help you find or fill that ideal opportunity. New for this edition is online trustee brokerage, with a number of agencies providing matching services on the Internet. The directory is available to download online from [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/tgt](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/tgt), or for hard copy enquiries please contact Elisa Crawford on 020 7520 2423 or e-mail [elisa.crawford@ncvo-vol.org.uk](mailto:elisa.crawford@ncvo-vol.org.uk)

### Conference for lesbian, gay and bisexual voluntary organisations

The Consortium of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Voluntary and Community Organisations is holding a conference for groups in London, on Saturday 23 November 2002. The event aims to offer practical support through talks, and workshops, as well as offering the opportunity to network and consider ways to work together. This is a time of considerable change for this sector - with the end of ring-fencing for HIV funding, and the transition from health authorities to PCTs; and this conference will aim to consider the challenges ahead and ways to meet them. For more information, or to book a place, contact Matt Sterling [east@clgb.org.uk](mailto:east@clgb.org.uk) or telephone 01206 862601.

### Local Compact development

NCVO has been informed by the Compact Secretariat that a survey is underway for local development agencies to brief the Compact Working

Group and national umbrella organisations on resourcing local infrastructure, partnership working and Local Compact development. The hope is that every Council for Voluntary Service, Volunteer Bureau and Rural Community Council will participate. Any organisation not receiving one but wishing to join in can e-mail [paul.barasi@ncvo-vol.org.uk](mailto:paul.barasi@ncvo-vol.org.uk) for a survey form.

### Recruit older volunteers - "it's worth the effort", Lord Filkin tells voluntary organisations.

Home Office Minister, Lord Filkin, has called on voluntary organisations to do more to tap into the skills and talents of older volunteers, following an evaluation of the Home Office Volunteer Initiative (HOOVI). The research argues that older people from a variety of backgrounds could volunteer if efforts were made to recruit them. The HOOVI programme funded 26 projects to improve the quality and quantity of volunteers aged 50 and over. The findings suggested that many voluntary and community organisations were creating barriers to the recruitment of older volunteers by imposing upper age limits, having a bias towards younger volunteers, and by offering older people a narrow range of opportunities that were less interesting and demanding.

[http://213.219.10.30/n\\_story.asp?item\\_id=114](http://213.219.10.30/n_story.asp?item_id=114)

### Publication of draft Mental Health Bill

The government is to reform current mental health legislation with the unveiling of a draft Mental Health Bill for consultation. The Bill, aimed at ensuring seriously ill people get the treatment they need while preventing them from harming themselves or others, introduces a single definition of mental disorder so that personality disorder will no longer be excluded from compulsory treatment. It will also update and extend options currently available to the courts when dealing with mentally disordered offenders. Current powers available to the Home Secretary, that provide for the management of mentally disordered offenders who are judged to present a risk to themselves or to the public, are to be retained. The draft bill is issued for a 12 week consultation ending on 16 September 2002. [www.number10.gov.uk/output/page5436.asp](http://www.number10.gov.uk/output/page5436.asp)

### Free computers for community groups

Yes its true; BT are offering community and voluntary groups free computers. For an application form visit [www.btcommunityconnections.com](http://www.btcommunityconnections.com)

### Bridge House Estates begins policy review

The Bridge House Estates Trust Fund has just begun its first policy review since 1997. The Fund makes grants of more than £16 million a year for charitable projects benefiting the inhabitants of Greater London. It is planning to update each of its five main grant programmes taking account of the changing environment and needs in London. To do so it is seeking comments from interested parties. It has published online discussion papers on each of the five programmes, plus a paper on its monitoring and evaluation procedures.

### Government plans action plan on race

The Government's Neighbourhood Renewal Unit has announced plans to produce an action plan on race later this summer.

### Trusts move to offering loans as well as grants

Grant-making trusts are moving to expand their methods of charitable support to include loans as well as grants. Large and small trusts including the Tudor Trust and the Polden-Puckham Foundation are experimenting

with loan financing. The benefits to grant-makers are clear: the same charitable funds can be used again and again. Read 'Off the ground' by Patrick McCurry at SocietyGuardian. <http://society.guardian.co.uk/charityfinance/comment/0,8146,743752,00.html>

### 2003 Opportunities for Volunteering Scheme

Under the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme, the Department of Health makes funds available for grants to voluntary organisations in order to increase opportunities for people to volunteer in England in the fields of health and social care.

<http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/june/OFV.htm>

### New Government Departments

Following the departure of Stephen Byers from the DTLR the Prime Minister has created two new departments, the Office for the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and Department for Transport (DFT). Most of the responsibilities from the DTLR will pass to ODPM.

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister ([www.odpm.gov.uk](http://www.odpm.gov.uk))

Deputy Prime Minister - John Prescott

Minister for Housing, Planning and Regeneration - Lord Jeffrey Rooker

Minister for Social Exclusion - Barbara Roche

Minister for Local Government and the Regions - Nick Raynsford

Parliamentary under secretaries - Tony McNulty & Christopher Leslie

Department of Transport ([www.dft.gov.uk](http://www.dft.gov.uk))

Secretary of State - Alistair Darling

Minister of Transport - John Speller

Parliamentary under secretary - David Jamieson

Home Office

Secretary of State - David Blunkett

Minister for Criminal Justice, Sentencing and Law Reform - Lord Falconer of Thornton

Minister for Asylum & Immigration - Beverley Hughes

Race Equality & Community Policy - Lord Filkin of Pimlico

### Active Community Unit Re-launch

The Home Office has re-launched its Active Community Unit (ACU). A small grants action plan has been set up which will allow community and voluntary groups easier access to grants of up to £10,000. A new website providing information on government grants will go live later this month ([www.volcomgrants.gov.uk](http://www.volcomgrants.gov.uk)).

### Social enterprise strategy launched

The Government has launched a series of new initiatives through its "Social Enterprise: a strategy for success". These include a Bank of England review of debt and equity finance available to social enterprises, looking at options for an accredited scheme for social enterprises, a new award for the fastest growing social enterprise in an inner city area, Business Links to offer appropriate, high quality support and advice and, social enterprises should be encouraged to make use of DTI business support programmes. <http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/page5680.asp> Social Enterprise London has launched a new website which offers information on the social enterprise sector, a searchable Beeline Business Directory giving access to over 500 social enterprises in London, on-line registration and order forms for all SEL events, training and publications and all the news and activities of partner organisations, including live links to relevant websites. The site is at [www.sel.org.uk](http://www.sel.org.uk)

### Assess your organisation's environmental impact

Greenscore, an environmental self-assessment system, is now available on the web [www.ergo-living.com](http://www.ergo-living.com). The system asks questions on water, waste and transport and then marks you out of 100.

### Free guide on using the web

A free guide for voluntary organisations to ASPs (application service providers), internet services and online software has been produced by CompassPoint. The uses of ASPs include fundraising, content management, e-mail messaging and volunteer recruitment. With the help of case studies the guide looks at the pros and cons of ASPs, what ASPs are available and how to use them; it can be downloaded from [www.compasspoint.org/enonprofit](http://www.compasspoint.org/enonprofit)

### Area Based Initiatives

'Collaboration and Co-ordination in Area Based Initiatives' has been published by the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit. The report can be obtained from the NRU tel:020 7944 8383.

### Oxfam to help build community leadership

Oxfam has been awarded a Community Fund grant to run leadership courses for women, compile user friendly training and resource materials, and build a UK wide network of skilled practitioners to help community organisations build skills and expertise to get more involved in shaping local services and to challenge those in power to improve them.

### Environmental exclusion

NRU pressured to probe environmental renewal: The Neighbourhood Renewal Unit is considering whether to push the Social Exclusion Unit to produce a policy action team report on environmental exclusion. <http://www.newstartmag.co.uk/news359.html>

### Volunteer Service Managers

As part of the Government's commitment to increase the number of individuals volunteering, the Department of Health is seeking to increase the number of Volunteer Service Managers with the aim of extending the identification of new volunteering opportunities in the NHS and social care and to recruit and train volunteers.

<http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/june/VSM.htm>

### Mayor's London Plan can aid community regeneration

A new study published by Ken Livingstone shows how the Mayor's London Plan can drive community-based regeneration. The study makes recommendations on how the London Plan can ensure neighbourhoods benefit from development opportunities and regeneration. Among the recommendations, it suggests that the London Plan must interact with Government neighbourhood renewal initiatives such as Local Strategic Partnerships and Community Strategies. The report can be obtained from [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk)

### Give London power to improve deprived areas, Government urged

Following the Government's reluctance to simplify the way regeneration funds are accessed, making it easier for communities to get funds for improving their neighbourhoods, the London Assembly's Economic and Social Development Committee is calling on the Government to hand over full responsibility for regeneration to the London Development Agency (LDA). At present, the Government and numerous agencies hand out money to Londoners who are seeking to increase employment, improve schools, obtain better housing and transport links and to bolster communities.

[http://www.london.gov.uk/approot/view\\_press\\_release\\_a.jsp?releaseid=1181](http://www.london.gov.uk/approot/view_press_release_a.jsp?releaseid=1181)



# Small grants up to £5000 available from Hackney COMMUNITY CHEST

The Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest programme has started again in Hackney. This gives grants of between £50 and £5000 for projects that will improve the quality of life in the 88 most deprived areas in England. Hackney has been granted £322,569 to spend in 2002/3.

To qualify for a grant, your project must, be local, contribute to regeneration and give value for money. The Community Chest is for small groups, especially those from the most deprived neighbourhoods and people who are hard to reach such as, black and ethnic minority communities, young, older or disabled people, faith communities, travellers, refugees, lone parents.



Here are a few examples of what a grant could pay for:

- **childcare, so that parents and carers can take part in local activities**
- **a sports day or other community event**
- **printing a community newsletter or hiring a room for a meeting**
- **IT equipment**

- **training or exchange visits to other projects or**
- **renovating disused premises or maintaining playgrounds.**

These lists are only examples and you will have lots of other ideas too.

## Community Learning Chest grants

Grants up to £5000 are also available for individuals who want to develop their skills and knowledge. This includes activities such as training, participation, subscriptions to journals, good practice, helping communities explore their cultures, IT equipment and conferences fees.

The Hackney Community Learning Chest programme is worth £86,018. Contact HCVS if you wish to apply.

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## SUTTON HOUSE October 2002 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

4 October – 15 November

### Black Londoners History Mystery Trail

Lives of key black Londoners are portrayed through this hands-on interactive trail containing activities for all ages and information displays. The people and events depicted in the trail also form the basis of this month long events programme.

Trail available Friday and Saturday 1-5.30pm, Sunday 11.30-5.30pm (last admission 5.00pm).

Entry free to Hackney residents – please bring proof of residency.

Normal entry fees apply to all other visitors.

Sunday 6 October

### Black Londoners Adult Study Day

The successful collaboration between Sutton House and the Open University continues with this specially produced day of upbeat and informative talks on key black figures in London's history.

Open: 12 – 5 pm.

Entry is FREE although booking is advisable as places are limited. For further information contact Kathleen Patterson on 020 8525 9055.

Sunday 13 October

### Black Londoners: Family Learning Weekend

A day of activities exploring the Sutton House Black History Month Trail for families to enjoy together meeting some key figures along the way. Storytelling, cookery, art and craft activities and the Black Londoners history mystery trail.

Open 11.30 – 5pm. Entry: FREE, No booking necessary

Friday 1 November

### Stories of Black Londoners

Dramatisation of the Sutton House Black History Mystery Trail performed within the Historic Rooms of East London's oldest home. Sutton House has worked with local young people in the creation of this original production.

Performance: 6-8.30pm.

Entry is FREE although booking is advisable as places are limited. For further information contact Kathleen Patterson on 020 8525 9055.

Advert placed by: Sutton House, 2&4 Homerton High Street, Hackney, London E9 6JQ

## Core grant funding opportunity for black & ethnic groups



The Ethnic Minority Foundation (EMF) is pleased to announce a major grants programme to provide core funding for a number of black & minority ethnic voluntary sector organisations.

Successful applicants will receive support on an annual basis for 5-10 years in the form of:

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- **Full/part time salary costs** for the CEO or other core staff
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For an application form and further information please write to :

**Felicia Broomfield**  
**Ethnic Minority Foundation**  
**Core Grants Funding Programme**  
**Boardman House**  
**64 The Broadway**  
**Stratford**  
**London E15 1NG**

Email: Felicia.broomfield@emf-cemvo.co.uk

**Closing date for this programme is: 5.00pm - Friday 1st November 2002**



## Blunkett calls for new relationship with the Voluntary Sector

The Government must forge a new partnership with voluntary organisations and community activists to renew civil society, fight crime and the fear of crime, challenge racism and break down the barriers between communities, Home Secretary David Blunkett said today.

The Home Secretary was speaking at the launch of the Home Office's Active Community Unit – the focus across Whitehall for engagement with the voluntary sector – where he published the results of a new citizenship survey showing that four in ten people in England and Wales formally volunteer in their communities.

The Active Community Unit (ACU) will become the main gateway for voluntary and community groups to contact government, said Mr Blunkett who announced the details of how a £4.5 million a year fund would be allocated to over a 100 community groups in deprived areas. Not surprisingly, the survey found that more deprived areas had lower levels of community

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participation than wealthier locations.

In the largest-ever survey of its kind, Home Office research, launched at the Conference, revealed:

- Four in ten people (38 per cent) are involved in civic affairs – including contacting councillors, MPs, local officials, signing petitions

- Four in ten (39 per cent) are also involved in formal volunteering – giving unpaid help to groups clubs or organisations amounting to 1.8 billion hours a year

- Nearly seven in ten people (67 per cent) informally volunteered – helping a neighbour or someone else who is not a member of their family

- Only four in a hundred (4 per cent) take part in voluntary activity supported by their employers, but where employers have a scheme of their own, that figure rises dramatically to one in five employees (21 per cent).

Mr Blunkett said:

**“I want to see a nation in which everyone – no matter their age, race or social background – has a sense of belonging and a stake in society. A nation in which individuals are empowered to have more control over their lives and have the opportunity to take part in decisions that shape their community.**

“And the hallmark of a healthy community is a vibrant, thriving voluntary and community sector. Voluntary effort is key to building active communities and the Home Office's Active Community Unit is going to refocus, co-ordinate and streamline government policy with the voluntary and community sector. It will become the gateway to government, a voice at



Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions. Within a year, an interactive portal will allow community organisations to apply online for grants from all government departments.

Mr Blunkett continued:

“We are in a staged approach seeking to cut away the bureaucracy, the blockage,

and the nightmare work which has to be done at present by small community groups in order to access funds from different Departments, agencies and funding streams. The new website will enable people to get the information quickly and easily, while the interactive portal will make a significant difference within a year.

“It will then be possible to move to both online and hard copy applications for grants, leading to a final stage where there will be an integrated approach which will ensure that applications can be made on a multiple basis to different agencies covering different needs. This will cut out the enormous difficulty which organisations have in finding out

who to apply to, what the eligibility is, and will avoid them having to fill in multiple forms.”

- An advisory group drawn from people experienced in voluntary and community activity will work with the ACU on policy development

- 26 volunteer bureaux and councils for voluntary service, essential to the local voluntary infrastructure, are to be saved from closure by an emergency ACU grant of £500,000

The importance of the voluntary sector to the government's plans to renew civil society is underlined by the Cabinet Office's Performance and Innovation Unit review of charity law and regulation – to be put out for consultation in the summer. A key part of the ACU's new role will be to implement proposals from the review, to develop a package of measures to boost public trust and confidence in the sector, cut red tape and make life easier for charities and other not for profit organisations.

The ACU will also be implementing proposals from the Treasury's cross-cutting review on the role of the voluntary sector in delivering public services. The review, due in the summer, will aim to understand how the Government can work with the voluntary sector to deliver high quality public services.

Mr Blunkett said:

“I want to drive forward the government's policy on civil renewal and reforming the ACU is the first step into the future. The Government is committed to supporting community activists and organisations able to galvanise people around a vision of change and practical action. There is a growing role for the voluntary sector to work closely with Government to deliver public services based on an understanding of people's needs.

“The role for government as an enabler for active communities is one we would like to share with voluntary organisations. We would like them to work with us in a joint endeavour to support and build local voluntary and community action and empower local people. That's how we can build strong and active communities in which people of all races and background are valued and can participate on equal terms.”

### Useful facts about the Home Office ACU

#### The Time Limited Development Fund

**Time Limited Development Fund**, worth £13.5 million over three years was announced on 5 December 2001, (Home Office press notice number 310/2001). Details of all the organisations to receive the grant are available in a separate regional press release and on the Home Office website.

#### The Small Grant Action Plan [see page 14]

The **Small Grant Action Plan** is a response to the consultation document Funding Community Groups which was subject to public consultation in the summer 2001. The Interdepartmental Working Group on Researching Community Capacity Building considered these findings when drafting the Small Grants Action Plan. A leaflet on the action plan including a timetable for implementation is available from the ACU and on the Home Office website.

#### The Advisory Panel

An **Advisory Panel** to advise on various elements of the Active Community Unit's work will be set up. It will feed in ideas and act as a sounding board for particular proposals. It, and other working groups, will add value to the existing channels of advice through which ACU currently works. When finalised, the membership of the panel will reflect the diverse range of ACU stakeholders and policy priorities

#### New website

The pilot **Government Funding Web-site** will provide information on all grants available to the voluntary and community sector from four departments – Home Office, Department for Education and Skills, Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, and Department of Health. From the site, users will be able to access further information held on Departmental web-sites. Work on the web-site began in October 2001 and will go live in June 2002. A Voluntary and Community Sector Portal will follow. This next stage, which will be ready next year, will be a dynamic and interactive on-line source of information on grants from all Government departments enabling electronic applications to be made online. The website address is [www.volcomgrants.gov.uk](http://www.volcomgrants.gov.uk).

#### Emergency Fund

Twenty six local infrastructure organisations facing closure have now been awarded a total of £500,000 in emergency grants through a Home Office emergency fund (announced on 26 March 2002 news release 085/2002). Eleven Councils for Voluntary Service and 15 volunteer bureaux will receive the funding. Decisions were made by an independent panel. Organisations applying to the fund were mostly facing cuts from the Community Fund (3 year time-expiring grants) or local statutory funders. However, a number of applicants included their local authority as a supporting referee and reported that their local authority wanted to identify funding for them in the longer term.



### New small grants action plan starting March 2003

The Small Grants Action Plan – to be overseen by the Home Office's Active Community Unit – will co-ordinate access to funds from a variety of government departments and make it simpler for local groups to get grants of up to £10,000.

Home Office Community Minister Angela Eagle said: "At the heart of the Action Plan is the recognition that support for community self-help and grass roots activity is vital if we are to enable communities to contribute to solutions which they are expertly placed to visualise and undertake. "The Action Plan recognise that if the Government is committed to this then we must be prepared to invest in the expertise that already exists in communities. The more accessible and less bureaucratic small grant programme become, the more effective we will be at reaching the most marginalized communities". The Action Plan is a result of widespread Government consultation in 2001.

By March 2003, one voluntary or community organisation will be appointed by the Government Office for the region to administer all Government small grants in

each area. These single grants administrators will also have the potential to run programmes from other sources (like Regional Development Agencies, local authorities and the European Union).

The Action Plan details the criteria to be used in selecting grants administrators. The intention is to build on existing arrangements established for the major current programmes: Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chest, Local Network Fund, and the Community Champions Fund.

The area covered by each single grant administrator (which could be single borough, a county, or a sub-region) will be determined locally. 15% of the total funding allocated to each programme will be made available for administration, outreach and development support. No more than 10% of funds will be allocated for administrative costs.

The Action Plan recognises that outreach and development support is essential to assist the work of the single grant administrators, and the Action Plan sets out broadly how it will be

provided. All Government small grants programmes will move towards application process with common database to simplify administration, streamline reports, and provide for national data collection. Decision-making will be at local level and involve a range of groups and local interests. Different funds may have different decision-making panels. There will be a common

monitoring and evaluation framework applicable to all small grants programmes. As far as possible, procedure for reporting and accounting for grants, and handling payments, will be standardised across departments.

*Copies of the full action plan are available from: Active Community Unit, Horseferry House, Dean Ryle Street, SW1P 2AW Tel: 020 7217 8400.*

#### Essence of the Action Plan

- In each area, the Government will appoint a single voluntary or community organisation to act as a one-stop for groups applying for Government small grants.
- Procedures for applying for money and reporting on its use will be simplified and standardised across different grant schemes.
- Targeted help will be available, particularly to small, informal groups and to marginalized and hard to reach groups and individuals, to encourage them to apply for a grant and assist them in doing so.
- There will be flexibility for local arrangements, including the area covered by each single grant administrator, to be developed in response to local circumstances and needs.

### New govt grants website for voluntary groups

The Government has set up a new pilot Voluntary and Community Sector Grants web site ([www.volcomgrants.gov.uk](http://www.volcomgrants.gov.uk)) which provides information for voluntary and community organisations on the grants available from 4 Government

Departments - Home Office, Department for Education and Skills, Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions and the Department of Health.

This site is the first stage of a larger project to develop a Voluntary and

Community Sector Portal which will provide an online source for all information relating to grants that are available from Government to the Sector including access to grants through electronic application. More details of this will be posted in due course.

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## Sparrows need funding

Sparrows are the only wheelchair Basketball Club in central East North London and have been around for over 15 years. Most of the members are disabled people from Black and Ethnic Minority and refugee communities of all ages. Wheelchair basketball is the most popular disability sport worldwide. It provides a competitive edge to disability world. There are near a hundred clubs / Teams playing in the British Wheelchair Basketball league.

Sparrows are in the 1st Division and are desperate to find funding support and sponsors to expand their activities and maintain their current level of achievements.

Sparrows succeeded to organise some training and coaching for disabled people to get familiarised with this sport and organised a wheelchair basketball tournament inviting teams from different part of the country. This activity was supported by the Hackney Community Chest Fund, managed by HCVS and attracted many disabled people to participate. It gave a chance to newcomers to understand the game and its competitive edge and be encouraged to come out of isolation and become more active and integrate with the rest of the community. It also provided a good basis to continue and expand activities to encourage more young disabled people to participate. This is why



funding is even more crucial.

Sparrows have participated and won several national and international tournaments including tournaments in Germany, Poland, Cyprus, France

and Israel.

**For more information about the Sparrows Basketball Team contact Amir Laksari on 020 8356 3128.**

The Multiple Sclerosis Society is a source of information and referral for people affected by MS. The Hackney Branch provides support and social facilities for people with multiple sclerosis and anyone who is affected by it.

The branch is a voluntary self-help group and offers a monthly social evening on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Sam and Annie Cohen Centre, 161 Northwold Road N16 at 7.45pm. The branch is hoping to organise outings and hold a Christmas party every year

## Multiple Sclerosis support

as well as provide a holiday retreat in the country. If you would like more information about the holiday or other MS related issues please contact the

local branch officer on 020 7249 8120 (National Call Centre helpline) 0808 800 8000 (Helpline for a list of counsellors) 020 8422 2144.



## Hackney youth scoops disability award

Samantha Newham has won the Under 16 Individual Award at the Leonard Cheshire Enabled Awards 2002. Samantha, a victim of bullying, has fought back by campaigning with other anti-bullying organisations and has produced a newsletter with funding from the partnership of Peabody Trust champions for change Millennium awards scheme and the

Millennium Commission. Beat @ Bully" that is produced by Samantha provides news, information and valuable advice on dealing with the situation for parents and carers of other people, including disabled children. By speaking out Samantha has helped many others like herself.



**Hackney Progressive Association** Over 50's project is for people in the Community. We run various activities including:

- a lunch club
- health seminars
- relaxation & keep fit
- crafts & crochett
- knitting & sewing
- reminiscence

For more information contact Hackney Progressive Association on 020 8510 0986.

**Want to enjoy yourself?**

## Supporting people in Hackney

From April 2003, local authorities, in partnership with Primary Care Trusts and Probation Services will be responsible for planning, commissioning, reviewing and monitoring housing related support services.

The aim of the Supporting People programme is to improve the quality and effectiveness of these services through:

- Ensuring demand is needs led
- Focussing provision on local need
- Improving the quality and range of services
- Integrating 'support' with wider local strategies
- Monitoring and inspecting

- quality and effectiveness
- Involving service users at strategic and operational levels
- Introducing effective decision making an administration

The Supporting People team have been working hard collecting information on current supply, this will be included in the Shadow Strategy to be published shortly.

If you would like to find out more about the Supporting People programme, please see the list of useful contacts in the fact box or contact a member of the Supporting People Team. They are based in Room 103, 205 Morning Lane, London E9 6JX. Telephone the team on 020 8356 2068.



The Supporting People team

### USEFUL WEBSITES

**Dedicated Supporting People website** - Latest information, papers, discussions  
[www.spkweb.org.uk](http://www.spkweb.org.uk)

**SITRA- Supported Housing Consultants**  
[www.sitra.org.uk](http://www.sitra.org.uk)

**Housing Association Charitable Trust** - Information on grant programme, SP Training Events  
[www.hact.org.uk](http://www.hact.org.uk)

**Tenant Participation Advisory Service** - For advice, information on tenant/user involvement Useful information sheets  
[www.tpas.org.uk](http://www.tpas.org.uk)

**National Housing Federation**  
[www.housing.org.uk](http://www.housing.org.uk)

**London Government Association** Information on the Supporting People Strategy for London  
[www.lga.gov.uk](http://www.lga.gov.uk)

National Carers Week came to an exciting end on Sunday June 16th with the first ever Hackney Carers Ball. This was held at the Assembly Rooms, Mare Street and was attended by over 250 people including 77 very

lively children! It took a lot of organisation and an enormous amount of muscle power was needed on the night, but it was all well worth it.

## All the fun of the ball



When we arrived at the Assembly Rooms to set up it looked very bare and a bit depressing - but by the time we had finished, the tables were decorated, the candles were lit and the bubbly was ready to be handed out to all guests. It may be hard to believe, but the place was transformed.

We were very lucky to have a fantastic team of 25 volunteers to support us, including Gwen Prescott from the Hackney Caribbean Elderly Organisation who gave up many hours of her Sunday to help. There was live music from the Martin Hathaway Quartet to welcome people in, then line dancing led by Joan Thomas followed by an exciting raffle. Prizes were donated by many shops and services in Hackney including Goddards Veterinary Surgery, Sublime Clothes and Gift Shop, and Stoke Newington Book Shop, but the highlight - and first prize - was a champagne and chocolate hamper from

Fortnum and Mason. This was won by Tanya and Roy Pillay who have been users of Carers Centre services for many years. The raffle was followed by a disco which catered for all ages, and had just about everyone up and dancing by the end of the evening. The children were entertained by a face painter and a family of gorillas (provided by Creature Features) who were life-like enough to cause mayhem amongst the younger party-goers.

Altogether it was a very lively and happy evening, as the photos show, and staff and volunteers really enjoyed seeing everyone having such a good time.

Our thanks go to everyone who made this event possible - staff, volunteers, the caterers, all our supporters, and the entertainers. We hope to do it again next year so dust off your ball gowns and dinner jackets, and book your tickets now!

Ps If you would like to go onto the Carers Centre mailing list so that you and the people you work with can find out more about events such as the Carers Ball and day outings etc, then please contact us on 0208 985 1600 or e-mail [info@hackneycarers.org.uk](mailto:info@hackneycarers.org.uk)



## Need a video about your project?

See anything on the telly last night? Who was on? Did you see a positive and realistic representation of someone with learning difficulties, someone unemployed, someone who arrived in the UK seeking asylum, or someone just like you? Television - love it or hate it, it's everywhere and most of us consume it daily. TV offers itself to us as a window on the world, a mirror held up to society - but when was the last time you saw something that reflected your community? It's not difficult to argue that in some ways television has an effect on all of us, why else would advertisers invest so much money in the medium? It has power.

East London Media believe that video can have powerful effects on how groups and individuals are represented too. East London Media is a new not-for-profit media organisation in Hackney, and was founded by Tassia Kobylinska and Ros Gihan Williams.

"We believe that video can be an extremely useful tool for empowerment for groups and individuals who have not traditionally gained access to the media," they said, "Most of the groups we work with have never touched video equipment before, but by the end of the project they excel! We want to provide high quality media resources without the sky-high costs to communities, individuals or organisations who want their voices heard and their message seen."

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While the actual process of producing a video is exciting and empowering, the final film can take on a life of its own. Last year a group of mental health service users got together to make a video about discrimination in employment against people with a history of mental illness. After much discussion and brainstorming they decided that the video would take a revolutionary approach and focus on the positives of mental illness and the extra skills they could bring to the workforce as a result of their experiences. The group developed, researched, crewed and produced the video themselves with support from East London Media. The video has been a great success, service users have used the video in presentations to employers, the group received press coverage and reviews on the video and as a result they have gained a high profile in the borough.

East London media have also produced videos with a variety of organisations. Recently a group of adults with learning difficulties made a video about the reality of independent living. With training and support they shot, directed and produced the video themselves. The film was shown at a conference attended by staff and policy makers in the field. And this spring a group of looked after young people produced a fantastic film about bullying in school. They aim to use this film as a discussion starter at school.



### The London Moving Image Initiative

The London Film & Video Development Agency has secured £600,000 of European funding for a two year project for East London called the East London Moving Image Initiative (ELMII). The Project will be delivered in conjunction with LB Hackney and other London boroughs. The projects core aims are to: map the East London film/moving image industry; and to develop sector specific business advice and development schemes. Details of all ELMII activities will be available soon at the LFVDA website [www.lfvda.demon.co.uk](http://www.lfvda.demon.co.uk).

Tassia and Ros are both professionally trained filmmakers and have both worked in the voluntary sector. Frustrated with the constraints of working in a broadcast environment where interest in social issues is meagre, Ros and Tassia set up East London Media. The idea is to bring the power of the media to the voluntary sector. They have a pool of freelance filmmakers with a special interest in community video who work as trainers or production crew on projects. They are also interested in hearing from Hackney residents with filmmaking skills. They will also be hiring out high quality camera kits and offering advice to any groups who feel like making a production by themselves. As a not-for-profit organisation, East London Media will be accessing funds and

resources in order to keep prices low; They also have a production unit for broadcast standard productions for organisations; they have made films for high profile charities and organisations such as Macmillan, the Youth Justice Board and the Association of Trans Racially Adopted and Fostered People. If you have ever thought about working with video with your organisation but were unsure of how to go about it, East London Media should be your first port of call.

**You can contact Tassia or Ros at East London Media on 020 7249 0071 or email [EastLondonMedia@hotmail.com](mailto:EastLondonMedia@hotmail.com).**

Popular media representations of Hackney tend to emphasise its street crime, drug dealers, prostitution, street rappers, vagrants, squatters and minority sexualities, in the areas of Dalston and Stoke Newington. However, as a resident, parent and worker in this area I will mention a few other things about its people and productive activities.

Here we have nearly every kind of food under the sun in the shops and restaurants and take-aways: Indian, Italian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Russian, Anatolian, Turkish, Kurdish, Greek, African, Caribbean, S.E Asian, Chinese. Dalston is the UK home of reggae and hip hop, has more night clubs than the West End, more artists than anywhere else in London, has Ridley Road Market, The Rio Cinema, The Arcola Street Theatre, Centreprise and Stoke Newington bookshops, The

services which have now entered the mainstream in the High Street and Dalston Cross shopping centre, or have migrated to Islington and beyond.

However since 1996, along with HCD's work with Hawkins\ Brown and LBH, a sense of place has started to emerge here, based upon the rehabilitated managed workspace offices and workshops with their first and second story balconies above new market trading units. Besides the successful Jazz café, amongst these units we have local entrepreneurs, music retailers, hair salons, tailor, African bookshop and hair products, other retailers, designer makers, graphic artists, architects, media and IT workers and arts and voluntary sector groups. There is a high level of black and ethnic minority and female entrepreneurs. These economic



The Gillett Square development, including the Dalston Culture House, Stamford Works proposals as set out in Spark last year received a major fillip by being selected as one of Mayor Livingstone's top ten urban spaces in the city for development this year. The Urban Spaces Panel (comprising amongst others, Richard Rogers, Lucy Musgrave, Terry Farrell and other distinguished urban design experts) visited the site in April and engaged in a positive discussion with members of the Gillett Square Partnership (Hackney Co-operative Developments, Groundwork Hackney, LBH, Developers Macdonald Egan and Architects Hawkins Brown) at the HCD offices in Bradbury Street. Hopes are now high for this exciting cross sector initiative to put Dalston on the map, and show what real regeneration and partnership can achieve for Hackney.

## Ground conditions for a successful neighbourhood in Dalston

Dalston Jazz Café, The Vortex Jazz café, Churches, Mosques, Temples, Community Associations and so-on.

Retail vitality in Dalston has been sustained for many years by the Ridley Road Market. Along with the supermarket it accounts for the many thousands of people who pour into this area every day of the week. There is also a busy night-time and weekend activity.

Across the High street from Ridley Road, there is the Bradbury Street area which was first brought back into use from almost complete dereliction by HCD and The London Borough of Hackney (LBH) in 1982. However, until recently this particular area, has been relatively marginal to the Ridley Road epicentre, apart from providing car parking and some early market leads - such as wholefoods, complementary medicines and bicycle repair

and spatial developments have prefigured the conversion of the car park to a market square, meeting place and cultural landmark, feeding upon and servicing the already present teeming and diverse population of shoppers, inhabitants, workers and informal traders in the whole of the Dalston area.

The fact that Dalston has been selected as a strategic focus by Hackney's Local Strategic Partnership and by the LDA as well as falling within the ERDF Objective Two area, bodes well for its immediate future.

There is absolutely no doubt that the ground conditions for successful economic development exist here in Dalston. The important thing is for civil servants, planners, developers and politicians to now recognise and accept these conditions rather than move to

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obliterate them, by intent or default. Voluntary sector organisations like HCD, if they are worth their salt, need to be seen as organisations which can better identify and reflect the true value of such enormous potential.

The big question is what makes these neighbourhoods sustainable, if neighbourhood renewal, or community economic development, is not to become a sideshow, or a sop to the poor, or a fleeting marginal activity. The answer to such a question appears to be along the following lines:

Successful neighbourhoods must have roots, have character, have cohesion, stability and relative permanence, independent of the particular individuals in them at any one time. Without a good stake in the potential development field, or without a good boat to ride its seas, they cannot survive for long in the dominant market economy. At the most crude, but essential level, it means land ownership, but it also means good design, wise and responsible development, and intensive management. This means

principled and effective organisation and structures, which have self-respect and also support from the public, governmental and private sectors. This approach goes beyond the current vogue for social entrepreneurship and charismatic leadership. Crucially, it entails real and ongoing three sector partnerships, where all parties are prepared to change and create a whole which is greater than the sum of their parts.

Beyond this neighbourhoods need to see themselves as part of a wider world and to engage with and exchange with it, to ensure their enduring economic and cultural vitality. In this way they can bend the mainstream and offer the real prospect of softening our endemic economic cycles of boom and bust. Only then can we really talk of sustainable economic development and neighbourhood renewal.

**For more information contact Adam Hart at HCD on 020 7690 2858 or download full report from [www.hcd.co.uk](http://www.hcd.co.uk)**



## Independent support for parents and carers



**"We need to employ more people to support parents who are in need of advice and home visits. There is nothing like our service in the borough that offers independent education advice."**

*Kate Akindipe, Coordinator, Hackney Independent Parental Support Service (HIPSS)*

IPS aims to give free independent and confidential advice to parents/carers and young adults identified as having special educational needs and support parents/carers through what can be a stressful time. Independent Parent Workers are formerly known as 'Named Persons'.

IPS team has the ability to listen, boost parents/carers confidence to express their views as they are supported towards self-advocacy. Advocating for parents/carers is not appropriate when they are able to self-advocate given relevant information. However, some may require full support from the team.

IPS provide support when a rule-based system such as Local Education Authority refuse a service to parents/carers of children with special educational needs (with or without disability); such as refusing to carry out Statutory Assessment or issue Statement of Education; when parents/carers disagree with the named school; parents/carers not happy with current provision their children are receiving or they feel that

they are not being listened to. IPS works in partnership with parents/carers and act as parents/carer's knowledgeable friend, help get parents voices heard, liaise and negotiate with other service providers, assist with letter and report writing. IPS refers parents/carers to other agencies when we are unable to assist. We also provide ongoing support where applicable, - visit schools and support parents/carers at annual review meeting, transition meeting, exclusion and progress meeting such as Individual Educational Plan - IEP review meeting. We also help parents to understand the assessment and statement process.

IPS do not impose views on parents, neither do we make decision for parents/carers. We strongly encourage parents/carers to work in partnership with the children's school and other service providers.

HIPSS organises a monthly information and training sessions for parents/carers of children with special education needs and disabilities. It also runs a support group

fortnightly which is a forum for parents/carers to share their experiences. Service providers are invited based on group needs. This also gives parents/carers the opportunity to meet with service providers and learn about the supporting role of the service provided.

The IPSS team acts as "knowledgeable friends" to help parents consider their options and express their views whilst going through the process of special educational needs assessment, which can often be a stressful time for the families.

To become part of this team of enablers or to join as an IPS volunteer, those interested will be required to attend and complete a compulsory training - two days a week for five weeks. Travel expenses paid, ongoing support and supervision is offered. Volunteers are expected to be committed, reliable and adhere to HIPSS/HCC confidentiality policies and be willing to learn.

The next trainee/volunteer recruitment will be in August with compulsory training expected to begin in

September 2002. If you have experience of children with special educational needs as a parent or someone empathetic to their needs, or in any other capacity, we would like to hear from you. Ability to speak a second language will be an advantage.

Supporting families create an opportunity to develop and enhance skills such as counselling skills, interpersonal skills, interview skills and ability to gather relevant information. There is also a career development prospect in general advising organisational and administrative field, knowledge and experience needed to work in school and many more.

To find out more about Hackney Parents Partnership Services please contact: Kate Akindipe - IPS Co-ordinator Tel: 0208 985 1600 Ext.104 Email kate.akindipe@hackneycarers.org.uk HIPSS Hackney Carers Centre Unit 17, 11-20 Tudor Grove Hackney London E9 7QL or Priscilla Morgan - Parent Partnership Officer Technology Learning Centre, 1 Reading Lane, London E8 email hackney-parentpartnership@hotmail.com tel:020 8356 7421

### SOME USEFUL ABBREVIATIONS

SENCO	Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator in schools
EP	Educational Psychologist
LSA	Learning support assistant (non-teaching) staff in mainstream and special schools employed to work with children with special educational needs
LST	Learning support Teachers (Specialist Teachers)
EWO	Educational Welfare Officer.
PORTAGE	Specialist that supports pre school children with learning difficulties
OT	Occupational Therapist
PERIPATETIC	Specialist advisory teacher who gives specialist advice and support to professionals working with the child
SLT	Special and language Therapist
SNA	Special needs assistant
DWC	Donald Winnicott Centre
CFCS	Child and Family Consultation Services
PPS	Parent Partnership Service (provides information, support and advice on special educational needs)
IPSS	Independent Parent Support Service (provides independent advice and practical support for parents of children with special educational needs).
SENDT	Special Educational Needs/Disability Tribunal
LEA	Local Educational Authority
CDC	Child Development Centre
CONNEXIONS	Support for 13-19 year olds (they also provide support and advice around transition period)
PSP	Pastoral Support Programme (set up to help disaffected pupils and those at risk of exclusion, disaffection or at risk of disaffection to manage their behaviour)
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit (provides short term support for those who have been excluded)
EXCL	Exclusion
INTEGRATION	On register but not fully included in school
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulties
MLD	Mild learning difficulties
AR	Annual Review (parents/carers to discuss the progress and concerns of the child)
TRANSITION	Is a move from primary to secondary school.
TRANSITION PLAN	A meeting planned for 14+yr olds to draw information from a range of service providers in order to plan for the young person's transition into adult life
IEP	Individual Educational Plan is a short term learning targets set for a young child by the school, parent and others involved in the child's education
PMLD	Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties
EXCLUSION	A school order disallowing a pupil coming into the school. Fixed period is for a length of time, it must not be more than 45 days in a school year. Lunch times not more than 5 days. Indefinite without return date (unlawful). Permanent no longer on the school register

## Children from Woodberry Down estate give views on regeneration



Pupils from Woodberry Down Primary School with (from l to r) Kathleen Smith, SRB6 board member, Gordon Bell, Chairman of the Board and Rev. Tunde

Children from one of the largest council estates in the country made an extraordinary impression on the small screen when they showed a documentary on their aspirations, to regeneration practitioners in Hackney, on Tuesday 9th July at their primary school.

Pupils at the Woodberry Down Primary School took the bold initiative of playing the documentary makers when they were consulted on their views by

**"People who live in the community have to change, to make it better for everyone."**

the Woodberry Down and Stamford Hill SRB6 Partnership, who wanted to get children involved in regeneration. Representatives attended the screening from Renaisi, Hackney Council and the SRB6 Partnership Board, as well as key members from the community, who all agreed that the video, by director Bob Dixon, was a great idea.

The recommendations by children, included calls for more litter bins, caretakers and wardens, better play areas and for new houses to have bigger kitchens. They demonstrated a good grasp of the problems and

even conceded that they also have a part to play. Ten year old Cangual Arpac, from Woodberry Down Primary School said, "People who live in the community have to change, to make it better for everyone."

Gordon Bell, Chairman of the SRB6 Board and Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Hackney said, "We were pleased with the way in which the children responded to the challenge. They were able to comment on serious issues, in an

enjoyable way. This is the first in a series of videos we plan to produce to document the progress of the SRB6 Programme".

The Woodberry Down and Stamford Hill SRB6 Programme, which is managed by Renaisi, is a seven year programme targeting £22.5 million at improvements in health, education, employment, community safety and transport. The main focus of the SRB6 Programme is a £13m investment towards the development of the houses on the Woodberry Down Estates.



## Update on Somali housing needs

SAHIL Housing Association (HA) is the only the Housing Association which is doing work for the Somali Community. They are filling an obvious gap, which the Local Authority and other advice and housing services cannot meet due to their language, cultural, diet and religious practices.

**"We face big challenges ahead. We are committed to tackling disadvantage and want to ensure the Somali community no longer remains a hidden part of Hackney's population"**  
*Mohammed Abdullah, SAHIL HA.*

Tackling the central problems of homelessness is a matter of urgency, however, SAHIL HA has not received the support and the funding it needs to carry on it's work despite the Council knowing the work it has done for the Somali Community. SAHIL HA is struggling to pay the rent for

application was turned down without an obvious reason. They appealed against the decision immediately.

Similarly, their appeal was rejected because the Councillors and the officers on the panel were all those who implemented the policy of cutting the funding to voluntary organisations that are supporting their communities.

SAHIL Housing Association has received £4250 to pay part of its rent and buy some equipment. It has also received some grants from SRB6, Lloyd TSB, HACT and Awards for All to carry out feasibility studies of the needs of the Somali Community in the borough and this is now in process. They hope results will be available at the end of the year. Now, SAHIL HA is struggling to pay the rent of the office and they desperately need to get a grant in order to continue their work for the Somali Community.

To contact SAHIL send them an email: [sahil@uct-online.com](mailto:sahil@uct-online.com)

*SAHIL Housing Association has been formed to meet and redress the acute housing needs and the growing homelessness problems among the Somali community in Hackney whose housing needs are not being met through the existing mechanisms currently available. It is also providing help, practical support, interpreting and translations, resettlement advice on how to gain access to existing services i.e. housing, health, education and*

*welfare benefits to homeless people and newly arriving refugees from Somalia so that they can re-adjust into their new environment.*

*There is a large concentration and a well-established Somali community in Hackney. There are over 5000 people which increases day after day because of the influx of newly arrived Somali asylum seekers. Most end up in London's East End to join their older Somali communities in Waltham Forest, Haringey, Newham, Hackney and Tower Hamlets.*

*The Somali community comprises of a cross section of a typical community in terms of age and gender with many of the problems associated with inner city living. They are hidden from the policy makers and*

*termed 'invisible' and a 'hard to reach' group. The Authorities in the borough does not know how large a group they are or what their needs are nor are they part of the council's policy of inclusion. Therefore, they are suffering from neglect by the Council, which has led the Somalis to become isolated and unable to participate fully in regeneration programmes such as New Deal.*



Mohammed Abdullah, Sahil Housing

its office and other costs. Last year SAHIL applied to the London Borough of Hackney for a voluntary sector grant of £16,000 to pay for the rent, equipment and furniture. Unfortunately their



- Help with funding applications and one-to-one fundraising support
- **Community Chest grants**
- Organisational development
- **Community Empowerment Fund**
- Training courses
- **Information, advice and guidance**
- Signposting
- Business planning
- **SPARK magazine**
- Networking & mail out service to over 1000 groups
- Photocopying & mail out service
- Free use of computers
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- Assistance with legal matters
- Employment issues
- Voluntary sector representation

Hackney Council for Voluntary Service, The Print House, 18 Ashwin Street, London E8 3DL  
Open 9.30-5.00 weekdays. Tel: 020 7923 1962 Fax: 020 7275 8577 email: [post.hcvs@virgin.net](mailto:post.hcvs@virgin.net)

### SMOKING - THE FACTS TRAINING

Wednesday 16th October 2002  
9.30am – 4.00pm

The Lawson Practice, In the Grounds of St Leonard's, Nuttall Street

This is a 1-day introductory course aimed at workers in the City & Hackney, who would like to increase their understanding of smoking awareness issues. The course will cover the issues around smoking and the rate of the problem nationally and locally. Provide information on the risk factors associated with smoking related illnesses.

The course will also provide information on:

- Overview of smoking issues
- Cost of smoking
- Health effects of smoking
- History of tobacco
- Women smoking and pregnancy
- Update of current smoking legislation
- Local initiatives to help people stop smoking

*To book a place please contact City & Hackney Health Improvement, 2nd Floor, D Block, St Leonard's, Nuttall Street, N1 5LZ. 0207 301 3044, by Friday 4th October 2002. Places are limited and the course is free to anyone working in City & Hackney. For further details contact Sima Chaudhury tel: 0207 301 3038*



## Funding for culture



Rod Fisher, International Intelligence on Culture speaking to Cultural organisations in Hackney

The Hackney Cultural Forum, chaired by Emmanuel Amevor [pictured above] invited local voluntary organisations to learn more about funding opportunities in Europe for arts projects.

There are 11 or so directorates in the European Union who potentially could fund projects that are around culture. Key areas of interest to cultural organisations seeking to access European funding are:

1) Dedicated Cultural programmes such as

- Culture 2000 (2000-2004)
- Media Plus (2001-2005)

2) Structural funds - Regional adjustment funds - to support the economy, employment and training managed through Government Office for London. The Objective 2 programme is a structural fund for example (contributes more than 80% of EC funding for culture)

3) Educational, Vocational Training & Youth Programmes

4) Research & Technological Development - Research of interest to heritage, museums and libraries

If you want to consider Europe as a funding option for cultural activity, contact either:

1) **EUCLID** - the official UK contact point for Culture 2000 European and International Information, News & Analysis for the Arts & Cultural Sector: the performing arts; the visual arts; literature; museums and heritage; audiovisual and media industries, and the library and information sector  
**EUCLID, 1st Floor, 46-48 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5SD, UK 07000 EUCLID or 07000 382 543 e-mail info@euclid.info**

OR

2) **International Intelligence on Culture**  
 They can advise you on the most appropriate European Funding stream and can see you free of charge on a one-to-one basis once you are ready to apply.

*International Intelligence on Culture*  
 4 Baden Place, Crosby Row, London SE1 1YW.  
 email: enquiry@intelCULTURE.org  
 020 7403 7001

**HCVS has lots of briefing papers on culture and Europe**

### USEFUL WEBSITES

#### UK Government sites

[www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk) (Department for Culture, Media & Sport site)  
[www.odpm.gov.uk](http://www.odpm.gov.uk) (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister)  
[www.dfes.gov.uk](http://www.dfes.gov.uk) (Department for Education & Skills)  
[www.dti.gov.uk/europe](http://www.dti.gov.uk/europe) (Page of general information with links)  
[www.dti.gov.uk/objective2](http://www.dti.gov.uk/objective2)

#### Other institutions:

[www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)  
<http://culture.coe.fr> (Council of Europe)

#### EU European Cultural Portal:

[www.europa.eu.int/comm/culture/index\\_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/culture/index_en.htm)

#### For information on 6th Framework

[www.cordis.lu](http://www.cordis.lu) (Commission website)

#### For information on the European Structural Funds:

see the Government Office for London site:  
[www.go-london.gov.uk](http://www.go-london.gov.uk)

#### For information on Culture 2000

[www.europa.eu.int/comm/culture/eac/c2000condition\\_en.html](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/culture/eac/c2000condition_en.html)  
 Cultural Contact Point: [www.euclid.co.uk](http://www.euclid.co.uk)

#### For information on MEDIA Plus:

[www.mediadesk.co.uk/england](http://www.mediadesk.co.uk/england)

#### For information on SOCRATES:

[www.socrates-youth.be/](http://www.socrates-youth.be/)  
[www.ukc.ac.uk/erasmus/](http://www.ukc.ac.uk/erasmus/)  
[www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/socrates.html](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/socrates.html)  
[www.cenralbureau.org.uk/socrates](http://www.cenralbureau.org.uk/socrates)

#### For information on LEONARDO DA VINCI

[www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/leonardo.html](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/leonardo.html)

#### For information on YOUTH:

[www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/youth.html](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/education/youth.html)

#### For information on the European Development Fund and aid to ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific) countries:

[www.europa.eu.int/comm/development/index\\_en.htm](http://www.europa.eu.int/comm/development/index_en.htm)

#### For information on the European Cultural Foundation:

[www.intelCULTURE.org/ecf](http://www.intelCULTURE.org/ecf) (UK office)  
[www.eurocult.org](http://www.eurocult.org) (head office, Amsterdam)

## Update on Hackney Cultural Forum

Hackney Cultural Forum is the new sub-partnership of Hackney's Local Strategic Partnership. It's responsibilities are to use £200k of Neighbourhood Renewal Funds (NRF) to make an impact on Hackney's cultural scene and raise the profile of its cultural facilities which range from nationally renowned organisations, galleries and venues to emerging groups, individual artists and home-grown talent. A steering group was elected in May from a well attended meeting of Hackney's cultural organisations. It is taking forward themes that people prioritised for action.

This has resulted in Hackney's cultural organisations working in partnership to strategically build up and sustain the creative and cultural industries

sector and attract additional support into the Borough. This aim is shared by Hackney - Community and Learning, which has a wide remit including education, environment and the arts.

The Cultural Forum has already programmed a number of important public events.

- A training day 'Money from Europe' was held on 23 July to explain European policy and funding. The main presenters were Rod Fisher and Pyrrhus Mercouris from International Intelligence on Culture. The outcomes should enable a wider representation of Hackney organisations to be in a position to apply for funds.
- A series of **Culture 2000 half-day workshops** is being organised for September to assist groups with application

planning. 12th and 13th September 2:00-5:30pm @ Queensbridge Centre. Ring Michelle Patterson to book 8356 7538.

- 'Open House', the London-wide event will now showcase Hackney again. This important event attracts tourists and visitors to buildings of interest and arts venues. It takes place on 21st and 22nd September
- **Hackney Mare-de-Gras 2002** is moving to Hackney Downs on 15th September is part of the 'Discover Hackney' programme. NRF support through the Cultural Forum has attracted match funding from London Arts for the event and sponsorship from Western Union Money Transfer and funding from the Local Network Fund. Produced by Centerprise in collaboration with other arts groups, it will involve local musicians and arts

organisations within the community.

• 'Discover Hackney' will take place in April 2003.

• **The TLC (Technology and Learning Centre)** on Town Hall Square will buy more books each year as a result of the Cultural Forum's programme.

Hackney's Media Production Fund has received funding from LFVDA to match the approved NRF grant.

The Cultural Forum can be contacted through:

*Lucy McMenemy at Hackney Council on 020 8356 8404*

*Emmanuel Amevor, Chair of Cultural Forum, is based at Centerprise on 0207 254 9632*

*Barbara Wheeler-Early is Vice-Chair at Free Form Arts Trust email: barbara@freeform.org.uk*

## Calling all voluntary agencies

Are you or your colleagues interested in the following?

- Developing skills in teaching, supervision, anti-discrimination practice & assessment
- Contributing to & developing social work students' practice
- Open to developing new practices
- A wish to develop areas of work, but lack the time and resources
- Gaining access to quality training that can lead to a professional qualification

If the answer is yes, contact Adrienne Finch

Why take students? You and your staff team can:

- Share your ideas in practice
- Have an opportunity to be involved in developing future practitioners
- Make a contribution to improving professional practice
- Attract competent staff to your organisation
- Help develop skills in supervision and people management

Having a student in a team is rewarding and refreshing experience, they bring enthusiasm, commitment and a fresh perspective. Students are future colleagues, give them the learning opportunities and support that will enable them to be competent and confident practitioners who can make a contribution to the profession.

Interested? Then contact Adrienne Finch, Placements Coordinator, Social Work Department, Brunel University 020 8891 0121 ext 2074.



## Launch of City and Hackney Disability Reference Group

In partnership with Disability Hackney, Choice in Hackney, Hackney Carers Centre and City and Hackney NHS Primary Care Trust, the Hackney Social Services launched the Disability Reference Group on 12th July 2002, at Ocean.

the voluntary sector representatives on the Disability Sub Board.

The event consisted of a number of workshops and seminars, which gave service users the opportunity to voice out their own opinion and make

service users will enable them as people with less power and authority to have more control over things that affect their lives. Disabled people do not want their involvement to be used to keep them quiet, as a public relations exercise and as tokenism.

### Reference Group will bring together service users and representatives working with disabled people, to discuss the provision of services and how they can be improved

The idea to establish the Reference Group is expected to bring together service users and representatives of key agencies working with disabled people, so as to discuss the provision of services and how they can be improved.

suggestions as to how services can be improved. The workshops covered various topics, including service user empowerment, which was facilitated by Disability Hackney Co-ordinator, Sanusie Sesay

Active involvement of users requires the support of voluntary sector organisations of, and for disabled people, such as Disability Hackney. Many delegates expressed the need for such organisations to be funded by the Local and Health Authorities, so that they will represent disabled people in strategic committees to influence change, participate in decision making and act as a source of information for service users.

**The Reference Group is meeting on the 17th September 2002, at 10.00pm, at St Leonard Primary Care Hospital, in the Lusk Room.**

Disability Hackney are encouraging every service user with physical and sensory impairment to attend this meeting. The relationship between the voluntary and statutory sectors has often been confrontational. However, service users involvement in the Reference Group and organisations like Disability Hackney's membership in the City and Hackney Health and Social Care Partnership Board, will enable both the voluntary and statutory sector agencies to accept each other as partners with similar interests.



The City and Hackney Physical and Sensory Disability Sub Board set up the Reference Group. The role of the board is to develop, coordinate and plan services for users with physical and sensory disabilities. Disability Hackney is one of

In the user empowerment workshop, service users expressed the desire to be actively involved in the planning, development and delivery of service, as enshrined in the Community Care Act and Children Act. The involvement of

**For information about Disability issues in the borough contact:**

The Print House  
18 Ashwin Street  
London E8 3DL

Tel: 020 7923 1962 Fax: 020 7275 8577  
email: ssesay.dishackney@virgin.net



## Labour ducks its commitment to disability rights

In an article written in the Guardian by Raekha Prasad (Wednesday July 17, 2002) disability groups are accusing the government of breaking its manifesto pledge to establish equal rights for disabled people, after discovering that a bill anticipated for the next parliament has been shelved.

The Labour party's 1997 general election manifesto promised to introduce "enforceable civil rights for disabled people against discrimination in society or at work". In the 2001 election manifesto, this was reiterated with the pledge:

**"We are now committed to extending basic rights and opportunities [to people with disabilities]."**

Disability groups anticipated a bill in the next session of parliament to extend

rights to cover transport and housing, and to place a positive duty on the public sector to promote disability equality in the same way as racial equality.

However, Bob Niven, chief executive of the Disability Rights Commission (DRC), says the commission has learned that such legislation will not be forthcoming in the autumn.

In a letter circulated to voluntary organisations, in which he calls on them to express their concerns to the government, Niven writes that without a bill, there is "a vacuum at the heart of the government's strategy of disability rights, and much hard-won good will is now at risk". There is a danger, he adds, that the government's lack of action will be viewed by the 8.5 million disabled people in Britain as a "breach of faith".



Niven argues that disability rights have been given insufficient priority in Whitehall. "My feeling is that they sort of tried. The pressure hasn't been kept on."

Charged with recommending how to improve the Disability Discrimination Act, and chaired by Margaret Hodge, then minister for disabled people, the taskforce brought together experts from disability groups, business, trade unions and the health and social services.

# AGM

disability  
HACKNEY

If you have interest in any of the issues please come along to the Annual General Meeting, which will be taking place at:

**TRINITY CENTRE (DALSTON)  
BEECHWOOD ROAD  
LONDON E8 3DY**

**Wednesday 25th Sept 2002 2 - 5:30PM**

For more information and Transport arrangement please contact: Jennifer Rowe at Disability Hackney on tel: 020-7923-1962 email: ssesay.dishackney@virgin.net

Disability Hackney was jointly set-up by the London Borough of Hackney (LBH) and Hackney Council for Voluntary Services (HCVS) as a pilot project, following a feasibility study commissioned by the local authority through Greater London Action on Disability (GLAD). The study was conducted to establish the need for a Disability Umbrella Organisation in Hackney that will co-ordinate disability issues across the borough.

Disability Hackney is now an independent organisation and is pleased to be holding its first Annual General Meeting on 25th September 2002.

Our main objective is to represent disabled people. We give advice and support to local disability organisations, offer information and advice service on all matters regarding disability, work with the local authority to develop policies on disability issues, campaign and lobby service providers for better access to services and facilities for disabled people.



# Youth spring into **action**



## Mamady Kourouma, Coordinator of **Trampoline** gives us his account of how his organisation helps youths get and stay in employment and what the issues are

**T**rampoline came to life in the summer of 2001 during a conversation between two friends from the Borough of Hackney, about how to help get youngsters out of the vicious circle they are in after a violent loss of a young man from the community. Concern was raised about the amount of unemployed people in our community. It is mainly for those reason that the climate of changing or contributing to change was born.

**We have determined in our own right that the symptoms of unemployability cannot be tackled unless, we understand its causes.**

Why do people living in low employment/high unemployment neighbourhoods (Hackney) and people from ethnic minority backgrounds fail to secure the jobs that exist?

We tell our clients that skills will help them find jobs but attitude will help them secure those jobs. Once we have identified which one of these two, in some cases both, our client is lacking, we will then proceed in assisting them in a way better suited to their advancement.

For many unemployed inner-city citizens attitudinal and behavioural training, rather than the development of

"hard skills" is the key to success in placing those individuals into work. What most employers tell us is that they want people with commitment, determination and self-discipline. But these are exactly the qualities which people deprived of work for long periods lose or have little opportunity to acquire.

For this policy of reaching out to the community to operate to its fullness, TRAMPOLINE has committed itself by supporting individuals through guidance, search and settlement processes. TRAMPOLINE has developed a very special and effective way of reaching out to it's young community by visiting so call

"crews" (gangs) and making them aware of their opportunities and entitlements vis-à-vis education, training and employment.

Around two-thirds of low income households in Hackney are without work and the lack of work locks these households into a cycle of decline. People who have been unemployed are at much greater risk of subsequent unemployment and low pay. Children from workless or low income households are much less likely to stay on at school and to have poor educational attainments. Educational attainment in turn has a significant impact on people's chances in the labour market.

Discrimination is not however the only barrier to a job for unemployed and jobless people.

**There is a lack of fully effective mechanisms for building bridges between employers who want to fill their vacancies and employable but jobless people in our neighbourhoods well capable of filling those vacancies.**

Trampoline has a number of clients from the borough seriously looking to secure jobs. In order to ensure that we maintain our relationship with the employers, we need to make sure that the people

we send for jobs give a good account of themselves.

**T**o make sure that potential applicants are able to sell themselves, we put them through a short and intensive workshop program. Trampoline's workshop focuses in shaping clients' attitudes and building their confidence in order for them to fit criteria required in any work situation. We assist clients in identifying their skills and using them to the best of their abilities.

We teach them good interview techniques, how to complete and compose job winning application forms and CVs, how to write speculative letters and much more. Trampoline does not guarantee its' clients a job but will give them significant support in enhancing their chances of getting one. Only the employers can guarantee a job. Clients will have to pass their own interviews with employers and the results are going to be up to them.

For clients whose problem lies not in obtaining but securing jobs, we will help to pinpoint where they are going wrong and advise them as to what can be done to improve their chance of holding onto employment. No previous work experience is needed for clients to be able to register with Trampoline as, we exist to assist people from different backgrounds in our community find and secure employment.

We are striving to boost the rate of employment and reduce the level of offending and homelessness among ex-prisoners living in Hackney but most of all get them in to work. So far we have assisted about 25 people with their CVs, Interview Techniques, Application Forms, job search, referrals and much more. Out of the 25 clients seen 7 are in employment to this day 4 have gone into further education and 2 are in training as volunteers.



Mady Kourouma, Coordinator and a client Aaron Stone

## Hackney Bereavement Service

**H**ackney Bereavement Service is running support groups for bereaved carers in Hackney. HBS is well known in Hackney for its counselling work with people over 50 who are experiencing distress around loss and/or going through bereavement. HBS is now extending its work to provide therapeutic group support for bereaved carers in Hackney.

The support groups will be there to contain difficulties around loss and will help their group members to share their experience of grieving. The aim will be to create a space for the participants to express their feelings around loss and bereavement, to listen to one another, to learn from one another's similar experiences, and to give and receive support in this difficult time. the pony requirement to join the group is to be over 50 years of age, other than that the service us free and is open to all members of the community in Hackney. the working language of the group will be in English.

To find out more please contact Ms Asu Aksoy at: Hackney Bereavement Service, 133 Stoke Newington High Street, London N16 0PH. Tel: 020 7254 9804.

### Info about Trampoline

Trampoline is a non-profit making organisation that exists to help unemployed people, who want to work, find and secure employment. They also participate in the regeneration of Hackney by assisting local employers when they are looking to recruit staff. The project is aimed at ex-convicts and long term unemployed Hackney residents but also those from neighbouring boroughs.

They provide more effective support to people without jobs in our borough and those from ethnic minority backgrounds who currently lack the skills, confidence and aptitudes to compete effectively for jobs and to retain jobs and enhance their skills and earnings once in them.

TRAMPOLINE offer's the following:

- Experienced personal advisers and placement officers.
- User-friendly Environment and/or Adult Work place environment.
- Flexible Programme.
- One to one sessions with a personal adviser (Up to 16 hours per week).
- Possible Outdoor Activities.
- Work placements (if required).
- BSA Assessment and Numeracy and Literacy Qualifications.
- Personal and Social Development Workshops.
- Job search, CV writing, and preparation for work.
- Youth and Adult Offenders Advice.

### How the Programme works

Clients will be given an informal pre course interview to establish a relationship and a progression plan, on going assessments and support meetings. Direct in to employment, training or education.

**To contact Trampoline call 07961 350 672.**



## Great news from Community Fund for Hackney groups who have been cut

The Community Fund does not want its grants to be used to provide services that the state has an explicit and clear duty to provide. However, statutory duties are rarely defined in specific or prescriptive terms.

Jane Rogers, press Officer at the Community Fund says: "As you already know, if a statutory body removes its

authority, then the organisation can apply to us." This is great news for Hackney groups who have had their core fund withdrawn by the council over the last few years.

The Community Fund can fund projects that develop or expand a group's existing services or increase access to other disadvantaged individuals or groups,

community as well as with the statutory body.

The Community Fund wants its grants to be additional to financial support currently available from government or public bodies. This includes European, central and local government, parish councils and health authorities. Grants are therefore not made which:

come to an end.

If the project improves an asset controlled by a statutory body e.g. a park: the improvement must be of benefit to the wider community; the community must have access to and some element of control over the asset (e.g. a lease). If there is funding available through central government initiatives

## The Community Fund may replace statutory funding but only after two local authority budget cycles

funding from a voluntary organisation as a cut, we will not replace it. There might be exceptional circumstances but we would not want to contravene our additionality policy. However, if two complete local authority budget cycles have gone by since the cut from the local authority and the organisation remains unfunded by the local

provided the work is clearly additional to existing statutory provision and responsibility. If this is the case, the voluntary group applying must: be genuinely independent of the statutory body and not have benefit to the statutory body as its main object; lead the planning and managing of the project; give clear evidence of a partnership with the wider

funding or might lead to a statutory body withdrawing funding in the future; b) subsidise the costs of a service provided or paid for by a statutory body; c) support the work of a statutory organisation; d) improve the assets of a statutory body e.g. school or park. Statutory grants which were time-limited or tapered (e.g. SRB) may be replaced when they

for the type of work the project wishes to do, organisations are expected to seek this funding from the relevant source before applying to the Community Fund. For further help Tel: 020 7747 5299 Minicom: 020 7747 5347 Email: enquiries@community-fund.org.uk

## Community Fund targets BME communities

The Community Fund has set up a dedicated black and ethnic minority project team to work with applicants to improve the quality of BME applications and to support those how have recently been awarded a grant. Janice Needham, Regional Manager for London says: "Our experience in London is that the success rate for applicants is lower than average in proportion to

the number of applications received, and grants which have been awarded are more likely to run into difficulties. By managing grants effectively, we hope to minimise these problems". The BME pilot will run until July 2003 and uses the investor approach focusing on outcome funding rather than activity checklists. Further details on 020 7587 6609/6653.

**Core funding opportunity for BME groups**

See page 12 of Funding Directory

**emf**  
ethnic minority foundation

## Anju Begum - Hackney Bangladeshi Cultural Association



### 1) What does your organisation do?

I have belonged to the organisation for 6 six years as a volunteer. We provide activities for children, Bengali mother tongue, homework classes, arts & crafts, Islamic classes and cultural activities. Our activities take place all over the borough but we are mainly based in the Frampton park area.

### 2) How do local people benefit from the service you provide?

Mothers who cannot speak English can get help to educate their children through home work classes outside school. Lots of Bengali families we help do not have enough space at home so we can provide the perfect environment for learning.

### 3) What is the organisations long term plans for the future?

We plan to move to a bigger place, do different activities full time and run more women's sessions, particularly around, ESOL, swimming, sewing and general get togethers.

### 4) What is preventing your organisation meeting its aims?

Mainly the fact we have very little money. However, we could benefit from more volunteers and experience.

## Carol Ann Edwards - Chance in Action

### 1) What does your organisation do?

Chance In Action is a local Arts group which aims to 'offer a chance for positive change within our community, through our collective positive actions'. We use the Arts to empower Hackney residents to take control of their circumstances and improve their own standard of living, by teaching classes in DIY, Creative Writing, Painting and Drawing, Desktop Publishing, Music, Dance, and Keep Fit etc, for both adults and children. We will also be producing a regular newsletter.

### 2) How do local people benefit from the service you provide?

The FREE workshops that we will be running will offer local people the 'chance' to improve their skills and sense of well being. For example, our first course (starting in October 2002) will be teaching unemployed people in the community DIY skills in painting and decorating techniques, and a number of local people will also have the opportunity of having a room in their home decorated for FREE!

### 3) What is the organisations long term plans for the future?

In the long term, we hope to secure a building from which to run all of our projects. We want to be able to provide Arts activities for everybody in the community; e.g. children, youth, adults, the elderly, disabled, homeless and refugees.

### 4) What is preventing your organisation meeting its aims?

The only thing that can prevent us from meeting our aims is lack of funding, lack of support from the community, and a negative attitude towards the Arts as a form of self-help and self-healing. However, we believe that 'positive actions produce positive change', and as long as we work together as a community, and we receive the necessary funds to run our projects, there's no reason why we cannot meet our aims.

If you would like to get involved in the group's activities, or would like to become a volunteer for Chance In Action, please contact Carol on (020) 8525 8193 or e-mail us at chanceinaction@aol.com





## INTERVIEW: City Parochial Foundation

This is new section in SPARK which asks the sort of questions you need answering when considering which funding body to apply to. This first interview is with *Mubin Haq* from City Parochial Foundation.



### When was the City Parochial Foundation established?

City Parochial Foundation (CPF) was established in 1891. Its origins lie in the numerous charitable gifts made over the course of some 400 years to the then 112 parishes within the City of London. The income from these gifts was to be used for the benefit of the churches, or more often, the poor of those parishes. However, by the latter part of the 19th century, the City had become a world financial centre with very few poor people living within its boundaries. A Royal Commission was appointed and this resulted in the City of London Parochial Charities Act. The largest five parishes continued to manage their own charitable endowments but the remainder were administered by the newly formed CPF for the benefit of the poor of London.

The Trust for London (TfL) was established in 1986. It was established by the Government after the abolition of the Greater London Council. Its initial endowment was £10 million.

### What is the difference between the Trust for London and City Parochial Foundation?

TfL and CPF are two separate funds with their own distinct policies and methods of work, though both are governed by the Trustees of CPF. The main differences are as follows.

TfL is primarily a fund for small, new and emerging community and voluntary groups. A group is considered small if it is made up of volunteers or members and has no more than the equivalent of two

full-time paid staff. The Trust cannot fund part of a full-time salary and the maximum grant is £10,000 per year (though the average grant size is under £5,000). Applicant groups need to have a set of rules, a bank or building society account and a management committee. However, they do not need to be registered charities.

Groups applying to CPF need to be a registered charity (or have applied for charitable status), an Industrial Provident Society or a Friendly Society. Generally groups applying to the Foundation are more established organisations. The Foundation provides funding for activities that tackle the causes of poverty. We fund work which helps poor Londoners reduce or overcome discrimination, isolation and violence. There are specific areas of work we will fund:

- Advice, information and individual advocacy;
- Education, training and employment;
- Initiatives tackling violence and hate crimes against the target groups (see Question 7);
- Work that aims to change policy;
- Second tier and infrastructure organisations;
- Partnership work between the target groups.

A group can apply to either CPF or TfL but not to both.

### How much money in total do you provide across London this year?

CPF will provide approximately £4.8 million (approximately 200 grants) and TfL £650,000 (approximately 120 grants).

### How do you decide how much money to allocate to Hackney?

There are no set allocations for any particular borough and a great deal depends on the level of applications we receive from any area. However, CPF's mission is to benefit the poor of London. Therefore those boroughs with the highest levels of poverty will often be the boroughs who receive the greatest support. Given the high levels of poverty in East London, CPF has historically funded this area at a higher level than say SW London. Over the past five years the boroughs receiving greatest support have been (in ranking order): Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Southwark, Lambeth and Lewisham. If for any reason we were not receiving applications from a particular borough we try and improve the situation by working with local second-tier organisations and the local authority e.g. by running a Meet the Funders event or organising a grants surgery.

Under TfL Hackney has received the second highest number of awards out of all boroughs over the past five years.

### Do you fund the core costs of projects?

Core funding can be difficult to secure, so we usually encourage organisations to include a reasonable amount in their applications to cover their overheads

### Can you fund the rent of premises?

Yes, as long as the application meets our priorities.

## INTERVIEW: City Parochial Foundation cont.

### Do you prioritise any types of groups such as newly formed groups or projects that work with BMEs?

For CPF we particularly want to target:

- Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities;
- Disabled people;
- Established communities, often predominantly white, in areas of long-term poverty;
- Lesbians and gay men;
- Refugees and asylum seekers;
- Young people aged 10-25;
- Women.

Given the large number of applications we receive, it is highly unlikely we are able to fund groups which do not specifically target one or more of the above groups.

Under TfL we particularly want to target:

- Black, Asian and minority ethnic community groups;
- Organisations providing creative educational activities for children and young people;
- Organisations led by disabled people, including people with learning disabilities, people living with HIV or AIDS and people with mental health problems;
- Refugees and migrant groups;
- Self-help groups including estate based organisations, lesbian and gay groups, women's groups, youth groups and older people's groups.

A full set of our guidelines and criteria is available in print (telephone 020 7606 6145) or on the web: [www.cityparochial.org.uk](http://www.cityparochial.org.uk)

### How long does it take for the Grants Committee to make a decision?

The timing greatly depends on the information the group initially provides. If a group does not meet our criteria or priorities we will let the group know as soon as possible so that they do not waste their time and resources on a full-scale bid. We visit all groups we consider for funding so generally a group

will go to committee within three months of a visit. In total I estimate the turnaround time from initial application to final decision is six months, though sometimes this can be less or more.

### Who is on the Grants Committee? Are there any representatives from the Hackney voluntary sector?

There is a separate grants committee for TfL and CPF. The committees are selected from the Trustees of CPF. The Trustees are nominated from various bodies. This includes: The Crown; the Corporation of London; Church Commissioners; University of London; University College London; Kings College; City and Guilds of London Institute; Bishopsgate Foundation; and Cripplegate Foundation. CPF also nominates some of its trustees. In addition the grants committees have some co-optees. There are no representatives from the Hackney Voluntary sector.

### How do you evaluate the success of projects that you fund?

Organisations we fund are asked to fill in Project Review Forms near the end of their funding period. We also visit a sample of groups funded and have a dedicated Field Officer Responsible for Monitoring and Evaluation. We undertake reports on areas of work we have funded and past research includes issues such as prisons, carers, young people, mental health, finances and the small groups worker initiative. I should add that we're not just interested in the successes but also learning from projects which have had difficulties. As an endowed charity we are able to fund projects which have an element of risk.

### What have been some of the notable projects that you have funded in Hackney?

I have only been in post a couple of months, so have had to ask my colleagues. A few projects spring to mind. The first is the Hoxton Trust which we have supported over a number of years with their legal advice programme. Sudanese in Diaspora received a grant towards their running costs and Get Set Girls received a grant for a part-time worker.

If you have any questions you would like SPARK to put to funders or you have any ideas about which funders to interview, please contact Jake on 020 7923 1962 or email: [jake.hcvs@virgin.net](mailto:jake.hcvs@virgin.net) Similarly if you are a funder and would like to be interviewed please get in touch.



## Want to learn new skills, build your confidence and get a qualification – all for FREE?

**H**ackney Digital Learning Ring has been open to residents on the Pembury estate and surrounding area since February 2002.

It offers a variety of free courses, including beginners and intermediate computer skills, English for speakers of other languages – run in partnership with Hackney Community College – and support with basic and employment skills.

Our latest addition is a programme delivered in partnership with Liverpool Hope University College. Our Family Matters is a FREE one-year community-based programme being taught near where you live, exploring social and cultural factors affecting the family. You will learn new skills at your own pace and build your confidence and communication skills. There is a taster session on September the 5th and the course starts on September 13th.

Teaming up with Hackney Action Team to offer a range of employment advice, we can help you with childcare costs, travel fares, CV writing, free internet access for job search and employment skills workshops to help you get your dream job.

Just drop in or call Muhammed and Netta on 020 8986 9745. Hackney DLR, Pembury Annexe, 183 Dalston Lane, London E8 1HL.



### Need a policy for your organisation?

HCVS has policies on the following topics: Business planning; Complaints; Confidentiality; Constitutions; Contracts of employment; Disciplinary procedures; Equal opportunities; Environmental policies; Financial controls; Harassment; Health & Safety; Induction packs; Job descriptions; management committees; Monitoring; Pensions; Recruitment; Redundancy; Staff appraisal; Staff leave; Supervision; Terms of reference; Volunteering policies

website that is vibrant, easy-to-update and manage. It is intended that the workshops will run from August (depending on interest) and that GreenNet will work with up to 15 different organisations. The workshop

will be a half day session and they can arrange a time to suit your organisation. Evenings or weekends are also a possibility. If you are interested, contact Joanne or Janet on 0845 055 4011.

## Your project ideas required for Good Place to Live Sub-Partnership

**F**ollowing a meeting with Cllr Vincent Stops, representatives of environmental groups were invited to join the 'Good place to Live' sub-partnership of the Local Strategic Partnership. This group looks at how Neighbourhood Renewal Fund money should be spent to improve Hackney's housing and the local environment. Karen Byers from Abney Park was put forward to provide expertise/input on nature conservation and management of open space. As such she will aim to represent both the Hackney Biodiversity Partnership and the Hackney Parks Forum – as well as trying to maintain links with other environmental groups to ensure that they too have a voice. Unfortunately time is very short – the sub partnership is looking for ideas for projects in the next couple of weeks.

Currently the sub-partnership's projects are primarily tied to housing and neighbourhood management improvements. These include waste and (community) recycling, abandoned cars, lighting and vandalism. There is now an opportunity to propose some environmental improvements – more pleasant surroundings, more pride in surroundings, more positive behaviour. As ever, money is limited, and suggestions will go through an appraisal process. Send suggestions to [mailto:](mailto:mailto:)

[nwyeth@gw.hackney.gov.uk](mailto:nwyeth@gw.hackney.gov.uk). A.S.A.P.

State the area you are interested in, give a little background about surrounding area, if it seems relevant, such as building, demolition or renewal projects, other more positive sites.

List any suggestions you have about how it may be improved, such as new planting, habitat creation, regular maintenance etc. If you already have an idea who could deliver the project, or an action plan then set this out as well, but keep it concise.

State why you feel it would benefit from some attention e.g. crime hot spot, lighting, rubbish, neglect, how it could bring people together to show pride in surroundings, bio-diversity, safety, teenagers, pensioners etc. Say who is responsible for management (Council, housing association) on estates, or parks. It is useful to include this information as the Council may not be aware of some issues. To help narrow down the search for places to start crime hot spots are being highlighted and prioritised. If you know any tell the Council, if your project is close to one mention this.

Any queries about this contact Scott Ferguson on 0207 275 7557 [abney-park@geo2.poptel.org.uk](mailto:abney-park@geo2.poptel.org.uk).

## Biodiversity consultation is available for comment

The Biodiversity Partnership is at present carrying out a consultation process on the draft plans, and is keen to get feedback from as many local people as possible. If you would like to make any comments or suggestions on improving the plans contact either;

**Karen Byers**  
Abney Park Cemetery Trust  
020 7275 7557

**Fried Van Doorslayer**  
LBH  
020 8525 0477  
[jpridmore@gw.hackney.gov.uk](mailto:jpridmore@gw.hackney.gov.uk)

The Hackney Biodiversity Partnership will be meeting again in September to discuss the consultation work, and the way forward, including establishing working groups to implement the plans.

No dates are set as yet but will be available from Abney Park soon on [abney-park@geo2.poptel.org.uk](mailto:abney-park@geo2.poptel.org.uk)

## £49.5million to transform your space



**A**s part of the transforming communities initiative, New Opportunities Fund have £49.5 million available for their 'Transforming Your Space' programme. Funding will be awarded to projects that will improve local environments, enabling communities to make them safer, healthier, greener, cleaner, better designed, more welcoming and accessible to all.

National funding allocations available under this scheme will be delivered to complement ongoing national, regional and local strategies. In England

'Transforming your space' is a scheme worth £38.75 million in England and is now open for business. Funding is targeted at 51 communities identified as eligible for support under the joint lottery programme, fair share. The local authority for these areas will act as lead organisation for the delivery of projects supported with funding from a fair share: transforming your space area allocation.

To see the guidelines about this fund visit: [http://www.nof.org.uk/contents/env/download/pdf/transforming\\_space\\_gn.pdf](http://www.nof.org.uk/contents/env/download/pdf/transforming_space_gn.pdf)

## Free Internet workshops

**G**REENNET, in response to the demand for easy-to-use dynamic websites, is proposing to offer free information strategy workshops to local NGOs. The main focus of the workshops

will be creating a logical structure for your website with a well laid out design. The idea is to help groups organise their content before going on-line to produce a



## Have your say about London's future and the voluntary sector

The Mayor has launched the draft London Plan with a consultation period which lasts until 30 September 2002. SPARK provides a summary of the policies relevant to the sector.

The plan forms the basis of the future spatial development strategy for the capital. London is to grow within its existing green belt and will be a more dense, compact city with massively improved infrastructure to ensure it is an exemplary, sustainable world city.

Below is a list of key points from the draft London Plan that has a direct impact on the voluntary and community sectors.

### What is a UDP?

A UDP is the Unitary Development plan which all local authorities have to produce every 3-4 years. It provides strict guidelines about what sort of development is allowed/should be promoted in an area.

### Delivery of Community Services

*Policy 3A.16 p135: Protection of social infrastructure and community facilities.*

Boroughs, in reviewing UDPs, should include policies to resist the net loss, and enhance the provision, of social infrastructure, including libraries, community halls and cemeteries.

### London's diverse communities

*Policy 3A.23 p146: Addressing the needs of London's diverse population.*

Boroughs, in reviewing UDPs, should identify the needs of disabled people, the elderly, children and young people, women, black and minority ethnic groups, gay men and lesbians, and refugees and asylum seekers, setting a policy framework that protects facilities that meet these groups' needs. Where shortfalls exist Boroughs should address them proactively through the development process. The Mayor will prepare Supplementary Planning Guidance on meeting the spatial needs of particular groups to help boroughs implement this policy.

### Integrating community strategies and the development process

*Policy 3A.24 p148: Community Strategies.*

In preparing community strategies boroughs should follow specific guidance contained in this plan for onward inclusion in UDPs. The following is particularly important:

- Ensure communities benefit from development e.g. by Section 106 agreements

### Assessing community impact and ensuring community benefit

*Policy 3A.26 p149: Social and economic impact assessments.*

Major developments in, or with the potential to impact on, Areas for Regeneration, should be subject to social and economic impact assessments. These should consider the direct and indirect effects of a development on areas of regeneration, and be prepared by developers, in close collaboration with local community organisations and other local partners. Arrangements for fast-tracking such assessments should be put in place. Local neighbourhood needs, identified by local community organisations and other local partners, should be used as a basis for negotiating local community benefit from development, including Section 106 agreements.

### Designs on London

*Policy 4B.5 p246: Creating an inclusive environment.*

The Mayor will require all future development to meet the highest standards of accessibility and inclusion.

*Policy 4B.7 p248: Respect local context and communities.*

The Mayor will and boroughs should work with local communities to recognise and manage local distinctiveness ensuring proposed developments preserve or



enhance local social, physical, cultural, historical, environmental and economic characteristics.

### Resources for implementation

*Policy 5.5 p272: Securing adequate funding.*

The Mayor will work with the Government, boroughs, public, private and voluntary and community sectors to ensure that the greatest possible funding sources are generated and are directed towards the achievement of the Plan's priorities. He will advocate new mechanisms for increasing investment and continue to advocate levels of public investment appropriate to London's needs. He will seek high rates of leverage from public funding created and maximum value for money spent on achieving this plan's objectives.

### Increasing capacity

*Policy 5.6 p175: Increasing the capacity of London.*

The Mayor will work with all stakeholders to make the best use of the huge potential capacities of Londoners, of communities, of other institutions and of professional skills, in particular he will:

- Work with partners to help equip Londoners with the skills they need to compete successfully for London's jobs
- Develop a strategic approach to childcare provision
- Support the development of local community strategies
- Work with key institutions in London to ensure that their objectives and programmes are aligned to the policies of this Plan.

*The full document, a summary and a leaflet may be downloaded from [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk)*

### Stamford Hill

Sure Start Stamford Hill is well into its first full year of operation and an Interim Management Board will hold an AGM and parent elections in the autumn. The Programme and Finance Managers are working alongside a range of Sure Start health professionals based at the library in Stamford Hill. Working closely with parents, statutory and community organisations, 27 new projects are now either underway or about to start focused around the Sure Start objectives. Our projects include:

- Providing support to parents through home visits, outreach and a range of parenting classes and mother toddler groups.
- Improving access to good quality play, learning and childcare. We have improved local playgrounds, support two toy libraries and have enabled a range of holiday play schemes and activities to take place. Increasing the number of childcare places available to help parents return to work and assist families during difficult periods is a current challenge that our Management Board is working on as a priority.

- Using new and creative strategies to develop community healthcare and services for children and parents with special needs. For example working with health visitors we are developing a community mothers scheme, which will recruit women from across our diverse community to work alongside health professionals and families with the aim of improving access to services.

- Building on the strengths of our community so that new services are sustainable into the future. Wherever possible projects recruit from the local community and offer family friendly working arrangements that respect religious obligations.

Our £1million capital programme is also underway. 3 local outdoor playgrounds will have completed major refurbishment by the end of this year and next year we hope to see 3 smaller Sure Start centres completed as well as the new Sure Start Centre on the Stamford Hill Estate.

*If you would like a copy of our latest newsletter or any other information just telephone or email the programme manager Diane Heywood. Telephone 0208 510 6502*

*Email [diane.heywood@chpct.nhs.uk](mailto:diane.heywood@chpct.nhs.uk)*

### New River (formerly Woodberry Down)

The Accountable Body for Sure Start New River is City and Hackney Primary Care Trust. The Lead Agency is Interlink Foundation who currently Chair an Interim Management Board (IMB). The Programme Manager joined the scheme on July 8th and is based for the time being at Stamford Hill Library. It is anticipated that premises within the New River patch will be located in the short to medium term.

The Delivery Plan was compiled by the Consultants Renaisi and submitted to the Start Unit on 29th July.

The Unit's comments and responses are expected in the next few weeks so it would be premature to identify what the final Programme will look like and when the funds will be released. However the major themes of the Plan target the following areas:

- Outreach and Home Visiting
- Support for Families and Parents
- Play learning and Child Care
- Primary and Community Care
- Special needs

The IMB have been invited to submit up to three 'Early Wins' schemes of achievable revenue or capital projects for which early release of funds can be agreed.

*John Bradford is contactable on 020 8510 6505*

### Hoxton

Sure Start Hoxton is having a funday for families on Thursday 22nd August in Shoreditch Park. The programme is in the early stages of setting up a board and is very much involved in further community consultation to support future planning.

The next meeting will be on September 10th at 6.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall on New North Road. The meeting is open to all interested and the agenda will be around structures and decision making.

There is huge support for the programme in Hoxton with many organisations expressing interest in being involved. We are planning a programme of training and early services to start in the late Autumn, when the plan should gain approval from the Sure Start unit.

*Anita Grant - programme manager  
Hoxton.surestart@blueyonder.co.uk*

### Haggerston

Over the coming months Sure Start Haggerston will continue to consult local parents, community organisations and statutory services about the kinds of services they would like to see to improve the lives of families and young children. As part of this process, several meetings and events are planned including a Fun Day in Haggerston Park on September 18th and planning meetings to bring together all the stakeholders on September 10th and 30th. (For information about times and venue contact the Programme Manager).

The Lead Body for the Programme is the Family Welfare Association (FWA) who following consultation with parents and voluntary and statutory services prepared the Delivery Plan. FWA is also the Accountable Body for the Programme. The Delivery Plan was submitted in July and is now being considered by the Sure Start Unit. Projects and activities are likely to be commissioned in the late autumn after the Delivery Plan has been formally approved.

The Programme Manager is currently based at FWA's offices at 501-505 Kingsland Road, London E8

but will be moving to offices at Hackney City Farm from the end of September.

*For further information about the Programme or our forthcoming activities please contact Kaushika Amin, Programme Manager, Sure Start Haggerston on 020 7254 6251 or email [Kaushika.surestart@virgin.net](mailto:Kaushika.surestart@virgin.net)*

### Queensbridge and Dalston

Queensbridge and Dalston, the first Sure Start project in Hackney, is now in its third year. There are several projects up and running, a number of which are health specific projects:

- Specialist Health visiting
- Speech and language support
- Bilingual health liaison workers
- Community midwifery support
- Community psychology support
- Counselling services
- Smoking cessation

The annual report was published in May 2002 and provides information about the full range of services. For a copy please contact the programme administrator (see below).

Over the past year the programme and partnership has undergone a review of structures and processes, and we hope that the new arrangements will enable the programme to develop further and offer even better services for the parents and children in Queensbridge and Dalston area.

*The new programme manager, Robin Desjardins, will be starting on Monday 16th September. He can be contacted on 020 7254 6846.*

## Proposals sought to deliver services for Homerton Wick Sure Start

The Homerton Wick Sure Start has now reviewed the services it wishes to commission for the first main phase of its programme to March 2005. We will be writing to City and Hackney agencies week beginning 9 September inviting them to send in proposals which meet specifications drawn up in the following areas:

Family support group work; Training for parents on childcare and behaviour management; Advice and information; Information packs for parents; Toy libraries; Parent/carer toddler programmes; ESOL classes; Life and employment skills training; Childminder/childcare;

The programme manager, Cathy Turner, will be on holiday 9-30 September so please contact the Chair of the shadow board, Virginia Wall on 0207 301 3044 over this time if you need more information. Otherwise, Cathy is on 0208 986 7343.



## Bringing the Vibe Back Into Soul.....

With the recent emergence of R 'N' B (Rhythm and Blues) and Hip Hop as major forces on the UK music scene its only fate that there is a young, fresh, and

### Local youths tell us what they are doing to change music in Hackney



According to the smooth and inspirational Lyrics "Soul Vibe is a deep concept it's a spiritual journey". "Where I strongly feel each member will experience this spiritual journey to".

Soul Vibe has been around for three years now and started at YCTV (Youth Television) where Jazz and Lyrics created the successful and hit entertainment programme called Amplified. "What Amplified did was promote up and coming artistes and the beauty of Amplified was it was broadcasted on a local cable channel".

"We decided to make our productions more consistent and not necessarily focus on the medium of television as an outlet." Says Unknown Soldier. You might think Soul

innovative up and coming production company looking to make sure Urban music is here to stay.

The name of this company is Soul Vibe

**"We decided to make our productions more consistent and not necessarily focus on the medium of television as an outlet."**

Entertainment. The masterminds behind this creative production company are 19-year-old Ilyas Patel aka Jazz and 21 year old Kevin Brazant aka Unknown Soldier. Jazz is currently at college doing an exercise and fitness course and is training to become a personal trainer.

While Unknown Soldier a poet/freelance journalist successfully completed a BA honours degree in IT (Information Technology) and Communication Studies this year and is currently working as a mentor at Hackney Community College.

Vibe are just as normal as any other production company but they are truly a cut above the rest. As well as promoting young and aspiring artistes in the 16 to 24 age group in the urban music genres of:

R'N' B, Hip-Hop, and Gospel. They are also looking to promote aspiring poets and dancers as well. What sets Soul Vibe from the rest is that they are unique. The confident Jazz says "There is no one out there who does what we do". We have our own style and we will do what we need to do to promote our artistes". While Lyrics chips in "The emphasis is looking at deep urban soul music such as Omar, Soul To Soul, and Jill Scott. At present no one is contracted to Soul Vibe simply because they are still developing as a company. They definitely have an eye for talent and know

where it is. Already having held two showcases with the most recent one being at the University of East London. Jazz and Unknown Soldier want dedicated and talented people." No manufactured artistes just the real deal." "It can't be no watered down R'N' B Pop or Garage". Comments Jazz.

While urban music is growing in popularity here with most American R'N'B stars consistently making it into the top ten of the British charts. But Pop music is still streets ahead of the rest but Jazz and Lyrics insist that with the type of music that they are promoting they can be successful without leaving Britain. "We need our own Motown in this country its going to be tough but we need it". "I think we will be successful because obviously it is something that hasn't been achieved here".

One of the people Jazz and Lyrics would like to work with in the industry is Presenter and Radio DJ Trevor Nelson. "Because of his way of thinking". "Along the same wavelength". He's charismatic, got a good personality, very professional and know what he wants to do.

Five years from now Jazz sees Soul Vibe as being established and to play a vital part to urban music and culture. "Hopefully in five years time hopefully we would of

developed and sustained as a company", comments Unknown Soldier. He elaborates by sharing his methods for success. "We have also brought intensity, and focus to our craft and it has helped us so far our determination definitely parallels our talent".

*Soul Vibe's next showcase will be held at Stratford Circus on the 13th December 2002. For more information on Soul Vibe contact: Jazz and Lyrics, Soul Vibe Entertainment, PO Box 27788, London E5 OHG email: Soulvibe1@hotmail.com Tel: 07931 681 716.*



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## 13m funding announced for online culture projects

A series of Culture Online projects will be launched this year with £13m funding to enable the Internet and other digital platforms to provide new forms of access to the nation's cultural resources. It aims to unite cultural organisations with the private sector, including broadcasters, education professionals and people working with digital technology to create high quality resources for adults and children. The Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) will be inviting organisations to put forward proposals for involvement in projects. The funding, available between 2002-2004, will be allocated to 20-30 projects. <http://www.number10.gov.uk/output/page5387.asp>

## Wireless Outreach Networks

The initiative is aimed at providing wireless laptop computer networks to increase access to learning through technology for socially and economically disadvantaged adults. [http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/aug/Wireless\\_Outreach\\_Networks.htm](http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/aug/Wireless_Outreach_Networks.htm)

## Community Development Venture Funds

New £40 million investment funds to boost enterprise in disadvantaged communities by increasing access to finance for local entrepreneurs has opened for business. [http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/june/Venture\\_funds.htm](http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/june/Venture_funds.htm)

## School Community Links

To develop innovative ways of providing and promoting links between schools and their communities. [http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/july/School\\_Community\\_Links.htm](http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/july/School_Community_Links.htm)

## Camelot Foundation

At the heart of their work will be young people who have slipped out of the mainstream of society, or are in danger of doing so. The following four groups will be at the heart of all the Foundation's programmes:

- \* Young parents, or those at risk of becoming young parents
- \* Young asylum seekers
- \* Young people with mental health problems
- \* Young disabled people

<http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/june/Camelot.htm>

## Hanson Environment Fund

The fund offers two levels of support:

- \* Community Grants Scheme - grants between £250 and £4,000 for community amenities, wildlife and habitat conservation and the promotion and instigation of recycling and re-use of waste.
- \* Main Grants Scheme - grants between £4,001 and £25,000 for the introduction of local recycling and re-use of waste, and the creation and improvement of parks and public amenities. [http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/june/Hanson\\_Environment\\_Fund.htm](http://www.access-funds.co.uk/archive/2002/june/Hanson_Environment_Fund.htm)

## \*New \* Community Fund Grant Assessment Manuals on website

Community Fund supports freedom of information by opening up its procedures to all grant applicants

Ever wondered just how Lottery applications are assessed? Think it's too difficult to apply for a Community Fund grant? Well, think again. The Community Fund today unravels the mystery of what makes an application successful by publishing its new Grant Assessment Manuals on its website.

The manuals show the full internal methods used by grants officers in assessing applications under the Community Fund's six grants programmes.

However, they are not designed as a guide for applicants on how to apply for a grant. The Community Fund's application form and pack contain all the necessary information required to make a successful application.

Since they were first made available to the public last year, the manuals have undergone extensive revision, in line with the Community Fund's new Strategic Plan. They accurately reflect the criteria Community Fund staff use to assess applications.

By publishing the manuals, the Community Fund is strengthening its commitment to transparency and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The manuals are available to download from Community Fund's website at [www.community-fund.org.uk](http://www.community-fund.org.uk) (go into 'Publications' and select the 'Grant Assessment Manuals' option from the left-hand side).

## \*New \* Community Fund announces new Strategic Grants programme

Outline plans for the Community Fund's new £30 million Strategic Grants programme, to be launched in September 2002, have now been agreed.

The new programme will replace the current England-wide and UK-wide grants programmes. There will be a geographical focus, where applications will have to cover more than two England regions, or more than one of Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales, or the whole of the UK.

For the first time the Community Fund will be specifying what sort of outcomes they want to see from their grants, although applicants will be able to specify their own individual outcomes.

Key features of the Strategic Grants programme will be: replication of projects that have been shown to work; piloting and evaluation of new projects; collaborative projects between different organisations; cross-cutting projects across the Community Fund's six beneficiary groups; dissemination of the impact of projects to policy makers, other grant makers and the voluntary and community sector.

The total budget of the Strategic Grants programme will be around £30 million a year.

Organisations wishing to apply for a grant should contact the enquiries line on 020 7747 5299 or use their website: [www.community-fund.org.uk](http://www.community-fund.org.uk)

## \*New \* Tax Relief

Many community amateur sports clubs (CASCs) could be better off if they register with the Inland Revenue to claim tax reliefs, now that the Finance Bill which implements the Budget proposals has received Royal Assent.

From 24 July 2002, the tax reliefs are available to CASCs that can answer yes to the following four questions: Is membership of the club open to the whole community?

Are all the club's facilities available to members without discrimination?

Does the club's constitution prevent profits of the club being distributed amongst its members (i.e. any profits must go back into the club)?

Does the club provide facilities for and encourage participation in eligible sports? See the Inland Revenue CASC guide for full details:

<http://www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/casc/index.htm>

## \*New \* Bridges Community Ventures Ltd

They invest in businesses with growth potential in the most deprived 25% of wards in England. Their aim is to harness the entrepreneurial spirit in under-invested communities to stimulate economic growth and create jobs, wealth and role models of business success.

They aim to: invest in entrepreneurial businesses with high growth potential in the most under-invested areas in England; provide excellent hands on support to portfolio businesses; provide excellent resources and contacts to portfolio businesses to help them grow; make a difference in communities by creating jobs, stimulating economic dynamism and fostering entrepreneurs who can become new role models of business success; make a financial return on investment that will attract private sector investors into future funds of this type. They invest in outstanding entrepreneurs, providing them with an opportunity to realise their business vision.

They seek growth companies at the early and expansion stages, as well as management buy-outs and buy-ins. Their maximum investment in any single business is £2 million.

They invest in those wards around the country which are in the most deprived 25 percentile on the Index of Multiple Deprivation (see website).

Bridges Community Ventures take inspiration from the Community Development Venture Capital industry in the USA, where there are currently about 60 such funds.

The vision of Community Development Venture Funds is to use the tools of venture capital - equity investment and hands-on support to companies - to grow businesses that create jobs, entrepreneurial capacity and wealth to advance the livelihoods of low-income people and stimulate the economies of disadvantaged communities.

Bridges Community Ventures Ltd, 1 Craven Hill, London W2 3EN Tel: 020 7262 5566

Email: [Info@bridgesventures.com](mailto:Info@bridgesventures.com) Website: [www.bridgesventures.com](http://www.bridgesventures.com)

## Tesco Charity Trust

The Trust was set up to support both national and local community charity appeals. Each year the Tesco Charity Trust gives financial and practical help to hundreds of charities and projects which support children, education, people with disabilities and the elderly in areas local to where we have stores. Features include:

Cause related marketing; Tesco Community Gift Vouchers; Small community sponsorship budget, to support local projects and initiatives; Tesco has forged 12 regeneration partnerships in the last year, to help regenerate derelict brown field sites in urban areas; The Tesco Charity of the Year Scheme; Tesco staff fundraising; Charity collections at stores; Charity badge sales through checkouts  
More details at <http://www.tesco.com/corporateinfo>

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## \*New \* Decibel - Raising the Voice of Culturally Diverse Arts in Britain

Catalyst, kick-start, platform for change, agitator, supporter, lobbying force, movement are all terms that have been used to describe the decibel initiative. It's a short-term project that aims to have a long-term impact on raising the profile of culturally diverse arts in England.

In the past you may have heard decibel referred to as the 'Year of Cultural Diversity' and 'The Diversity Project'. From now on it is known as decibel, with the strapline - raising the voice of culturally diverse arts in Britain. In the context of decibel, the term 'culturally diverse' means ethnic diversity resulting from post-war immigration, with an increased focus on artists from African, Asian and Caribbean backgrounds in England. Asia refers to the continent from Turkey to Japan.

decibel runs until March 2004 and will act as a catalyst for the promotion of culturally diverse arts in Britain, and to champion the Arts Council of England's increased commitment to cultural diversity. decibel will help create opportunities for culturally diverse arts through increased funds for culturally diverse arts available via the Regional Arts Lottery Programme and National Touring Programme, and through decibel's own development and celebration funds.

Beyond funding, showcases and debates, decibel is about creating a collective voice for culturally diverse arts. decibel wants to work with artists and organisations to build on existing efforts to create more opportunity, more audiences and better infrastructure for culturally diverse arts in England today.

If you are an artist, curator or organisation wanting to know more about the Visual Arts Showcase, or to get involved with the event, please e-mail us at [decibel.info@artscouncil.org.uk](mailto:decibel.info@artscouncil.org.uk) and put 'visual arts showcase' in the subject line. Please tell us who you are, your contact details and about the work you are currently or planning to be engaged with. We will then put you in touch with the most appropriate Arts Council officer to discuss your proposal in more detail. If you have been previously funded by the Arts Council or Regional Arts Board, please include the name of officer who knows your work.

To ensure there is a funding base for arts events initiated during the decibel timeframe, the Arts Council has prioritised 12.5% (that's around £3million this financial year) of the Regional Arts Lottery Programme funds specifically for funding culturally diverse work across the art forms. Funds are also available through the National Touring Programme. If you have an idea for a project get in touch with your local Arts Council regional office or the national office. You can discuss your idea and get advice on how to apply for these funds.

Some separate funds have also been made available directly to the decibel project. They are the Development Fund and the Celebration Partnership fund.

decibel has a development fund available that is not part of RALP or any other arts funding streams. It is available from April 2003- March 2004. Criteria for the fund are currently being identified. It is planned that the fund will support initiatives around training, governance, and the research and development of new work. Information will be available when details are finalised. To help inform our planning for the best use of the development fund we would like to hear about activities you may be initiating such as training, workshops, mentoring schemes and seminars. Email us at [decibel.info@artscouncil.org.uk](mailto:decibel.info@artscouncil.org.uk) with 'development idea' in the subject line and we will make sure your project is seen by the development fund working group.

The Celebration Fund

Earlier plans for decibel included a festival. However through research and consultation, it became clear that decibel would be much more useful in adding value to other events rather than trying to initiate more of its own. As such, decibel has limited funds that can be used to support culturally diverse arts activity through partnership relationships.

For general information Email: [decibel.info@artscouncil.org.uk](mailto:decibel.info@artscouncil.org.uk)

## \*New \* European Funding

There is some basic information on European Funding for those that need to have a basic grasp of how it all works on The ClB website: [www.cibfunding.org.uk](http://www.cibfunding.org.uk) There are links to other websites such as the European Social Fund website: [www.esf.gov.uk](http://www.esf.gov.uk) and Europa website: <http://europa.eu.int> where the latest news can be looked at.

The Home Office Active Community Unit have produced a leaflet 'A Guide to European Funding'. It is a basic and useful resource in locating sources of funding with a list of contacts for further information and help.

For copies contact the Active Community Unit on 020 7217 8400. Alternatively it is available on the Home Office website at:

[www.homeoffice.gov.uk/acu/acu.htm](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/acu/acu.htm) and  
[http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/acu/european\\_funding\\_leaflet1.doc](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/acu/european_funding_leaflet1.doc)

## \*New \* Citizens' Action Millennium Awards

Citizens' Action Millennium Awards are grants to enable older people to play an active part in their local communities, by helping them reach out and share their talents, experiences and enthusiasms.

The scheme is being run by Help the Aged in partnership with the Millennium Commission, one of the National Lottery's good causes.

Anyone who is aged 55 or over can apply from anywhere in the UK. You can apply as an individual or as a group of up to three people, as long as all applicants are aged 55 and over.

If you want to become more involved in local issues by taking on new challenges and you have a project idea that would benefit your community, then you could be an Award winner and receive up to £5,000 as an individual or £10,000 for a joint application.

How much time you invest in your idea depends on your energy levels. Whether you spend several days, a month or a few hours a week on activities for your Award, we will fund it for up to one year.

There are two types of Citizens' Action Millennium Awards: Active Citizen Award - This is for individuals who want things to change but would like to learn new skills to do so. The Active Citizen Award is designed to enable you to run your project by providing you with training and support.

Experience shows us that people will sometimes join together to undertake a community project. Therefore, for the Active Citizen Award, up to three individuals can make a joint application; Active Mentor Award - The Active Mentor Award is for individuals who have been active in their community but would rather pass on their knowledge and experience to help Active Citizens succeed in their community project.

The Awards scheme offers a programme of training, financial and practical support to individuals for any activity that promotes one of the following themes: Community safety - general home and community safety, crime prevention and/or reduction schemes; Local regeneration - reviving communities by identifying local priorities, developing new ideas and actively leading community initiatives; Social cohesion - working to improve inclusion in community activities for those who are housebound, homeless, disabled, have mental health problems, or are members of an ethnic minority group; Improving the environment - helping communities become better places to live in by improving access, use and enjoyment of the local environment. The environment includes buildings (for example an underused community centre), as well as outdoor spaces.

Applying for an Award is easier than you think. If you would like to discuss your idea of becoming more positively involved within your community or would like advice about making an application, contact one of our trained Advisors who will be happy to talk to you.

Call them on the Help the Aged Citizens' Action Millennium Awards Hotline, 0870 770 3280 between 9.30am and 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday or Email: [cama@helptheaged.org.uk](mailto:cama@helptheaged.org.uk)

## \*New \* English Nature - Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund.

English Nature is bracing itself for an avalanche of applications for a share of £10 million over the next two years- its biggest ever grant scheme.

Everyone from community groups through to local councils will be eligible to apply for support to boost biodiversity and geological conservation around quarries from Kent to Cumbria. The cash comes from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund.

With English Nature's Sustainability Fund (ALSF) grant scheme we aim to contribute to turning aggregate extraction into a sustainable industry in England by: contributing to the development and achievement of the UK and Local



Biodiversity, Action Plans, supporting the management of geological sites; and to facilitate improved interpretation, enhancing access on sites for scientific study, education, recreation and tourism, building the capacity of communities and the various interested groups to be involved in, contribute to, and benefit from their natural environment and by improving people's quality of life (especially those who have been affected by aggregate extraction activities).

There are two main strands to English Nature's Sustainability Fund Grant Scheme. They are increasing biodiversity and conserving geological features.

Although the two strands are relatively distinct, we would welcome any projects that combine elements from both.

Information packs and application forms can be downloaded from the English Nature website [www.english-nature.org.uk](http://www.english-nature.org.uk) or by contacting or by contacting the Grants Management Team in Grantham Tel: 01476 584821 Fax: 01476 584838 English Nature, Northminster House, Peterborough PE1 1UA Tel: 01733 455101 Fax: 01733 568834 E-mail: [enquiries@english-nature.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@english-nature.org.uk)

### \*New \* EUCLID CULTUREURO Seminars

EUCLID's next round of full day seminars is now being scheduled for October-November 2002. These seminars focus on opportunities for the cultural sector to access European funding, and will cover: - brief history and background to the European Union; - implications and opportunities from the enlargement of the EU; - understanding the institutions of the EU: where does the power lie?; - contacting and lobbying your MEP and other key EU contacts; - understanding Structural Funds & their relevance to arts & culture; - the range of the trans-national funds available for the cultural sector; - the Culture 2000 programme - 2002-2004; - case studies of successful projects; - finding partners for trans-national projects; - tips on completing EU application forms.

All CULTUREURO seminar delegates will receive a full Information Pack with notes of all presentations, extensive contact details, etc.

Dates and locations are as follows: - Wednesday 9 October in London (at DCMS) - Monday 28 October in Edinburgh (at John McIntyre Centre); - Monday 4 November in Cardiff (at Chapter Arts Centre); - Monday 4 November in Newcastle (at Northern Arts Office); - Tuesday 5 November in Taunton (at The Pardoes Room, The Brewhouse Arts Centre); - Tuesday 5 November in Sheffield (at The Showroom); - Thursday 7 November in Manchester (at The Royal Exchange Theatre); - Friday 8 November in London (at DCMS); - Tuesday 14 November in Guildford (County Suite, Guildford Civic); - Monday 18 November in Northampton (at Derngate Theatre); - (Date and venue to be confirmed) Belfast.

The CULTUREURO seminars run from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. The cost per person is £84 + VAT (£98.70) - subsidies to attend these seminars are currently being negotiated with relevant funding agencies and full details will be announced in the near future. More details for these, together with the new on-line booking form, can be found by going to either of the following web-addresses within the EUCLID web-site: [www.euclid.info/seminars/](http://www.euclid.info/seminars/) or [www.euclid.info/Culture2000/Advice&Support.htm](http://www.euclid.info/Culture2000/Advice&Support.htm)

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### \*New \* IT 4 All Initiative

'IT 4 All' is a company who specialise in raising the profile of government funding available to organisations across the United Kingdom for projects that support community activity.

IT 4 All are currently assisting organisations in producing bids for grants of between £500 and £5,000, utilising an existing national grant. No contribution is required from your organisation at any point in the process, although it must be made clear that neither are any bids guaranteed to be successful. However we shall ensure during the bid writing process that your bid strictly adheres to the guidelines set by the bidding authority, in order for the bid to have the optimum chance of success.

The aim of the initiative is to increase skills and creativity by supporting activities that help develop people and organisations, while encouraging talent and improving personal goals. IT 4 All has written bids for a number of organisations to help them secure IT equipment, software and associated training, providing essential facilities to both beneficiaries and the wider community where appropriate.

The bid can be for computers where your organisation has the facilities to accommodate this hardware, or laptop computers where space is limited or you wish to utilise IT equipment on the move (see options). All bids will also include an element of IT training for a specified audience, either internal to your organisation or again from the wider community if this matches your organisations aims.

If your organisation would benefit from IT equipment and training up to a value

of £5,000, contact IT4all, Ground Floor, 16a Grove Rd South, Southsea, Hampshire P05 3QP Tel: 023 9275 7992 Fax: 023 9275 0161 Email: [info@it4all.co.uk](mailto:info@it4all.co.uk) Website: [www.it4all.co.uk](http://www.it4all.co.uk)

### \*New \* Leeds & Holbeck

Leeds & Holbeck Building Society Charitable Foundation was established by the Society to support the communities around its nationwide network of branches by making donations to charities working in those areas.

Applications will normally only be considered from registered charities. We may also consider applications from groups affiliated to registered charities.

Generally, we will consider applications for community based projects which aim to provide relief of suffering, hardship or poverty, or their direct consequences.

Some examples of the areas in which we have made donations include: Support to homeless people; Adults and children with physical and mental disabilities; Older people; Underprivileged families; Deaf, blind and partially sighted people; and Community projects benefiting local residents

The project must operate in the area of one of our 59 branches and 2 mortgage shops.

Church projects will be considered only where they involve community outreach and benefit, (eg, supporting the homeless, disadvantaged families).

Donations are normally in the range of £100 to £500. The application must be for capital expenditure. We cannot consider applications towards general running costs.

The Foundation will not make donations to general fundraising appeals. However, we may consider applications for specific items as part of a wider appeal.

You do not have to have an account with them but you may be interested to know that Leeds & Holbeck does offer CharityLine, an account especially designed for charities. Your local branch can give you more information.

The Foundation is unlikely to make donations for: The restoration of buildings, including churches; Playgroups, Scout and Guide Associations; Environmental charities (unless there is a benefit to a disadvantaged community)

The Foundation is unable to support: Projects with religious, political or military purposes; Overseas charities or projects; Individuals, including sponsorship of individuals; Animal welfare projects; Medical research or equipment.

In order to keep costs down, there is no application form. Simply write to:

The Secretary, Leeds & Holbeck Building Society Charitable Foundation, 105 Albion Street, Leeds LS1 5AS Tel: 0113 216 7296 Website: [www.leeds-holbeck.co.uk/itpays/hist\\_frm.html](http://www.leeds-holbeck.co.uk/itpays/hist_frm.html)

### \*New \* Microsoft Giving and Corporate Sponsorship

The Microsoft Giving programme provides support in kind to hundreds of charity and community groups in the UK. Between 1998 and 2002 Microsoft donated over £3 million of software to the UK voluntary sector, for use in fundraising or helping to run voluntary organisations.

Charities and non-profit organisations can apply every three years. Unfortunately they are unable to provide multiple donations to any single charity, or to local community groups affiliated with national organisations.

They support a wide range of projects and are particularly interested in projects that improve access to technology for disadvantaged communities.

To apply for a donation of up to three software packages, please write to them at the address found below. You should provide a brief outline of your project or organisation - concise and factual information that will help them understand how they might be able to assist you - and, where applicable, the software you require and your registered charity number.

Commercial sponsorships

Microsoft will also consider commercial sponsorship proposals. their corporate guidelines for such proposals are: The property must support their brand positioning and characteristics; The property must help move people closer to their brand and products; Experience of the property will be enhanced through Microsoft software.

The property upholds the following brand traits: Innovation - consistent with their leadership position; Inspiration - reflecting the passionate attitude they have towards technology; Technology - their product must be relevant and appropriate to the experience.

If your proposals fit these criteria, please send details to Microsoft Giving and commercial sponsorship, Freepost SCO5171, Glasgow G3 7BR or email: [MicrosoftGiving@microsoft-contact.co.uk](mailto:MicrosoftGiving@microsoft-contact.co.uk)

In addition to the Microsoft Giving Charity Programme, they offer software at a discount to all schools, educational institutions and registered charities in the UK through the Education Licensing programme.

Further information is available at [www.microsoft.com/uk/education/](http://www.microsoft.com/uk/education/) or call

Microsoft Education Connection on 0870 60 70 800

It is an unfortunate truth that no giver, corporate or individual, can respond positively to all requests for support. Difficult choices have to be made and priorities set for resources. They are only able to donate cash to selected major charity projects. Their choices are outlined on their web site at <http://www.microsoft.com/uk/community/community/contribution/>

They do not support political, religious or racially motivated projects in any way. They do not sponsor or advertise through commercial organisations to support charities.

Unfortunately they can't provide PC hardware. For information on recycled PC suppliers visit web-site: <http://www.microsoft.com/uk/refurbishers/>

Microsoft has provided financial support for the establishment of an AbilityNet centre for the South East region which is sited at Microsoft Campus in Reading. As well as being open to employed and unemployed disabled people, the centre's services are also available to employers who want to find out how adaptive technology can benefit their workforce.

Microsoft also funded the development of the AbilityNet website: [www.abilitynet.co.uk](http://www.abilitynet.co.uk), which is a definitive source of information for disabled people on all aspects of using and adapting technology. To find out more about AbilityNet, visit the AbilityNet website: [www.abilitynet.co.uk](http://www.abilitynet.co.uk) or call AbilityNet on 0800 269 545.

Also Accessibility features are an integral part of many Microsoft products to learn more about how you can use these to adapt your own Microsoft products please visit [www.microsoft.com/enable/](http://www.microsoft.com/enable/)

### \*New \* Shell Better Britain Campaign -Community Projects Fund

Shell Better Britain Campaign awards grants of up to £2,000 for projects that show both community benefit and environmental benefit. Through the Community Projects Fund we invest about £150,000 a year in such projects. We are open to a wide range of ideas, but our ideal project is one that: is led by the local community; makes a positive difference to the local environment; addresses wider environmental issues

helps to bring the community closer together.

You can use the application form on their website. A guide to Frequently Asked Questions is also available.

They use a simple two-stage process that helps you avoid spending too much time on form filling, particularly at the first stage.

Stage 1 - Complete the Project Proposal Form and Sustainability Checklist. They will assess your application and reply within about 4 weeks of receipt.

Stage 2 - If they select your project, they will ask for more detailed information and one of their 15 volunteer Campaign Advisors will arrange a site visit. The decision (including the size of the award) will be made at a fortnightly meeting. They require all groups that receive an award to send in 2 progress reports - one after 6 months and a final one after 12 months.

Any community-based group can apply for a grant of up to £2,000. Only apply for the amount that you need, giving a clear indication of what you intend to use it for. It is not necessary for you to get matching funding from elsewhere.

Community benefit is not only about how local people will benefit once the project is completed. It is also about the benefits that can arise from people coming together, talking about their concerns and looking at ways of tackling them. In some places this can be a vital factor in re-creating a sense of community that many people feel has been lost.

When assessing an application, they are particularly looking for evidence of community consultation. They are keen to see that special effort has been made to include those sections of the community who are often under-represented - young or elderly people, people with disabilities or people from different cultural backgrounds. They are looking for an awareness that what you are doing will improve your local environment. Successful grant applications must also show that steps are being taken to ensure that the project minimises any adverse impact on the wider environment and may make a positive contribution. Enquiries email: [enquiries@sbbc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sbbc.co.uk)

Interactive Connect

Interactive Connect is a new fund from the Shell Better Britain Campaign aimed at helping SBBC network members take fuller advantage of belonging to the Network. There is a wealth of experience out there and its yours to share.

To help more groups take advantage of connections through project exchanges, conferences and site visits we have set up a bursary fund to pay for fares and reasonable costs.

The fund is looking to support a range of connections taking place between groups involved in community based sustainable development. Grants will mostly be under £150. Examples could include: The hire of a minibus so that your

group can visit a functioning furniture recycling scheme and discuss the practicalities of setting up such a scheme; The cost of visiting the Ryton Organic Gardens so that you can learn how organic gardening techniques could be applied in your community garden; The fee for attending a conference on involving young people so that your project takes greater account of the younger members of the community.

When they assess your application we will be looking at: What direct benefit this connection will bring to your group; Whether it will contribute towards community based sustainable development; Whether it will help spread good practice or a new approach; Whether it will provide an interesting story for other groups.

Shell Better Britain Campaign, King Edward House, 135a New Street, Birmingham B2 4QJ Tel: 0121 248 5902 Fax: 0121 248 5901 E mail: [enquiries@sbbc.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sbbc.co.uk)

### \*New \* Whitbread Action Earth 25th December 2002 - 30th April 2003

Whitbread Action Earth is a national campaign run annually by CSV aimed at involving local communities in improving their environment. The project runs for 4 months each year from Christmas Day to the end of April. The campaign challenges local communities to identify worthwhile projects within their own neighbourhood, which require improvement.

A wide range of activities are generated improving both the built natural environment for people and animals. Typical examples of projects include tree planting, improving footpath, making bird and bat boxes, coppicing, improving derelict land, creating community gardens and planting bulbs and shrubs. The emphasis is on fun and education and many projects successfully offer opportunities for volunteers to learn new skills. Anyone can take part from community groups, resident associations, environmental organisations, and youth groups to local authorities, and schools.

All projects must be of clear community benefit and have public access. Feedback from past campaigns tells us that many of these new volunteers enjoy their experience and are keen to volunteers again in the future.

They offer: grants of up to £50 to help towards tools, equipment, refreshments and materials; promotional material including stickers, certificates for volunteers and protective tabards; information on how to get maximum publicity for your group and project.

They are currently preparing details of the coming campaign, which starts on the 25th December 2002 - 30th April 2003. Details will be sent during October onwards.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss project ideas then please contact Naseem Akhtar Naseem Akhtar, Whitbread Action Earth, St Peter's College College Rd, Saltley Birmingham, B8 3TE Tel: 0121 328 7455. Email: [naseem@csvenvironment.org.uk](mailto:naseem@csvenvironment.org.uk)

Website: [www.csvenvironment.org.uk/actionearth/](http://www.csvenvironment.org.uk/actionearth/)

### Home Office Family Support Grant 2003/2004

The Family Support Grant funds voluntary organisations to undertake work to assist parents in their parenting role.

The grants are for time-limited project work aimed at providing support for parents in their parenting role. All projects must show how they intend to reach black, minority ethnic and socially excluded parents.

Examples of the work funded in the past 4 years has included work with fathers, parenting of teenagers and parenting in challenging circumstances. Eligibility criteria for this grant programme are subject to Parliamentary review and changes may occur on an annual basis. Those interested in applying should contact the Family Policy Unit before applying. Contact details are listed below.

Applications particularly welcome from organisations dealing with the socially excluded and/or black and minority ethnic parents.

Funding for current financial year and for provision beyond April 2003 is subject to Parliamentary review.

Typical grant size is up to £50,000 which is also the absolute maximum. Grants are for capital and revenue funding. The grant period is 3 Years. The grant round will be launched at the end of August, for an application closing date of the end of December. Likely decision is by the end of March 2003.

The target group of the project must be parents. The Family Support Grant does not fund holistic family support work or projects where the direct target group are children.

Voluntary organisations should apply for the grant either by phoning Stephanie Waddell on 020 7217 8557 or Email: [stephanie.waddell@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:stephanie.waddell@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or Claire Roskill on 020 7217 8177 Email: [claire.double@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:claire.double@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk) or write for an application pack to Family Policy Unit, Room 411, Horseferry House, Dean Ryle Street, London SW1P 2AW



Website: [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/cpd/fmpu/fmpu.htm](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/cpd/fmpu/fmpu.htm)

### \*New \* The Vodafone Group Foundation

The Vodafone Group Foundation was launched in London on 27 June 2002. This year, the Group and its subsidiaries plan to contribute a total of around £20 million to community programmes, of which £10 million will be funded by a gift from Vodafone Group Plc to The Vodafone Group Foundation. Guided by the Vodafone Group Social Investment Policy, The Vodafone Group Foundation will focus on: Sharing the benefits of mobile communications technology as widely as possible; Protecting the environment and supporting sustainable business practices; Supporting the local communities in which Vodafone's customers, employees, investors and suppliers live. The Vodafone Group Foundation has a strong belief in the benefits offered by mobile telecommunications technology. They seek to be a paperless, virtual foundation. They discourage applicants from sending them paper-based enquiries accompanied by multiple documents. Instead, they will be developing an online enquiry form. Until this is launched, they encourage potential applicants to register their electronic contact details with them on their website: [www.vodafonefoundation.org](http://www.vodafonefoundation.org)

The Vodafone Group Foundation will support the activities of Vodafone Group subsidiaries' local foundations and community programmes. The Vodafone Group Foundation website: [www.vodafonefoundation.org](http://www.vodafonefoundation.org) Access Vodafone's CSR Report on the Vodafone website at: [www.vodafone.com/responsibility](http://www.vodafone.com/responsibility)

### \*New \* Heritage Lottery Fund changes

The Heritage Lottery Fund has removed, or reduced, the need for match, or partnership funding. These changes are referred to in their Strategic Plan 2002-2007. However, please note that partnership funding is still required for all grants over £50,000. The new levels of partnership funding are as follows: 'Applicants seeking up to £50,000 are now asked to supply only what partnership funding they can, either in cash or in kind. Applicants seeking between £50,000 and £1 million now have to supply only 10% of the project costs in partnership funding. Those seeking more than £1 million will still have to supply 25% of the project costs in partnership funding.' Whether you are contributing 10% or 25% in cash or kind, 5% of the total costs of your project must be from your own organisations's resources either in cash or in kind.

They are also targeting small community groups and regions that have not received heritage grants. In the Strategic Plan they state, "We will prioritise our development resources in favour of those communities which have to date received least funding and fewest grants from us, and which are in areas of high social and economic deprivation. Our country and regional committees will each identify five local authority areas to be targeted for this support."

These local authority areas will be announced in the Autumn. A new programme is Young Roots which is available in the autumn. Young Roots promotes the involvement of young people, 13-20 years old, in their heritage. The assessment of a pilot scheme launched in Yorkshire and Humber region in October 2000 demonstrated that Young Roots grants reached new applicants and audiences with exciting and innovative projects, which were targeted directly at the needs and interests of young people. They will develop young roots as a UK-wide scheme with grants between £5,000 and £25,000.

The initiative will mainly help us to increase opportunities for learning about heritage; and promote a greater appreciation of the value of heritage for our future wellbeing and sense of identity.

Although the application pack is not available until the autumn, you can order one now from their website.

Heritage Lottery Fund, 7 Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NR Enquiries Tel: 020 7591 6041 Fax: 020 7591 6271 Minicom: 020 7591 6255 E-mail: [enquire@hlf.org.uk](mailto:enquire@hlf.org.uk) Website: [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)

### \*New \* Pre steps offer £1200 training bursaries.

Pre Steps is a six month package of practical training and telephone mentoring designed to help you plan the essential steps you need to take in order to build a strong organisation and achieve your aim.

Are you overwhelmed? Starting a new organisation or managing paid workers for the first time is a big challenge but it need not be overwhelming. Through Pre Steps you can step back, identify key tasks, prioritise and work together to put systems in place that supports your work and reduces stress.

How can we do it? Through Pre-Steps your representative will attend 6 weekly training sessions and surgeries to identify the gaps that cause you stress. You will devise a plan and tackle the gaps in the coming six months with support from our

mentor.

6 days of theory? No! 6 days of sharing 25 years of Community Links' experience of overcoming many of the same challenges plus support through a programme of mentoring to guide you through the maze of change and development.

Is it a lot of work? Yes, but if you work as a team you will tackle the gaps that currently burden you and establish the foundations for your future success.

How much will it cost? It is free to successful organisations. A bursary of £1,200 will enable you all to benefit from Pre Steps but you will make a contribution by attending the training and doing the work to build a strong future.

Where will it be? The training days and surgeries will be at Community Links, 105 Barking Road, London E16 and the mentoring will be once a month by telephone. They are running a number of courses throughout the next 3 years. They are also running programmes in Leeds (begins October 9th) as well as London (October 3rd). In January 2003 they will begin a course in Greater Manchester, before beginning another course in London (May 2003) and then in Derby (September 2003).

Want to know more? Call them on 020 7473 9651

### \*New \* England-wide 'Incubator Fund' Loans

Applications invited for new England-wide 'Business Incubation Loan Fund' Developers of business incubation projects are to benefit from a new £75m fund launched on 1 October 2001 by the Small Business Service.

The Incubators will provide a range of facilities including: an instructive and supportive environment for entrepreneurs in start-up and early stage businesses; access to small workspace units on flexible terms with easy-in, easy-out terms; access to early stage finance; networking and peer group support; effective technological infrastructure, including broadband communication links; and access to business support tailored to the needs of the client businesses.

The loans will be given to not-for-profit organisations who will set up incubator schemes which will help people at the start-up and early stages of their business. The SBS is looking for viable and sustainable projects but do not have hard and fast rules about any particular models to be used. This will depend on local and regional needs.

The £75 million is available until March 2005. Interested parties are advised to look at the SBS web-site: [www.sbs.gov.uk](http://www.sbs.gov.uk) under "Services", for further details and a copy of the Fund Prospectus. A paper copy of the Prospectus can be ordered from the DTI Publications order line (Tel: 0870 1502 500) quoting the ref No: URN01/1092 "SBS Business Incubation Fund: Prospectus for Potential Applicants".

### \*New \* givenow.org

CAF, AOL Time Warner Foundation and AOL UK name new online giving and fundraising portal as GiveNow.org

CAF (Charities Aid Foundation), the AOL Time Warner Foundation and AOL UK have launched their major new destination for online, tax-effective giving and fundraising in the UK - GiveNow.org

The portal, at [www.givenow.org](http://www.givenow.org), enables any UK charity to offer online donation facilities and provide news to potential donors. For the first £2 million donated at GiveNow.org, 100% of each donation will go directly to charity.

Charities of any size, regardless of whether they already have an online presence, could potentially reach millions of donors at GiveNow.org. AOL UK will promote the GiveNow.org portal to its more than 17 million members as its recommended destination for online giving and any online consumer in the UK will be able to access it to get information about and donate money to their chosen causes. Charities can sign up with GiveNow.org by registering at [www.givenow.org/efundraising](http://www.givenow.org/efundraising)

Any recognised UK charity can be part of GiveNow.org to receive tax-effective donations and have a dedicated area for news at no cost to the charity. Once registered, charities will be able to update their own profile and add news at any time and even monitor the donations they receive at GiveNow.org. Charities Aid Foundation, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA Tel: 01732 520 000 Fax: 01732 520 001

Website: [www.CAFonline.org](http://www.CAFonline.org) Email: [enquiries@CAFonline.org](mailto:enquiries@CAFonline.org)

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### \*New \* Kids' Clubs Network - Charity Expands to Help Make Out-of-School Childcare Happen

National childcare charity Kids' Clubs Network, widely credited with persuading the Government to invest in school age childcare, is today announcing that it is moving on to the second stage of its campaign to bring school age childcare to all those who need it.

Government investment in school age childcare through the New Opportunities

Fund has resulted in a dramatic increase in the number of out-of-school clubs in the UK, from some 3,000 in 1997 to over 7,000 today. What's more, that number is set to increase to 12,000 by 2003. This means they are over half way towards the Kids' Clubs Network vision of 20,000 out-of-school clubs - one for every primary school - by 2010.

To help support and develop this fast growing field, Kids' Clubs Network is moving up a gear - increasing its staff by approximately 20 per cent and, later on this year, launching two of its biggest ever national programmes.

For further information please contact Simon Goldsborough or Ann Chambers at Kids' Clubs Network on 0207 512 2112.

Kids' Clubs Network is the leading national childcare charity for school age childcare for 3 - 16 year olds. For more information on the recruitment drive or childcare in general, visit their website at: [www.kidsclubs.org.uk](http://www.kidsclubs.org.uk)

### \*New \* HBOS Foundation Not approved but as website

The Halifax and Bank of Scotland are committed to the communities that they do business in. Their philosophy is to create partnerships that are sustainable and of real mutual value. That's why they have created the HBOS Foundation, a charity set up to support local communities throughout the UK.

They particularly wish to help with: Money advice and financial literacy; Developing and improving local communities. The Foundation aims to do this by assisting charitable and voluntary organisations in their work. The concerns that these groups address may be unique to their own area, or they may be shared with organisations in other regions. They may even be of national importance. It is our intention to make a genuine, tangible difference to individuals and their communities.

Money advice and financial literacy

Making informed judgements and taking effective decisions regarding money are important skills - Skills which some people can find to be beyond their grasp. Building the confidence - and competence - of everyone about finance is a particular priority for the HBOS Foundation. In order to achieve this, we're committed to supporting money advice and financial literacy initiatives right across the UK. They aim to help make these essential skills both easy and accessible for all. For example, they support agencies such as Citizens Advice Bureaux and Money Advice Trust in their work to provide debt counselling services.

Initiatives which they are particularly interested in supporting are: Promoting financial awareness and money advice; Enhancing debt counselling services within the community; Supporting life-skills in all age groups and sections of the community; Helping people engage in lifelong learning; Enabling young people to develop skills for the benefit of the community; Developing and improving local communities.

Within any community, there will be a diverse collection of individuals and organisations tackling local issues. Some issues will be unique to the local area, others will be replicated across the country or parts of it. They feel it is important to help individuals and groups work together to ensure a better quality of life within their community.

Projects may include: Helping voluntary and community groups become more effective and efficient; Initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded; Working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation; Improving the standard of local facilities and the local environment; Assisting people in rural and urban areas with access and transport schemes; Schemes to support community care work.

There are many challenges for organisations today. As more and more of us gain access to technology such as the internet and e-mail, organisations have an opportunity to provide support, or communicate in a different way and potentially reach far more of those needing their help. Many organisations would like to enhance their services using technology and our aim is to help them overcome barriers to using the latest communications tools.

Practical ways of making this happen may include: Providing equipment or funding to enable access to technology; Helping with the development of new or existing online services such as websites and e-mails; Improving existing computer systems

Money and gifts in kind are welcomed by community organisations but for many our most valuable contribution is in giving our time and skills. They encourage their colleagues to get involved directly and, as a further incentive, they also match the money they raise for charity.

They're here to help you. And applying is easy. All you have to do is complete the application form and hand it into your local branch or business centre of the Halifax or Bank of Scotland or their subsidiary companies - e.g. Intelligent Finance,

Clerical Medical, Birmingham Midshires. In order to make a real difference within the community their remit is tightly focused. Unfortunately, therefore, anything falling outside those areas they've already outlined cannot be supported. They will also exclude all requests for: Charitable advertising; Sponsorship of fundraising events for registered charities; Sponsorship of individuals or third party fundraising initiatives

All projects or initiatives which discriminate on the grounds of colour, race, sex or religious beliefs; Political appeals; Animal rights groups; Overseas projects; Conferences.

Contact HBOS Foundation, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 1YZ For assistance call them on 0131 243 7193 Guidelines and application form can be downloaded from website: [www.bankofscotland.co.uk/hbosfoundation](http://www.bankofscotland.co.uk/hbosfoundation)

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### \*New \* RSB group (including Royal Bank of Scotland, Natwest, Direct Line)

As one of the world's largest companies, we make it our business to ensure the communities we serve benefit from our success. In 2001, they invested £27.5m back into the community, making a genuine difference to peoples' lives in every corner of the UK. But it's more than just money.

Their approach goes beyond writing large cheques - they take time to build partnerships with charities and support our staff to bring their expertise and enthusiasm to the benefit of their communities.

They have chosen three areas to focus on, all of which run to the heart of the business: staff in the community - supporting our staff to give their time and money to the charities that are close to them; understanding finance - ensuring that our children have access to the highest quality education in financial issues; and helping people; joining forces with voluntary organisations to make sure that those that have been excluded from society are given the opportunity to become economically independent.

Staff in the community

Right across The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, they encourage their staff to give their time, skills, effort and cash to their local communities and to the good causes that are important to them.

They believe strongly in investing in the community and in helping their staff to help others. By backing the causes that are important to staff, they can demonstrate their commitment to their local area and to their preferred good causes. They have two programmes to encourage employees to get involved and make a contribution to charities and local community groups. This way, they can focus our charitable giving on the causes that matter to our staff.

Give As You Earn - They are the only employer in the UK to 'double match' staff donations to charity made through Give As You Earn (GAYE). For every £1 given by staff, they donate an additional £2 to match individual staff donations of up to £100 each month. Over 11,000 staff are giving each month to hundreds of good causes, both local and national, and in 2001, the Group matched their contribution with over £2.5m.

Community Cashback Awards - Many staff are also generous with their time, effort and specialist skills. Staff who give up their time to help a local community group, school or charity, can apply for a Community Cashback Award for their organisation. Awards are paid to organisations where staff are actively involved as volunteers, or to the charities staff have raised funds for. Depending on their level of involvement or the amount of funds they have raised, staff can apply for an Award of £100, £250 or £500 for their good cause.

Volunteering opportunities with their community partners - In addition, they encourage their employees to get involved with our community partners in projects that are funded by the Group's Community Investment Programme. Their approach is to develop wide-ranging relationships with the organisations that they fund and wherever possible, they encourage staff to make a contribution to the success of these partnerships.

If you would like more information on The Royal Bank of Scotland Group in the Community contact the Public Affairs Team, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group, 42 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YE Tel: 0131 523 4206 E-mail: [publicaffairs@rbs.co.uk](mailto:publicaffairs@rbs.co.uk) Information is on website: [www.rbs.co.uk/group\\_info/community](http://www.rbs.co.uk/group_info/community)

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### \*New \* DfES Community Champions Fund

The purpose of the Fund is to support individuals and fledgling community groups who have ideas for encouraging greater activity within their community, helping them build on the skills needed to increase local involvement in community activity.

The Fund aims to help people who have not previously applied for this type of



funding take their first steps. It also aims to encourage older volunteers (50+) to get involved in helping their communities and to facilitate young people in their own forms of community action.

Community Champions is worth £3m annually. Typically grants of up to £2000 are available.

To find out more visit the Community Champions Website: [www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions) or contact: Steve Standret, Community Champions Team, DfES, W1129, Moorfoot, Sheffield, S1 4PQ. Telephone: 0114 259 4862, Email [community.champions@dfes.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:community.champions@dfes.gsi.gov.uk)

## Opportunities with Deadlines-----Last minute for September if you are quick

### \*New \* European Refugee Fund

The fund grants money to organisations and projects to aid the integration of refugees. Funding is made by the HomeOffice. 8 million euros is available. Each grant application is considered on its own merit, therefore it is not possible to estimate likely grant and there is no defined maximum limit.

Grant Period is for one year. The timetable for 2003 funding is that applicants should submit proposals to reach IND by a deadline of 30 September 2002. They recognise that smaller organisations may potentially have difficulties in meeting this deadline. Any such groups that have difficulty submitting their application by this deadline may contact the Home Office and, in exceptional circumstances only, be given a deadline of 11th October 2002. Decisions will be made by 1 December 2002.

Funds are only available to Charitable, Benevolent, Philanthropic Organisations which are legally incorporated throughout England.

For further information and details of how to apply, contact Nadine Walsh on 020 8760 8410 or write to the Refugee Integration Unit, Voyager House, 30 Wellesley Road, Croydon, CR0 2AD.

Websites <http://www.ind.homeoffice.gov.uk/default.asp?Pagel=1445> and [www.european-refugee-fund.org](http://www.european-refugee-fund.org)

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### The Citizenship 21 Awards

The Citizenship 21 Awards scheme provides awards of between £1000 and £5000 to communities to work together to promote equality and diversity, and tackle homophobia and all other types of discrimination, such as racism, disablism, etc. The three key goals of the Citizenship 21 Awards are: To tackle discrimination - to promote equality and deal with issues of homophobia alongside other forms of prejudice.

To strengthen groups and links between different communities in order to increase the awareness of the discrimination faced by different communities and build strong alliances to tackle prejudice together.

To support collaboration - to involve community groups and organisations in working together with one or more named partner community group or organisation.

The Citizenship 21 Awards scheme is one part of the Citizenship 21 project. Citizenship 21 Awards now accepting applications for third round! Community groups and organisations have until 30 September 2002 to apply for up to £5,000 from the third round of the Citizenship 21 Awards scheme.

Details of how to apply are on their website site. For application information and forms in alternative formats (braille, tape, video etc) contact us at Citizenship 21, 46 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0EB Tel: 020 7881 9440 Minicom: 020 7881 9996 Fax: 020 7881 9444 E-mail: [info@c21project.org.uk](mailto:info@c21project.org.uk) Information is on website: [http://www.c21project.org.uk/news\\_awards3.htm](http://www.c21project.org.uk/news_awards3.htm)

### GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) International Impact Awards 2002

UK charities are being given the chance to win ten awards of £25,000 in the sixth annual GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) International Impact Awards. The awards are open to charities that have been working in local community healthcare for at least three years with an annual budget of less than £500,000.

There are ten awards of £25,000 each. In addition, ten highly commended projects will receive £1,000 each.

Working in partnership with the King's Fund, a leading independent health charity, the GSK awards are designed to recognise and promote the existing work of small to medium sized voluntary organisations, which have made a demonstrable impact on the health of their local communities, and as such there is no stipulation on how or on what the money should be spent.

An application pack can be downloaded from the website below or can be obtained by sending an A4 self-addressed envelope (no stamp required) to: GSK

Impact Awards, Grants Department - The King's Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0AN Tel: 020 7307 2400 Fax: 020 7307 2801. Closing date for applications is Friday 27 September 2002.

Website: [http://corp.gsk.com/community/impact\\_awards\\_uk.htm](http://corp.gsk.com/community/impact_awards_uk.htm)

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### DoH Section 64 General Scheme

The Department of Health's main funding support to voluntary organisations under the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968. General Scheme grants may be awarded to national VOs working in the health and social care fields in England. The Department of Health's main funding support to voluntary organisations under the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968. General Scheme grants may be awarded to national VOs working in the health and social care fields in England.

The scheme is aimed primarily at national VOs, although exceptionally regional or local can be awarded grants for work, which is of a national scope. £22,081,000 is available for financial year 2002/03 with a typical grant size of £35,000 and an absolute maximum of £100,000

Grant is for Capital or Revenue Funding. The revenue funding offered is for project/core purposes. Applications start: 31 July 2002 and close 27 September 2002 with likely decision by 31 January 2003

How to Apply and further Information Contact Hashmia Cole, Finance Administrator Tel: 020 7972 4105 or write to : Department of Health, Grants Administration Unit, Room 609 Wellington House, 133-155 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UG Website: [www.doh.gov.uk/sect64/grants.htm](http://www.doh.gov.uk/sect64/grants.htm)

EU - LIFE Environment Funding

The European Commission's LIFE Environment funding programme is now open for the 2003 round of proposals. LIFE Environment can fund between 30 and 50% of eligible costs of projects lasting up to three years. Projects should be innovative and demonstrate something new with a wider application. Proposals should meet one of the following objectives: Integration of environmental; considerations into land use; development and planning in urban and coastal areas; The promotion of sustainable management of ground and surface water; The minimisation of the environmental impact of economic activities; The prevention, recycling and sound management of waste streams; The reduction of the environmental impact of products. The Commission will be looking very specifically for projects of interest to their technical units that implement Community environmental policy.

Applications must be sent to DEFRA by 27 September 2002 for basic eligibility checks before being forwarded to the Commission by the end of November.

Full details and application forms are available on the Commission's website at: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/life/home.htm>

It is advisable to discuss your project ideas first with the UK LIFE Environment Programme Manager in order to check eligibility and receive advice on presenting the proposal.

Contact: Robbie Craig (UK LIFE Environment Programme Manager), DEFRA, 5/H15 Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DE Tel: 020 7944 6227 Email: [robbie.craig@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:robbie.craig@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

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### The British Community Safety Awards

The British Community Safety Awards, run by Crime Concern for the last five years, have become a firm fixture in the community safety calendar. A sure sign of the success of the scheme is the support of Marks & Spencer who are working closely with Crime Concern to ensure this year's awards are the best yet.

Community safety and crime reduction projects have a real and lasting impact on the way people live. Your local project is probably playing a key role, making a mark on your community and making a difference to the lives of others. This is your opportunity to tell the world about your work and to raise the profile of your project.

They want to hear about your community project, your team, your involvement, your successes and any problems you've had to overcome to get your project off the ground. Who are you helping? Why do they need help? How have you been able to make things better for them? How can you see this project working in other areas?

To enter your project for the Marks & Spencer British Community Safety Awards 2002 simply tell them, on 5 pages of A4 or less, how your project: tackles everyday crime; works successfully with the local community and key local partners; has achieved results; could be replicated in other areas.

Five projects will be selected as winners. Each winning project will be awarded a prestigious trophy, £1,500 of community training to progress your work even

further, and two free places at all Crime Concern conferences for the following year.

From these five projects one overall winner will be selected and will receive an additional £1,000 of training. They will also go on to compete for a place in the European Crime Prevention Awards and a chance to win 10,000 euros! (£6,250) The closing date for the Marks & Spencer British Community Safety Awards is 30th September 2002.

Contact Ms Sam Prince, Crime Concern, Beaver House, 147 -150 Victoria Road, Swindon SN1 3UY Tel: 01793 863 513 Fax: 01793 863 555 Email: [sam.prince@crimeconcern.org.uk](mailto:sam.prince@crimeconcern.org.uk) Website: <http://awards.crimeconcern.org.uk/>

### Golden Jubilee Awards

The Queen has announced a new Jubilee award for the community and voluntary sector. The unsung heroes of our communities will receive lasting recognition in a new award for voluntary service by groups to mark The Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award will bring deserved national recognition to the many thousands of 'unsung heroes' who work tirelessly throughout the UK to help their fellow citizens. The award is both an illustration of the importance The Queen places on community and voluntary service by dedicated and committed teams and groups, and an opportunity for everyone to nominate and celebrate the invaluable contribution they make to our communities.

Individuals can put forward groups or teams from the voluntary and community sector for one of the 200 annual awards by completing a Nomination Form, available from The Queen's Golden Jubilee Award Office. Groups eligible for the award cover the entire community and voluntary spectrum, from a team of volunteers to the smallest group with a few individuals working together in their local community. The closing date for this year's nominations will be 30 September 2002.

The scheme will annually grant 200 of The Queen's Golden Jubilee Awards. Award winners will receive a plaque and certificate. Nomination forms are available from the Golden Jubilee Office's website: [www.goldenjubilee.gov.uk](http://www.goldenjubilee.gov.uk) or Public Enquiry Line Tel: 0845 000 2002 or by Email: [gaward@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:gaward@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

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### 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](mailto:eyf@coe.int) Web-site: [www.coe.fr/youth/english/EYF/EYF.htm](http://www.coe.fr/youth/english/EYF/EYF.htm)

### \*New \* The Waterways Trust Small Grants Scheme

The Waterways Trust is pleased to invite applications for the summer 2002 round of its Small Grants Scheme with grants of up to £5,000 on offer to organisations, groups or schools interested in developing local waterway initiatives.

The Small Grants Scheme, which is financed by the Trust's own fundraising, will support waterway related projects that provide lasting environmental enhancement whilst encouraging increased community involvement in the waterways. Successful bids must involve and benefit the community.

Applications for the next round of grants will close on 1 October 2002.

The Waterways Trust welcomes applications for projects where the award would be used to attract further funding from other bodies or where volunteer effort or gifts in kind make a significant contribution to the project.

Applications to the Small Grants Scheme will include waterways-based access, educational and environmental projects. Successful applications to the summer 2002 round of the Small Grants Scheme might include projects which: improve disabled access to waterway sites; restore historic waterway features, for instance bridges and locks; improve the interpretation of waterway features; provide better facilities for volunteers working on the waterways; restore canal habitats for wildlife.

Small Grants Scheme, The Waterways Trust North West Office, The Boat Museum, South Pier Road, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire CH65 4FW Tel: 0151 373 4382

E-mail: [enquiries.hq@thewaterwaystrust.co.uk](mailto:enquiries.hq@thewaterwaystrust.co.uk)

Web-site: [www.thewaterwaystrust.co.uk](http://www.thewaterwaystrust.co.uk)

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### \*New \* The Gannett Foundation - Newsquest Media Group Ltd

The Gannett Foundation supports local organizations in communities where the Gannett Co., Inc. owns a regional/local newspaper or radio station. In the UK, Newsquest Media Group Ltd, with more than 300 newspapers, including 15 dailies. Check to see if your organization is located in one of these communities.

Each local Gannett operation establishes its own priorities, depending upon local needs, and may have additional guidelines and restrictions. If your organization is located in one of the Gannett communities, contact them to learn about their priorities, restrictions, and deadlines. If unsure about your organization's eligibility, a one-page letter (or e-mail) of inquiry is welcome.

Send two copies of your application and complete proposal of no more than five pages (exclusive of attachments) to the local CEO/Publisher/GM. Your proposal must contain the following information: completed application form; one-page project budget, and an organizational budget; needs statement; objectives of the project to be funded; your organization's qualifications to carry out the project; whether the project is new or ongoing; constituency to be served; community and volunteer involvement; how the project will be evaluated; plans for continued funding of the project, if applicable; list of other funding sources, committed and applied for.

Pertinent publications may also be included.

Contact Margaret Strayton, Newsquest Media Group Ltd, Newspaper House, 34-44 London Road, Morden, Surrey SM4 5BX Tel: 08 687 3260 Email: [MStrayton@london.newsquest.co.uk](mailto:MStrayton@london.newsquest.co.uk) Website (US based): [www.gannettfoundation.org](http://www.gannettfoundation.org) Closing date: 14 October 2002, with decisions in mid to late November 2002.

### Averil Osborn Fund

The aim of the Fund is to encourage and support development work which will improve the quality-of-life and citizenship of older people.

The Fund wishes to support original studies and dissemination projects that involve older people at all and any stages (design, execution, interpretation, dissemination).

Awards in the range £500-£1,500 are made each year

Favoured types of projects: projects in which older people lead or directly participate; new initiatives or projects which build on existing work; those following an agenda agreed with older people; projects with a clear dissemination strategy; projects with a clear timetable and specific outputs or products; all methodologies and approaches are considered; all disciplines and forms of professional involvement are considered.

The outcomes must be reported to the Panel. A normal condition of a grant is that an article is submitted to the BSG's Generations Review, or a paper is presented at the Society's annual conference. Grants will not be made to support doctoral research nor towards the general funds of an organisation.

Send five copies of your application to Prof. Tony Warnes, Averil Osborn Fund, SISA, Community Sciences Centre, Northern General Hospital, Sheffield S5 7AU Email: [a.warnes@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:a.warnes@sheffield.ac.uk) The closing date is 18 October 2002. All



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support funding applications, it set out an open and transparent competition process, which ensured that every bid for this MARS fund would be evaluated on fair and equal terms. In addition, the total available for distribution was increased by £0.5 million, to £5 million.

As a result, many organisations received funding from the MARS grant for the first time and they were also able to maintain levels of funding for the vast majority of existing recipients.

The grant programme for this year from April 2003 to March 2004 - will build on the

experience and success of the previous year. Once again, the competition process will be open and impartial, and will aim to provide a balance of core funding and funding for research and development. They will continue to encourage partnership working, innovation in service delivery, and services aimed at commonly excluded groups. Cross-year funding will also be available for this financial year

Some applicants last year were concerned at the amount of work needed in order to submit a bid. Some organisations decided not to try to bid, because they felt it was too difficult a process. They have looked at the overall programme, listened to your feedback, and made a number of specific changes as a result. Their hope is that these will make this year's bid process easier for any organisation who might be thinking of applying.

The grant application pack has been revised, following feedback which suggested that it was too complicated. The application form itself is now easier to complete, and the accompanying literature has been condensed into one comprehensive guide.

A separate area of work for the MARS team this year will be our review of core funding for marriage and relationship support. This will identify the essential relationship support services for which the Government will be planning to provide sustained funding over the medium term. Most of this work will be carried out through working with the ten main core-funding recipients. It will not affect the allocation of funds through the ongoing grant programme. The Department will actively and positively promote the provision of high quality, cost effective services in the vital area of marriage and relationship support to ensure that as many couples as possible can benefit.

Essentially, marriage and relationship support activities are aimed at helping people establish and maintain successful relationships with their partners. People may associate marriage and relationship support most obviously with counselling, (including psychotherapy), but it includes such activities as preparation for, and information and education about, marriage and adult relationships.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 31 October 2002 for grants payable during the financial year beginning 2003/04

Jean Bailey, Lord Chancellor's Department, Marriage and Relationship Support, 3rd Floor Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QT Tel: 020-7210 0726 Fax 020-7210 1265 Email: jean.baileyFPD@lcdhq.gsi.gov.uk Web-site: <http://www.lcd.gov.uk/family/famfr.htm#part3>

## The Whitley Laing Foundation

The Whitley Laing Foundation is a UK based charity focusing on the conservation of the natural environment, with emphasis on threatened species and habitats. The Foundation offers a range of Awards and Grants for outstanding work around the world, providing funds directly to the people who can best use them in countries where they are most needed. Funding is generally directed to work in non-first world countries. Our winners are usually nationals of the countries where they work and their work integrates conservation, development awareness and education. Applicants need not be qualified scientists, but candidates must be able to compile a written report to describe and quantify the success of their work with appropriate references. Funding from the Whitley Laing Foundation should form the bulk of the applying project's financial requirement: the scheme is not designed to make minor contributions to very large projects better served by other funding agencies.

Whitley Awards, worth up to 25,000 each, seek to recognise and reward outstanding grass roots conservationists. 5 such awards are made each year, with the overall winner receiving the Whitley Gold Award, which carries with it an additional 25,000. The deadline for applications for the Whitley Awards is 15 September 2002.

## 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. Up to 30 Rufford Small Grants of up to 5,000 each are available each year. Rufford Small Grants are reviewed quarterly, with deadlines at 31 July, 31 October and 31 January, 30 April.

The Whitley Laing Foundation, 139 Elgin Crescent, London W11 2JH Website: [www.whitleyaward.org](http://www.whitleyaward.org); email: [info@whitleyaward.org](mailto:info@whitleyaward.org) Fax: 020 7229 7578 Tel: 020 7229 7554; Rufford Small Grants email: [josh@rufford.org](mailto:josh@rufford.org), Fax: 020 7925 2583

## November

### \*New \* NOF Fair Share - Transforming Communities

As part of the transforming communities initiative, The New Opportunities Fund have £49.5 million available for their 'Transforming your space' programme. Funding will be awarded to projects that will improve local environments, enabling communities to make them safer, healthier, greener, cleaner, better designed, more welcoming and accessible to all. National funding allocations available under this scheme will be delivered to complement ongoing national, regional and local strategies:

In England this scheme is worth £38.75 million in England and is now open for support under the joint lottery programme, Fair share. The local authority for these areas will act as lead organisation for the delivery of projects supported with funding from a fair share: transforming your space area allocation. Details of the application process (including application materials prepared for local authorities) are given on the NOF website: [www.nof.org.uk](http://www.nof.org.uk) The closing date for main application form is 1 November 2002. So if you are in a 'Fair share' area contact your local authority if you want to be involved.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact 0845 0000 121 (England); 0845 0000 122 (Wales); 0845 0000 123 (Scotland); 0845 0000 124 (Northern Ireland) New Opportunities Fund, 1 Plough Place, London EC4A 1DE Tel: 0207 211 1800 Fax: 0207 211 1717 Web site: [www.nof.org.uk](http://www.nof.org.uk)

### \*New \* European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards

The protection and enhancement of European cultural heritage in all its forms (architectural heritage and its related movable heritage, cultural landscapes and archaeological sites) are among the priority areas of the European Union's Culture 2000 Programme.

The European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage has recently been launched by the European Commission as part of the implementation of the Culture 2000 Programme. Europa Nostra, the pan-European Federation for Heritage, has been selected as the organisation responsible for the running of this Scheme on the basis of its long experience in this specific field.

The aims of the Europa Nostra Awards are to promote high standards of conservation practice and to stimulate the exchange of knowledge and experience throughout Europe. It will achieve this by giving public recognition to outstanding initiatives and best practices by either individuals or organisations, which contribute to the protection and enhancement of cultural heritage in Europe, and so to stimulate further efforts by the power of example.

Projects in several categories can be submitted subject to the conditions of participation. Outstanding heritage achievements will be acknowledged by six money prizes (10,000 Euro each), as well as by Medals and Diplomas in the following categories: 1. A) Projects in the field of architectural heritage; 1. B) Projects in the field of cultural landscape; 1. C) Projects in the field of collections of works of art; 1. D) Projects in the field of archaeological sites; 2. An outstanding study; 3. Dedicated service to heritage conservation by individuals or groups. Closing date is 1 November 2002. Printed entry forms for both schemes can be requested in writing or can be downloaded from their website.

Europa Nostra Secretariat, Heritage Awards Co-ordinator, Ms Bobo Charlotte Krabbe, Lange Voorhout 35, NL-2514 EC The Hague Tel: +31 70 302 40 55 Fax: +31 70 361 78 65 Email: [co@europanostra.org](mailto:co@europanostra.org) Website: [www.europanostra.org](http://www.europanostra.org)

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### Leonardo da Vinci Programme

Call for proposals under the second phase of the Leonardo da Vinci Programme The Leonardo da Vinci programme contributes to the implementation of a vocational training policy for the Community, which supports and supplements the actions of the Member States. The Council has adopted a second phase of the programme for the period 2000 to 2006. Its aim is to promote new practical approaches in vocational training policies.

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This second call for proposals has a two years validity (2003-2004) A third call for proposals, also of a two years validity, will be published in 2004 and will cover the years 2005 and 2006.

This call for proposals concerns the following Community measures: mobility, pilot projects (PP) including thematic actions (TH), language competences (LA), transnational networks (NT) and reference material (RF).

The Leonardo da Vinci programme aims at the implementation of a European Community vocational training policy by contributing to the promotion of a Europe of knowledge and by supporting Member States' policies on lifelong learning by raising the quality, innovation and European dimension of vocational training systems and practices, by means of transnational cooperation.

This programme is to be implemented in the Member States of the European Community. It is also open to the participation of the states of EFTA/EFTA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), of Cyprus, Malta and Turkey and the associated countries of Central and Eastern Europe (CEECs). Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia).

Candidates wishing to submit a proposal under the Leonardo da Vinci programme are invited to cooperate with bodies from these countries according to the eligibility rules specified in the promoter's General Guide. The application process is in two stages with the pre-proposal closing dates of 4 November 2002 with final proposals for 7 March 2003. Full details are on the Europa website at: [http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/leonardo/leonardo2\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/leonardo/leonardo2_en.html)

## BBC Children in Need 2002

BBC Children in Need welcomes applications for good quality, carefully planned, projects which show a clear focus on children in order to make a positive difference to their lives. These applications can be from: Self-help groups; Voluntary organisations; or Registered charities.

Applicants should be properly constituted, non-profit organisations. The children they help are aged 18 years and under, and live in the United Kingdom. You should only apply for a grant if it will benefit children who are disadvantaged by: mental, physical or sensory disabilities; behavioural or psychological problems; living in poverty or situations of deprivation; illness, distress, abuse or neglect. Closing Dates for applications are March 30th - answers in August and November 30th - answers in April.

The Grant Guidelines and Application Forms for the BBC Children in Need Appeal are now available for download from the BBC web-site at: [www.bbc.co.uk/cin/about/apply.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cin/about/apply.shtml) If you require an Application Form & Guidelines, or you require advice on completing the application form please contact your local BBC Children in Need Office for your area: Midlands Tel: 0121 4328899; North East Tel: 0113 2247155; North West Tel: 0161 2443439; South East Tel: 020 8228 8275; South West Tel: 0117 9746600; Central Office Tel: 020 8576 7788

## Europe - Socrates funding

The 2003 call for proposals has now been finalised and can be downloaded from the website below. It comes into effect for all 2003 deadlines plus the pre-proposal deadline of 1st November 2002 for centralised actions.

Socrates, which began in 1995, is the European Community action programme encouraging co-operation in the field of education. This second phase of the Socrates programme runs from 2000 to 2006. Opportunities are available for schools, colleges, universities and other organisations to work together on European partnerships, projects and professional development. It also incorporates increased opportunities in the fields of lifelong learning and open and distance learning.

Socrates spans the entire breadth of education systems within the UK. It comprises eight parts, or "Actions", which aim to improve quality and strengthen the European dimension in education. Basic details are outlined below with further information including deadlines on programmes (from 1 November 2001) available on the web-site.

Comenius: school education. Supports joint curriculum projects between schools and colleges, staff training opportunities and the development of networks.

Erasmus: higher education. Encourages co-operation between universities across Europe and supports mobility of students and staff in higher education, the development of joint programmes and courses and the development of thematic networks.

Grundtvig: adult education and lifelong learning. Aims to improve the availability, accessibility and quality of adult teaching and learning through supporting European Co-operation Projects, Learning Partnerships, staff training and the development of networks.

Lingua: the learning of foreign languages. Supports projects which raise awareness of language learning opportunities and which develop language

learning materials.

Minerva: Information and Communication Technology and Open and Distance Learning. Aims to promote improved understanding and awareness of ICT and ODL and to develop new teaching and learning approaches.

Observation and Innovation: including Arion study visits and the Eurydice and NARIC information networks.

There is a user friendly web-site to explain Socrates at: [www.socrates-uk.net](http://www.socrates-uk.net) which gives details of application procedures and case studies.

For UK NARIC, Eurydice, Erasmus contacts see web-site otherwise contact Education and Training Group, at the British Council, 10 Spring Gardens, London, SW1A 2BN Tel: 020 7389 4157 Fax: 020 7389 4426 E-mail: [socrates@britishcouncil.org](mailto:socrates@britishcouncil.org) They also offices have in Edinburgh, Belfast and Cardiff.

## The Xerox (UK) Trust (Charities Hotline 01895 843288 for a recorded message)

To apply for funding support from the Xerox (UK) Trust, organisations need to be a fully registered charity. The application will be looked at more favourably if a Xerox employee supports the application. If an application fits these criteria, the next step is to send in a letter, containing details of the charity, the size of donation being requested, and a description of what the money will be used to support. This letter should be sent to The Xerox (UK) Trust, care of Paula Childs, Xerox (UK) Limited, Bridge House, Oxford Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1HS. The Xerox Trustees normally meet twice a year, in April and November, to decide which charities to support.

All applications will be reviewed, but due to the large volume of requests, they only reply to those that are successful.

## December

### \*New \* 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 £5,000 - 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 £10,000 - A two year award for schools tackling similar challenges as the £5,000 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 2003 awards is 1 October - 13 December 2002.

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Information is also on web-site: [www.barclaysnewfutures.co.uk](http://www.barclaysnewfutures.co.uk) Applications can be made on-line.





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