

Confirmed Courses Available

Dates and venues have now been secured for a diverse range of courses organised by the Scarman Trust Manchester.

The courses will take place in convenient community based venues delivered by experts in their field, and are FREE to individuals and small to medium sized groups active in community or voluntary work. (Charges will be incurred for larger groups).

For further information about the courses, and details of how to book your place, visit the Scarman Trust Manchester website: www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org or contact the team on 0161 839 2613, e-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Course	Date	Time	Venue
Committee Skills Workshop	2 Nov 06	9.30am – 4.30pm	TLM Centre, Collyhurst
Communication Skills Training	6 Nov 06	9.30am – 4.30pm	Cross Street Chapel, Manchester
Health and Safety Training	7 Nov 06	9.30am – 4.30pm	Friends Meeting House, Manchester
Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers Training	9 Nov 06	9.30am – 4.30pm	Openshaw Resource Centre, Openshaw
Project Management Training	1 Dec 06	9.30am – 4.30pm	MPAC Community Network, Miles Platting
Managing a Community Building Training	7 & 8 Dec 06	9.30am – 4.30pm	The Angels, Gorton
Marketing Training	11 Dec 06	9.30am – 4.30pm	GMCVO, Ardwick
Managing a Charity Training	13 Dec 06	9.30am – 4.30pm	North City Library, Harpurhey
Funding Advice Training	12 Jan 07	9.30am – 4.30pm	Woodville Resource Centre, Cheetham

£1.1 Million to Promote Volunteering Among Hard-to-Reach Groups

Ed Miliband, Minister for the Third Sector, has pledged over £1million of funding to spread the best ideas for recruiting and retaining volunteers from hard-to-reach groups.

Mr. Miliband announced that £1.1m has been awarded through the Office of the Third Sector's flagship GoldStar programme – aimed at organisations who work to increase the number of volunteers among people with disabilities or long-term illnesses, black and minority ethnic groups and those at risk of social exclusion. The GoldStar programme provides funding for third sector organisations to spread good practice around recruiting, managing and retaining volunteers and mentors from groups at risk of social exclusion.

For further information visit: www.gnn.gov.uk

Braille Service

Do you want to put your documents into Braille but don't know where to go? Manchester & District Social Club of the Blind offer a Braille Service.

E-mail: r-goulden@supanet.com for more information about this service.

Anxiety Disorders Conference 2006

The Conference will be held on Saturday 11th November at the Manchester

University Conference Centre. It is aimed primarily at individuals with an anxiety disorder and their families and friends. Health professionals and counsellors can also gain valuable experience of working alongside anxiety sufferers in a variety of workshops and lectures run by leading researchers and clinicians. Inspirational speakers also share their experience of recovery and there are opportunities

to meet others with anxiety disorders and their families in support groups.

The Anxiety Disorders Conference is an increasingly popular annual event bringing practical support to people experiencing the distress of living with an anxiety disorder.

For more information visit: www.anxietyconference.org.uk or contact Nicky Lidbetter on 0161 232 0163, e-mail: info@anxietyconference.org.uk

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Manchester Directory of Groups

The number of groups and organisations registered on the Scarman Trust Manchester continues to increase, with a diverse range of groups and support agencies posting their details.

The online Directory lists the details of Community and Voluntary Groups throughout the city of Manchester, plus organisations that support the work undertaken within the sector. It is FREE to access, and FREE to get your details listed in the Directory. There is an online registration form on the website, or alternatively you can contact the Scarman Trust Manchester team on 0161 839 2613 or e-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org Your information will be included in this online version and listed in a regularly updated printed version.

Visit www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org and add your group's details today!

Spotlight

Gorton Old & Bold Exhibit for VOP Full of Life Festival

The Valuing Older People (VOP) Team again this year hosted its Big Event at Manchester Town Hall, this time named "Older & Bolder". Attended by around 650 older people and around 200 officers from statutory, voluntary and independent sector organisations, the day was fun and informative and was host to 80 information stall-holding organisations, as well as a variety of workshops.

As part of the run up to this event, the VOP Full of Life Festival took place during the week proceeding. Over 80 voluntary and community groups held local events with the help of a Festival Grant, from the VOP Team, which were accessed in their thousands by local people across Manchester.

One such event was a week-long exhibition of art, craft and photography



Artists and Organisers of the Exhibition

organised by members of The Angels Community Art Group in Gorton, which followed on from work that one particular member, Marie Kudelis, did last year. As Marie explains: "I was asked by Sally Chandler of VOP to organise an exhibition at Gorton library so I gathered together a number of older members of the community. The result was so successful that I was asked if I would repeat it again this year. We had outgrown the space at the library, so this year we held it at the larger venue of The Angels Community Learning Centre" "Again, we had a very successful week and many visitors were quite amazed

at how many talented older people we have in Gorton. Like myself, a number of exhibitors have discovered their talent late in life. This exhibition has shown hidden talent from both young and older people from the Gorton Community."

The Angels Community Art Group meets weekly. For further details contact The Angels on 223 3211 For more information about the Valuing Older People initiative, contact Sally Chandler on 234 3513, or e-mail s.chandler@manchester.gov.uk

Wish to comment or submit an article? Email support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org or phone 0161 839 2613

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Support Sessions

The Scarman Trust Manchester provide regular Support Sessions based in communities and neighbourhoods across the City of Manchester in local easily accessible venues.

Regular Support Sessions are held at the following venues:

■ Hulme Library

- Old Moat Children's Centre, Withington
- Longsight Library
- Levenshulme Library
- Chorlton Library
- Newton Heath Library
- Miles Platting Library
- Gorton Library
- Royal Oak Community Centre, Wythenshawe
- Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project

- The Wells Centre
- Lightbowne Children's Centre
- Abraham Moss Centre
- North City Library
- The Grange

For the dates and times of the Support Session in your area please give us call on 0161 839 2613 or e-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Volunteering

Local Volunteering Forums in Manchester

The Volunteering Community Network is working with your local geographic network(s) to hold a series of local forums to discuss issues around volunteering in your local area.

They will ask questions such as how to improve current services to volunteers, what services are missing in your area and what barriers there are to volunteering locally. Anyone with an interest in volunteering issues is welcome to attend, from prospective volunteers to providers of services to volunteers and organisations who involve volunteers in their work.

Forums will be held in North Manchester, East Manchester, South Manchester and Wythenshawe.

If you would like to attend or find out more, please contact Ben Anderson on 0161 234 2935 or bena@vamanchester.org.uk

Wildlife Regeneration - Volunteering Opportunity

New members/volunteers wanted to join and help Boggart Hole Clough Nature Conservation Group & Wildlife Gardening Club. Clearing forest weeds e.g. Rhododendron Ponticum, exploring natural history, learning/practising/teaching woodland conservation management skills, reinstating wildlife habitats, preserving our natural heritage.

We work Saturdays (assembling 10 a.m. at the Lakeside Café).

No previous conservation gardening experience required. All abilities and ages welcome participants under 16 require an accompanying adult. We provide gloves, tools, insurance.

Contact the coordinator on 0161 203 5009 or e-mail: peterfmilner@hotmail.com

Events

The Changing Face of Democracy and Decision Making

06 November 2006,

10am – 4pm

Manchester International Conference Centre

CN4M is hosting a city wide event for the voluntary and community sector on latest national and local developments around democracy and decision making. The event will also be your chance to find out more about how the network works, and input into its future development. For more information contact Clare on 0161 234 2916 or e-mail: clare@cn4m.net

Manchester Christmas Lights Switch-on

09 November 2006

Albert Square

Join in the celebrations to mark the arrival of the festive season. See the cast of MAMMA MIA! live on stage and enjoy family fun, music and entertainment and spectacular fireworks. For more information visit: www.manchester.gov.uk/visitorcentre/events

Food Fasting and Faith

10 November 2006,

10am – 1pm

Church of God 7th Day

A forum organised by the Voluntary Community Sector and North West Institute of Dynamic Psychotherapy aimed at those interested in diverse perspectives on mental health.

To reserve your place call Mick Sheldon: 0161 448 0788

FREE Basic Wythit Web Authoring Workshop

16 November 2006,

9.45am – 3pm

Wythenshawe Forum

FREE Basic Wythit web authoring workshop at the Homework Club which is above the library at Wythenshawe Forum. For more information contact Frank Connell on 0161 499 7778 or e-mail: f.connell@manchester.gov.uk

Manchester Together Against Poverty: Appeal 2006

24 November 2006,

7pm – 11pm

Trinity Church, Cheetham Hill Road

A free Cultural Celebration with music, dancing, fashion show and food to commemorate the first free elections in Congo DRC for 45 years. We will also be discussing problems around poverty, crime and social exclusion here in Greater

Manchester.

For more information contact Cristo on 07886 319504 or e-mail: cristocarrito@hotmail.com

Free Web Accessibility for (non-technical) Managers

06 December 2006,

1.30 – 4pm

Manchester

You will be given a broad overview of the legal issues surrounding websites in the UK and an introduction to guidelines and accreditation schemes. We will provide you with practical strategies to manage an accessible website.

For more information contact Jeanette Teague on 0800 269545 or e-mail: enquiries@abilitynet.org.uk

Wish to promote your event? Email your details to support. manchester@thescarmantrust.org or phone 0161 839 2613

Funding News

Alec Dickson Trust

This Trust awards funding to people aged under 30 who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community action, they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society.

Visit: www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund (BIG) Launches Family Learning Programme

BIG has launched a new £40 million programme to bring generations of families together through learning. Groups including charities, community and voluntary bodies and schools can apply for awards of between £10,000 and £500,000 for up to five years to set up family learning schemes.

Visit:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_family_learning

Grants for Community Groups available from GMPA

The Greater Manchester Police Authority (GMPA) is inviting community groups and charities in Greater Manchester to apply for a grant of up to £1,000. Applications are welcome from local community groups and residents associations who want to make a difference in their local area.

Visit:

www.gmpa.gov.uk/site/new/ppaf_0906.htm

Here to HELP Awards

Save the Children and British Gas are pleased to announce the next funding round of the Here to HELP Awards – up to

£1,000 for projects by young people that help make their communities healthier, more engaging, safer places to be.

Visit:

www.helpyourselves.org.uk

Manchester Enterprise Funding Newsletter

The Manchester Enterprise funding newsletter contains brief articles on regional, national and European funding opportunities.

To view the newsletter please visit: www.cn4m.net/uploads/Manchester_Enterprise_Funding_Newsletterth85www.doc

Introductory Pack on Funding and Finance from NCVO

The Pack is designed for small and medium-sized voluntary and community organisations and particularly for the funding advisors who work with

them. Hard copies of the Pack can be obtained from NCVO publications or telephone helpline: 0800 2798 798

Visit: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp/index.asp?id=3199

'It's Your Community' – New Award Scheme

The Conservation Foundation and O2 have launched a new award scheme to help provide funding for projects designed to improve local environments throughout the UK.

Awards of up to £1000 are available to local groups and individuals for the hire of tools or equipment, and to purchase plants, paint, signs, materials etc.

Visit: www.conservationfoundation.co.uk/ActLocalAwards.php

Contact us concerning any Funding opportunities you would like promoted: 0161 839 2613 or support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

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Online 'social market-place' for Manchester

The Can Do Exchange for Manchester is an online 'social market-place'. It enables you or your group to trade, share or swap your resources and skills.

On the website you will find all you need to put your ideas into action and get your project off the ground.

You can register for **FREE** and get started straight away by visiting: www.manchester.candoexchange.org

As a member you can post as many RESOURCES and NEEDS as you like, **FREE of charge**.



NEW FEATURE on the Exchange

Advertising Jobs on The Exchange

The Can Do Exchange Team is pleased to inform you about one of the new features developed for your group/organisation.

As a member on the Can Do Exchange, your organisation gets a **Free trial offer to Upload 2 Jobs and Place 1 Advertisement**.

This offer is valid for a period of two months from the time you accept it. – Just go to the Organisation Admin page and click Create Job.

If you, or someone you know, would like to obtain the details of this newsletter in another language or in a larger text format, please contact us.



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