

Online Policy News

Visit the 'Policy News' section of the Scarman Trust Manchester website for up-to-date news on local and national policy developments that will be relevant to community and voluntary sector organisations in Manchester.

As well as news on the latest developments, this section of the website also contains clear summaries on the key pieces of legislation that everyone working within the sector should be aware of. The 'Policy News' site is split into four sections: 'What's Coming Up?' 'What's New?' 'Key Legislation' and 'Green and White Papers.'

All four sections of the site will be regularly updated, so keep logging on to make sure you don't miss out on any important news!

Recently uploaded items include summaries of the new Age Discrimination and Charity laws, information on the Department of Communities and Local Government and a number of articles about government schemes to promote volunteering.

To access the policies, visit the Scarman Trust Manchester website: www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org and click on the 'Policy News' link.

Directory Reminder

The Scarman Trust Manchester directory enables community and voluntary groups throughout Manchester the opportunity to post their contact details and promote themselves to a wider audience.

The directory is available online at www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org, plus in a printed format, updated twice a year. The deadline to submit your details for inclusion in the next printed version is 12th January 2007. (There is no deadline to submit information for the online version of the directory).

It's free to get your details listed. Contact us if you would like to include your group's details or amend your current information.

Register online or contact the Scarman team on 0161 839 2613, e-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Government Announces Measures to Support Social Enterprises

As part of its Social Enterprise Action Plan; the Government has announced plans to make over £18m available over the coming years to enable social enterprises to thrive.

For further information visit: www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/social_enterprise/action_plan

The Big Boost Awards

The Big Boost helps young people start-up projects that we hope will make a lasting difference to them as well as their communities.

Funded by the Big Lottery Fund, this programme aims to offer more opportunities to young people and help them improve local communities.

A Big Boost award is cash and support to help young people make their ideas a reality. Award Winners will be directly involved in running a project for community benefit, either as a group or individually.

We will provide advice and support for all of our Award Winners, to give their projects the best chance of success.

Awards for 16-25 year olds:

- Awards of £500 to £5000 are available.
- Awards are given to individuals or small groups.

For further information contact Phil Mundy at The Scarman Trust – Northwest on 0161 945 1133, or e-mail phil.mundy@thescarmantrust.org Alternatively, visit: www.thebigboost.org.uk

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Training

The Scarman Trust Manchester are providing a range of FREE training courses to individuals and small-medium sized groups active in community or voluntary work. (Charges will be applicable to larger groups). Courses available for Jan/Feb 07

Employing and Managing Staff

Date: 30 Jan 2007

Venue: Zion Arts Centre
This programme aims to dispel the myths of employing staff by showing what an employment contract is, plus investigating all the aspects from recruiting to employment policies.

Profiling Your Community

Date: 14 Feb 2007

Venue: Zion Arts Centre
This programme looks at what are the core values of your centre/project and do they match up with what the community need.

Further information about these courses is available at: www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org. To book a place on any of these courses or to discuss your training requirements contact the Scarman team on 0161 839 2613

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Spotlight Launch of the Sheung Lok, Forever Happy Internet Cafe

Chorlton-on-Medlock Tenants and Residents are highly motivated and committed to improving their community and have developed a number of initiatives over the past few months. In the summer, in partnership with Manchester City Council and The University of Manchester they organised a World Cup Event and family fun day in their local park, Gartside Gardens. They have also worked with Medlock Primary School and organised an Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Day for the young people at the school.

The group then decided that they would like to set up an internet cafe in the community, as there are many homes in the ward without access to a computer. The group wanted to create a space that would not only provide residents with the opportunity to have a community space to socialise and network which has been lacking in

the past but would provide young people with the opportunity to complete homework and residents the opportunity to gain experience in the use of computers.

The group approached The University of Manchester about what support the university could supply to the project. The university kindly agreed to donate 5 computers, 2 printers, 2 web cams and furniture for the internet cafe. The university have also agreed to network the computers and will provide on-going maintenance and a help line for the residents to use if there are any faults. The university will also be providing training for the volunteers that will be managing the cafe. They have also agreed to run short courses for basic computing for residents at the cafe.

Manchester Digital Development Agency have agreed to provide support on website design for the

group and training courses for the community and have supported the group to secure European funding of £4,000.

As you can see this is a fantastic project and the first that the university has set up in the community. This has been achieved through joint partnership working with the University of Manchester, Chorlton-on-Medlock Tenants and Residents Association, Manchester Digital Development Agency, South Manchester Regeneration Team, Ardwick Ward Co-ordination and support from the Scarman Trust.

The group are delighted that the Lord Mayor has accepted the invitation to attend the launch and would like him to officially open the internet cafe on 23 January 2006 at 4.00 pm.

For further information contact David Roberts: contact@comtra.org.uk

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

Support Sessions

The Scarman Trust Manchester provides 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
- Benchill Community Centre Wythenshawe
- The Forum Library 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

Business in the Community...

runs 2 programmes designed to bring business help to community groups and voluntary organisations in Greater Manchester.

- Greater Manchester Cares is an employee volunteering programme. Thousands of volunteers from businesses across Manchester want to give their time, skills and resources to local community projects and schools. Cares exists to match up these enthusiastic employee volunteers with community groups like yours.

For further information contact Janice Watson on 0161 233 7777, email: janice.watson@bitc.org.uk

- ProHelp is a network of professional firms committed to providing free (pro bono) advice and support to local community groups and voluntary organisations. Firms engaged in ProHelp include surveyors,

solicitors, accountants, architects, consulting engineers, PR and marketing agencies, landscape architects and Health and Safety consultants.

Visit: www.prohelp.org.uk or contact Chris Gopal on 0161 233 7774, email: chris.gopal@bitc.org.uk

Does your Organisation need Volunteers?

If you are planning events or activities that require volunteer staff, Manchester Event Volunteers (MEV) may be able to help you. MEV manage a database of more than 3000 volunteers from Manchester and the North West that can be contacted and recruited via their website, e-mail bulletins and monthly newsletter.

If you need volunteers, visit: www.mev.org.uk or contact Mark or Kristian on 0161 234 1530/1532

Events

Building Sustainable Communities

**23rd-24th January,
20th-21st February 2007
Central Manchester**

A fully funded, 4-day learning programme for community development workers and others supporting communities and community groups.

Programme content:

- Reflect upon your role in building sustainable communities.
- Develop your understanding and knowledge of the sustainable communities agenda – both policy and practice.
- Learn from colleagues from a variety of agencies and backgrounds.

The Academy for Sustainable Communities (ASC) has commissioned this pilot learning programme to:

- Raise awareness of sustainable communities;
- Help communities become more involved in decision making and to manage their own local agendas.

For further information contact COGS on 0114 2554747 or e-mail: mail@cogs.solis.co.uk Participants are expected to be able to attend all sessions and to contribute to programme evaluation.

**Launch of the Manchester Business Continuity Forum
6th February 2007,
9am-1pm**

**Lord Mayor's Parlour,
Manchester Town Hall**
Manchester Council is hosting a free introduction to business continuity

event for local businesses and voluntary organisations. There will be information and speakers on topics such as Pandemic Flu planning, the Manchester Business Continuity Forum, and the effect of emergencies on businesses and organisations. Places are limited and will be reserved on a 'first come, first served' basis.

For further information contact Max Lawton on m.lawton1@manchester.gov.uk or tel: 0161 234 4423

**Public Sector Project Management Conference
28th February 2007
The Bridgewater Hall**

If you are involved in the public sector and are interested in project management then this is the event for you. Themes for the day

include: Prince2, OGC Gateway Process, Benefit Management – Managing Benefits, Delivery Planning, Corporate Project Management, and much more.

For further information visit: www.projectmanagement2007.co.uk or contact Alexis Guntrip on 0161 832 6000

British Sign Language and Deaf Awareness

Short Courses in February and March 2007 in Preston and Manchester.

For everyone who comes into contact with the public or with deaf colleagues in their job role. Learn relevant BSL signs for your job.

For more information visit: www.hearfirst.org.uk, or tel: 01706 872816

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

Funding News

21st Century Kids Grant

Charitable and voluntary organisations, such as youth clubs, after-school clubs, and homeless shelters, etc, which work with young people in the North West, are eligible to apply for funding to help children within their community.

Visit:

www.1054centuryfm.com/article.asp?id=22900

Age Concern – Bright Ideas Grant Programme

Voluntary organisations that deliver services which directly benefit older people can apply for a grant of up to £2,000 through its Small Service Development Grant Scheme.

Visit:

www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grants_voluntary_organisations.asp

Funding for Summer Play Schemes

The programme is open to local organisations and grants of up to £1,000 will be available to support local summer playschemes.

Visit:

www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/guidelines.htm

Funding for Young Film Makers

First Light which is supported by the UK Film Council and the National Lottery provides grants to young people aged between 5 and 18 to participate in all aspects of film productions.

Visit:

www.firstlightmovies.com/funding

Google Grants

Designed for registered charities, Google Grants provides free advertising

on Google AdWords, to charities seeking to inform and engage their constituents online.

Visit:

www.google.com/grants

New Entrepreneur Scholarship Programme

Individuals living in disadvantaged areas who are thinking of starting their own business may be eligible for support under the New Entrepreneur Scholarship Programme.

Visit:

www.nesprogramme.org/index.htm

New Music Programme to Tackle Anti Social Behaviour

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has launched a new music programme to tackle antisocial behaviour and raise aspiration and respect.

Visit: www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_no

tices/archive_2006/dcms136_06.htm

Support for Schools to Become Eco Friendly

Schools, together with their pupils that wish to make a positive contribution to the environment can register to become an Eco School. Grants of £5,000 are available to allow positive change and development within a school.

Visit:

www.eco-schools.org.uk

Tenant Empowerment Grant

The aim of this grant is to promote and support greater participation by tenants in the management of council housing, including tenant management.

Visit: www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1154067

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

can do exchange manchester

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 RESOURCE on the Exchange

Office Space Available – City Centre Manchester

Business in the Community has some surplus office space available to let. The Manchester City Centre location is ideally situated close to major public transport hubs Piccadilly Station, Oxford Road Station and Piccadilly Gardens.

The space would be suitable for a small community group, voluntary organisation, small business or social enterprise of 4 to 6 people with the potential to expand. The building is professionally managed and access to meeting rooms, toilets and kitchen facilities are included.

View this RESOURCE by searching for Business in the Community on the home page of the Can Do Exchange for Manchester.

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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