

‘Learning Together’

Over the past months we have talked to many of you via support sessions and surveys about the services we offer.

Based on what you have said we are making changes to our training programme. Previously we have advertised open courses for people to book on. We thought this was a good idea to bring people together from different groups so that people can learn and build links and networks. Some of you said this isn't helpful and that training isn't always the right place for networking and that it would be more helpful for you to learn in small groups where you have more

opportunity to discuss specific needs.

For the next 6 months we are going to be running more ‘Learning Together’ workshops tailor-made to groups’ needs and a bit less of the structured training. These will be shorter more informal relaxed sessions run by our experienced development workers and other expert partners.

If your group would like to do some ‘Learning Together’ please contact us to speak to the development for your area on 0161 839 2613 or e-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

CN4M Knowledgebank

Currently being developed by CN4M – The Knowledgebank has been designed to be a resource to share research, projects and examples of best practice provided by a variety of organisations within the voluntary and community sector.

For further information visit: www.cn4m.net and click on the Knowledgebank link.

If you have any research, projects or examples of best practice that would be relevant to the Knowledgebank email them to Cath Taylor: cath@cn4m.net

Parents Under Pressure – Looking for Members

New lone Mums group, Parents Under Pressure (PUP), are looking for members.

Do you look after children on your own? Would you like the chance to meet others in the same situation?

PUP is a new friendly group who get together to organise affordable activities and trips out, and get information and the support they need.

They meet every Thursday 10am – 12pm in the Zest Healthy Living Room, Abraham Moss Centre, Crumpsall.

Just turn up or for more information call Naomi on 0161 277 8846 or Khalissa on 07880983459

Support for Victims of Gun and Knife Crime

A self-help organisation in Manchester has gained funding from the Home Office to provide a support service for victims and witnesses of gang activities, including gun and knife crime.

This includes supporting people experiencing depression, anxiety, flashbacks, panic attacks or post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a result of gang related crime and activities.

The support will be given through one to one

guided self-help sessions held at the Zion Community Resource.

To find out more about the guided self-help clinics or to request an application form please visit Self Help Services website: www.selfhelpservices.org.uk or alternatively ring 0870 777 7832, email: info@selfhelpservices.org.uk

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

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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).

Health and Safety

12 July 2007
Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project

Food Hygiene

13 July 2007
Whitemoss Club for Young People, Charlestown

First Aid – Appointed Person

16 July 2007
Abraham Moss Centre, Crumpsall

Being Assertive

05 July 2007
Venue: To be arranged

Writing Minutes

11 July 2007
Venue: To be arranged

Running Effective Meetings

16 July 2007
Venue: To be arranged

For further information visit: www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org or contact Cheryl McAlister 0161 839 2613 or email: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Train the Trainer Workshop

Would you be interested in train the trainer workshop looking into presentation skills and group leadership skills. What suits you the best? – day times, evenings, full days, weekends?

Let us know when you prefer training and learning to be run and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Contact Cheryl McAlister on 0161 839 2613 or email: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Spotlight

BAD at Burnage High School for Boys

Burnage Against Discrimination is a brand new Boxing Gym in Burnage High School.

Tariq Iqbal, Learning Mentor, first came up with the idea of building a boxing club in the cover hall at the school. He realised that the boys at the school needed to channel their energy into something positive and, being an ex-boxer himself, decided to look for funding to provide a healthy diversion for both school children and young people living in the surrounding areas.

Mr Fenn, The Head Teacher at Burnage High School has given his full support to this groundbreaking project believing that such an initiative will have a lasting impact on the pupils of the school and the community as a whole.

After attending a lottery fund workshop with The Scarman Trust Manchester's

Development Worker for Burnage, Jayne Hargrave, Tariq then secured £10k from Awards for All towards the building of the gym. Once he had started the ball rolling, Burnage Multi-Agency Group, the Army, Greater Manchester Police and Multi-Agency Gang Strategy provided more funding to complete the club – providing a full-size ring, punch-bags, boxing gloves, flooring and sound system.

The Amateur Boxing Association (ABA) then became involved and provided staff training in coaching and the sport became part of the physical education curriculum which then attracted other potential partner organisations such as The Fire Service, The Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

Tariq now manages the gym full-time. The positive impact the club has had on the school and the

community has prompted the ABA to use it as a potential beacon school as a national pilot to inspire other schools around the area and hopefully nationwide to provide the same opportunities.

For more information contact Mr I D Fenn, Headteacher, Burnage High School for Boys, Burnage Lane, Manchester M19 1ER. Telephone: 0161 432 1527

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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

Volunteering Opportunities with Age Concern Manchester

Are you looking to build up valuable work experience and skills? Do you enjoy working with older people? Can you offer a regular commitment of one day per week or more?

Age Concern Manchester is looking to recruit volunteers to work in the Advice and Advocacy Department, based in Manchester City Centre.

If you are interested in joining our friendly and vibrant team, then please contact Jennifer Carr or Helen Nicklin on 0161 833 3944 for further information or an application pack.

Free National Accreditation

Does your organisation need volunteers? Do you currently have volunteers aged 16-24? Want to offer free national accreditation through Millennium Volunteers and V? Whether you're supporting young volunteers or looking to find some, the Greater Manchester Youth Network (GMYN) team is here to help you.

We can help with accrediting your volunteers aged 16-24, supporting their expenses, finding volunteer opportunities, and promoting your own volunteering opportunities through our website and newsletter service. We support young volunteers across Greater Manchester and are keen to make sure young people are aware of this exciting opportunity to gain free accreditation and become involved with all kinds of activities.

To find out how we can support your organisation and volunteers, please contact the GMYN team on 0161 274 3299 or info@gmyn.co.uk For further information visit: www.gmyn.co.uk

Funding News

Big Boost Awards

These awards help young people start up projects that we hope will make a lasting difference to them as well as their communities. Advice and other support will be provided for all of our Award Winners, to give their projects the best chance of success. Awards of £500 to £5000
Contact Phil Mundy on 0161 945 1133 or e-mail: phil.mundy@thescarmantrust.org

Community Champions Fund

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for people who wish to improve their local community.
Visit: www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions/index.cfm

Foundation for Sports and the Arts

Supports a wide range of activities that would benefit the community.

Projects should show evidence of active fund raising and community involvement and commitment.

Visit: www.thefsa.net or telephone 0151 259 5505

Living Spaces Grants Scheme

The scheme provides grants to help people improve open spaces in their neighbourhood and create valuable places for the whole community to enjoy. Any existing neighbourhood group can apply for grants between £1,000 and £100,000.

Contact: Living Spaces, PO Box 2014, Reading, RG4 7XU. Tel: 0845 600 3190 or e-mail: info@living-spaces.org.uk

Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund

The Airport contributes £150,000 each year to the Fund, and this sum is further increased by

money generated through fines imposed on airlines when departing aircraft exceed the noise limits. The sum is then used to support worthwhile neighbourhood and community projects throughout the area.

Visit: www.manchesterairport.co.uk/web.nsf/Content/communityTrustFundLinksWithTheCommunity

Refugee Integration Awards Scheme

UnLtd is providing grants of between £500 and £5,000 to refugees to set up projects that will make their communities a happier, safer, healthier and more just place.

Visit: www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=55&PageName=newsandeventscont

Sage Community Fund

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to community groups and organisations from Greater Manchester. The fund has a focus on projects related to local employment, children and

young people and ICT skills development.

Visit: www.communityfoundation.co.uk/apply/fund_details.aspx?fund_id=28

Sport Relief Grants

UnLtd is distributing Sport Relief grants of up to £5,000 to young people who use sport to bring people together in their local area to enhance community relations and reduce conflict where they live.

Visit: www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/uk/sport-relief

Transforming Lives

This programme spends £1.5 million each year to develop new approaches and creative ideas for re-connecting marginalised young people to the mainstream of UK life.

Visit: www.camelotfoundation.org.uk/tl.asp

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

Events

CSN Manchester Alcohol Strategy 2008-11 Consultation Event

**13 July 2007, 10am-3pm
Manchester Conference Centre**

Manchester has made significant progress since the launch of its 2005 Alcohol Strategy; however there is still work to be done if we are to tackle alcohol misuse. Building on the foundations of existing partnership work, this consultation event will bring together leading practitioners from across the city for a genuine opportunity to contribute to the development of the Manchester Alcohol Strategy 2008-11 and help inform local action. This free event is booking only (maximum capacity 100). For further information please contact CSN on 0161 226 7186

Manchester Summer Mega Mela

**28-29 July 2007
Platt Fields Park,
Rusholme**

A celebration of Asian arts and culture with music,

entertainment and performances from locally and internationally renowned artists, food and fashion, stalls and much more.

For further information visit: www.manchester.mela.co.uk or call 0161 256 4518

African Emancipation Day 1 August 2007, 2-7pm

Alexandra Park, Moss Side

All welcome to this family event. Bring your snacks, drink and mat to spread yourself out to eat. Come and join us, relax, listen to stories and reclaim our spaces again – like the good old days! For further information call 07984 359 894

Hiroshima Day 6 August 2007, 12pm-4pm

**War Memorial,
Swinton M27**
If you are interested in speaking, singing, reciting a poem or just attending this event remembering the first nuclear bomb, you are very welcome to just turn up - or even better ring Basil Landau in advance on 0161 737 2388

Manchester Pride 17-27 August 2007 The Gay Village, Manchester City Centre

Manchester's annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) festival.

Ten sparkling days and nights of sport, art, heritage, music, film, food and partying.

So whether your idea of a good time is attending a book reading, or dancing till the sun comes up, you're sure to have lots to do.

For more information visit: www.manchesterpride.com

Winston Runners – Ladies 5k Run

**15 August 2007
Wythenshawe Park**

Come and enjoy a safe Run/Jog/Walk – Flat Course, No Roads, Well Marshalled and Medal to all Finishers. Closing date for postal entries 9th July 2007 For information about the event or running at the track please telephone Sandra on 0161 998 4252

Caribbean Carnival of Manchester

**18-19 August 2007
Alexandra Park,**

Moss Side

Enjoy the infectious rhythms of song and dance as the carnival procession (18 August) winds its way through the crowds with steel bands, floats with DJs, dance troupes with carnival queens and princesses, elaborate costumes and folklore characters.

For further information visit: www.manchester.live.co.uk or call 07939 620289

Breaking the Exclusion Cycle

**11-12 September 2007,
9am-5.30pm**

Keele University

NAVCA's Annual Conference 2007, will address the role of the local voluntary and community sector in improving life for the most socially excluded members of our society, and celebrate the positive impact that has already been made.

More information at: www.navca.org.uk/events/conference2007.htm

Wish to promote your event?
Email your details to support.
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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**.



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