

Community Cash up for grabs in Manchester

Do you run a community or voluntary group in Manchester? If so then help could be at hand from the Community Foundation for Greater Manchester through a brand new pot of money called the Grassroots Fund.

The Community Foundation is now accepting applications for the Grassroots Fund, which was set up by the government's Office for the 3rd Sector to support small voluntary and community groups across the country. Over the next 3 years the Office for the 3rd Sector has made £257,241.30 available to Manchester through the Community Foundation.

To be eligible for a grant from the new Fund groups must have been formed before 31st December 2006, must have an average income of less than £20,000 over the last 3 years, and must be volunteer led. If your group fits the above criteria, then you can apply for up to £5,000 over the next

three years, either as a one off payment, or a grant spread over a maximum of the 3-year period.

Nick Massey, chief executive of the Community Foundation comments: "This Fund is open to a wide range of groups – playschemes, sports teams, lunch clubs or tenants and residents associations. Money will be allocated by financial year, so we are encouraging anyone who would like to apply to contact us as soon as possible, as leaving it until later in the year could limit the amount of money you can apply for!"

If you are a group or project in Manchester that would like to apply for a grant from the Grassroots Fund the Community Foundation would like to hear from you. Please call the Community Foundation on 0161 214 0940 or visit www.communityfoundation.co.uk

Targeting Wellbeing in the North West

Thursday 31st July saw the launch in Manchester of Target: Wellbeing, a major new regional portfolio of activity aimed at improving wellbeing in the region's most disadvantaged communities. Lead by a partnership including third sector organisations, local PCT's and local authorities, it is managed by Groundwork Northwest and funded by £8.9m from the BIG Lottery Fund's wellbeing programme.

To find out more about the programme, please visit the CN4M website: www.cn4m.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=674&Itemid=35

Transport Innovation Fund (TIF) Consultation

Your opportunity to comment on proposals for improvements to public transport and a weekday peak-time only congestion charge in Greater Manchester. If you want to understand how these proposals affect you, you can attend one of the exhibitions being held across Greater Manchester during September.

Visit www.gmfuturetransport.co.uk/consultation/ to find the most convenient exhibition venue for you; or ring the helpline 0800 234 6100 for more information.

To express your views on the proposals complete an online response form at: www.gmfuturetransport.co.uk/consultation/ Consultation closing date: 10th October 2008

Infrastructure support services questionnaire

This is a chance for you to give your feedback

by Novas Scarman Group. It will also identify gaps in provision.

Manchester City Council are conducting a survey about infrastructure support services being used by voluntary and community groups in the city of Manchester. They need as many voluntary and community groups as possible to complete the survey. The information received will be used to inform the next commissioning process to invite tenders for the work currently delivered

Please take the time to complete the survey (it should only take about 10-15 minutes), as this is your opportunity to comment upon services you have received and also say what you would like to see. Visit www.manchester.gov.uk/scarman or ring Madeleine on 234 3141 for a paper copy.

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

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Training

Learning Together Workshops

Novas Scarman Manchester Group are committed to providing training opportunities to voluntary and community groups across the city of Manchester.

We are proposing the following 'Learning Together' workshops which will be delivered in

various venues across Manchester. The workshops will be FREE to individuals and small-medium sized groups active in voluntary and community work within the city. Charges are applicable for community or voluntary groups with an income

over £50,000. Requests for places on the training courses will be assessed on an individual basis and a few charged depending on your annual income. We ask for a **£25.00** deposit from you to guarantee a place, this will be returned to you on completion of the training. The details for each workshop will be posted on the Novas Scarman website during September.

Visit: www.novasscarmanmanchester.org
If you are unsure what training your group might need please feel free to book a support session with a development worker and they will assist you. For further information and to register your interest in any of the workshops then please contact Cheryl McAlister on 0161 839 2613 or email: support.manchester@novasscarman.org

Date	Workshop Title
Sept 08	Online Funding Search
Sept 08	How to make an application
Sept 08	Campaign Coaching
Sept 08	Asset Based Community Development
Oct 08	Online Funding Search
Oct 08	Accredited Can Do Coaching
Oct 08	Monitoring and Evaluation
Oct 08	A practical guide to planning your project
Nov 08	Online Funding Search
Nov 08	How to make an application
Nov 08	Roles and Responsibilities/Effective Meetings
Nov 08	Forming partnerships/building alliances
Nov 08	Choosing the right structure
Dec 08	Online Funding Search
Dec 08	How to make an application
Jan 09	Online Funding Search
Jan 09	Introduction to ABCD
Feb 09	Forming partnerships/building alliances
Feb 09	Monitoring and Evaluation
Feb 09	Accounting
Feb 09	Finance and Budgeting

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Support Sessions

The Novas Scarman Group 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@novasscarman.org

Volunteering

Digital – Volunteering, Mentoring and Free Training

Digital is a volunteering project that matches young people with those aged 45 and over who want help to get started using digital technology.

If you are aged 16-25 and are interested in helping an older person to learn about the internet and email, and would like to earn a Certificate in Mentoring, or if you are over 45 and would like some free 1-1 tuition, come along to the Digital workshops on Saturday mornings from 10am–12pm at Ada House.

For more information and to book your place, please contact k.kelly@timebank.org.uk, or contact Karen on 0845 217 8988

Volunteers and the Law – Free Seminar

Volunteering Manchester, in partnership with the Manchester Institute of Sport & Physical Activity (MISPA), has organised a second free seminar for organisations working with volunteers. ‘Volunteers and the Law’ will be held in a Central Manchester venue on Friday 19th September 2008 (from 9.45am-4pm).

Places at the seminar are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis using the following criteria: Local, independent voluntary organisations and groups; Organisations based and working in the Manchester City area; Organisations operating in the Manchester City area.

For further information, and to access a booking form, please visit: www.inspiringleadersnow.net-a.

googlepages.com/volunteersandthelaw

If you have any questions about the event please call Bernard Clarke on 0161 247 6042

Events

Visiting Victoria Baths

07 September 2008

Victoria Baths, Manchester

Come and see Victoria Baths for yourself. Public Open Days in 2008 are on the first Sunday of each month, when the building is open from 12 noon to 4pm. The next Open Day is Sunday 7th September and will include a table-top sale with a variety of stalls. This will also be a chance for you to see the results of Restoration Phase 1 as the front block will be opened. We also welcome group bookings at a time and date to suit your group. To book a group visit or for further information call:

0161 224 2020

or email:

info@victoriabaths.org.uk

or visit:

www.victoriabaths.org.uk/index.html

Pride Youth Games 2008

12-14 September 2008
Manchester

Pride Youth Games is a multi games and physical activity weekend for all Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) young people aged 16-25. Following on from the success of the last two years, 2008 is a national Pride Youth Games event for any LGBT Young People. The event is not about being excellent at a particular sport; it is about coming along, giving it a go and having a good time taking part. Contact Sally at lgbyouthnorthwest@yahoo.co.uk or text to 07900 680 725 for more info and an application pack.

Manchester Full of Life Festival

29 September 2008 until
10 October 2008
Across Manchester

The country's biggest celebration of older people is back bigger than ever!

A must for your diaries, the free festival will run for a full two weeks.

Back by popular demand, the Big Event at Manchester Town Hall will happen on Tuesday 30th September.

In addition to the usual information stalls and entertainments room, there will be the opportunity to try your hand at line dancing, Nintendo Wii and Egyptian dancing. When exhausted, why not relax in the Pamper Room or try some brand new activities, which are still a closely guarded secret!

For more information, or to register to receive your full colour brochure in September, call Rachel York on 0161 234 3547

Sustainable Communities Summit 2008: A Shared Strategy for the Future

06 November 2008
The Conference Centre,
Westminster, London

Ten Alps Events are pleased to present Sustainable Communities

2008: A Shared Strategy for the Future, which will be held in association with the British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA).

Delegate places for this networking event are limited offering a unique opportunity to debate, analyse and share knowledge and best practice across the public, private, voluntary and community sectors. The Conference and Exhibition will examine the key issues of the day, and showcase the progress being achieved across the country.

Further information on the Sustainable Communities Summit 2008 can be found on the event website:

www.tenalpsevents.com/forthcomingevents/sustainablecommunities2008

Alternatively contact Alex Guntrip on 0161 832 6000 or e-mail: alexis.guntrip@tenalpsevents.com

This is a great opportunity to meet and network with fellow professionals interested in the future of Sustainable Communities.

Funding Search

This online facility is a self-help funding and support service available on the Novas Scarman Group Manchester website (www.novassarmanmanchester.org).

The Search system provides FREE information for local voluntary and community organisations allowing access to a comprehensive coverage of government, lottery, EU, non government and charitable trust funding opportunities.

Search categories available include:

Overall Funding Search

This page allows you to search for Government, Lottery or Trust Funding which may be relevant to your voluntary or community group/organisation. You can select from various options to describe your group/organisation and click the Search button to see a personalised list of possible funding opportunities.



Local Schemes

Local schemes specifically for community and voluntary organisations within the Manchester area.

Examples of Local Schemes currently available include:

■ Cash Grants Programme

Financial assistance is available to Manchester's voluntary and community groups for projects that improve their local neighbourhoods.

■ GMPA – Police Property Act Fund

The Fund is made up of monies received by the police from property confiscated by court order and then sold. Funding is intended to support local projects undertaken by voluntary and charitable organisations that benefit the communities of Greater Manchester.

■ Change Grants

Funding is intended to help small or new community groups of Manchester residents that are run on an entirely voluntary basis who want to provide services or activities that will benefit local communities in Manchester.

■ Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund

Funding is intended to support community, social or environmental projects with a charitable focus within the Trust's Area of Benefit which consists of the areas most affected by aircraft operations.

■ Youth Capital Fund – Manchester

Financial assistance is available to young people in Manchester for projects that increase or enhance facilities for disadvantaged young people aged 13-19 in the city.

Lottery Funding

This section allows you to browse an extensive list of Lottery Funding opportunities from specific areas of interest.

Government Funding

Browse all local, regional and national government,

and EU funding from easy-to-navigate areas of interest.

Trust Funding

There are more than 4500 Charitable Trusts in the UK which offer funding to voluntary or community organisations. This section includes comprehensive information on charitable trusts researched and maintained by the Directory of Social Change.



You are able to specify your own particular aims to narrow your search into a manageable and relevant list.

This online Funding Search is totally FREE to access, we just ask that a one-off registration is completed when you first visit the facility.

To access the online funding information log-on to: www.novassarmanmanchester.org and click on the 'Funding Support'.

Manchester's Online Community Directory (MOCD)

FREE Online directory of Manchester voluntary and community groups

Novas Scarman Group Manchester and CN4M are working in partnership to provide a comprehensive directory of voluntary and community groups in Manchester.

You can use MOCD to:

- > Promote the work of your group to a wider audience
- > Find the details of voluntary and community groups
- > Register the contact details of your group – FREE

Get Involved...

Register your group's details for FREE on the directory. Complete the online registration form at: www.novassarmanmanchester.org (click on Directory)

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