

Online support

The Scarman Trust Manchester is pleased to announce the launch of a new website dedicated to the support of the community and voluntary sector within the City of Manchester.

www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org will provide regularly updated funding and training opportunities, plus local and national community and voluntary sector news and events.

Information on how the Scarman Trust Manchester can support you or your group will feature heavily throughout the site, including details of specific Support Sessions in your area and a Resources and Tools section which highlights programmes and material available.

A section devoted to volunteering will feature details and links to voluntary agencies and the Can Doers in Action section promotes the work and achievements of local voluntary and community groups.

You will also be able to access this newsletter on the site and be able to order an e-mail version direct to your home or workplace.

The website will constantly be evolving and we would really like to hear what you would like to see on this new online facility (feedback facilities are available on the Contact us section).

Log-on to www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org

Age Concern's Money Maze

Over £2 billion of benefits go unclaimed every year by those aged 60 or over, often because people don't realise that there are entitled to it, or are put off by the thought of having to complete a lengthy form.

Age Concern's Money Maze team is fully trained in the benefits system, and can offer free, impartial and confidential advice on the range of benefits available and the options available for receiving money. The service is available to those over 60 throughout North, Central and South Manchester, and also to their families and carers.

To find out more, call free on 0800 027 57 87 or visit: www.silverservice.org.uk/moneymaze.

Making Manchester Accessible

Manchester Disabled People's Access Group (MDPAG) carry out professional access audits on premises, including a review of service provision and policies. They produce a professional audit report outlining work that needs doing to make all services accessible to disabled people, plus an outline access strategy tailored to specific organisations.

For more information about the services visit: www.mdpag.org.uk or call: 0161 2735033

The Scarman Trust is Moving

On the 16th January 2006 The Scarman Trust Wythenshawe are moving to Benchill Community Centre, Benchill Road, Wythenshawe M22 8EJ. For further details contact Tracey Hendry on 0161 945 1133 or e-mail: tracey.hendry@thescarmantrust.org

The Scarman Trust Manchester Team will also be moving out of the Wythenshawe office and be relocating to The Royal

Exchange Building in central Manchester (new contact details on page two).

These changes will not alter the levels of service you can access and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Willow Park Housing Trust for providing us with our first home and supporting our work for the last three years.

Wish to comment or submit an article? Email support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org or phone 0161 998 9262

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Training

The Scarman Trust Manchester are providing a range of training courses which will take place in convenient community based venues, delivered by experts in their field. The courses are FREE to individuals and small-medium sized groups active in community or voluntary work. (Charges will be incurred for larger groups)

Courses running at the start of 2006 include First Aid, Food Hygiene, How to Have Successful Meetings, plus Roles and Responsibilities of Committee Members. Other courses planned include areas such as finance, fundraising, planning and management.

To book a place on any of the courses or to discuss your training requirements, contact the Scarman team. Alternatively for further details visit:
www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org

Announcing ICA: UK courses for 2006!

In a series of 1 & 2-day facilitation training courses, ICA:UK presents its own proven system of participatory methods, the Technology of Participation (ToP). This training will enable you, as a facilitator, to learn how to achieve group consensus and make plans that really happen. For more information and to see 2006 schedule please visit www.ica-uk.org.uk

Spotlight

Royal Oak Community Centre

Based in the heart of Baguley, Wythenshawe, Royal Oak Community Centre offers a wide range of community-run projects. The Centre has been in existence since the early 30's and have an active residents association as well as a community

action group. During 2006 the Centre will be going through some major changes including refurbishment, children's play area and fencing. This will lead to further community involvement.

User led groups include;

- Parent & Toddler Group, Tuesday and Thursday
- Over 50's, Tuesday
- Healthy Living Network - includes cookery and gentle exercise, Tuesday

- Junior Youth Club, Wednesday evening 6-8pm
- Senior Youth Club, Thursday 7-10pm
- Computer course for beginners, Tuesday and Thursday
- Tap/Ballet, Saturday am

The centre also offers a tool hire facility run by ROCAG (the local tenants group).

From the end of January 2006 the centre will also provide a free online advice service, offering instant, confidential help in a private session using a webcam and headphones.

For further information concerning the advice sessions or any other aspect of the centre contact Gina Hall on 07914 423930



Cookery sessions at the Healthy Living Network

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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

For the dates and times of the Support Session in your area please give us call on 0161 998 9262 or e-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

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Volunteering

Growing Volunteering in Manchester

25th Jan 06, 9.30am - 1.00pm

New Technology Institute, Manchester

This Growing Volunteering in Manchester event aims to map and celebrate the excellent volunteering work already being done in Manchester, and identify how best we all can move forward to an even better service for volunteers and volunteer users.

Volunteers– Come and find out who is doing what for you and have your say in a process that will:

- Make it easier to access resources and find new placements.
- Increase levels of management to make your volunteering even more interesting and varied.

- Allow you to have a voice in national and regional debates on volunteering.

Volunteer Users– A co-ordinated and coherent infrastructure is vital if we are going to increase the number of volunteers available to you and give you the opportunity to increase your capacity to use volunteers. This is your chance to engage in this process, and find new ways to advertise your organisation to volunteers.

Volunteer Recruiters and service providers– Network with people providing services your volunteers might want to access, be involved in a process of working together that will benefit everyone and tell us how best the service can help you.

For more information please contact: Ben Anderson on 0161 234 2935 or e-mail: [bena@vamanchester.org.uk](mailto:ben@vamanchester.org.uk)

Events

Local and national events will be regularly featured, so let us know about your event for inclusion in future issues of the newsletter.

NHS Opportunities: Open Day

Thursday 12 January 2006, 1pm – 7pm

Friend's Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester (behind Central Library)

Ever thought about a job in health? Then now might be the time to find out more about what's on offer. A new scheme called 'Health Trainers' will offer jobs to local people who may not have considered it in the past.

To find out more about Health Trainers and other opportunities, please call in and see us at the Open Day.

Agenda 2010 – Community Voices Roadshow

12 January 2006, 4pm – 7pm, Agenda 2010 Irish Centre, Queens Road, Cheetham Hill.

The roadshow will involve bringing Agenda 2010 into communities; it will focus on how mainstream services are working to appropriately meet the needs of all residents of Manchester.

For more information please contact Mumba Kafula: 0161-234-4061 or email: m.kafula@manchester.gov.uk

Free Accountancy Advice

Community accountancy Service in conjunction with Community Development Initiative will be operating FREE sessions to help your organisation manage the finances.

All surgeries run from 9.30am to 3.30pm and will be held at CDI, 256 Upper Chorlton Road, M16 0BN.

Dates: 16th January 06, 20th February 06,

20th March 06
Please call CDI to book a slot on 0161 881 0007

Community Health Tutor Training (CHaTT)

CHaTT is a practical course to help you run health groups or hold health events where you live and is aimed at people who are interested in promoting health in their own communities

The next CHaTT programme starts on January 23rd 2006 at Wythenshawe Forum Futures. This course is FREE to all applicants living or working in Manchester. Please phone 255 8232 for an application form. Childcare is available (requires booking in advance)

North Manchester Refugee Integration Forum

Tuesday 31st January 2006, 9.30am – 1pm (hot lunch included)
Irish World Heritage Centre, Cheetham Hill, Manchester

A chance to meet representatives from Refugee Community Organisations in North Manchester.

Find out about services and activities they offer to their communities as well as issues they face.

To book a place contact MARIM on 0161 868 0857 or e-mail: elaine.dunne@manchester.gov.uk

Lottery Grants for Charities

21 February – Manchester

A detailed exploration of the policies, criteria and procedures for the award of grants from the Big Lottery Fund's huge new 'demand led' and voluntary sector infrastructure programmes, potentially more than £150 million a year. For further information about the event visit: www.dsc.org.uk/charityevents.html#lottery

Wish to promote your event? Email your details to support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org or phone 0161 998 9262

Funding News

Manchester Community Chest & Community Learning Chest – ROUND 12

Additional funding has been secured enabling a further round of Community (Learning) Chest grants in 2005/6. Grants up to £3000. Applicants should fit one of the following themes:

- Encouraging volunteering
- Increasing local skills and knowledge
- Improving the quality of life

For further information or to request an application pack call 0161 234 2905 or email: communitychest@vamanchester.org.uk

Awards for All

A Lottery awards programme set up to help small groups and local communities, which

provides grants of between £500 and £5,000.

Visit: www.awardsforall.org.uk or call: 0845 600 2040

Comic Relief UK

Funds projects benefiting people in need. People aged 65+, people with disabilities or young people between 14 and 25 years may be eligible.

Visit: www.comicrelief.org.uk or call: 020 7820 5500

Community Champions Fund

Aims to support both individuals who have shown leadership in community activity, and small-scale community-inspired projects. There is particular emphasis on community involvement in regeneration schemes and community participation in

local planning.

Visit: www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions/index.cfm or call: 0114 259 4586

Lloyds TSB Foundation

A Community Programme that accepts applications for grants of up to £10,000. Projects must fall within the overall guidelines for meeting social and community needs or education and training.

Visit: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk or call: 0870 411 1224

Millennium Awards Fellowship

Provides practical and financial support to individuals who have both the ideas and commitment to develop projects that will benefit their community. There are

two levels of award: Level One; awards of between £500 and £5,000. Level Two; awards of between £10,000 and £20,000.

Visit: www.unltd.org.uk or call: 0845 850 1122

Local Network Fund for Children and Young People

Small local community groups working with children and young people aged 0–19 may be eligible for a grant of up to £7000 to help with the cost of providing your activities or services.

For further information visit: www.communityfoundation.co.uk or call: 0161 214 0940

Contact us concerning any Funding opportunities you would like promoted: 0161 998 9262 or support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

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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

Online 'social market-place' for Manchester

NEW Organisation on the Exchange

RESPECT FOR ALL – Counselling

A voluntary organisation offering FREE COUNSELLING within the Greater Manchester area.

The counselling is aimed at:

- Learning Disabled People
- People with Asperger's Syndrome
- Carers of Learning Disabled People
- Carers of Learning People with Asperger's Syndrome

View the Respect for All details on the Can Do Exchange Manchester