

Challenge Manchester: 100 Days 2006

'100 Days 2006' was officially launched on 14 February. From this date until 24 May 2006 Manchester City Council, will be working with the Home Office's Respect Unit, local communities, young people, parents and carers, schools and businesses as well as many partners and sponsors to cover a range of issues across communities in Manchester.

The main theme will be Futures:

- Future of the individual
- Future of our neighbourhoods
- Future of the city as a whole

Concentrating on:

- Celebrating communities and community responsibility

- Green and sustainable living
- Parenting, families and school attendance
- Responsible drinking and stamping out anti-social behaviour

There are lots of activities happening over the course of the 100 days all aimed at making Manchester an even better place to live, work and do business. The events will be focusing on family and young people, and on making the city a greener and more pleasant place to live, celebrating our communities and stamping out anti-social behaviour.

For further information visit:

www.challengemanchester.co.uk or call: 0161 954 9005 (lines open 8am-8pm Monday to Friday)

Free public transport for older and disabled people

From April 2006, more than half a million older and disabled people in Greater Manchester will be able to travel for free on the scheme which covers buses, trains and trams between 9.30am and midnight, Monday to Friday, and all day at weekends and on Bank Holidays. Further information about the free travel scheme is available in GMPTE Travelshops or by calling Traveline on 0870 608 2608.

New Starters for Scarman Manchester

The Scarman Trust Manchester welcomes Derek Kennedy to the team. Derek is the new administrator for Manchester – so will be the main contact for all enquiries. Welcome also to Lynsey Cottle who has become the fourth Development Worker for Manchester. Details of Derek and Lynsey will be available during March at www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org

The Manchester Way

Manchester is looking to its future. We've come a long way in the last ten years. Where are we going next?

The Manchester Way is a FREE event on Saturday 18th March between 11 am and 4 pm, at the Manchester International Convention Centre.

Come and tell us what you think about the city's future. There will lively debates on matters that are important to you and the premiere screening

of a short film about Manchester.

Children are welcome – there will be lots of fun, games and activities, plus you'll be able to meet stars from Coronation Street.

Let us know you'll be there by ringing 0161 954 9005 (8am-8pm) or visit us online at www.manchesterpartnership.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 incurred for larger groups) Example of course available:

Food Hygiene Training (two day course)

Date: 21/03/2006 and 28/03/2006.

Time: 9.30am – 3pm.

Venue: Withington Library.

Aim of the Course:

To make people more aware of hygiene standards within the workplace or their homes.

Entry Requirements: Basic literacy skills and involvement in voluntary and community sector.

Accredited: Yes.

Awarding Body: Royal Society for the Promotion of Health.

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

Changes for Scarman Manchester

During our recent office move, we unfortunately experienced some problems with the phone lines. Our telephone number has now changed and we hope we haven't caused too much inconvenience during our move.

New telephone number for the Scarman Trust Manchester: 0161 839 2613

Spotlight

St. Agnes' Community Centre

For nearly 25 years the Community Hall at St Agnes Church on Slade Lane in Longsight has been providing meeting and hall space for local residents and groups. Although the centre is basically just a single hall with kitchen facilities its versatility lends it to use by groups of any size and for virtually any function. One of the distinctive features about the Centre is its community base; although it is part of the church building the Centre is managed and organised by the community.

Recently we have been able to update most of the kitchen equipment thanks to grant money applied for by one of our user-groups with the help of the Scarman Trust. We are most grateful for this money which provided a

cooker, microwave, grills and toasters alongside a whole range of kitchen utensils.

The Centre is surrounded by the church garden which is also designated as Community Space and through strong links with the local residents association (HRACA) a Community Garden is being created and cared for.

The user groups reflect the diversity of Longsight and we are proud of our connections with the various ethnic and religious communities which surround the Centre.

Currently groups include:

- Evergreens: over 50's social group,
- Drop-in: a support and social space for those living with mental health issues,



- A daily after school club for children,
 - Easter & summer holiday clubs for local kids,
 - The Longsight Jamaican Community Centre, karate & belly dancing classes (separately, not together!).
- and the Centre also provides a home for two Christian worshipping communities.

It is also used by local residents for Birthday parties, Eid celebrations and the Chinese New Year, not forgetting its regular use by St Agnes' church.

For more information about the Centre and its activities please visit our website www.stagneslongsight.org/centre

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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 839 2613 or e-mail support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Contact us:

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Tel: 0161 839 2613
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www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org

Volunteering

coMMUni

Welcome to coMMUni, the volunteering service at Manchester Metropolitan (MMU) designed to increase and expand volunteering in the local community by MMU staff and students.

Looking for Volunteers?

If you have volunteer opportunities in and around Greater Manchester and Cheshire, coMMUni would like to hear from you. They have a database of volunteers wanting to find opportunities that utilise their time, energies and expertise. Whatever opportunities you need filling, whether it be long term volunteers or one-off event organisers, coMMUni can help.

Volunteering for coMMUni

If you are an MMU student or staff member interested in

volunteering, coMMUni have hundreds of opportunities from all kinds of organisations across Manchester and Cheshire. As a volunteer you will have the opportunity to socialise, learn new skills, improve your self confidence, enrich your CV and much, much more.

For further information visit: www.communi.org.uk
or call: 0161 247 2211

Volunteers required for Inner South Manchester Peace Week

The Peace Week Lantern Parade will take place on Friday March 24th, from 5.30pm until 8.30pm. It will start from two points – one in Moss Side, one in Longsight – and move to Platt Fields Park in Rusholme. Help is required with the stewarding along the Parade route and at the Park, so any Volunteers who would like to come along to help make it a peaceful and enjoyable event, please get in touch.

For further information visit: www.mev.org.uk
or call 0161 234 1532

Events

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

Neighbourhood Renewal through Sport Alexandra Park 5k Series

Manchester Frontrunners are organising a series of fun runs in Alexandra Park, Moss Side. The 5k runs take place every first Sunday of the month. For further information contact: manchesterfrontrunners@hotmail.co.uk

Wythenshawe Celebration for International Womens Day

Tuesday 07 March 2006, 12pm – 5pm
Wythenshawe Forum
Forum Square, Manchester M22 5RX

This year's celebration to mark International

Women's Day explores our links with women in other parts of the world and sharing our stories. We'll have taster sessions in hairdressing, beauty therapy, floristry and arts and crafts and music for all to try.

For more information please contact Tracey Hendry on 0161 945 1133 or e-mail: tracey.hendry@thescarmantrust.org

Green City Network Conference 2006

Monday 13 March 2006, 9.30am – 4.30pm
City of Manchester Stadium M11 3FF

The one-day launch event is your chance to let the Council and the region's environmental support networks know how you can help Manchester become Britain's Greenest City and what support YOU need to help you identify and achieve your environmental goals. For further information visit www.manchestergreencity.co.uk

co.uk or call Sue Chung on 0161 234 4506

The Manchester Multi-Agency Forum for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Wednesday 15 March 2006, 9.30am – 3pm
The Friend's Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester, M2 5NS

The Forum aims to be as open and as inclusive as possible and we welcome participation from all communities and organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers in Manchester. For further information call Elaine Dunne on 0161 868 0857 or e-mail: elaine.dunne@manchester.gov.uk

Free Accountancy Advice

Monday 20 March 2006, 9.30am – 3.30pm
Community Development Initiative, 256 Upper Chorlton Road, Chorlton, Manchester
Community Accountancy

Service in conjunction with Community Development Initiative (CDI) will be operating the following FREE sessions to help your organisation manage the finances. For further information call Community Accountancy Service on 0161 881 0007

Big Difference Awards 2006 – North West

Tuesday 05 April 2006
The Palace Hotel, Manchester

The Big Difference Awards celebrate the successes and achievements of people and businesses across the North of England who are making a difference to the communities in which they live or work. If you would like to attend the North West event, you can download a booking form from www.thebiglifefgroup.com or contact Karen Nagle on 0151 649 3600

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

Funding News

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

Certificate in Grantsmanship

An online course for volunteer fundraisers and community leaders working to set up, manage and sustain local community projects. This accredited course covers the skills required to be a successful and creative fundraising all-rounder.

For further information visit: www.fundraising-skills.com/community.html
The next six week course begins on 2 May, with participants committing 3-4 hours a week.

Community Trees Fund

The Tree Council has funds available to assist community groups proposing to undertake tree planting projects in 2006. For further information and an application form visit: www.treecouncil.org.uk

First Light' Funding for Film Making by Young People

At First Light, they fund and inspire the making of short films by young people in the UK, reflecting the diversity of their lives.

Visit: www.firstlightmovies.com or call: 0870 7703245

Hilton in the Community Foundation

Focusing on young people, the Foundation supports activities in

education and health to relieve suffering and equip individuals.

For further information visit: www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm

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

Rainmaker Fund

The fund gives grants to groups and organisations working with women and girls who face disadvantage and barriers in their lives. Grants of up to £1000 are

available to support projects and activities. For further information call: 0161 214 0940

Sport Fund

The Fund is open to talented young sports men and women from any sport, and grants from £50 to £750 are available right now.

For further information contact Louise or Rachel on 0161 214 0940

Sport Relief Fund

Grants of £250 – £5,000 are available to voluntary community groups that use sport and exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities for people who are excluded or disadvantaged.

For further information contact Louise or Rachel on 0161 214 0940

Contact us concerning any Funding opportunities you would like promoted: 0161 839 2613 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

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

Online 'social market-place' for Manchester

NEW Organisation on the Exchange

Manchester Recycling Consortium

The Consortium has the vision to reduce the volume of waste going to landfill, whilst supporting the development of Manchester's waste strategy and stimulating opportunities in the sector.

In order to develop Recycling services for the City of Manchester, the Consortium is looking to engage partners to raise the profile and engage individuals or organisation in reuse and recycling across Manchester.

View the [Manchester Recycling Consortium details on the Can Do Exchange for Manchester](#).