

Directory of Groups

The Scarman Trust Manchester is now providing an online Directory listing the details of a diverse range of Community and Voluntary Groups throughout Manchester. The Directory also includes local and national organisations that support the work of the sector. Every effort has been made to ensure the entries listed are up-to-date and all groups/organisations will appear under an appropriate category, enabling an ease-of-use search facility.

The Directory is FREE to access, just log-on to www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org and click on the Directory link.

It is also FREE to get your group's details listed on the Directory. There is an online application form on the website, or alternatively you can contact the Scarman Trust Manchester team on 0161 839 2613 or e-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

This directory is regularly updated, so please contact us if you would like to amend your information.

A printed version of the Directory will soon be available, details of which will be posted on the Scarman Trust Manchester website.

Futurebuilders England

Futurebuilders England, the government-backed fund for voluntary and community organisations that are planning to deliver public services, will be open for applications continuously from May 2006. The fund is changing its application process, from fixed windows to continuous opening, in order to better respond to the needs of the voluntary and community sector.

Those interested in applying or wanting to find out more can call Futurebuilders' enquiries line on 0191 261 5200 or email: info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk

New groups offer support in South Manchester

Two support groups are to start in Withington and Wythenshawe, offering people who suffer from depression and anxiety the chance to meet others who have similar experiences and to look at ways of managing their conditions. Both groups are open to anyone who would like to attend, and are supported by the South Manchester Healthy Living Network.

For more information about either group please contact Caroline or Nicky in Self Help Services on 0161 226 5412 or visit their website: www.selfhelpservices.org.uk

Good news for Manchester communities!

Manchester City Council has extended the deadline for applications for Manchester Neighbours' Day grants to 12 May. Grants of up to £200 are available to help organise events celebrating Neighbours' Day, bringing people together, increasing local pride and improving neighbourhoods.

We have also just heard that the newest round of Cash Grants will be launched in mid-May.

Cash Grants 2006 once again offer residents the opportunity to improve their local neighbourhoods with imaginative environmental and community projects.

For more information concerning the either of the above, contact David Hilton on 0161 234 3016 or e-mail: voluntary.sector.grants@manchester.gov.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.)

Current courses available:

Paediatric First Aid

(two day course)

Date: 2nd May 2006 and 3rd May 2006

Venue: Benchill Community Centre

Health and Safety Training

Date: 8th May 2006

Venue: Benchill Community Centre

Risk Assessment Training

Date: 15th May 2006

Venue: Benchill Community Centre

Health and Safety Training

Date: 31st May 2006

Venue: Gorton Area

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

Chatter about Chatterbox!

This is what we are being told at meetings everywhere. The chatter is exciting. It's exciting because at last something is happening in this part of Manchester to help put the LIFE back into community life. It is exciting too for those of us involved to hear that Chatterbox is encouraging others in their endeavour to care about where they live.

The original idea was to get information into each home about where residents could find help, advice, leisure activities and training or education opportunities. It soon became clear that the barrier to all of these was one of accessibility. For instance the nearest training centres are a couple of miles away.

With the help of grants from the Church Urban Fund, Community Chest, local donations and the sheer hard work of



committed volunteers the Chatterbox Project now runs a programme of activities that all take place in St Mark's Church Hall and includes: Chair based Exercises, Computer Courses, Parent and Toddler Group and beginning in April, in our brand new kitchen, a Basic Cooking Course.

Along the way we have also helped to begin the refurbishment of the church hall and a few weeks ago we had the willing assistance from young people on a course at City College sponsored by the Prince's Trust.

Plans for the future include a gardening club

setting up a safe play park for under fives and reclaiming unused land for a wild-life garden.

We are truly grateful for the involvement of local businesses and various groups like Zest for Life, St Marks Church, Manchester City Council, SureStart, The Scarman Trust Manchester, and the Diocese of Manchester. Without their on-going support and encouragement The Chatterbox Project would not be what it is right now.

For more details phone the Chatterbox Project Office on 0161 795 6162

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

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

Volunteering

Spring's in the Air

As the spring flowers show their colours so do the weeds, brambles and nettles. If you would like a team of volunteers from local companies to help you for a day to restore order then contact Janice at Business in the Community.

Teams will also undertake painting and decorating challenges as well as consider any other idea you have. The companies can usually supply the materials as long as you have a plan to continue with the maintenance. The team of volunteers can be from 6-60 so let Janice know if you are interested.

Contact tel: 0161 233 7777 or email janice.watson@bitc.org.uk

Call for participants– The Caribbean Carnival of Manchester (CCoM)

The current CCoM Committee is a voluntary group made up of representatives of each of the Caribbean Islands. CCoM, along with the Council and other partners, believes the time is now right to consult the local community and take full advantage of the many skills and talents in the area. The vision of the Carnival is to aim for a strong and unified event of regional and national, if not international, significance.

Nominations are invited to join CCoM in one of three ways: as a member of the event team, the advisory group or as a supplier.

If you are interested in supporting the Carnival in any of the above ways, please telephone 0161 234 5200 or email cex-marketing@manchester.gov.uk to receive an information pack.

Funding News

AOL Innovation in the Community Awards open

The Awards are open to community groups and registered charities in the UK that are seeking funding for new and existing Internet projects. The winning charities and community groups will receive 30 packages of £2,000 plus one year's complimentary broadband. Visit: www.aol.co.uk/about/community/innovation/howtoapply.adp

Church Urban Fund

Grants are awarded to projects tackling poverty and marginalisation in the urban areas of England. The fund aims to benefit people who are socially, culturally, spiritually, environmentally and financially disadvantaged. Visit: www.cuf.org.uk

CIB Website for Funding Help & Information

The CIB website was developed to offer help and information for those

in the VCS who are seeking funding. The CIB website has now been revamped to make it easier to use and find what you need.

Visit: www.cibfunding.org.uk

Connecting Communities Plus – Community Grants

The grants will facilitate tailored initiatives to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged communities, rather than treating all BME communities in the same way. Community Grants are aimed at locally run and managed voluntary and community organisations with an income of less than £50,000 per year.

Visit: www.governmentfunding.org.uk/

Co-op Foundation Grant Programmes

Awards ranging from £200 to £30,000 are being made available to encourage community involvement through supporting voluntary and community groups and organisations in line with Co-operative principles.

For further information call: 01782 276225, e-mail: penny_j@coop.co.uk or visit: www.united.coop/Foundation.asp

Football Foundation Free Kit Scheme

A scheme to support Under 18 teams and adults with disabilities, by offering a voucher for free kit and/or equipment up to the value of £400.

Visit: www.footballfoundation.org.uk

Foundation for Sport and the Arts (FSA)

The Foundation is a grant-aiding body established by the football pool promoters to distribute money from their pools to promote sport and arts in the community.

For further information visit: www.thefsa.net or call: 0151 259 5505

Health Initiatives Fund

Do you have an idea for an activity which aims to improve the health of local people? If so, you may be able to apply for a Health Initiatives Fund

grant of up to £500 to support your work.

For more information, please ring Wendy on 0161 958 4115 or to receive an application pack, ring Ruth on 0161 958 4122.

Deadline for applications: May 19th 2006

Jargonbuster Launched

Jargonbuster attempts to define various terms used by charities, community groups and funders, to explain when these terms might be heard, and how they can be applied in different situations.

The consultation draft of Jargonbuster is available on the CAF website: www.cafonline.org/grants/jargonbusters.cfm

Percy Bilton Charity (UK)

Organisations assisting disadvantaged young people, people with disabilities and older people may apply for grants towards capital expenditure. Visit: www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk

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

Events

Queer Up North International Festival

07 - 28 May 2006

Various venues

Manchester's international festival of queer arts, Queer Up North returns with a three week celebration of everything queer including queer theatre, comedy, music, film, cabaret, clubbing and exhibitions from across the UK and around the world. For further information visit: www.queerupnorth.com

African Festival UK Cup

Sunday 21 May 2006, 1pm - 6.00 pm

Salford Sports Village, Littleton Road

Lower Kersal, Salford, Manchester M7 3AP African Festival UK in conjunction with Manchester County Football Association will be holding their annual 6-a-Side Adult Football Tournament and are now

taking registrations. The event will take place at the brand new £5m Sports complex, Salford Sports Village.

For further information e-mail: info@africanfestivaluk.org or tel: 0161 273 2567 / 07761 854479 / 07715 853975

African Explosion Part III

Sunday 28 May 2006 Zion Arts Centre and Hulme Park, Manchester

African Festival UK are looking for African DJ's to showcase their talent with the best of African music and also African Traders for their Africa Day 2006 celebrations.

For further information e-mail: info@africanfestivaluk.org or tel: 0161 273 2567 / 07761 854479 / 07715 853975

Chorlton Arts Festival 2006

20-27 May 2006

South Manchester's premier celebration of the

arts promises to bring you a bigger, brighter and livelier mix of music, drama, comedy, dance and the visual arts. Our packed eight day programme will include something for everyone and if you would like to get involved in the festival as a performer, visual artist or to volunteer to help out at events throughout the week then please e-mail: fiona@chorltonartsfestival.com or visit: www.chorltonartsfestival.com

Eurocultured 2006

28 - 29 May 2006

New Wakefield Street and surrounding venues

Manchester's free street festival celebrating the diversity of modern European culture, promises an unforgettable two days of celebration over the bank holiday weekend. This year, you'll find DJs from France, live fado from Portugal, breakdance from Germany,

street art from Sweden, all alongside the best local talent. Call: 0161 236 2785 or visit: www.eurocultured.com

Recycling Roadshows

Various dates until 25 June 2006

As summer is approaching Manchester City Council's recycling campaigns team will be out and about with their exciting new roadshow trailer. They will be taking your recycling requests and offering information and advice on recycling in Manchester and well as handing out some great recycled giveaways.

For a list of where the roadshow trailer will appear contact Ross Hemmings on 0161 234 1373 or e-mail: r.hemmings@manchester.gov.uk

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

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

The Toolkit

The Toolkit is a website for individuals and groups who are developing creative enterprises and community arts projects in Manchester. It contains up-to-date information on organisations, networks, training and funding that can help you to make your project a success.

The site is simple to use and includes information on arts and creative sectors, development agencies, networks, training, unions and festivals, as well health and safety, child protection etc.

View this RESOURCE by searching for The Toolkit 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.

