

Welcome...

Welcome to the first Newsletter from The Scarman Trust Manchester, a bi-monthly publication which aims to provide articles of interest for the voluntary and community sector within the City of Manchester.

The Newsletter will be distributed to an extensive list of voluntary and community groups across the city and each issue will contain articles covering current matters affecting the sector, both locally and nationally. Regular information on funding and training opportunities will be included, plus news of events being held across the city. There will also be included a spotlight section, which highlights the work and achievements of individuals or groups who are working hard to improve their communities.

The newsletter is dedicated to giving a voice to the voluntary and community groups in the City of Manchester, so we strongly encourage you to promote your work, events and general information you would like to share with like-minded people throughout Manchester. Feel free to contact us with the details of what you want to say.

The newsletter is also available on the Scarman Trust website, which will enable even more information to be included. Please visit: www.thescarmantrust.org (click on REGIONS – NORTH WEST)

To offer articles for future editions of the newsletter or request further copies, or just to offer feedback about the newsletter, please contact us on 0161 998 9262 or at support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Big Lottery Fund gives an extra £100m to VCS

The Big Lottery Fund has confirmed that it will make an additional £100m available for voluntary and community groups, after receiving an unusually high number of applications in the last funding round. However, the BLF board has extended the deadline for decisions from November 2005 to February 2006 to accommodate the additional awards. More details are available at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroom

National Giving Week 17th–23rd October 2005

National Giving Week has the aim of encouraging more support and commitment to charities and making giving more tax-efficient. www.nationalgivingweek.org.uk

Community Awards 2005

For a third year the City Council is looking to identify and reward 'community heroes' through its Community Awards competition. This is the Council's way of recognising individuals or groups of people who go that extra mile to make a positive difference to the lives of other people. This is the first year that the invitation for nominations has been extended beyond tenants

and residents groups, thus providing a wider opportunity for the often unseen contribution of Manchester residents to be recognised. For details of the seven categories open for nomination, plus application forms, please visit: www.manchester.gov.uk/housing/awards/categories05.htm

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Training

NHS Employment Access Project

The NHS Project provides a 3 week employability course, which aims to encourage individuals to apply for jobs within the NHS. The course teaches various skills, including how to make the most of a job interview, how to fill in application forms, and how to market your skills. Alongside this, we will help you to apply for vacancies available in the NHS, and will offer in-work support thereafter.

For further information contact: **Katey Matthews** on 0161 499 2131 or email: matthewsk@ccm.ac.uk

Wish to submit Training opportunities? E-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org or phone 0161 998 9262

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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.

For further details about the Support Sessions in your area please give us a call on 0161 998 9262 or email support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Spotlight

Each issue of The Scarman Trust Manchester Newsletter will focus on an individual or groups working within the voluntary and community sector. This section is an opportunity to highlight the achievements of

local voluntary and community sector.

Ursula Hussain

Prior to her role with The Scarman Trust, Ursula worked for five years in East Manchester within its regeneration team where

Trafford. A resident of South Manchester for 30 years, Janet has local knowledge and has seen many changes as part of regeneration. Janet has been involved in voluntary community projects and understands how, by the community working together, changes can be made that affect people positively.

Jayne Hargrave

Jayne has been actively involved in community development for over twenty years and has worked closely with local people, supporting individuals and groups to secure grants for numerous community initiatives. Jayne has extensive experience in administration and finance and has worked with a range of schemes including teenage pregnancy programmes, parent survival courses and young people's events.

Contact the Development Workers to discuss how the team can work with you on your projects: 0161 998 9262

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people working to improve their communities, so contact us with details of people you would like others to read about.

For the first issue we would like to introduce The Scarman Trust Manchester Development Workers.

The team includes experienced development workers who have an extensive knowledge of their communities and experience supporting the

she supported all the programme areas, with a particular interest in the Social Programme. This has given Ursula a good understanding of a range of issues and the opportunity to work with local groups and volunteers.

Janet Bainbridge

Janet joins the Scarman Trust team with extensive experience of delivering advice and guidance in community based settings in Manchester, Salford and

Funding News

Regular updates on funding information will be a key feature of the newsletter, highlighting opportunities available to individuals and groups throughout the city. There are a number of grants available for individuals and groups in Manchester that we can support you to apply for, including:

NCVO's Sustainable Funding Project

This is a first-stop shop helping voluntary organisations explore a full range of funding options and develop a sustainable funding mix.

www.ncvo-sfp.org.uk

Refugee Community Development Fund

Grants of up to £5000 are available to organisations that work in the UK with refugees and refugee communities and asylum seekers. Applications are particularly welcome from smaller grassroots organisations, emerging groups and those for whom refugees are a new target group.

www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSSearch.aspx?WCID=htmschemeview&WCU=Grant_PKEY=63

Housing Corporation Research and Innovation Grants (England)

The aim of the Research and Innovation grants are

to encourage the development and testing of new ideas and proposals, and to generate and promote good practice in the delivery of housing services within the housing association sector.

The deadline for applications is the 26th October 2005.

www.housingcorporlibrary.org.uk/HousingCorp.nsf/AllDocuments/39EE667646455171802570660053279B

UIA Charitable Foundation (UK)

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for projects that help children, and support

activities such as debt counselling, disability, drug and alcohol addiction, elderly, homelessness, human rights and humanitarian aid.

Deadlines: October, January, April, and July each year.

www.uia.co.uk/charitable.asp

More funding opportunities will be available on-line. www.thescarmantrust.org (click on REGIONS – NORTH WEST)

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

Manchester Event Volunteers

An interest in volunteering was one of the many legacies left to the region by the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games and the Manchester Event Volunteers (MEV) has developed from the Volunteer Crew at the Games and the changed image of Manchester and the North West.

Since 2002 Volunteers have supported over 200 community, regional and national events including the Salford and London Triathlons, 2005 UEFA European Women's Football Championship, Great Manchester Run, and the 2003 UEFA Champions League Final. Non-sporting and long-term opportunities have included the British Red Cross, GMP's Special Constabulary, St Ann's Hospice and Manchester Pride.

A website has also been set up outlining current volunteering opportunities and enabling volunteers to register for the service and for events, chat to each other in the forums, upload their event photos, download documents, check out the latest news and provide feedback.

If you would like to get involved you can register by visiting www.mev.org.uk OR you can call 0161 234 1530.

Community Recycling Champions

EMERGE Recycling, one of Manchester's most successful and fast-growing social enterprises, is looking for volunteers. They are looking to recruit members of the public as 'Community Recycling Champions', to assist in publicising and raising awareness about recycling, as well as finding out what people want and need from the service.

The volunteers receive training and support, gain new skills and meet like-minded people. No skills are required other than an interest in recycling.

For more information contact **Sebastien Serayet** on 0161 223 8200 or mail to: seb@emergemanchester.co.uk or visit the website at www.emergemanchester.co.uk

Manchester Student Volunteers

A large number of students do voluntary work during their time at The University of Manchester, with many of them volunteering in local community groups, with voluntary sector organisations and charities providing free support.

Manchester Student Volunteers is a service linking students and postgraduates at the university with local not-for-profit organisations through voluntary activity. More details are available at: www.manchester.ac.uk/community/workingwiththecommunity/volunteering/

Events

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

MANCHESTER ALLIANCE FOR COMMUNITY CARE

Child and Family Support Forum

11th October 2005
9.30 – 11.30
St Thomas Centre, Ardwick

Voluntary Sector Mental Health Forum

11th October 2005
10.00 – 11.30
(Venue to be confirmed)

Health Inequalities Pool

14th October 2005
9.30 – 12.00
Cross St. Chapel, City Centre
Contact Mike Wild –
info@macc.org.uk
Tel: 0161 834 9823
www.macc.org.uk

Value – Include – Connect – The role of the voluntary arts in Europe

11-12th November 2005
Meet policy makers and practitioners, extend your network of European contacts, participate in shaping the future agenda for the voluntary sector. Places are limited. Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff
www.voluntaryarts.org/europe/conference

New publication Health & Safety at Outdoor Community Events

This is a brand new publication aimed at making it easier for those running small outdoor events to get to grips with the legalities, procedures and everything else organisers need to know. Laid out in a clear and accessible style, it

offers comprehensive information and case studies, as well as handy to use checklists and timelines. Starting from only £20! To order your copy, email info@voluntaryarts.org

Unity Festival

Saturday 12th November 6pm – 10pm

An exciting community evening of creative workshops, dance, music, poetry, comedy, performance, circus, stimulating visual imagery and colourful costumes. Celebrate Manchester's diverse culture. People of all ages, from all communities are welcome to join us. For further information: 0161 881 4445 or info@unity-manchester.org.uk

South Central Community Celebration and Conference

Saturday 19th November 2005, 10am – 4:15pm

at the Zion Arts Centre. An opportunity for local people and groups in Hulme, Moss Side, Whalley Range, Fallowfield and Rusholme to find out more about what community and regeneration activities are taking place in their neighbourhoods. To encourage dialogue and partnerships between local residents and groups and public and private sector agencies around five key themes: Black & Minority Ethnic Communities, Young People, Community Safety, Health, Housing and Sustainable Communities. For further information contact: Nikoleta Katsakiori on 0161 232 1919 or e-mail: Nikoleta@SouthCentralCommunity.net

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can do exchange 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

Online 'social market-place' for Manchester

Some of the many things the Can Do Exchange for Manchester can help you with include:

- Sharing and Hiring out equipment
- Contacting other groups doing similar work
- Selling or exchanging your skills
- Volunteering your services or appealing for volunteers
- Finding meeting places for community use

And much more...

The Can Do Exchange for Manchester is part of the national Can Do Exchange network, so you can also contact people and projects across the country.

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