

# Training Plans

Over 100 people have benefited from our free training so far and given us feedback. Following what groups have told us we are putting the finishing touches to a core training timetable which will run from September 2006. This will be available online over the summer and printed in our next newsletter. You will be able to see at a glance what courses are coming up.

If you are looking for something that isn't listed, contact

us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Where possible we are trying to use local trainers and venues. If you can recommend a good accessible venue or a trainer, please let us know.

As part of our training and capacity building agenda we will be running information events in conjunction with other agencies and organisations across the city. If you are interested in working with us more closely on an event, large or small, please contact us on 0161 839 2613.

## New and Improved Big Lottery Fund Website

A new and improved website has been unveiled by the Big Lottery Fund, meaning easier access for those looking for information on Lottery funding.

People across the UK will now be able to access a range of information on current opportunities for funding, as well as publications, photos, events, news and much more, through the virtual doorway.

Visit: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

## Chill Out – Additional Needs Support Group

Starting from 28th July, a new support group for parents and carers of children with additional needs will meet at Family Action Benchill, Wythenshawe, Manchester.

Come along to meet others with similar issues and tell us about what you would like to see happen in the group.

For more information contact Jez or Janice on 0161 945 4274

## New Directory Available

The Scarman Trust Manchester Directory is now available in a printed format. The Directory contains the details of a diverse range of Community and Voluntary Groups throughout Manchester, and also includes local and national organisations that support the voluntary and community sector.

The information contained in the Directory is taken directly from the online version available on the Scarman Trust Manchester website: [www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org](http://www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org)  
The directory will be re-printed twice a year,

enabling groups and organisations to keep their details up-to-date.

One copy is available FREE of charge to Community and Voluntary Groups within the city of Manchester.

Community and Voluntary Groups: FREE (for first copy)  
Additional copies: £15.00  
Statutory/Academic/  
Commercial Organisations: £25.00  
Contact us to order your own copy. Tel: 0161 839 2613 or e-mail: [support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org](mailto:support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org)

Wish to comment or submit an article? Email [support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org](mailto: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: Funding Advice Workshop (two day course)

**Date:** 10/08/2006 and  
17/08/2006

**Time:** 10am – 4.30pm

**Venue:** North Manchester,  
to be confirmed

**Aim of the Course:** A two day workshop for anyone wanting to know more about making funding applications.

#### The workshop will cover:

- Information on up to date funding streams
- Explanations of jargon
- Tips on filling in forms and following criteria

To help you get the most out of this you will be asked to do some planning and research for the second day.

To book a place on this course or to discuss your training requirements, contact Derek Kennedy on 0161 839 2613 or e-mail: [support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org](mailto:support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org)

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# Spotlight

## Friends of Gorton Park

The Friends of Gorton Park was formed two years ago to meet the needs of the local community. We hoped that by forming this group we would have a voice in the decision making of what happens in our area, making positive changes.

After researching the idea of a 'Fun Day', we realised that there was a great need for some form of activity in this area. Gorton is one of the poorest areas in Manchester. Like Gorton, the Park has seen better days, for over a decade it has been by-passed, ignored and overlooked. There is a feeling of apathy, resentment and lack of trust amongst the local people. They know they deserve better.

The only thing we had was the swimming pool (Gorton Baths) and now that has gone. Having this event would generate some life and some pride back into Gorton. We promoted well-



The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with Gloria Barnwell at the opening of the event.

being, social cohesion, multi-cultural and intergenerational awareness and networks.

We hoped that the day would minimise or prevent anti-social behaviour and crime and to raise awareness of the park as a green sustainable space for recreation. We hope to encourage people, especially vulnerable people, to get involved in the park, i.e. disabled & ethnic minorities, which will improve the quality of their lives.

We hoped that large businesses and the Council will improve facilities to help contribute to the

regeneration of the park and the community to build a mutually supportive network. This event surpassed all our expectations, it was fantastic. The artists that appeared were brilliant, the day was sunny and the atmosphere was simply fabulous.

The legacy of the event is that we have raised the awareness of the park and we have been told that a lot of money will be going into the park to correct the infra-structure and provide invaluable, well needed equipment for all sections of the community to enjoy.

Wish to comment or submit an article? Email [support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org](mailto: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](mailto:support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org)

# Volunteering

## Volunteer Advice Workers

Advice and Community Resource Centre in partnership with Cheetham Hill Advice Centre are looking for individuals to join a new Volunteer Programme. They want local speakers of community languages e.g. Somali, Arabic, Urdu and Punjabi. We are also interested in hearing from asylum seekers, refugees and local parents with young children.

The Programme includes an accredited course in Advice Work Skills and Welfare Benefits. You need to be able to commit to at least 2 days a week, for a minimum of one year. Out of pocket and childcare expenses will be reimbursed.

For more information, contact Heena on 0161 226 7015 or email: [family-advice@mcr1poptel.org.uk](mailto:family-advice@mcr1poptel.org.uk)

## Victim Support & Witness Service

Being a victim of crime can be a difficult time, but crime can be opportunistic so there can be some small comfort of that it could have happened to anyone. But what if that crime was committed upon you because of the colour of your skin or your sexuality indeed you have been specifically targeted for being you. How would you feel then?

We need volunteers to offer emotional and practical support to people who have been affected by Hate Crime. Anyone 18 years and over can volunteer, they will receive comprehensive core training and continual support in their role as a volunteer.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like to make further enquiries please ring Pablo Singh on 0161 200 1956 or email: [singhp@victimsupport-citymcr.co.uk](mailto:singhp@victimsupport-citymcr.co.uk)

# Funding News

## Allen Lane Foundation Grants Programme

Grants for provision of advice, information and advocacy; community development; employment and training; mediation, conflict resolution and alternatives to violence; research and education aimed at changing public attitudes or policy; and social welfare. Grants range from £500 - £15,000. [Visit: www.allenlane.org.uk](http://www.allenlane.org.uk)

## Awards for All

The Big Lottery Fund is encouraging local community groups and organisations to apply for the remaining £40 million of Awards for All grants that is available for this year. [Visit: www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html)

## Cash Grants Programme

The City Council is looking for applications from residents for long lasting and imaginative schemes to be funded through their annual Cash Grants

programme. Grants from a few pounds to £40,000 per ward are available.

[Contact David Hilton: 0161 234 3016 or e-mail: voluntary.sector.grants@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:Contact David Hilton: 0161 234 3016 or e-mail: voluntary.sector.grants@manchester.gov.uk)

## Community Champions Fund

The Community Champions Fund has been set up to help support and develop the work of local people who are involved in, or who want to be involved in, changing their communities for the better. Grants of up to £2,000 are available.

[Visit: www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions/index.cfm](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions/index.cfm)

## Independent Sexual Violence Advisors Fund

This grant programme funds the cost of Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs), whose role will be to address the safety of victims of sexual abuse. Applications are invited from Sexual Assault

Referral Centres, specialist sexual violence voluntary sector organisations, and existing ISVA services.

[Visit: www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

## Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (UK)

The Trust provides grants to individuals and organisations for projects in the UK that seek the creation of a peaceful world, political equality and social justice.

[Visit: www.jrct.org.uk](http://www.jrct.org.uk)

## Connected Fund Round 5

This Home Office Fund is designed to support small, locally managed community groups and organisations tackling gun and knife crime and gang issues in their local areas.

[Visit: www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

## Reaching Communities Programme

A new England wide programme that will provide funding to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. Minimum

grant: £10,000, Maximum grant: £500,000 [Contact the BIG Advice Line: 0845 4 10 20 30 or visit: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities)

## RISE: UnLtd's Refugee Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs

UnLtd will be giving awards of between £500 and £5,000 to help individuals and small groups of refugees from anywhere in England turn their ideas into reality.

[Visit: http://www.unltd.org.uk](http://www.unltd.org.uk)

## Young People's Fund: Grants to Individuals

This grant will fund young people's ideas for projects that will make a difference in their community. Grants of between £250 and £5,000 will be allocated to help individuals and small groups of young people run a project in their area.

[Visit: www.thebigboost.org.uk](http://www.thebigboost.org.uk)

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

# Events

## One Stop Shop

**11 July 2006, 2pm – 7pm**  
**Wythenshawe Forum**

Need funding, advice or information?  
Meet the funders face-to-face, get application forms and tips on applying.  
For further information contact Michael on 0161 499 7778 or Tracey on 0161 945 1133

## 'Hearty Voices for South Asians' – Training Day

**13 July 2006,**  
**9.30am – 4pm**  
**Manchester Conference Centre**

The British Heart Foundation is inviting individuals to attend training which provides knowledge and skills to become an effective patient or carer representative on issues that matter to South Asians.  
Contact Dr. Bushra

Nasreen, on 0161 998 3223, e-mail: nasreenb@bhf.org.uk or call the BHF Cardiac Care Department on 020 7725 0493

## Longsight's Family Health Day

**18 July 2006, 11am – 3pm**  
**Pakistani Community Centre**

Your Chance to Help Shape the Future of Your Services.  
Free Blood Pressure Checks / Free Advice on Health Issues / Free Exercise Classes / Free Morning Coffee/Hot Lunch/Afternoon Tea.  
For further information: Call Julian Palfreyman on 0161 276 2213

## Manchester Summer Mega Mela

**29-30 July 2006,**  
**9.30am – 4pm**  
**Platt Fields Park,**  
**Manchester**

A celebration of Asian arts and culture with music, entertainment and performances from locally

and internationally renowned artists. Food and fashion, stalls and much more. FREE Event.  
For further information: 0161 256 4518

## Manchester Pride

**18-28 August 2006,**  
**9.30am – 4pm**  
**The Gay Village,**  
**Manchester**

Manchester's dynamic lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender festival features live music and entertainment, film, arts, community events, a lifestyle expo, markets, campaigning and debate.  
For more information visit: [www.manchesterpride.com](http://www.manchesterpride.com)

## Caribbean Carnival of Manchester 2006

**19-20 August 2006,**  
**11am – 8pm**  
**Alexandra Park, Moss Side**

A vibrant celebration of Caribbean music, dance, theatre and costume.  
Enjoy the infectious rhythms of song and dance as the carnival

possession, made up of steel bands, floats with DJs playing music, dance troupes with carnival queens and princesses, elaborate costumes and legendary folklore characters, winds its way through the crowds.  
For information contact: Mike 07985400384 / Wallace 07939620289

## Charityfair 2006

**13-14 September 2006**  
**The Freemasons Hall,**  
**Manchester**

Don't miss this superb chance to customise your own training for a fraction of the normal price, as well as network, attend debates, get advice, meet the Charityfair partners and generally spend a very worthwhile day or two at this ever-popular event.  
Visit: [www.charityfair.org.uk](http://www.charityfair.org.uk)

Wish to promote your event?  
Email your details to support.  
[manchester@thescarmantrust.org](mailto: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](http://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

### Meeting/Conference Space –

#### Manchester Digital Development Agency

Our Portland Street offices now have modern, accessible and internet ready meeting rooms for hire. 20% reduction for Manchester City Council and voluntary sector/community groups.

The space is ideally situated in Central Manchester, with full disabled access, air conditioning and free high-speed wireless internet access throughout.

View this RESOURCE by searching for Meeting/Conference Space 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.

