

New Courses Available

The Scarman Trust Manchester are now providing a new timetable of training courses which are available to voluntary and community groups throughout the city of Manchester.

The courses available for the next six months:

Date	Course
Sept 06	Risk Assessment
Sept 06	Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers
Sept 06	Legal Structures in the VCS
Oct 06	Charity Status
Oct 06	Trusteeship
Oct 06	Accounting Requirements for Charities
Nov 06	Committee Skills
Nov 06	Health and Safety
Nov 06	Profiling your Community
Dec 06	Marketing
Dec 06	Managing a Charity
Dec 06	Managing Community Buildings
Jan 07	Employing and Managing Staff
Jan 07	Financial Planning
Jan 07	Leadership Skills
Feb 07	Is it legal? – Understanding Legislative Issues
Feb 07	Licenses and Other Legal Requirements
Feb 07	Funding Advice

The courses provided will be FREE to individuals and small-medium sized groups active in community and voluntary work within the city.

Courses will be repeated each month if there is a high demand for places.

The details of each course will be posted on the Scarman Trust Manchester website during September. Visit: www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org

You can also contact the Scarman team direct for further information or to book a place on any of the courses. Tel: 0161 839 2613 or e-mail: support.manchester@thescarmantrust.org

Please note: We ask for a £25.00 deposit from you to guarantee your place. This will be returned to you on the completion of training.

Business Continuity Management

Manchester City Council wants to ensure that there is capacity in the city and its infrastructure to withstand the consequences of serious incidents. The ability to do this is a measure of resilience and is an important aspect of building safer and stronger communities.

The Business Continuity Manager is keen to get feedback from as many groups as possible and also to share the information and advice as widely as possible.

Visit: www.manchester.gov.uk/emergency/continuity/index.htm

AdviceKit Manchester

AdviceKit Manchester is a free, online advice service available to workers and residents of Manchester. The website contains a number of different services including downloadable information about rights, a local advice agency search facility, access to rights advice by email and an online adviser.

Visit: www.advicekit.info

CN4M Shared Database

CN4M recently held a database workshop to discuss joint working to develop a shared database of VCS groups and organisations.

Two separate but similar ideas emerged from the workshop, the main difference being how information is inputted and updated. A report of the workshop and the ideas generated is available on the CN4M

website: www.cn4m.net
CN4M are now inviting comments on which option is most suitable for the Network. If you would like to comment on the options or vote for which option is the best way to progress the shared database please contact Cath Taylor on 0161 234 2920 or e-mail: catht@cn4m.net

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

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The Valuing Older People Big Event 2006

The Big Event is back. The highlight of the Full of Life Festival, this fun-packed celebration will be held at the Town Hall at 10.30am on 21 September 2006.

The activities include all your favourites and some new things for you to try. Whatever you are into, we're sure you'll find something of interest. A light lunch is provided, and remember - it's absolutely FREE!

For more information, contact Sally Chandler on 0161 234 3391 or visit: www.manchester.gov.uk/heath/older/news/index.htm

Members of The Scarman Trust Manchester team will be providing an information point at the event.

Spotlight

Old Moat Awards

Congratulations to Sharon Smirk and the young people who attend the Old Moat Youth Outreach Project (OMYOP). Sharon has been judged the Old Moat Adult Good Neighbour and the OMYOP young people have been awarded both the group and the young Good Neighbour awards.

Sharon is involved with so many groups of people in the ward it's difficult to keep count, but she is:

- Secretary of the Old Moat Residents' Association
- A founder member of The Old Moat and Withington forum
- Volunteer at the Motivate Project for young people
- A scout leader
- A member of the steering group for the housing stock options for south Manchester
- A member of the South Manchester Community Network

- A parent and governor at Old Moat Primary School
- Chair of the Friends of Old Moat Park

The young people of OMYOP impressed the panel through their hard work in supporting the 1000 Days campaign 2005 and their determination to succeed in producing a piece of community art for the ward. Their sensitive selection of the Beslan tragedy in Russia and the imaginative way they are approaching making the sculpture show how much good our young people can do.

Old Moat Family Fun Day

A glorious June day saw Friends of Old Moat Park host a successful family fun day, with crowds of local people enjoying the festivities. The attractions



Relaxing at the Fun Day

included information stands, football skills, face-painting, massage and a bouncy castle, which together with the sunshine created a fabulous carnival atmosphere.

The Friends group is made up of local people who want the park to be a place that all the community can enjoy. This year they are celebrating their third Green Flag Award in a row. The Green Flag Award recognises good maintenance, environmentally sound practices, conservation and heritage for parks and green spaces.

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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

- The Wells Centre
- Lightbowne Children's Centre
- Abraham Moss Centre
- North City Library
- The Grange

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

Children in Need Collection at Manchester Airport

Following the success of the collection at the City of Manchester Stadium, where over £700 was raised, another collection has been arranged for Manchester Airport and Manchester Event Volunteers are looking for volunteers for the collection.

Date: Friday, 15th September

Start Time: 10.00 (9.45am briefing)

Finish Time: 18.00

Number of volunteers: 28

There will be two shifts so please state whether you prefer morning or afternoon and whether you need a car park permit.

If you are interested in supporting MEV with raising money for Children in Need please call: 0161 234 1530 or visit: www.mev.org.uk and click on Current Opportunities.

City Centre Project Volunteers

City Centre Project provides a wide range of services to needy and vulnerable young people who are aged between 16 and 25 years and are primarily disadvantaged by homelessness. The project works holistically to support young people towards independent living.

We provide services to young people through our four service delivery teams: Homelessness Prevention Service, Housing Support Service, Young Separated Refugee Project, Housing Training Service.

We currently have the following vacancies for volunteers: **2 catering volunteers** – To serve hot breakfast to young homeless people on a rota basis one to two mornings each week between 9.30am to 12pm

1 YSRP volunteer – To assist the Saturday drop-in staff co-ordinate the activities.

For further information contact Clare Dalton on 0161 228 7655

Funding News

Barclays – Free Coaching Kit

Barclays are providing 1200 coaching packs per year, donating them to teams and groups who have the greatest need, targeting disadvantaged areas in the UK. This is a pack of coaching equipment and clothing, which can be used for a variety of team sports. To find out if you are eligible to apply please contact The Football Foundation

Tel: 0800 0274221 or e-mail: enquiries@spacesforsports.org

BBC Children in Need Programme

Organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under are able to apply for funding through the BBC's Children in Need Programme.

Visit: www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

BT Community Connections

Offering community and voluntary groups the opportunity to apply for a multi-media internet-ready PC and a contribution towards a year's broadband internet access through BT Total Broadband. The total package is valued at £1,300

Visit: www.btcommunityconnections.com

Co-op Group Community Dividend Fund

Community and voluntary groups as well as charities are able to apply for funding of between £100 and £5,000 to support projects that benefit the local community by addressing community

issues such as combating crime and anti-social behaviour, promoting education and improving health.

Visit: www.co-operative.co.uk/en/communitydividend

Fund for Refugee and Asylum Seekers

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to Refugee Community Organisations working on projects with other voluntary sector organisations, and with statutory organisations, schools or colleges.

Visit: www.phf.org.uk/refugee&asylum.htm

Switched on Communities Programme

Grants of up to £500 (normally in the form of vouchers) are available for community based projects that improve local social, economic and environmental conditions.

Visit: www.dsgiplc.com

and click on Corporate Responsibility.

Youth Capital Fund (YCF)

The YCF provides opportunities to create or enhance facilities such as buildings or outdoor spaces as identified by young people.

Visit: www.manchester.gov.uk/youth/funding/ycf.htm

Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF)

The YOF money is for young people, aged 13-19 (or up to aged 25 where the young people have special needs), to spend on activities and projects that improve things to do, places to go or develop confidence, skills and knowledge.

Visit: www.manchester.gov.uk/youth/funding/yof.htm

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

Events

Multi Agency Forum (MAF) Meeting

18 September 2006,
9.30am – 2.30pm

The Friends Meeting House

MAF is a networking, planning and information-sharing event organised every three months by the MARIM team. On the 18th we hope to have workshops around ESOL, Legal Provision, Unaccompanied Minors Service Reform, Surestart and more.

The event is free but places must be booked. Contact Elaine Dunne on 0161 868 0857 or e-mail: elaine.dunne@manchester.gov.uk

Treasury Review: Third Sector

21 September 2006,
1pm – 3.30pm

Waterloo Centre, Cheetham Hill

The Confederation of

Indian Organisations has organised for the treasury review to have a dialogue with South Asian Community and voluntary organisations regarding future funding. This will give you a great opportunity to interact with other South Asian Organisations present at the event. Booking / Further information: Call Humza Umair on 0161 795 0135 or e-mail region2@cio.org.uk

Communities Creating Change

22 September 2006,
10.00am – 4.00pm
Friends Meeting House

A conference bringing together campaigners, researchers and active members of the community interested in creating a sustainable future.

To request a booking form call 0161 273 1736 and ask for Jemma or mailto:sust@bridge-5.org

Kath Locke Centre 10 Year Celebrations

25 – 28 September 2006
Kath Locke Centre,
Moss Side

A week of events to celebrate 10 years of the Kath Locke Centre – the first primary care centre in the country to be managed by a non statutory organisation. For more information visit: www.thebiglifegroup.com

New Moston Free Fun Day

26 September 2006,
10am -2pm
Parkfield Dance Centre,
New Moston

A fabulous day of free fun, including mini-aromatherapy treatments, indoor curling, and salsa lessons. Contact Brenda Fawcett on 0161 682 1020

Dashehra Mela

08 October 2006,
4.00am - 9:00pm
Platt Fields Park

This is the first time this festival is being celebrated in Manchester.

Programme: 30' high Ravan Effigy, Fireworks Display, Performances by Professional and Local Artists, Community Procession, Stalls and lots more.

For further information call Mrs. Raj Dutta on 0161 200 3010 (day) or e-mail: raj.dutta@manchester.ac.uk

Levenshulme Festival 2006

20 October 2006

Levenshulme

Now in its 7th year, this multicultural community festival is a celebration of the village's sports, music, art, dance, comedy and literature amenities. Most of the events are held in venues in and around the village from church halls, libraries, sports venues, to local cafes and music venues.

For further information call Joyce on 0161 257 2484 or e-mail Joyce at mailto:ygg@levenshulme.com

Wish to promote your event?
Email your details to support.
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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

New Media / ICT Skills

MDDA is running half-day workshops for community and voluntary groups in Sept/Oct/Nov. These workshops are funded by European Funding and are therefore FREE to eligible groups and residents within the city. The workshops include: Easy Web Publishing, Podcasting, Creating a Wi Fi Network and Basic Security.

View this RESOURCE by searching for New Media / ICT Skills 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.

