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Dear Members, Partners and Friends

Welcome to your monthly Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin produced by Voscur on behalf of the ChangeUp consortium.

Please pass this information on to anyone else in your organisation, or friends who may find it useful.

This e-bulletin will be sent out monthly on the third Monday of each month.

If you would like to include any news or information in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin, please contact Matthew Symonds at the Voscur office on 0117 909 9949 or email <mailto:matthew@voscur.org>

The deadline for news items you'd like to be included in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin is 5pm on the following dates in 2010: 12 February, 12 March

::: STOP PRESS! :::

AREA GREEN SPACE PLANS PUT BACK

Bristol's Area Green Space Plans, part of the Parks and Green Space Strategy will be open to consultation from June 2010. This has been re-scheduled from our intended January. The Parks and Green Space proposals will now be considered alongside the Site Allocations community involvement (part of Bristol's 20 year Development Framework plan) that is also due to proceed in June. For more information visit:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Parks-and-open-spaces/information-and-advice/bristol-parks-and-green-space-strategy.en>

::: NEWS :::

PUBLIC CONSULTATION & VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT FOR BRISTOL FESTIVAL

Organisers of Bristol Festival are inviting you to a public consultation meeting to redesign the festival for 2010, on 20 January, 6.30pm at Hamilton House, Stokes Croft. They'll be looking at possibilities for the future and hosting an ideas session so that you, the public, can decide what you'd like to see at next year's Bristol Festival. The organisers are also looking for potential volunteers, event organisers, web techies, promotional volunteers, fundraisers, décor teams, artists and bands interested in taking part. For details see <http://www.thebristolfestival.org>

COULD YOUR GROUP GET A GREEN PENNANT AWARD?

Green Pennant Award is a national award scheme that recognises high quality green spaces in England and Wales that are managed by voluntary and community groups. Winning a Green Pennant Award brings excellent publicity. Both the media and the public are becoming increasingly aware that a site holding a Pennant is a valued and high quality green space. Any type of community-run green space is eligible to enter, as long as the site is freely accessible. For further information and to apply for an award visit <http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk> Application deadline for the 2010 awards is 31 January.

NEW LAYOUT FOR BRISTOL CITY CENTRE?

Draft plans have been drawn up looking at how Bristol's city centre might incorporate a bus rapid transit system in the future. The system is planned to be launched in 2015 and aims to create a smart, sustainable space, with clean air and a calm atmosphere. Bristol's pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users and motorists can join the debate at <http://askbristol.wordpress.com>

WEST OF ENGLAND JOINT WASTE CORE STRATEGY. FURTHER CONSULTATION

Following the Preferred Options consultation and Progress Updates on the Joint Waste Core Strategy, the four authorities involved have taken into account the responses received. These responses informed the Joint Waste Core Strategy Draft Submission Document considered by Council Cabinets and Councils during the autumn of last year. At these meetings the Councils approved the publication of the Joint Waste Core Strategy 'Pre-submission Document' which form the basis of this consultation. You can respond at <http://www.westofengland.org/waste> until 1 March 2010.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

The Centre of Excellence and Outcomes in Children and Young People's Services (C4EO) is looking for examples of best practice of activities/projects that have a positive impact on children, young people and families. For more information contact Monica Hetherington on 01753 637189 or <mailto:m.hetherington@nfer.ac.uk>

TWO MILLION HOMES SET TO SWITCH TO DIGITAL IN 2010

Analogue TV signals will be switched off this year, allowing hundreds of thousands of homes to receive Freeview channels for the first time. Switchover starts for viewers in the West TV region on 24 March, the process completes two weeks later on 7 April. Switchover Help Scheme supports older and disabled people with practical help to switch to digital TV. To find out more visit <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/west>

FREE ENERGY ADVICE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

University of Bristol Student's Union is looking for community groups interested in receiving a free energy audit. We are offering the opportunity to have trained volunteers come into your organisation and complete a no-commitment audit of your energy usage. They will produce a short report of easy recommendations that could save you money and allow your organisation to reduce its environmental impact. For more information visit <http://www.nus.org.uk/CarbonAmbassadorAudit> where you can also sign up for an audit.

::: DATES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS :::

Neighbourhood Partnership meetings are open to any resident or local group to attend.

Key to meetings

NC = Neighbourhood Committee
NP = Neighbourhood Partnership
SG = Steering group meeting
OM = Open Meeting

*Meetings dates, times and venues may be subject to change. We advise checking Bristol City Council's website before the event. Visit the council online diary here: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Elected-Representatives/committee-meeting-finder.en>

The dates of meetings coming up are:

*** EAST BRISTOL ***

Frome Vale, Eastville and Hillfields
(OM/NP/NC) Thursday 18 February, 7pm, Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue,
Bristol, BS16 2QQ*

Brislington East and Brislington West
(OM/NP/NC) Monday 8 February, 7pm, venue to be confirmed
Contact Lorna Heaysman on (0117) 377 2653 or email
lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk for more details.

St George East and St George West
(OM/NP/NC) Tuesday 9 February, 7pm, Meadowvale Community Centre,
Meadow Vale, Speedwell, Bristol, BS5 7RF*
Contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409 or email
mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Inner City Neighbourhood Partnership (Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill)
(OM/NP/NC) Wednesday 24 February, 6.30pm, Circomedia, St Paul's
Church, Portland Square, Bristol, BS2 8SJ.*
Contact Penny Germon on 0117 903 9879 or email
mailto:innercity@neighbourhoodpartnership.co.uk for more details

*** NORTH BRISTOL ***

(OM/NP/NC) Thursday 11 February, 7pm, Bristol Conference Centre, The
Wylands, Lower High Street, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 0DA*
Contact Sam Parker on 0117 922 3029 or email
mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership.
(OM/NP/NC) Thursday 4 March, 7pm, Cotham School, Cotham Lawn Road,
Cotham, Bristol BS6 6DT*
Contact Jo Holmes on 0117 903 6898 or email
mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East
(OM/NP/NC) Tuesday 2 March, 7pm, The Pavilion, 1 Hannover Quay,
Harbourside, Bristol, BS15JE*
Contact 0117 922 3218 or email
mailto:ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Henbury and Southmead
(OM/NP/NC) Tuesday 2 February, 2010, 7pm venue to be confirmed*
Contact Mohamed Ismail on 0117 903 6420 or email
mailto:mohamed.ismail@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym

(OM/NP/NC) Wednesday 10 February, 7pm, Westbury-on-Trym Village Hall, Eastfield Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS9 4AG *
Contact Sam Parker 922 3029 or email <mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

(OM/NP/NC) Monday 1 February, 2010, 7pm, Upper Horfield Community Trust, Eden Grove, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0PQ*
Contact Mohamed Ismail on 0117 903 6420 or email <mailto:mohamed.ismail@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

*** SOUTH BRISTOL ***

Bedminster and Southville (Greater Bedminster Community Partnership)
(OM/NP/NC) Monday 1 March, 2010, 7pm venue to be confirmed
Contact Ben Barker, GBCP secretary on 0117 903 6441 or Lorna Heaysman on 0117 377 2653 email <mailto:benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk> or <mailto:lornaheaysman@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe and Whitchurch Park
(OM/NP/NC) Monday 22 February, 7pm, Wansdyke Primary School, School Close, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0DU*
Contact Heather Williams on 0117 903 8044 or email: <mailto:heather.williams@hwcp.org.uk> for more details

Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill
(OM/NP/NC) Tuesday 9 March, 6pm, Knowle West Media Centre, Leinster Avenue, Knowle West, Bristol, BS4 1NL*
Contact Valeria Talbot on 0117 908 4247 or email <mailto:valerie.talbot@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Hengrove and Stockwood
Tuesday 16 February, 7pm, Christ the Servant, Corner of Stockwood and Materman Road, Stockwood, Bristol*
Contact 0117 922 3218 or email <mailto:ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

::: NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP FUNDING :::

BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY FUND NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Brislington Community Partnership has established a Brislington Community Fund for local projects and organisations to apply to. Applications to the fund must benefit the local Brislington Community area. For more information and to download the application documents visit:
<http://www.brislington.org/funding/index.html>

WESTBURY ON TRYM, HENLEAZE AND STOKE BISHOP SMALL GRANTS SCHEME NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Small Grants funding available for groups operating in the local area to promote the Neighbourhood Partnership priorities of: Parks, green spaces, environment and maintenance; Social Care - elderly and young people; and traffic and transport. For criteria and application form please email <mailto:neighbourhood.partnerships@bristol.gov.uk> or call 0117 922 3029.

::: CONSULTATIONS :::

The following consultations are currently taking place in Bristol:

- Budget Consultation 2010-11 (until 18 Jan 2010)
- Bath Buildings, Picton Lane, Armidale Avenue, St Andrews Road, Ashley Ward - Proposed Waiting Restrictions (until 29 Jan 2010)
- Ashton Court Cycling and Walking Link Public Consultation (until 29 Jan 2010)
- Hurlingham Road, Ashley - Proposed Traffic Management Measurements (until 29 Jan 2010)

To find out more about these and other consultations visit:

<http://www.opinionsuite.com/bristol>

YOU CAN CURRENTLY SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ONLINE E-PETITIONS:

- Save the Black Swan (until 24 Jan 2010)
- No to Amalgamation of Henleaze Infant and Junior Schools (until 31 Jan 2010)
- Care for ABC Whiteladies Cinema - Whiteladies Road (until 28 Feb 2010)
- Bristol City Council should grit and salt the entries and exits to all public places (until 25 March 2010)
- No to Palm Oil Power Station in Avonmouth (until 26 Mar 2010)
- Reduce the speed limit to 20mph where people live (until 30 Apr 2010)
- Say No to Park & Ride on Stapleton Allotments (until 1 May 2010)
- Let All Bristol Decide (Until 5 May 2010)
- Make Bristol a Foie Gras Free City! (until 27 Jul 2010)
- No Heathrow Expansion - Electrify mainline London to Bristol instead (Until 31 July 2010)

Support these and other petitions or start your own at:

<http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/>

JOIN THE DEBATE ON ASK BRISTOL

Bristol residents are being asked what they think about the draft council budget for 2010/11. Would you change anything in the budget proposals to help deliver the improvements you want to see most?

You can give your thoughts on culture, festivals and events in Bristol.

Join the debate at

http://www.askbristol.com/comment.php?comment_id=1237

::: LOCAL COMMUNITY DIARY :::

--- TUESDAY 19 JANUARY ---

BRISTOL MIND MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID 2 DAY COURSE (day 2 on Wednesday 20 January)

This two day course was originally developed and piloted in Australia and has been adopted by a number of countries. The aims of Mental Health First Aid are to be accessible and relevant to a wide range of participants and increase understanding of mental health issues and reduce stigma. For further details or to book contact

Pat Diango <mailto:admin@bristolmind.org.uk> 0117 980 0370

Trading Local - Brislington

Last year's theatre-in-Bedminster-shops project TRADING LOCAL was so successful that it is now running other parts of Bristol. It's all about creating 5 minute monologues for live performance in live shops, and free workshops. Local writers are encouraged to contribute to sessions. Also on 26 January in Westbury on Trym. For details see www.showofstrength.org.uk

--- WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY ---

VOSCUR ASSEMBLY - THE PUSH FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

9.30am - 1pm, at the Southville Centre, Beaufey Road, Bristol, BS3 1QG.

How can we improve local partnership between voluntary and community sector and statutory partners working within the criminal justice system in Greater Bristol? For more details or to book your place visit:

<http://www.voscur.org/node/4466>

SPEAKING WITH IMPACT - AND WITH GREATER CONFIDENCE

8.30am - 4.30pm, Bristol venue to be confirmed. Learn how to make your presentations more dynamic, to make audiences sit up and listen, and to feel more confident in doing so. There is an art to public speaking, and techniques you can learn that will make you a powerful speaker, even if you get nervous beforehand. For further information and booking contact 0121 359 2113 or <mailto:ETN@btcv.org.uk>

AGE CONCERN BRISTOL / BRUNELCARE RESEARCH FORUM

9.30am, at ABC Centre, Chessington Avenue, Hengrove, Bristol BS14 9EW.
Speakers: Liz Lloyd and Kate White: Maintaining Dignity in Later life &
Tim Adlam: Working and Caring Together. To book and for further information
contact Jessica Lewin on 0117 929 7537 or
mailto:jessicalewin@ageconcernbristol.org.uk

--- THURSDAY 21 JANUARY ---

WORKING ONE-TO-ONE

9.15am - 4.30pm, at Fairbridge West 22 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS1 3PR.
Working One-to-One has been specifically developed for those working with
young people in a one-to-one context. This training has been designed to give
you ideas on making the most out of one-to-one's and how to incorporate
them into your existing programmes, by using them as a tool to motivate and
support young people. Cost: £150+VAT. For further information contact 0207
199 6030 or <mailto:info@fairbridgetraining.co.uk>

'FROM TARGETS TO RIGHTS': UPDATING THE NHS CONSTITUTION
10.30am - 12.30pm, at the Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol,
BS16 2QQ. NHS Bristol is organising a workshop event to discuss the current
consultation on the NHS Constitution. Tony Jones, Patient and Public
Involvement lead at NHS Bristol, will be providing an overview of the
proposed changes. To book contact Katharine Gonzales on 0117 958 9345 or
<mailto:events@thecareforum.org.uk>

DIGITAL MENTORS ASSEMBLY

5.30pm - 7pm, at the Tobacco Factory, Raleigh Road, Southville. Share your
digital aspirations for South Bristol and challenge Bristol's Digital Leaders to
deliver them. Come prepared to suggest three ideas in answer to the
question: 'what needs doing to create a world-class digital South Bristol?' The
ideas will be discussed, shortlisted and presented by supporters before the
final vote. To register visit <http://sbdndigitalmentorsassembly.eventbrite.com>

--- FRIDAY 22 JANUARY ---

BUILDING HEALTH: PLANNING AND DESIGNING FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

One-day conference at the University of the West of England, Bristol
How can we create environments that encourage health & well-being?
For more information and to book your place visit:
<http://www.architecturecentre.co.uk/events/buildinghealth.htm>

WORKING WITH BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

9.30am - 4pm, at Barton Hill Settlement, Ducie Road, Bristol, BS5 0AX. This
one-day course will focus on developing a practical approach to working with
boys and young men in the area of sexual health. For further information
please visit <http://www.4ypbristol.co.uk>

QUIZ NIGHT

7.30pm, at Jubilee Hall, Wedmore Vale, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 5HX.
Annual Quiz Night with 6 to a team, £6.00 per person. Not essential to come as a complete team. Table nibbles provided, bring your own drinks. Tickets available from Linsey or Kate 0117 953 2055 or email admin@dancevoice.org.uk All proceeds support Dance Voice client groups.

--- WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY ---

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY:LEGACY OF HOPE

5.15pm, Bristol Cathedral, College Green, Bristol. Event featuring words, music and movement and which encourages us to look both within and without. Includes a 45 minute 'soundscape' featuring Howard Davidson's new piece 'The Guests' for soprano voice and Clarinet Septet; an arrangement for several clarinets of Messiaen's moving ' Abyss of Birds' from the Quartet for the End of Time; Bristol Cathedral choristers and cantor Robert Hurst.

--- THURSDAY 28 JANUARY ---

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS' FORUM

6pm - 8pm, at the Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR
Contact Matthew Symonds on 0117 9099 949 or <mailto:matthew@voscur.org>
Book online at <http://www.voscur.org/civicism/event/info?id=211&reset=1>

WORKING WITH GROUPS

9.15am - 4.30pm, at Fairbridge West, 22 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS1 3PR.
Working with Groups provides a refreshing take on youth work. Giving lots of ideas and activities you can use with young people. Cost: £150+VAT. For further information contact Fairbridge on 0207 199 6030 or <mailto:info@fairbridgetraining.co.uk>

IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE

9.30am - 3.30pm, Bristol venue to be confirmed at booking. This course will enable you to feel more confident and knowledgeable about good charity governance and how to achieve it. It will enable you to carry out an assessment of where your board is in relation to best practice and empower you to overcome barriers and improve matters for your board and beneficiaries. Contact the ACEVO events team on events@acevo.org.uk or 020 7280 4960

CLINKS AGM & CONFERENCE

10am - 1pm, at the Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining, London, SW1Y 5DB. Clinks 11th AGM and Conference features a keynote speech from Shadow Prisons Minister, Alan Duncan MP and a number of interactive workshops hosted by key strategic Criminal Justice contacts. To book contact Jean Coates on 01904 673970

--- SATURDAY 30 JANUARY ---

MODERNISING VOLUNTEERING NSS - FREE TRAINING

9.30am, venue to be confirmed. Don't know your LinkedIn from your Twitter? Wondering how Facebook and MySpace can support you in recruiting volunteers or communicating with members? Then help is at hand through 'Fresh Thinking', a series of free training seminars and workshops, brought to you by Red Foundation through the Modernising Volunteering programme. Email <mailto:fabia@redfoundation.org> to reserve your place.

--- SUNDAY 31 JANUARY ---

ASIAN ARTS AGENCY PRESENTS KULJIT BHAMRA'S TABLATURE

At St Georges Bristol. A truly breathtaking evening of live music showcases the talent of Kuljit Bhamra and the wonder of the tabla. With three tabla players and four orchestral percussionists this performance will be an exciting evening of sound and new compositions. More information from <http://www.asianartsagency.co.uk> / <mailto:info@asianartsagency.co.uk> or 0117 9291110

--- TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY ---

SOUTH WEST RACE EQUALITY FORUM MEETING

11am, at East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton, TA1 3EN. The meeting will provide an opportunity for Voluntary Sector providers of front line race discrimination and immigration advice to discuss the service they provide, challenges they face and to meet others providing advice services and explore possible priorities for improving services. For further information and / or to book contact Diana Blake on 01823 250 836 or email:

diana.blake@equalitysouthwest.org.uk

--- WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY ---

NEW YOUTH PARTICIPATION TRAINING

10am, at Telephone Avenue, Bristol. This free one-day course supports organisations in developing and applying safe policies and procedures when working with young people. For more information and to book please visit

<http://www.participationworks.org.uk>, email <mailto:enquiries@participationworks.org.uk> or call 0845 603 6725

SAFEGUARDING IN YOUTH PARTICIPATION

10am, Armada House, Telephone Avenue, Bristol, BS1 4BQ. New youth participation training. This free one-day course supports organisations in developing and applying safe policies and procedures when working with young people. For more information and to book please visit

<http://www.participationworks.org.uk> or email <mailto:enquiries@participationworks.org.uk> or call 0845 603 6725

--- THURSDAY 4 FEBRUARY ---

SKILLS, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKLESSNESS FORUM

11am - 1pm, at Barton Hill Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Barton Hill, Bristol, BS5 0AX. Voscur, in partnership with South West Forum's Voluntary Value project is holding a meeting to familiarise local voluntary and community sector organisations who work with employment and skills with the European Social Fund (ESF) agenda and to have a wider discussion around related issues in Bristol and the West of England. To book and for further information click visit <http://www.voscur.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=214>

--- SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY ---

WORK PARTY ON TROOPERS HILL

10am - 12pm, at the entrance on the corner of Greendown and Troopers Hill Road. Have fun, get fit and help maintain Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve in St George, Bristol at a 2 hour Work Party organised by Friends of Troopers Hill. Work parties finish with a chat over free coffee or tea and biscuits. For more information contact Susan or Rob on 0117 947 5037 or email <mailto:friends@troopers-hill.org.uk>

--- MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY---

ART EXHIBITION LAUNCH

2 – 4pm, at Co-Exist, Hamilton House, 80 Stokes Croft, Bristol, BS1 3QY Presented by Bristol LINK participants, Art on Wednesday Group and supported by Local Artist, Barbara Disney. Funfair inspired exhibition with words and images reflecting the creator's experience of mental health services. Enjoy a free cup cake, hear more about Bristol LINK and the mental health art project, and meet some of the artists. The exhibition will be open Monday – Friday, 11am – 4pm until 12 February. RSVP to Caroline McAleese, Bristol LINK Development Worker on 0117 9589 325 / 07960 036 044 / carolinemcaleese@linkbristol.org.uk For more details visit <http://www.linkbristol.org.uk>

--- TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY ---

TAKING MINUTES OF MEETINGS

9.30am - 4.30pm, at the CREATE Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, BS1 6XN. By the end of this new Voscur course run in association with the Directory of Social Change, participants will be equipped with the knowledge and understanding to ensure that they can take accurate minutes, appropriate to the situation, with confidence. For more information and to book visit: <http://www.voscur.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=216>

HEALTH AT WORK CONFERENCE

9.30am -1pm, at the Council House, College Green, Bristol. Health at Work is rising rapidly up the national and regional agenda. The focus for this event will be the business case for investing in health at work and practical examples of what works. To reserve a place and receive further details, email Bryony Preston bryony.preston@bristol.gov.uk or call 0117 9224789

COMMUNITY ASSETS MATTER

9.45am - 4pm, at St Werburghs Community Centre, Horley Street, St Werburghs, Bristol BS2 9TJ. Two day introductory training for those who provide information and advice on the Management of Community Buildings.

--- WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY ---

LEVEL1 SUBSTANCE MISUSE: DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS

9.30am at the Langley Centre, Lockleaze, Bristol. This introductory one day course is for anyone who works with young people and who has not had any previous substance misuse training. For further information and / or to book please visit: <http://www.4ypbristol.co.uk>

--- THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY ---

DEVELOP YOUR TRAINING SKILLS

9.30am - 4.30pm, Bristol venue to be confirmed at booking. This workshop is designed to give you the essential skills, knowledge, techniques and practical tips you need to be an effective trainer. It is a lively, 'hands-on' day with an experienced and popular tutor that will enable you to create an effective learning environment. Cost: £110/165. For details contact 0121 359 2113 or <mailto:ETN@btcv.org.uk>

SOUTH WEST STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME CONSULTATION

9.45am - 1pm, at the Vassall Centre, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ. The South West Strategic Health Authority are inviting you to this feedback and engagement event to find out what they have done in terms of promoting equality and human rights over the past twelve months. You will also have an opportunity to provide feedback to the emerging Single Equality Scheme action plan for 2010/11. To book and for further information contact Karen Ball, Office Manager on <mailto:Karen.Ball@equalitysouthwest.org.uk> or 01823 250 811

"STEPPING UP TO THE BOARD" INCREASING DIVERSITY IN PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

At the Vassall Centre, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ. A new campaign led by the Government Equalities Office and the Cabinet Office is seeking to raise

awareness particularly amongst women, ethnic minorities and disabled people about the opportunities in public appointments.

This event will enable you to network with and listen to a panel of speakers who will share their insights and own personal paths into the public sector, as well as regional leaders and representatives from the Government Equalities Office and Appointments Commission. Places at this event are free. To book and / or for further information please email <mailto:Maira.Anderson@equalitysouthwest.org.uk>

--- FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY ---

RECRUITMENT OF VOLUNTEERS

9.30am - 3.30pm, @ Symes Community Building, Peterson Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol, BS13 0BE. This new course will be run by Voscur and Volunteering Bristol as part of the Volunteer Management project. For further information and bookings click here <http://www.voscur.org/recruitmentofvolunteers>

--- SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY ---

SEED SWAP

11am - 4pm, at Windmill Hill City Farm. For more information, contact <mailto:bristolseedswap@yahoo.co.uk>

VALENTINE'S DISCO

7.30 – 11.30pm, Sea Mill Community Centre, Sunny Hill, Off Sylvan Way. Tickets only £1.00 each. On sale direct from Siobhan on (0117)9687845 or <mailto:communitycentre@yahoo.co.uk>

--- SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY ---

SHIREHAMPTON ROMANTIC VALENTINE MEAL

7pm, Shirehampton Baptist Church, Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol. The newly-refurbished church will be transformed into a restaurant for the evening, with candles on tables, and a great menu. Couples who are engaged or thinking about setting up home together, as well as those who are married or in long-term relationships are invited. After the meal, a DVD will be shown about the 'getting the best out of a marriage or committed relationship' course the church are running in the spring. For more details or to book your place call Chris on 0117 982 8238. Tickets are free and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

--- TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY ---

EDWARD CARPENTER, A LIFE OF LIBERTY AND LOVE

7pm, Bristol Central Library, College Green. A discussion introduced by Sheila Rowbotham on of gay socialist writer Edward Carpenter had an extraordinary impact on the cultural and political landscape of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Free but tickets will be limited to 100 and advanced booking is advised. For further information and to book places visit any branch library or contact: Denis Wise, Bristol City Council, 0117 903 6443 email <mailto:denis.wise@bristol.gov.uk>

--- SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY ---

COME AND PLANT A TREE

10am - 4pm, at Greville Smyth Park, meet at Ashton Road entrance. Come and help plant a new avenue of Oak trees.

Bring warm clothing, waterproofs and sturdy footwear. For more details contact Tree Bristol on 0117 352 5638 or visit www.treebristol.com

--- THURSDAY 25 FEBRUARY ---

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS NETWORK MEETING

9.30am - 1pm at Redcatch Community Centre, Redcatch Road, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2EP. Voscur, in Partnership with Bristol City Council Community Buildings team, organise this network meeting for anyone who is involved with community buildings in Bristol. You might run an existing community building (either as a member of staff or as a trustee) or may be interested in running a community building in the future. For further information contact Matthew Symonds on 0117 909 9949 or email: <mailto:matthew@voscur.org>

BRISLINGTON CONSERVATION AND HISTORY SOCIETY

2pm, St Cuthbert's Crypt, Sandy Park Road, Brislington. Memories of a Magistrate - a talk by Mrs Mellor JP. Members £1, non-members £1.50. For more details visit: <http://www.brislington.org/bchs.html>

FIND MORE EVENTS

To find details of events happening in your local parks and green spaces visit <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Leisure-Culture/Arts-Entertainment/whats-on.en?XSL=index&EventTypeId=71&AllRecords=true>

To find more events or publicise your own in the Voscur online diary visit <http://www.voscur.org/event>

::: COMING UP :::

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS' FORUM DATES

Join other people from across Bristol who are active in their Neighbourhood Partnership. Share good ideas and solve problems at the Neighbourhood Partnership Residents' Forum. Dates for the coming year:

Saturday 27 March, 2010, 10am - 12.30pm at Shirehampton Public Hall
Find out about Peak Oil, how it might affect your neighbourhood and what you can do about it.

To find out more contact Matthew Symonds on 0117 909 9949 or email: <mailto:matthew@voscur.org> or confirm your attendance by online at: <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

VOSCUR TRAINING

Courses coming up - Contact Voscur on 0117 909 9949 or visit: <http://www.voscur.org/training> to find out more about any of these Voscur courses:

- Taking Minutes of Meetings
- Recruitment of Volunteers
- Introductions to Communications and the Media
- Retention and Support of Volunteers
- Identifying and Managing Risk effectively
- Skilling up your Staff
- Prove it! Convincing funders your project is needed
- Volunteers and the Law
- How to deal with difficult issues in Volunteer Management
- Trustee Series 1: Why am I on the committee?
- Trustee Series 2: Good Governance - How to be a better Trustee
- Low Cost Action Learning set for Volunteer Managers

For more details on Voscur Training and learning visit:
<http://www.voscur.org/training>

OTHER TRAINING

MEDIATION TRAINING CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Beginning in January 2010, Bristol Mediation's new training programme offers a unique opportunity to benefit from their highly valued training. The course is free to people willing to volunteer their skills with Bristol Mediation. There are also a limited number of places available to people who want these skills for work or other areas of their lives and aren't able to volunteer with Bristol Mediation; this is on a fee-paying basis. Please email for an information pack on <mailto:info@bristol-mediation.org> or telephone us on 0117 935 0521.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

A FREE course for single parent women on benefits or low paid work. Wednesdays 1- 3pm. You can learn how to influence the decision makers, Join local forums, Influence how our services are delivered, know how to lobby. To find out more or enrol call Single Parent Action Network (SPAN) on 0117 952 2712 or 07796 132 085

::: NOTICEBOARD :::

Talk online to people in your area.

There are several online discussion groups across Bristol where you can discuss your local issues from the comfort of your own home! Why not follow one of these links and join in?

Greater Bedminster Issues Forum:

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/bemmy-forum/index.html>

Brislington

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/bristol-bris>

Barton Hill, the Dings, Lawrence Hill and Redfield

<http://www.communityatheart.co.uk/forum>

Easton

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/easton_bristol/

Henbury and Brentry

<http://www.henburybrentrycommunity.org.uk/wordpress/>

Knowle West

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/kw-forum/index.html>

Redland

<http://www.sustainableredland.org.uk/subscribe/>

Shirehampton

http://www.shire.org.uk/index.php?page=message_boards

St Werburghs

<http://www.stwerburghs.org/forums/>

If you'd like to find out more about how to set up an online discussion forum in your area, you can contact Sean Kenny at Voscur on 0117 909 9949 or email <mailto:seank@voscur.org>

::: RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS :::

KEY DECISIONS COMING UP

You can find out what key decisions Bristol City Council's Cabinet of elected councillors will be making soon by looking at the Leaders Forward Plan online at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Elected-Representatives/leaders-forward-plan-forthcoming-key-decisions.en>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Each week Bristol City Council publishes a list of all the planning applications that they receive. You can view the list at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Planning/weekly-lists-of-planning-applications.en>

To find out how you can have your say and influence decisions on planning applications visit:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Planning/commenting-on-planning-applications.en>

::: FEEDBACK :::

We are always keen to receive feedback on Voscur services such as the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin. You can send us your views by filling in the online form at <http://www.voscur.org/contact>

::: UNSUBSCRIBE OR UPDATE YOUR DETAILS :::

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