



Welcome to the spring edition of **Community Link**. If you would like to send any articles or information for the next newsletter (June 2009 edition) or if you would prefer an electronic copy of the newsletter, please contact me on **01454 868726**, or email: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk). The deadline for articles is June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Thank you. Steph Bengry-Howell, Community Development Worker. TC&KFCP, Kingswood Foundation Estate, Britannia Road, Kingswood. BS15 8DB. Don't forget to look at the web site: [www.chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](http://www.chasekingsforestcp.org.uk) ! Email details of your group for the directory, volunteering opportunities & news of community events.

## News

### News from The Chase & Kings Forest Community Project

#### January Members' Lunch

We held another successful Member's Lunch on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Downend Folk House Association. The lunch was attended by 14 people representing 12 groups. Those attending had the opportunity to network with other organisations, celebrate achievements, problem-solve and share working practices. News from the day includes:

- **Project 97** provide information, advice and guidance to young people aged 11 to 25 on Kingswood High Street. They run 3 drop-in sessions a week which are very well attended, and provide counselling and anger-management courses. They are currently **looking for new Trustees** to join their Management Committee.
- **Mavis Friendship Club** and **Kingsway Dance Club**, who provide social activities for (mainly) senior citizens, have both been **successful in securing funding** through Quartet's Grassroots Grants programme.
- **Avon-north Mencap**, who provide services such as social clubs and befriending schemes for adults with learning disabilities, will be opening a **drop-in centre** on the High Street in **Kingswood**, once refurbishment to the building has been completed.
- **Ventura Farm Community Project** are currently looking for **new people for the Management Committee**. The group run a children's (4-16) club on Mon, Tues, Weds evening, and parent & toddler clubs during the day. They would like to open to elderly people on a Friday morning, and to let the building for training/workshops. A graffiti project is planned at the courts on the estate.

- **Jane Kilpatrick from NHS South Glos (was PCT)** works with the Public Health Team preventing ill health, through e.g: Support stop smoking service and work around nutrition/exercise to combat obesity.
- **Jean Hamner - Downend Folk House** reminded people that the centre is available for letting.
- **Kingswood Heritage Museum** at Warmley was once home to William Champion's 18th Century brass works. The museum is open every Tuesday & every 2nd Sunday in the month, from 2.00.p.m. to 5.00.p.m. and will open for group visits out of hours. FFI: visit: [www.kingswoodmuseum.org.uk](http://www.kingswoodmuseum.org.uk) or call: 0117 960 5664.
- **Clocktower Association** is based in Warmley, on an adjoining site to the museum. Plans for the future include developing the use of the building, working with other organisations to set up support groups such as AA groups.
- **Ten-Sing** is a singing/dance project for children & young people based in Kingswood.
- A common issue for all of the groups attending the lunch was the need for more Management Committee members.

Another lunch will be held in **July 2009**, after our AGM.

### **Funding Workshops**

The workshops have proved to be very popular, with all places fully booked. If you missed out this time and would like us to run similar training again, let Steph know.

### **Kingswood Locality Network**

This lunch meeting is for groups working with **children, young people and their families** in the **Kingswood Locality** area. This provides an opportunity for people to keep up to date with what is happening locally, to share experiences, raise their profile locally, and enable groups to feed in to the Locality Steering group. It was agreed at the last meeting to time the network lunches to coincide with the Locality Steering Group meetings. The **next one** will be on **March 31st, 12.30pm – 2.30pm** at the **Clocktower**. If you would like more information about this event or the network, or you would like to attend, then please contact **Steph** on **01454 868726**, or by email: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk)

### **Support For Groups**

- **Funding Updates** available by email between newsletters, contact Steph
- Search **Grants Online** (a funding database) to find potential funders for your group, we can make an appointment for you to visit the office.
- **Support with funding applications** for small or newly formed groups in the Kingswood, Staple Hill and Cadbury Heath areas.

These services are free to groups, for more information contact Steph (on **01454 868726**, or make an appointment by email: [steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk](mailto:steph@chasekingsforestcp.org.uk))

**A family Funday is being held on the Tump at Ventura Farm  
on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

We intend to bring the community together with some good old fashioned fun for all. The young children from the Kids Club will be performing a specially arranged play and the older age group are wishing to perform their own dance show. Hopefully we can book the weather as well!!!

**kids Clubs** are now running on:  
Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from **6.30 - 8.00pm** in term time.

The Clubs are open to those children who attend Cherry Gardens Primary School and live in the Willsbridge area, as well as those attending local secondary schools.

A **Parent and Toddler Group** runs every **Wednesday from 10.30 - 12.00pm**  
All are welcome.

To book a place or for more information about activities at **The Ventura Farm Community Project** call: 0117 377 9415 to speak to Erica Williams, Community Project Worker, or Jackie Freeman, Cath Tarrant or Leslie Ugoji.

**NATIONAL BIKE WEEK in DOWNEND AND BROMLEY HEATH**

As part of National Bike Week, Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council is organising a **Downend & Bromley Heath Bike Ride** event for the whole family on **Saturday 13th June 2009**. The route takes us from Downend to Warmley, mainly along the cycle track. Once at our destination in Warmley, there will be an opportunity to visit the Kingswood Heritage Museum, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Hanks, and will also include a special conducted tour of Warmley Grotto and Gardens. The cycling distance is between 5 & 8 miles (dependant on starting point). Full details, including starting time from Downend shopping centre, will be available nearer the day and will be advertised on the Parish Council notice boards (located at Downend centre, Lincombe Barn, South View, Downend Road, Downend Library and Quakers Road) or please **contact** the Parish Clerk, **Angela Hocking**, on: **0117 9567001**, or e-mail: [dandbparish@btinternet.com](mailto:dandbparish@btinternet.com).

Downend & Bromley Heath Parish Council will also be arranging a free bike service check a week or two before the ride. Look out for details.

## Feeling Fine Online

UK online centres launched a new campaign back in January of this year, after discovering that one in ten of South Western women get online just once a month or less. **Feeling fine online '09**, featured in Woman's Weekly and on The Alan Titchmarsh Show, aims to challenge and inspire South Gloucestershire women to make 2009 the year they learn how to feel fine by logging on to improve their offline lives. The campaign aims to provide women with the tools and training they need in order to achieve what they want – from keeping in touch with kids or grandkids, to online bargain hunting or banking.

**Regular UK Online sessions** and supported IT sessions are held at the following venues:

Monday, 10 am - 4 pm: Lawrence Hill Church Lincoln Street Lawrence Hill.

Tuesday, 10am - 4 pm: Kingsmeadow Community Flat,  
19 Barrington Close Kingswood

Wednesday, 10 am - 2pm: Bethesda Community Arts Café  
Church Road, Redfield

Thursday, 10 am - 2pm: Bethesda Community Arts Café, Church Road

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month: Wellspring Health Centre, Beam Street  
Barton Hill

Also at **Kingsmeadow Community Flat:**

**Improve Your Digital Photographs**

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**, 10am – 4pm,

**Improve Your IT Skills** (10 sessions)

Starts **March 24<sup>th</sup>**, 1pm-4pm

FFI: contact the centre at Kingsmeadow Community Flat, on: **0117 9048425**

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## Update on Cossham Hospital

Planning to make better use of Cossham Hospital continues. The hospital is now owned by NHS South Gloucestershire, the new name for the organisation formerly known as South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust or PCT. The initial business case was approved by the Strategic Health Authority in January 2009. The SHA will receive the full business case in September 2009. This is the final approval required before work can start on the main scheme.

The main building will have to be emptied before the work can start. The first step is to move the community teams now in Henshaw House, on the edge of the Cossham site, to another location nearby. The next step will be to adapt and extend Henshaw House for Outpatients, Audiology and Radiology. These services will then move into Henshaw House. Physiotherapy and the Mobile MRI will stay where they are until the main building re-opens. The timetable for these temporary arrangements will be confirmed soon.

For more information contact Paul Frisby on: **0117 330 2432**, or email:  
[Paul.Frisby@sglos-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:Paul.Frisby@sglos-pct.nhs.uk)

## Find out how your organisation can benefit from volunteers with special needs



People with a learning disability often wish to volunteer and want to feel that they are making a valuable contribution to their local community. However, it is sometimes difficult to find suitable volunteering placements for them, often due to a lack of confidence on the part of organisations as to the support and type of work they would be able to carry out. Thornbury Volunteer Centre has been awarded a Health Inequalities grant from South Gloucestershire NHS Primary Care Trust to hold a one day training course aimed at highlighting the benefits to local voluntary and community groups of making volunteers with learning difficulties part of their team. The day will help groups look at a variety of ways in which they can work with volunteers with a learning disability and help them to establish support systems when finding suitable volunteering opportunities. The workshop will help groups explore their current perceptions about volunteers and volunteering and to experiment with different approaches that will increase their confidence in working with a variety of people. We are hoping that the training day will include input from a current volunteer with learning difficulties who will be able to explain their own particular support needs and their personal experience of volunteering.

Volunteering improves the mental health, confidence and well being of individuals. It helps volunteers to develop new skills, gain new experiences and make new friends. By helping groups to overcome perceived obstacles we will enable these volunteers to access everything which volunteering is able to bring to them. This in turn will allow them to lead more fulfilling and enriched lives, decrease their sense of social isolation and increase their feeling of self confidence and self worth.

The trainer, Claire Greenwood, is a fellow of the Institute of Training and Occupational Learning. After studying Psychology, Claire has taken on a number of varied roles in the public and not for profit sector. She was Head of Training and Development for Mencap for 10 years and now runs her own training business and Management Consultancy.

The course will be held in the Council Chamber of Thornbury Town Hall on **Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> 2009** between 10am-3.30pm, refreshments and lunch will be provided. Places are free of charge to representatives of voluntary groups and volunteers, but a small charge of £10 per person will be made for employees of statutory groups.

If you wish to book a place on the course or find out further information please contact the office on **01454 413392** or email [tdvl@freenet.co.uk](mailto:tdvl@freenet.co.uk)

## News from the Knowledge, Resource and Information Service (KRIS)

[www.avon.nhs.uk/kris](http://www.avon.nhs.uk/kris)

### New Leaflets and Posters

#### **Top tips for top kids – change 4 life**

This new leaflet from the Department of Health has been put together by health professionals and will help your kids to eat well, move more and live longer. It has the following eight tips, sugar swaps, meal time, me size meals, snack check, 5 a day, cut back fat, 60 active minutes and up and about.

#### **Frank – Gases, glues and aerosols – is your child at risk, what every parent needs to know**

This leaflet from Frank gives information about what products can be inhaled, who is a typical user, why do young people try volatile substances, the effects and dangers, signs to look for, what to do in an emergency and information and support.

**Do you think you are ready for sex?** A5 quiz and credit card. Produced by 4YP Bristol, includes a quiz to help young people make decisions about sex.

#### **Do you think you are ready for sex?/Emergency after sex contraception – A4**

Two posters produced by 4YP Bristol. They provide information about help lines and web addresses.

#### **Saturated fat made simple**

Part of the food standards agency's new campaign and gives advice on which foods contain high amounts of saturated fat as well as providing tips on how to read food labels and how to cut down on fat.

### New Resources Available for Loan

#### **Drugs and Alcohol – DVD**

This DVD contains the following 4 films:-

- **Drugs ...A simple choice? (All Ages)** This film interviews three young drug users and includes dramatic reconstructions of events they describe.
- **Have a good time (age 10+)** This film revolves around a disco that goes wrong, although it shows the consequences of alcohol it does not 'preach' 'talk down' or say 'don't drink' which often put off teenagers.
- **Alcohol in the dock (age 12+)**  
This video was produced by young people to encourage discussion about the pros and cons of alcohol in our society. It's divided into 4 sections, the first three look at different aspects of alcohol use and the final section is a series of comments by young people that can be used to open up further areas for debate.
- **Learning together** - This film is about parents coming in to school and working along side their children as a means to introduce drug education at key stage one and two.

### **My pregnancy my choice**

This teaching pack aims to provide easy words and pictures guide to pregnancy and birth. It will support parents with learning difficulties and parents who find reading hard, to make choices about their pregnancy.

You can find **further information** by regularly visiting the **new resources section** of our website [http://www.avon.nhs.uk/kris/Resources/whats\\_new.htm](http://www.avon.nhs.uk/kris/Resources/whats_new.htm)

### **Library and Information Resources**

We can help you find the latest evidence to ensure your practice is evidence based and references for your assignments or essays with our literature searching service. We can also set up a regular search so that you are kept up to date with all the latest information on your topic of interest. To find out more about how useful these can be to you contact Jason Ovens

### **NHS Athens account improvements**

#### **Improvements include:**

- Ability to sign-in with either your user name or your registered NHS Athens account e-mail address
- Ability to recover forgotten passwords more easily
- Automatic notification by email 28 days before your account expires
- Ability to make an online request to renew your account (although renewal is not an automatic process)

#### **Also new:**

The Athens login on the National Library for Health (NLH) website has been relocated to the top right corner, providing a consistent place for login/logout. The NLH header now links to access to a new My Account page, which gives information about your account and provides links to change your registered organisation (e.g. if you move from one Trust to another,). You can also change your email address and/or password.

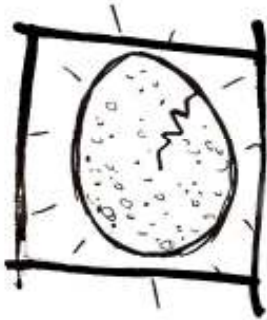
For **further information** please contact either:

**Wendy Lucking** on: **0117 9595463** or email: [wendy.lucking@nhs.net](mailto:wendy.lucking@nhs.net)

**Jason Ovens** on: **0117 9002568** or email: [jason.ovens@nhs.net](mailto:jason.ovens@nhs.net)

Avon Wildlife Trust

## Willsbridge Mill Environmental Education Centre April - May 09 Events

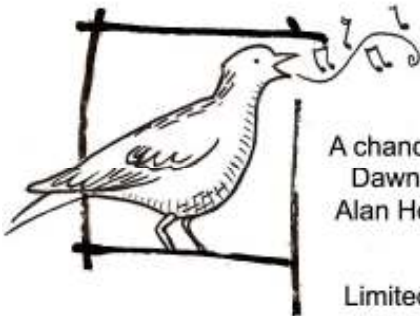


### Eggstravaganza

Wednesday 8 April  
10.30 - 12.30 pm or 1.30 - 3.30 pm

Eggsplore Willsbridge Valley Nature Reserve in search of eggs with eggciting facts on an easter holiday treasure hunt. Become an eggspert learning more about birds and their fascinating egg laying habits. Birdbox making and bird food 'cooking'!

£6/child (4yrs plus) £4/AWT members, Adults FREE



### Up with the Lark

Sunday 10 May  
4.30 - 6.30 am

A chance for early birds to hear the open air concert at sunrise. Dawn Chorus walk in the depths of Willsbridge Valley led by Alan Hewitt. Warm up afterwards with breakfast in the mill café.

£10 incl breakfast (£8 members)

Limited places, please phone to book: tel 0117 9177270



### Flower Power

Wednesday 27 May  
10.30 - 12.30 pm or 1.30 - 3.30 pm

A family week event. Get groovy about growing - make recycled plant pots and sow seeds. Paper making using colourful petals from the spring flowers in the Wildlife Garden. Play the Busy Bee game. Storytelling too.

£6/child (4yrs plus) £4/AWT members, Adults FREE



## Contact

registered charity number 280422

## Volunteering at Willsbridge Mill

Either visit the events or why not think about volunteering at the centre! They offer a range of volunteering opportunities from leading school visits to helping with events alongside their regular practical conservation volunteering programme. For further information either visit the trust website: [www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk) or ring Ruth Worsley, Community Education Officer: **0117 932 6885**, email: [ruthworsley@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:ruthworsley@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk)

**Mill room hire:** The historic corn mill and adjacent long barn which is used for the school visit and events programme is also available for hire for training days, agms or even private parties! Details on website.

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## Voluntary Voices

How can we reduce current barriers to accessing services and improving health?  
How can we help people prepare and cope with the key transitions in life (child to adult, work to retirement, new parenthood, becoming a carer)?  
How can we use the answers to the first two questions to reduce inequalities?

Will the individuals you work with be affected by the answers to any of the above? Join us to find out more and how you can influence the answers.

The next South Gloucestershire **Voluntary Sector Forum** meeting is on Monday **27 April, 2.00pm – 4.00pm** at the Greenfield Centre, Winterbourne. The main business of the day will be a **presentation** by **Mike Hennessey** on the **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment** which aims to bring together all of the important information on the health and social care needs of local residents to help the NHS South Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire Council and others to plan for the future. Its core purpose is to inform the planning of health and social care services, including preventing ill health and promoting wellbeing.

There will also be an **update on the Local Area Agreement** in the areas of “An Environment for a Thriving 3rd Sector” and “Participation in Regular Volunteering” and the opportunity to raise any other issues of concern.

All members of voluntary and community groups in South Gloucestershire are welcome – volunteers, staff and trustees. Please contact Gillian Graham to register your interest:

**Gillian Graham**  
**CVS South Gloucestershire Voluntary Sector Forum**  
**01454 865205**

## Training

### What are 'Outcomes'? And why do I need to know about them?

#### Outcomes Training

A one day course for voluntary and community groups covering:

- Understanding outcomes
- How to use outcomes in your own organization
- Monitoring outcomes

Details of 'outcomes' are increasingly required by funders as evidence of activity and in bid proposals – they are also a useful way for organizations to monitor their work and the impact it has.

Tuesday **31 March**, Chipping Sodbury, 9.45am – 4.00pm Free (including lunch)  
Numbers are limited to 10 so **booking for this course is essential**.

For further information and to book a place contact Gillian Graham: **01454 865205** or email [gillian.graham@cvs-sg.org.uk](mailto:gillian.graham@cvs-sg.org.uk)



South Gloucestershire

### Health Inequalities Small Grants Programme

#### EVALUATION WORKSHOP

**Wednesday 29th April 2009**

09:30am – 13:30pm (includes lunch)

@ The Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre

Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, South Gloucestershire, BS32 8HL



This half-day workshop forms part of NHS South Gloucestershire's Health Inequalities Small Grants Programme. For those **projects who were awarded grants on the 2008/09 programme**, this half-day workshop will offer simple and accessible tips for evaluating your work in the most efficient and meaningful way.

To book a place on this workshop please contact:

**Jackie Goss** on: **0117 3302476** at NHS South Gloucestershire, 8 Brook Park, Folly Brook Lane, Emersons Green, BS16 7FL, or by email:

[jacqueline.goss@sglos-pct.nhs.uk](mailto:jacqueline.goss@sglos-pct.nhs.uk)

### Trustees/Management Committee Members Needed



**Survive** provides high quality services to women and children affected by domestic violence in South Gloucestershire and Bristol. We are looking for trustees (women only - section 7 sex discrimination act applies) to join

our well established Board. If you are interested in being involved with a dynamic agency and taking on a leadership role to support strategic and service development we would like to hear from you. Survive is committed to equal opportunities in all aspects of our work and we're particularly keen to increase representation of key groups – these include disabled women, women from black and minority ethnic groups and lesbian and bi-sexual women. Full support in the role of trustee is provided including training, and reimbursement of expenses in return for your time and commitment. If you would like to know more please contact our Chief Executive, **Dawn Taylor** on: **0117 961 2999** or [dawn@survivedv.org.uk](mailto:dawn@survivedv.org.uk). Or visit: [www.survivedv.org.uk](http://www.survivedv.org.uk) Charity no. 1114005

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### Do you like meeting new people & have a little time to spare?

**Friends of Kingswood Park** are currently looking for new members, especially people who will promote the work of the group in the Kingswood area by visiting schools, local clubs and community groups. A volunteer is also needed to develop a programme of activities for the Park in partnership with other groups.

Friends of Kingswood Park are a group of local residents working to develop the Park to be a centre of the community. They aim to enable as wide a group of people as possible to gain access to a safe & pleasant outdoor environment, to provide a focus for outdoor activities for the whole of the Kingswood community and to encourage local people to use & take pride in their park. For more information about the group and the volunteer opportunities, contact the Secretary **Di Block** on: **0117 909 8275** or email: [dynamight\\_block@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dynamight_block@yahoo.co.uk)

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**Project 97** is a small charity situated in Kingswood offering advice, information and counselling to young people aged 11 – 25. The project helps the most vulnerable young people who do not access other services. We are seeking motivated and talented people to join our existing team of trustees. The minimum commitment required involves attendance at, and participation in monthly trustee meetings. Further involvement, such as work on funding, finance, recruitment, equalities, service delivery and strategy development is by agreement only. We particularly welcome someone with fundraising experience. Expenses can be agreed. FFI: call **Mary Hirst**, on: **01454 862231** or email [projectninetyseven@yahoo.com](mailto:projectninetyseven@yahoo.com)

## Funding news

### Survive and Thrive

#### Five Top tips to deal with economic uncertainty:

- 1. Have a diverse range of income streams**  
by exploring all the available income options, you can set up a more secure range of funding for your work.
- 2. Strengthen key relationships**  
ensure that you are responding to the needs of the people that use your services and products. Be clear with your funders what they want from you and what you can provide. Find out more about collaborative working.
- 3. Focus on your mission**  
concentrate on your core business and make sure your organisation is doing what it is best at.
- 4. Tighten up financial systems**  
make sure that you have an accurate picture of income, cash flow and costs so you can quickly address any issues.
- 5. Plan for the future**  
rapid economic change can provide opportunities as well as threats. Ensure your organisation thinks about what is coming and has planned accordingly.

From NCVO (The National Council for Voluntary Organisations):  
[www.ncvo-vol.org.uk](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk)

## Funding Sources

### The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic of Ireland working in this field. The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. They will consider projects working with children or adults. They offer a **General Grants** programme under which they will consider funding capital and revenue costs, specific projects and general running/core costs. Grants are awarded for amounts **from £250** and depend on a number of factors including the purpose, the total funding requirement and the potential sources of other funds including, in some cases, matching funding. Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity.

In addition to the main grants programme, the Fund also operates a programme for **small grants** and research grants. They provide small grants (**under £4,000**) which are considered by the Trustees ahead of the main meetings in June and December. The applicant will be notified, in writing, of the outcome of the application. Applications for small grants are made in the same way as general grants

**Meetings and Deadlines:** Meetings of the Trustees are usually held in June and early December each year and applications should therefore be submitted no later than **1<sup>st</sup> May** or **1<sup>st</sup> October** for consideration at the next relevant meeting. Following the meeting all applicants are contacted formally to advise on the status of their application.

They advise groups to submit their application whenever they are ready, rather than waiting for the deadline.

FFI: Fund Administrator, Mrs Kerry Webbe, on: **01582 439225**, email: [info@bailythomas.org.uk](mailto:info@bailythomas.org.uk), or visit: [www.bailythomas.org.uk](http://www.bailythomas.org.uk)

### **BT Community Connections**

British Telecom has announced that it will be launching the 2009 Community Connections Awards on the 17th March 2009. BT Community Connections has been run by BT's Corporate Responsibility Unit since 2000. The scheme targets community and voluntary groups that could benefit from internet access and ICT but don't necessarily have the resources. Through the scheme, community groups can apply for the award's package that consists of:

- A multi-media internet-ready computer
- A contribution towards one year's broadband internet access through BT Total Broadband
- A Community website.

The package is valued at £1,300. Since the launch of the awards, it is estimated that Community Connections has enabled over 5,000 groups to get online including silver surfers, playgroups, out of school clubs, pre-schools, cultural groups, local environmental initiatives and youth sports organisations.

Award packages will be issued over two rounds. Applicants must ensure their application is submitted prior to the relevant closing date:

#### **Round One Deadlines**

Postal applications: **9<sup>th</sup> June 2009**; online applications: **11<sup>th</sup> June 2009**;

Award delivery: 17 August – 11 September 2009

#### **Round Two Deadlines**

Postal applications: 5 January 2010; online applications: 7 January 2010;

Award delivery: 15 March – 9 April 2010

FFI: By phone: **0845 257 6792**, email: [info@btcommunityconnections.com](mailto:info@btcommunityconnections.com), or visit: [www.btcommunityconnections.com](http://www.btcommunityconnections.com)

## Community Sustainable Energy Programme

Not for profit organisations such as community groups, charities, schools, colleges and faith groups, etc are being invited to apply for funding to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation). Under the new Community Sustainable Energy programme £8 million will be available for the installation of microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures (Capital grants) and £1 million for project development grants. The **maximum Capital grant** available is **£50,000** or 50% of the project costs. The **maximum project development grant** is **£5,000** or 75 per cent of the study cost – whichever is lower. The funding programme is being managed by the Building Research Establishment on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's "Changing Spaces" Programme. Project development grants (for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the technologies) will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are spent. Capital grants will be awarded on a competitive basis at quarterly selection panel meetings. The next **Capital Grant** application **deadlines** are the **1st May 2009** (for selection panel meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>), **7<sup>th</sup> August** (for selection panel meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>), **30<sup>th</sup> October** (for selection panel meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>).

FFI: call the Changing Spaces helpline on: **0845 3 671 671**, email:

[info@communitysustainable.org.uk](mailto:info@communitysustainable.org.uk), or visit:

[www.communitysustainable.org.uk](http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk)

## ECOMINDS

Mind (the national mental health charity) will fund groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as community horticultural and agricultural projects, improving and creating open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art, graffiti removal projects and recycling. **Funded through** the Big Lottery Fund's **Changing Spaces** programme, Ecominds will have £7.5 million to distribute to approximately 125 new and existing projects around England over the next five years. To be eligible for funding projects must: Have both a mental health and environmental perspective; Involve people with direct experience of mental distress; Encourage community access, collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability; Have a budget of under £250,000. Ecominds does accept applications from schools and colleges or from student groups set up within them so long as the applicants are a formally constituted group with an accountable management structure. Ecominds might consider funding environmental activity within a school such as establishing a sensory garden or a wildlife habitat which is not central to their budgets. Applications can be made at any time.

FFI: call the Changing Spaces advice line on **08453 671 671**, or visit:

[www.ecominds.org.uk](http://www.ecominds.org.uk)

### **The Friends Provident Foundation**

The Friends Provident Foundation makes **grants of up to £200,000** to not-for profit organisations for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The funding is distributed through the Financial Inclusion Programme 2007 – 2009. The Foundation will consider applications for work that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs. The Foundation is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable. Actions previously supported through the Foundation include:

- Making money management advice available to young people via mobile phones and interactive digital TV
- A research project to look at the difficulties that people with a learning disability are having in gaining access to banking services.
- The Schools project; a project that is aimed at encouraging households, particularly young people, to join the credit union and start saving. It will provide financial literacy and budgeting sessions as well as access to ethnical and affordable loans and money advice. The project aims to establish at least 36 credit union collection points in schools in the most deprived parts of Sheffield and train new volunteers to run them and signpost people to other services

Two stage application process: Stage One – A proposal on no more than two sides of A4, typed in font no smaller than 12 point, accompanied by their registration form which captures full contact details. The proposal should describe very briefly who you are, what you want to do, and why. It must make clear what how the proposed work will make a strategic contribution to the overall goal of greater financial inclusion in the UK. The next **closing date** for applications is the **10th July 2009**.

FFI: Call: **0845 26 83388** (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm)

Email: [foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk](mailto:foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk) or visit:

[www.friendsprovident.com/foundation](http://www.friendsprovident.com/foundation)

### **The Lefevre Trust**

The Lefevre Trust provides funding of **up to £10,000** to support innovative projects between young people in France and the UK. It aims to improve understanding between the UK and France by enabling young people to visit a partner group and further develop a joint venture. Funding is available for groups of young people from across the UK and France. All groups are eligible to apply; youth groups, extra-curricular clubs, sports teams, school groups, theatre troupes, arts organisations and so on. Applications for funding are accepted from the formal and non-formal education sector across the UK for young people aged 11-19. Grants will be awarded to cover mobility costs of both one-way and reciprocal visits to France and its overseas departments that form part of a bilateral project. Projects must have specific aims and activities and work have a central theme,

for example: language learning; culture and the arts; energy and the environment; science and technology; citizenship, etc.

Successful projects will receive grants to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence. Three levels of grants are available: Up to £5,000 for one-way UK-France visits; Up to £10,000 for reciprocal visits between Metropolitan France and the UK; Up to £10,000 for one-way or reciprocal UK – French départements d'outre-mer visits.

Application deadlines: **15<sup>th</sup> May 2009**, for activity in summer 2009 onwards; October 2009 (date TBC), for activity starting 2010

FFI: [stephen.hull@britishcouncil.org](mailto:stephen.hull@britishcouncil.org) , call: **020 7389 4665**, or visit:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-france-lefevre-trust.htm>

### **Paul Hamlyn Foundation Education and Learning Open Grants Scheme**

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is currently accepting applications under its Education and Learning programme. In particular, the Foundation is looking to fund projects that promote innovation and change in the areas of supplementary education, tackling school exclusion and truancy and developing speaking and listening skills for 11-19 year olds. Eligible organisations that can apply for funding include charities, local authorities individual pre-schools, schools, out-of-school clubs, supplementary schools, colleges and youth clubs if they demonstrate benefits to the wider community and include partnership working that will result in increasing access to education and learning to all communities and age groups. The costs that can be covered by the Foundation's grants include running costs such as staff salaries and overheads such as stationery, rent, rates and utilities. In 2007-08 the Foundation made 51 grants under our Education and Learning Open Grants Scheme. The average grant was £60,000 and grants ranged in size from **£5,000** to **£300,000**. Applications can be made at any time.

FFI: call: **020 7227 3500**, email: [information@phf.org.uk](mailto:information@phf.org.uk) , or visit: [www.phf.org.uk](http://www.phf.org.uk)

### **The Tree Council**

The Tree Council, has announced that its Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools grant making programmes are now open for applications. Funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. The Tree Council's **National Tree Week** (this year from **25<sup>th</sup> November to 6<sup>th</sup> December**) is the focus for these projects and successful applicants organise their planting events in conjunction with the annual celebration of the new tree planting season. The Tree Council are able to fund projects between **£100** and **£700** and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation. The **closing date** is the **31st May 2009**.

FFI: call **020 7407 9992**, email: [info@treecouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@treecouncil.org.uk) , or visit

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