



Funding Newsletter

The Berkshire East Funding Project is working across East Berkshire “*supporting the voluntary and community sector in obtaining funding*”

News! The team have been busy helping local community and voluntary groups research grant streams, giving advice and running workshops in the three local authority areas. There have been successes and here are a two good news stories. Please do let us know how you get on with your applications.



Pilgrim Hearts

is based in Berkshire providing creative arts workshops, training for volunteers and groups working with vulnerable adults. **The Anchor Foundation** has given a grant of £2,000 to Pilgrim Hearts to help fund their Bottle Top Project. The Bottle Top refers to the humble bottle top which holds the contents in place and has great value though is seen as expendable. Without it the product is of little use. The funding is needed to set up this project and initiate an opening cycle leading to a public performance. It is envisaged that a touring group of people will emerge from this and in time be able to cascade their skills and advice to others who come after it.

Elaine Chalmers-Brown said “Those taking part will take a series of 8 week training courses in Theatre and Arts performance related activities until they are ready to progress to further 8 week course to prepare a play or work for public performance. The staffing will be by the Pilgrim Hearts core team plus professional actors to lead the main roles and assist in master classes beforehand. These courses are designed to enhance the social skills and life skill of those participating and are a natural follow on from our current and previous work with those on the edge.”



YT180 (You turn 180°)

This is a youth project helping disaffected young people turn their lives around. At the Funding Fair on 29 September at Windsor Racecourse Adrian Laws for YT180 won the £500 Pitch to Win as reported in our last newsletter. YT180 are part of Lion Community a registered charity. Lion work with all age groups by way of life coaching, mentoring and counselling. Lion have been delivering a project called “Leap” for Connections to four schools in Berkshire namely The Brakenhale School and Easthampstead Park Community School in Bracknell, Wexham in Slough and Prospect Secondary School in Reading.

Adrian said “Our aim through this project is to reach disengaged and disaffected young people who are bordering on expulsion from their schools. Many of these young people have issues with conflict, communication, self esteem, drink/drugs, self harming and bereavement. The list is longer and for many just the tip of the iceberg, as with an iceberg you only see 10% the rest is hidden beneath the surface. We as a team use interactive material from the movies, YouTube, media to provoke discussion. From this we are able to reach before we even consider teaching; we encourage the young people to shed the labels that have been applied to them over the years and work with them to find new ways of looking at life, education, teachers, parents and authority. We work on rules and boundaries, forgiveness, conflict management, team building, dreams, goal setting, planning for their future and dealing with personal issues and trauma that maybe the catalyst to their behaviour.

We have seen an amazing break through in the turn around of these young people, to see them believing they have talents, are unique and can through a plan and hard work achieve anything they put their mind and efforts too. It is so inspiring, rewarding and a genuine privilege to witness these changes. I had never attended a funding fair before as we had never faced the issue of funding being removed, with the savage cuts that we are all facing this has happened hence I came to the seminar. Obviously receiving £500 for a successful pitch was awesome, more importantly the chance to network and meet others was inspiring and really encouraging. We believe our work is so needed and will not rest as our aim is to extend through Berkshire and beyond offering our course to other schools.

Lastly I and the rest of the YT180 team would like to extend our appreciation to the organisers of an excellent event and would encourage others to attend any future fairs as they are a definite benefit.”

This picture shows Adrian Laws receiving the winning cheque for £500 for the ‘Pitch to Win’ from Councillor Asghar Majeed, Deputy Mayor of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead at the Funding Fair in September.



Areas of need in East Berkshire?

Funding needs in East Berkshire: Often funders ask applicants what need there is in East Berkshire, thinking it is a pretty affluent area. Amongst those areas of affluence are real areas of needs in the community. The Berkshire Community Foundation has just produced its latest hidden needs survey, here is a summary of some of the problems the voluntary sector will undoubtedly tackle in the three boroughs. Why not use some of these findings in applications to show there is a need. The full survey can be downloaded at www.berkshirecf.org



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
WINDSOR AND
MAIDENHEAD

Windsor & Maidenhead Population (2008): 142,800

Areas of concern are: Longevity will increase strain on health and social services; lack of affordable housing; access to services & transport particularly for lone parents; areas of unemployment; significant levels of crime; significant levels of personal debt; substance abuse and disability .



Slough Population (2008): 121,200

Areas of concern are: Longevity will increase strain on health and social services; high levels of multiple deprivation; some communities; characterised by lower incomes; poor living environments; High unemployment; poor health; disability; high levels of substance abuse; significant and increasing proportion of black and minority ethnic groups; asylum seekers and refugees; highest average household size in the UK; Lack of affordable housing, especially amongst minority ethnic communities; high levels of crime; education, skills & training; high unemployment in some wards and Not in Education Employment or Training (NEETs)



Bracknell Forest Population (2008): 114,700

Areas of concern are: longevity will increase strain on health and social services; areas of unemployment; people on benefits; lack of affordable housing; access to services; significant levels of personal debt; substance abuse; disability; people with no qualifications; young people's education and Not in Education Employment or Training (NEETs)

“Winning Contracts Training and Support Programme—Year 2 2010-11

Intermediate Level - “Successful Tendering” Two days training will run across East Berkshire. This seminar goes through the pre-qualification process highlighting mistakes which may lead to exclusion during this process, examining the information required in the tender itself for successful budgeting and cash flow.

Bracknell Forest	6 and 13 January 2010	The Grange Hotel, Charles Square, Bracknell RG12 1DF
www.befp-training-successtendering2.eventbrite.com		
Slough	20th and 27th January 2011	The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough SL1 4UT
www.befp-training-successtendering3.eventbrite.com		

“Demonstrating Value” One day course 16 December 2010, this is for all groups in East Berkshire at St Mary's Church Hall, St Mary's Close, Maidenhead SL6 1YY. Booking details: www.befp-training-demonvalue.eventbrite.com

Other specialist courses will be arranged on subject areas such as:

Legal issues of contracts · How do I cost a project · Financial Management

These will be based on demand shown by participants on other courses for this material.

Mentoring and 1:1 work

Intelligent Bidding & Monitoring Health Check acts as a training option for both groups and at an individual level. Please do ask Dave for this support. Both individuals and groups are able to access two to four in depth sessions. Available across East Berkshire. Please do contact Dave for information, his contact details are below.

Tender Aid: sessions for those providers who are responding to live tenders following the Comprehensive Spending Review on all themes.

Peer Mentoring – staff from larger organisation and those who have experience of tendering will mentor those doing it for 1st time. Available East Berks wide.

For further details of all these opportunities please do contact Dave Furze, Procurement Implementation Officer

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Funding Opportunities

Comic Relief Funding - applications are welcome from the voluntary and community sector throughout the UK including: constituted voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, faith organisations and community interest companies. Comic Relief have selected a number of focus areas for 2009—2012. These are mental health, domestic and sexual abuse, refugee and asylum seeking women, sport for change, young people aged 11– 25, young people facing sexual exploitation or trafficking, young people with alcohol problems, young people with mental health problems, local communities (managed by the Community Foundation Network) and older people. They can give grants for running costs and capital costs. However they give building costs a very low priority, and only fund these in exceptional circumstances. For more information about the levels of grant that can be applied for please see their website: www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant.uk **Deadline:** 7 January 2011 for four of the above, for Older People and Sport for Change both have a first stage deadline of 17 December 2010.



Awards for All England

AWARDS FOR ALL

This is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000. The Awards for All programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. They want to meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- * People have better chances in life - with better access to training and development to improve their life skills.
- * Stronger communities - with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems.
- * Improved rural and urban environments - which communities are better able to access and enjoy.
- * Healthier and more active people and communities.

The application form is short and simple. The completed form can be emailed to them. You will find out if you are successful within six weeks. Full details are on: www.awardsforall.org.uk/england or you can phone: 0845 4 10 20 30



Berkshire Community Foundation

There is a small amount of Grassroots funding left in Windsor & Maidenhead area, please contact Rachel Hughes at Berkshire Community Foundation if you are a group working in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead meeting the Grassroots Grant criteria, any grant awarded would need to be spent by 31st March 2011. Rachel can be contacted on 0118 930 3021 or email at rachel.hughes@berkshirecf.org



Managed by the Community Development Foundation
Funded by the Office of the Third Sector



The Transition Fund

has been now been launched. This £100m fund was announced in the spending review and seeks to help small and medium-sized charities in England most vulnerable to short-term reductions in public spending. It is being administered by the Big Fund (the non-lottery funding arm of the Big Lottery Fund). For more details on the fund visit the Big Fund's Transition Funds at: www.biglotteryfund/transitionfund



The fund will be available to charities, social enterprises and community interest companies that find themselves in difficulties as a result of the public spending cuts, and can make a good case for transitional support to help them develop a new business model. Organisations need to be spending at least 50 per cent of their total income delivering specified frontline public services.

To qualify for funding any organisation will have received at least 60% of its income from 'taxpayer funded' sources and have an income between £50,000 and £10 million. Our understanding is that taxpayer-funded means funds raised by taxation. It excludes income from the Big Lottery Fund, although we are awaiting clarification on this.

Organisations will need to have evidence, or reasonably believe that, between April 2011 and March 2012, they will experience a reduction of at least 30 per cent or £25,000, whichever is greater, of the taxpayer-funded income that they receive for the delivery of the services. Organisations can only apply if their free reserves could pay for their expenditure for no more than six months. You can find the full details of eligibility criteria on the Big Fund's website.



Have you been inspired by this year's People's Millions?

Got a great idea for a project to inspire your community? Want to involve local people working together to tackle a problem? The Jubilee People's Millions could be the answer! The Big Lottery Fund and ITV, with the approval of Buckingham Palace, will be helping to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 with 60 Lottery grants. Community groups will be able to apply for up to £60,000 from a total of £3.6million. The funded projects will inspire, involve or improve the local communities they live in. Finalists will be showcased on ITV regional news when the public will vote for the projects they want to receive the Lottery funding. If you are interested in applying to this programme please visit www.peoplesmillions.org.uk or call 0845 010 11 12. Groups have until **midday on 4 February 2011** to get their entries in. The winning projects will be awarded the funding in summer 2011, in order to be up and running in time for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee year in 2012.



LandAid's Annual Grants Programme is inviting applications for projects which help disadvantaged or homeless people, especially the young. They will be awarding grants between £5,000 and £25,000 for projects which assist in meeting accommodation needs, refurbish or renew facilities, or deliver training, life skills or other educational programmes. Deadline 31 January 2011.

New Workshops 2011



We are working on the programme for the funding workshops for 2011. These will be half day events and more information will follow shortly. At the moment the provisional dates are:

Tuesday 22 February 2011 in Bracknell

Thursday 12 May 2011 in Windsor

Thursday 17 November 2011 in Slough

On **6 April 2011** we are looking to run an event 'Meet the Funder' where you can book a 10 minute slot to talk to individual funders. More details to follow soon.

The Funding Fair for 2011 will be held on Wednesday 28 September 2011

TRUSTS DIRECTORIES



These directories have information about grant making trusts in the UK. There are copies available at each of the offices in Bracknell, Slough and Windsor & Maidenhead. Please do come into one of the offices to have a look through these books during normal office hours.

The East Berkshire Funding Project team

Funding Advisors:

Ray Emmans is the Funding Advisor for the Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead areas. He works four days a week. Ray will be based at the Slough CVS most Tuesdays and at Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action on Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays. Ray will be available for funding advice and help on application form completion. Ray can be contacted at Slough on 01753 524176 or at Windsor on 01753 622433 or wmvafunding@hotmail.com



Carole Allen is the Funding Advisor for the Bracknell Forest area. Carole is based at the Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action offices at Amber House, Market Street, Bracknell for three days a week. Generally this is Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Carole is available for funding advice and help on application form completion. Contact her on 01344 383523 or carole.allen@bfva.org

Procurement

Dave Furze is the Procurement Implementation Officer for the project. He is based at the Slough CVS offices at Church Street, Slough and will be available generally on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dave is developing support for commissioning and procurement and working towards matching voluntary and community organisations with commissioning opportunities and potential partners. Dave can be contacted on 01753 524176 or by email to dave@sloughcvs.org.uk or 07803 897135



Further funding information: www.open4community.info/eastberkshire/ and on our websites:



Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action
Slough Council for Voluntary Services
Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action

www.bfva.org
www.sloughcvs.org.uk
www.wmva.org

