

## Voluntary groups take part in Funday Sunday



Hundreds of people turned up at Funday Sunday in March at the newly redeveloped Upton Court Park organised by Slough Borough Council and SCVS.

It was a beautiful day - many of the crowd took part in the one mile fun run and enjoyed looking around all the charity stalls which were very varied with plenty of games, food and tombola stalls.



A member of Mencap said: "We would like to thank you all for a wonderful day for the community and for all those that took the time to visit our stall."

Top left: Crowds of people at the event, top right: view of the charity stalls, Bottom left: the SCVS stall was very busy!, Bottom right: Sue from Destiny Support

The six recipient charities will be presented with their cheques at Slough CVS's AGM in July.

## Richly deserved MBE for Eleanor



Congratulations to Eleanor Cryer, Charman of Slough CVS and Chief Executive of Slough Mencap who received her MBE from the Queen at Windsor Castle in June.

Eleanor has worked in the community for 50 years. She celebrated with a party at The Pines attended by 80 guests from Slough Mencap.

## Slough CVS AGM

You are invited to Slough CVS's Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 20th July 2011  
Friends Meeting House,  
74 Ragstone Road, Slough  
Berkshire, SL1 2PX

11.30am - 1.30pm **(lunch included)**

Following the AGM and elections there will be the presentations of the Funday Sunday cheques to the six recipient groups.

Book on-line at  
[scvsagm.eventbrite.com](http://scvsagm.eventbrite.com)  
or telephone Lorna on 01753 524176.

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## Helping residents get financial assistance

Many residents find it difficult to get access to regular financial services in the high street. This may be because they don't have a bank account, they may have a poor or impaired credit rating, or they are on benefits, or are in social housing.

CSL is the Credit Union for Slough and Berkshire, it is a community based saving and loans provider, owned and operated by its members. Its aim is to help communities and does so by involving volunteers in every aspect of its operations, indeed the Board of Directors are all volunteer members.

For further information look at the website [www.cslberks.org](http://www.cslberks.org) or contact the CSL customer centre on 0118 958 5803.

## "A Day in the Life' work shadowing

A Day in the Life' is a work shadowing initiative that provides a unique opportunity for staff in government and civil society to step into each others shoes for a day and learn about how the 'other side' operates.

At a convenient time during September 2011, you will both spend a day in each other's organisation.

'A Day in the Life' is open to all voluntary and community sector staff in England. It will be particularly relevant to those who have regular contact with government departments and are looking to improve how they work with, and influence, civil servants.

To apply complete a short application form at [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/workshadowing](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/workshadowing). The closing date for applications is Friday 22 July 2011.

## Vetting and Barring

The government has taken a U-turn on plans to scale back the age limit on vetting and barring arrangements for children's professionals.

Professionals working with 16 and 17-year-olds will not be exempt from vetting arrangements. Under the Protection of Freedoms Bill the arrangements would have no longer applied to those working with only 16- and 17-year-olds. But ahead of a debate at the committee stage of the bill the government has added an amendment to keep the cut off age at 18.

Andrew Flanagan, chief executive of the NSPCC, which had lobbied for the amendment, said: "The government's amendment is absolutely right. We welcome this wholeheartedly as it will make a huge difference to the safety of young people.

[http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletin/cypnow\\_daily/article/1067841/government-makes-vetting-barring-u-turn/](http://www.cypnow.co.uk/bulletin/cypnow_daily/article/1067841/government-makes-vetting-barring-u-turn/)

## DWP bereavement service

In March 2011, the DWP Bereavement Service was fully rolled-out in England, Wales and Scotland. As well as allowing customers to report a death, they can also check their eligibility for a number of benefits and make claims for Funeral Payment or bereavement benefits, in a single phone call. Over 60% of Bereavement Service cases involve DWP customers who get more than one benefit. In 40% of cases, there is a surviving husband, wife or civil partner. Later this year, the service will be linked to the cross-government Tell us Once service.

Customers can contact the DWP Bereavement Service by calling: **0845 606 0265**

For further information visit the Directgov site [www.direct.gov.uk/death](http://www.direct.gov.uk/death)

## Meet the Funder proves a great success



Over 50 voluntary groups attended our Meet the Funder Day at the beginning of April.

Delegates were treated to four detailed presentations from the funders who were present on the day: Lloyds TSB, BBC Children in Need, BAA/Heathrow Grants and Local Giving from the Berkshire Community Foundation.

After the presentations groups were able to have one to one sessions with the funders, seeing whether they were eligible and finding out how to apply.

The feedback we received was very positive, and with quotes like: "I will definitely be applying to Children in Need now I know I our group meets the criteria" and "The one to one session was great I'm now more confident about applying."

It is hoped to run a similar event in the future.

Ray Emmans, Funding Advisor  
Ray works at Slough CVS offices on Tuesdays  
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### Slough CVS weekly e-newsletter

A weekly e-newsletter covering funding, training and news items from Slough CVS.

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## Changes to Awards for All

Following feedback from funding advisers and applicants we have made some small but important changes to our Awards for All programme:

- Groups can now apply for up to £10,000 per year as long as they only hold one Awards for All grant at a time
- Groups can apply for an existing activity if the activity hasn't taken place within three years
- An eligibility checklist is on the new application form. This will make the application process easier for applicants.
- Successful applicants that have provided a bank or building society details form in the last two years will not need to resubmit this form as long as they are using the same bank or building society account.

Please note that we will still be accepting the old application forms until the end of June 2011. The new application form and guidance notes are available from the England pages of the Awards for All website or by calling the BIG advice line on 0845 4 10 20 30.

# News from the Groups

## Celebrating heritage and culture at Slough Mela - 24th July

Summer is here and the Apna Virsa organisation, whose aims include celebrating South Asian Culture and Heritage with the larger community in Slough, will be showcasing one or two lively dance items from their advanced bhangra class at the forthcoming Slough Mela and conducting a short bhangra workshop for those of you who want to try out some steps.

Apna Virsa has delivered a variety of projects for the local community over the last few years, including workshops, courses, and events. Highlights of these include the 'Vivaah-Our Weddings' showcase in 2009 and the 'Teeyan' festival event last August which saw packed audiences at the West Wing. Additional information on these and other projects can be seen at [www.apnavirsa.org.uk](http://www.apnavirsa.org.uk).



Slough Mela is taking place on Sunday, 24th July at Upton Court Park, Upton Court Road and all are welcome to join in this fabulous summertime festival. For more information visit the mela website at: [www.slough-mela.com](http://www.slough-mela.com)

## Slough Mencap News

We would like to say thank you and congratulations to our friend Ruth Highfield who on the 17th April completed the Virgin London Marathon 2011 in 4 hours 14 mins and raised over £1400 for our organisation. Thanks also to Ruth's family, friends, sponsors and supporters for contributing to a remarkable achievement.

2011 will be an historic year for Slough Mencap as we look forward to moving into a brand new purpose built property in the heart of Slough early in 2012. As the project gets underway we will be leaving our current residence at The Phoenix Centre, Langley and operating from The West Wing Arts Centre, Stoke Road, Slough from July. Since 1952 we have had a number of premises in the area, growing in strength and number along the way and it is through the dedication of our staff and volunteers and the support of our members, families and friends throughout the years that has made this event possible.



## Volunteer Management Project

March 2011 saw the end of the one year Volunteer Management Project at Slough Volunteer Centre during which the Volunteer Centre engaged with 60 groups across Slough, developed and delivered accredited training courses and produced materials and documents to help both small and large groups manage their volunteers.

Feedback about the training was 100% positive and when asked "Will you be changing anything in your daily work following this training?", 92% of respondents agreed that they would. Participants were also asked how many people they would be sharing the information from the training with.

The Volunteer Management Project has, through Volunteer Management training, reached over 1000 volunteers in Slough with the aim of improving their volunteering experience and building a stronger Third Sector in Slough.

Though this particular project has no further funding, Volunteer Centre Slough is still able to offer training, support and advice on anything to do with Volunteer Management. Please contact Dawn at [dawn@volunteerslough.org.uk](mailto:dawn@volunteerslough.org.uk) or 01753 528632.

## Grand Reveal of first Dulux 'Lets Colour Project'

'Spud' the Dulux dog officially revealed the first Dulux 'Lets Colour' Project in the UK at The Hangout at 2 Ladbrook Road, Chalvey in May.



The local community celebrated the painting they have been doing over the last month to transform a row of drab shuttered shops into a vibrant coloured precinct with paint supplied by Dulux.

This pilot project has been organised by Groundwork Thames Valley and it is hoped its success will lead to a national partnership between Groundwork and Dulux that will not only help to bring 'colour to communities' but will also give them the skills and confidence to play an active role in improving their local environment.

Tim Knight, Groundwork Thames Valley's Director of Development says, "This pilot project has shown that a community based approach to the transformation of a public space can leave a wonderful legacy. The local shopkeepers are now keen to talk to the council about setting up a new Saturday market in the precinct, all as a direct result of the colour transformation thanks to Dulux."

Colin Young the Community Development Manager from the Slough YMCA said, "This is a great project, sponsored by one of the largest longstanding corporates in Slough. It's great to see our business colleagues supporting local communities. With the help of a vast number of our young Roma children the community have a more presentable place to meet and socialise. It was pleasing to see support from Slough and District Sports Association for the Disabled (SADSAD), Slough Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Group and the Slough Volunteer Centre all of whom gave their weekends for free."

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## Baylis girl triumphs at BAFTA

Myriam Raja, 18, one of our young filmmakers and member of the Resource Productions steering group, had the pleasure of seeing her film **Tim** selected by BAFTA1 and showcased on 17th March 2011 as part of an exciting night celebrating the work of accomplished young people.

Myriam's film, a quirky tribute to director Tim Burton, explores the power of determination when a young girl refuses to give up on the life of her dying plant. The scheme partners experienced BAFTA mentors with young talent.

"Resource Productions is hugely proud of Myriam's achievements. She has been making films with us for several years and we're sure it's only a matter of time before she's back at BAFTA collecting an award!" - Dominique Oliver, Resource Productions.



For further information about Resource Productions look at [www.resource-productions.co.uk](http://www.resource-productions.co.uk)

## Langley Park Conservation Work for Volunteers

Do you enjoy being with like-minded people, in nature, doing something worthwhile?

Help us on the first Saturday of each month to continue the upkeep of the beautiful historic Langley Park (opposite Black Park).

There are a variety of tasks, which have included cutting back the invasive Laurel in Roughground Wood, coppicing the rhododendrons, pruning the azaleas in Temple Gardens, making a beetle bank, digging out the reflection pond, and much more.

We have a very friendly, sociable, fun volunteer group where everyone is made welcome, who enjoy being healthy, spending time in nature, feel a sense of self-worth and achievement, do rewarding work and something positive for the environment, meet people and make new friends, with lots of fun and laughter.

No previous experience needed. All ages and abilities welcome. Full training given and equipment supplied.

Meet in the car park at 10am (free parking), stay for as long or little as you like or until we finish at 3pm. Bring a packed lunch and wear comfortable clothes & sturdy footwear. Drinks and biscuits (and often lovely treats!) supplied throughout the day.

[www.friendsoflangleypark.co.uk](http://www.friendsoflangleypark.co.uk)



## Freedom Programme

The FREEDOM programme is a free 12-week rolling programme. This means that you can join at any point - the benefits are the same so long as you complete 12 weeks. This is for the Asian women in the community who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse, its run in Punjabi and Urdu language.

### Freedom Programme Aims

To help women understand the beliefs held by abusive men and in so doing, recognise which of these beliefs they have shared.

-To illustrate the effects of domestic violence on children

-To assist women to recognise potential future abusers, Mr Wrong or Mr Right.

-To help women gain self-esteem and the confidence to improve the quality of their lives.

Feel free to drop in and the details are as follows:

**Venue:** 24 Hartland Close, SL1 3XT

**Date:** Every Friday

**Time:** 11.30 am

No appointments necessary but if you would like further info please call 0800 9232852.

## Help4u

Help4u is a project for over 65's and disabled people living in SL1, SL2 and SL3 area postcodes, who receive state benefits such as State pension, pension credits, Income support, Incapacity or Disability benefit, Housing Benefit etc.who would like help with tasks in their homes such as:

Moving Furniture, Building Flat pack furniture  
Mattress Turning, Getting things from the loft or high cupboards, Retrieving things lost behind furniture

Help4u is a free service operated by Slough Furniture Project. Contact 01753 692535 or 01753 577506 ask for Carol, Sue or Norma.

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## New Recipients

Parvaaz - Platinum  
Crossroads - Platinum  
Thames Valley Positive Support - Gold

For more information about **Slough Quality Protects**, please contact [jesal@sloughcvs.org.uk](mailto:jesal@sloughcvs.org.uk) or telephone 01753 524176.

## Langley Carnival

Langley Carnival will be held on Saturday 9th July at Langley Memorial Ground. The grand opening will be by the Mayor of Slough at 12 noon followed by a fancy dress competition.

The beneficiaries this year are 1st Langley Scouts, Slough Sea Cadets and Langley and Slough Blind Club.

We hope to have a walking parade from Langley Police station to the Memorial Ground. The Inspire line dancers, Swipe, Langley Sea Cadets and under 9's football will entertain in the arena during the afternoon with others to be confirmed. The police, army and hopefully the navy and fire brigade will be having stands. British Red Cross will be present if first aid is required.

Around 70 stalls will be raising money for their own charities or groups. The Scouts will be providing refreshments and a BBQ. Other stalls include tombolas, jewellery books, cakes, jams, bouncy castle etc.

If you would like to book a stall please contact the Chairman, Elizabeth Barnett on 01753 539024.

## The Muslim Inventions Fair

The Islamic Shakhsiyah Foundation is an independent primary school which has developed a unique programme of annual cross-curricular events that are open to the parents and wider public.



Over the last several years, The Islamic Shakhsiyah Foundation has held very successful Muslim Inventions Fairs in both branches of Slough and London, where children have researched and made models of Muslim Inventions, discoveries and scientific advancements made from our golden heritage.

This year, the children and teachers from Key Stage 2 of the Islamic Shakhsiyah Foundation held the 'ISF Muslim Inventions Fair 2011' in May at Slough Library, Berkshire. This was an exhibition to revive the heritage of Muslim scholars and scientists from the past and highlight their contributions to Britain and the modern world. The themes on display included: 'Astronomy and the Universe' 'Islamic Art and Architecture' 'Health and Medicine' and 'Contribution of Muslims in Britain'.

The children were able to speak confidently about their research and work to the parents and general public that came to see the exhibition. The posters were colourful and informative, and the 3D models looked wonderful. Altogether it was an enjoyable and eye-opening experience for all concerned.

## Newsline Contributions

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of Newsline. The next issue will be published in September 2011. We would be really interested to hear your news items. Please send contributions to Lorna Allen by 3rd August to [lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk](mailto:lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk) or send to Slough Council for Voluntary Service, 27 Church Street, Slough, Berks, SL1 1PL.

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# Noticeboard

## Herschel Park events

There are lots of activities at the newly restored Herschel Park, Upton Close, Slough SL1 2DT including...

**Saturday 18 June - Mini Beast Safari**  
**Wednesday 10th August - Bell Ringing**  
**Saturday 20th August - Jazz by the Lake**

Have a look at [www.slough.gov.uk](http://www.slough.gov.uk)

## Have your say and influence the health service

Delivering Inclusive Services in the NHS

An event for voluntary and community organisations and service users in East Berkshire to find out about the new NHS Equality Delivery System (EDS)

**Thursday 7th July 2011**  
**The Centre, Farnham Road, Slough, SL1 4UT**  
**9.30am - 1.00pm (lunch included)**

If you would like to attend please book on-line at [equalitydelivery.eventbrite.com](http://equalitydelivery.eventbrite.com) or telephone Lorna on 01753 524176.

The venue is fully accessible and will include a BSL interpreter. Please let us know if you have any access/dietary requirements by 30th June.

## BESBWA training

Berkshire East and South Bucks Women's Aid still have places available on their Introduction to Domestic Abuse courses over the summer. In 2010-2011, there were 3201 reported incidences of Domestic Abuse in Slough, with BESBWA supporting 802 families. These training sessions are designed to help front-line practitioners develop a greater understanding of the dynamics of domestic abuse, together with guidance on supporting disclosure and signposting options. Early intervention is key to providing the best possible support and protection to families suffering abuse in Slough.

Each place costs £35.00 and places are available for dates in July and August in Maidenhead and Slough. For more details please email: [becky@ebwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:becky@ebwomensaid.org.uk) or call 01753 549865.

We also have 6 guaranteed places in the prestigious and hugely popular British 10K run which takes places in the heart of London on Sunday 10th July 2011. With over 30,000 participants this is a truly spectacular event. To secure your place we are asking runners to commit to raise at least £100.

Please call Caroline or email [fundraising@ebwomensaid.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@ebwomensaid.org.uk)

If you are not on our mailing list and would like a copy of the Slough Community Training Partnership bulletin please contact training at Slough CVS on 01753 524176 or e-mail [mandy@sloughcvs.org.uk](mailto:mandy@sloughcvs.org.uk). Information about other courses are available at [www.sloughcvs.org.uk](http://www.sloughcvs.org.uk)

Book all Slough CVS training courses and all events on-line!

Click on [www.sloughcvs.org.uk/training](http://www.sloughcvs.org.uk/training) to book now!

Slough Community Training Partnership			
<b>First Steps to Starting a Community Group</b>	14th June	9.30am - 1.00pm	Slough CVS Free course
<b>Health and Safety at Work</b>	21st June	10.00am - 4.00pm	Slough CVS £20 fee
<b>Looking after your group's money</b>	29th and 30th June	9.30am - 12.30pm	Slough CVS Free course
<b>Safeguarding Children</b>	15th July	9.45am - 4.30pm	Slough CVS £20 fee