

The Berks East Project

a new Big Lottery funded initiative



Slough CVS, Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action and Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action have made a successful bid to Big Lottery BASIS 2 funding for a new Berks East Procurement and Funding Project supporting the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across Berks East from Autumn 2009. The project will receive funding of £349,849 over three years.

assistance in grant applications to help in their preparations for meeting the required standards in procurement processes. The procurement implementation officer will specialise in developing support for commissioning and procurement, including research, information gathering, procurement workshops and working towards matching VCS organisations with potential partners and commissioning prospects.

The project has two aims –



To meet the key priority to improve the infrastructure support in the form of a more effective, structured funding support service for VCS organisations in East Berkshire.



To significantly increase the number of Statutory Sector Commissioning contracts successfully tendered for by frontline VCS organisations in East Berkshire.

The funding will support three new posts to achieve these aims - two part time funding advisors and one part time procurement implementation officer.

The project will provide a comprehensive advisory service covering funding opportunities available to VCS organisations, from one-to-one

Slough CVS will be the lead agency for this project, working in close collaboration with partners in Bracknell Forest and Windsor & Maidenhead.

SLOUGH CVS AGM

You are invited to Slough Council for Voluntary Service's Annual General Meeting on

**Tuesday 21st July 2009
Vikram's Occasions Palace,
15 - 23 Church Street, Slough, Berkshire,
SL1 1PL
11.30am – 2.00pm**

Find out what impact Slough CVS has made to the community over the last year and about the new developments for the coming year. Lunch will be provided.

Please let us know if you are able to attend by calling 01753 524176 or e-mailing mandy@sloughcvs.org.uk

Threshold Changes: Accounting and Reporting

The Government Response to the joint Commission/Office of the Third Sector consultation on financial thresholds has been published.

Essentially, it explains the Government's agreement to making some key changes to current thresholds in the Charities Acts and their decision to reject two of the consultation's original recommendations. The most significant changes are:

threshold for submission of annual accounts and Trustees Annual Report (TAR) to be raised from £10,000 to £25,000.

threshold for requiring accounts to be externally examined to be raised from £10,000 to £25,000

threshold for preparation of accruals accounts to be raised from £100,000 to £250,000

Taken from the Charity Commission website
www.charitycommission.gov.uk

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www.mediatrust.org/media-matching



Real Help for Communities:
Modernisation Fund

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In February 2009 the Cabinet Office announced Real Help for Communities: an Action Plan including a series of new funding programmes targeted at managing the impact of the recession on the third sector.

The Modernisation Fund is focused on helping organisations that are providing services to those worst hit by the recession. The funding will be targeted at helping these organisations overcome barriers to collaboration and merger, or take other steps to adapt to the recession.

It will comprise a mix of grant and loan funding delivered by Capacitybuilders and Futurebuilders.

£1,000 bursaries and grants of up to £10,000 will be distributed by Capacitybuilders from June, targeted at third sector organisations providing services to those worst hit by the recession.



Loans of £30,000 or over will be distributed by Futurebuilders to third sector organisations with existing plans for mergers and collaboration.



Further details at <http://www.modernisation-fund.org.uk>

Slough Borough Council Grants - Small Grants

Size of grants available: maximum of £2,000

This fund relates to the priorities of Slough's Sustainable Community Strategy, Proud to be Slough, which sets out a twenty year vision for the town. The fund is especially targeted at organisations supporting people who are facing disadvantage, discrimination or deprivation with an annual income of less than £20,000 are eligible to apply. The funding applied for must be in the interests of Slough and bring direct benefit to the town and/or its residents.

To apply contact Slough Borough Council's Voluntary Sector Team on 01753 875597 or e-mail surinder.jassal@slough.gov.uk

Deadlines:

- Monday 13th July 2009
- Monday 26th October 2009
- Monday 15th February 2010

Slough Borough Council Grants - Youth Opportunity Fund

Are you a young person aged 13+ living or attending school/college in Slough?

Do you have a great idea for a new activity or a way to improve young people's facilities in your area?

If the answer is yes but you need MONEY to do it...then you may be able to receive funding from the Youth Opportunity and/or Youth Capital Funds.

www.sloughchildrenstrust.org.uk/young-people

email:

youthopportunityfund@slough.gov.uk

Text 07776461845 or call 01753 477333

East Berkshire Funding Fair

Slough Council for Voluntary Service, Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action and Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action are holding the East Berkshire Funding Fair on Wednesday 30th September at Windsor Racecourse from 9.30am - 3.00pm.

Increase your chances of a successful funding bid by finding out about national and local funding programmes and funders' criteria. This year the Funding Fair welcomes the Big Lottery Fund, Children In Need, Lloyds TSB Foundation and Berkshire Community Foundation.

The day will comprise of workshops, stands, a funding masterclass, time to network with other groups and funders over lunch, useful information and an opportunity to book a one-to-one session with a funder or development worker.

For further information or to book contact Lorna or Carmel on 01753 524176 or e-mail lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk or carmel@sloughcvs.org.uk

Grassroots Workshop at Slough CVS

23rd June, 10.30am
Resource Room, Slough CVS

Berkshire Community Foundation (BCF) will be coming to Slough CVS to give a Grassroots Grants presentation run specifically for groups with a annual turnover of under £30,000.

If your group already has a project in mind, BCF officers and Slough CVS Development Workers will be available to help to complete the application form.

To book a place contact Lorna on 01753 219114/524176 or e-mail lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk.

News from the Groups



Swipe Out!

Swipe has had a busy time with five events in under four weeks.

The Swipe Weekender saw two consecutive nights of live music at the Haymill Centre. Friday Night was Freehersal™ Open Jam Night with bands and solo artists taking part in an open Jam session with all styles of music followed by "Saturday Night is Band Night" a night of planned Bands each having a 45 minute set.

One young person said, "the best part about Freehersal™ is you never know what's going to happen until you get there"

During the night we had performances from Lizzie Massey, Relinquish, Fried Squirrel, Wilson and The Mardies.

The following week both Lizzie Massey and Fried Squirrel performed in the calmer environment of St Mary's Church showing their support for Slough's Fairtrade Event.

Organiser Kathryn Horsepool said, "they are amazing, I didn't realize the young people were going to be so talented, they played Kings of Leon my favourite!"

Battle of the bands involved 200 young people and was a fast moving high energy evening with an electric atmosphere to rival the best of live music venues.

Swipe also teamed up with Aik Saath for the Same Difference Film Festival. The Orchard Youth and Community Centre was transformed into a cinema showing the Jimmy Cliff film **The Harder They Come**. When the film was first shown in Kingston in 1972, it provoked riots by people unable to get into the sold-out cinema. This time it provoked much discussion amongst the attendees.

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Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust (ADCCT)

The Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust was set up in memory of our amazing son Alexander.

Alexander was diagnosed with a rare brain tumour in November 2001 at the tender age of four years.

He endured operations, treatments and chemotherapy in his four year fight against cancer, with exceptional courage and bravery, with great dignity and without complaint.

In honour of his outstanding courage and strength ADCCT has been formed to support children and their families with life limiting illnesses.

The long term aim for Alexander's Trust is to build, fund and run 'Alexander House'; a Children's Hospice in the Berkshire area, providing much needed respite care, support for families, an outreach team, and specialized palliative care.

For further information contact 0845 055 8276.



Fiona and John Devine with Sir Michael Parkinson CBE at our Lottery launch. The lottery costs £1 per week and cash prizes paid out weekly

Disability Awareness Day

Friday 26th June
10.00am - 3.00pm
Elliman Square
Queensmere Shopping Centre
Slough



2008 Disability Awareness Day photos

United Voices are leading on this year's Disability Awareness Day.

Zoe Krawczyk of United Voices is working with Mary Kelly, Slough Council for Voluntary Service, Rosa Petrucci, Slough Carers Support and Steve Wicks, Slough Borough Council, to design plan and run a whole day event on Friday 26th June at Elliman Square in the Queensmere Shopping Centre.

A range of fun activities are planned for the day. Montem Leisure will demonstrate a range of sports equipment which is suitable for disabled and able-bodied people, so there's something for everyone to enjoy. There will also be an opportunity to take part in arts workshop provided by a local professional artist, watch Tai Chi and Street Dance demonstrations and seated exercises sessions and much, much more!

A range of local organisations that support and/or provide services to disabled people, their families and friends will be there to provide information.

We look forward to seeing many of you on the day.

Mary Kelly, Community Care Development Worker, Slough CVS

Langley Carnival

Langley Carnival is being held on Saturday 11th July 2009 at Langley Memorial Park, starting at 12 noon, and will be opened by His Worship the Mayor.

3rd Upton Scouts and Slough ASD Support Group have been chosen as this year's beneficiaries. The Fancy Dress competition is returning, where children can dress up as TV characters.

Slough Young People's Centre (SYPC) are providing the entertainment for the opening ceremony. Arena events include Inspire Line Dancing, Under 9s Football, Langley Sea Cadets, 4 Paws Racing Flyball Team, The Police, Navy, Army and Fire Brigade and Uxbridge & District Classic Vehicle Society will be present.

The usual attractions will be there - Fun Fair, Ice Cream, Refreshments and all the stalls raising funds for their own Charities.

If anyone would like more information about the Carnival, please contact the Chairman, Elizabeth Barnett on 01753 539024.

If you would like to book a stall please contact the Secretary, Lilian Simmons on 01753 672885.

Slough CVS training Charges

All charities and groups based in Slough: **No Charge**, but a £50 cancellation fee will apply if less than 48hrs notice is given.

Charities outside Slough:
£60.00 per person

Slough Businesses and surrounding areas:
£60.00 per person

To receive a training bulletin e-mail
mandy@sloughcvs.org.uk

Slough Working Better

Volunteer Centre Slough (VCS) is part of an exciting new project to develop the new National Adult Careers Service called 'Slough Working Better'. Slough Borough Council was one of ten councils nationally to win the right to run this pilot and they have involved everyone locally who are helping people get into work. The main premise of the project is that there is 'No wrong door' for clients, so, wherever someone goes, they will gain access to all the support and information they need.

As one part of the project, VCS is currently recruiting and training volunteer Buddies to support others in their job search. They are working in partnership with Slough Lifelong Learning, Age Concern, Slough Libraries and local Information, Advice and Guidance Advisors to deliver this project. The first team of buddies has been trained and will be matched with clients soon. Buddies will have good communication skills, empathy for clients and an awareness of the job search process. Please contact Louise Jones at Volunteer Centre Slough for more information on 01753 528632.

Slough Surestart event

The Sure Start Information for Children and Young People Fair at The Centre in May was very popular with stands from a number of voluntary groups including Slough CVS, Volunteer Centre Slough, Citizen's Advice Slough, Crossroads, Aik Saath and Slough Furniture Project.

The Children and Young People's Service Directory, an online directory of services available in Slough was available to view. You can access it at www.sloughcypdirectory.org.uk. Details of your service for children and young people can be added on the website.

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Artsinfo goes electronic

Arts Development are launching a new artsinfo e-news bulletin to replace the paper newsletter. The new email format will enable the team to produce 12 issues a year, rather than three and will mean that information is much more up to date, as well as being more environmentally friendly by saving paper.

The team will still be seeking news and exciting stories from across the arts community in Slough and will continue to welcome submissions for each issue. If you have any submissions for the e-newsletter please continue to send them to the artsinfo editor at artsinfo.slough@talktalk.net.

If you would like to receive the artsinfo e-bulletin, please email artsinfo@slough.gov.uk or visit the Arts Development website www.artsinslough.org.uk



From left: Jesal Dhokia, SCVS, Vijaya Gupta, Smoking Cessation, Janice Haynes and Heather Allen, Citizens Advice Slough and Louise Jones, Volunteer Centre Slough

Community Champions

Louise Jones - Community Champion issue:

To address the imbalance between the Voluntary sector and the statutory sector

I would like to introduce myself as the newly elected Community Champion: 'To address the imbalance between the Voluntary sector and the statutory sector'.



We all will have had varying experiences in dealing with statutory services – much of which may have been positive. In order for me to make a difference in this role I would like to hear of your experiences and also try and address any issues that you may have come across in running voluntary and community groups in Slough.

I will be working closely with colleagues at Slough Council for Voluntary Services and together we hope to be able to address any issue raised.

There is a commitment to the work of Community Champions in Slough amongst statutory services: Ruth Bagley, Chief

Executive, Slough Borough Council supports the initiative as does Fiona Mactaggart. Fellow champions are being welcomed onto Local Strategic Partnerships so now is a good time to make ourselves heard.

I look forward to working with you all.
Louise Jones, Volunteer Centre Slough (01753 528632)

Tracey Morgan - Community Champion issue:

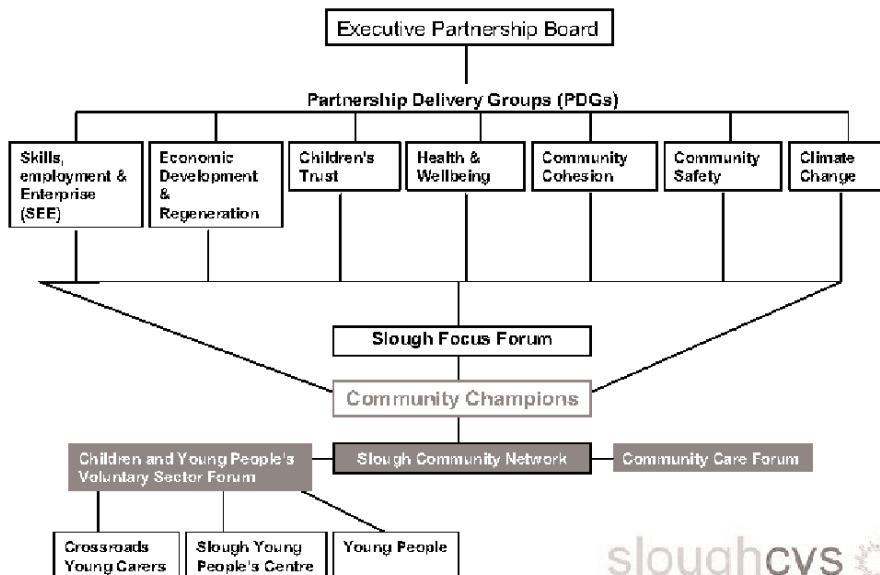
Campaign and secure an accessible, centrally located centre for older people (50+)

The Village Shopping Centre, has been confirmed as the new home for Age Concern's drop in centre in Slough.



Tracey said, "The area is going to be completely redesigned to provide excellent facilities so we can deliver vital services for Slough's older residents. We are delighted that the council has recognised the importance of retaining a town centre location for older people as part of the Heart of Slough and High Street Redevelopments. This will help to ensure that older people's contribution to the local economy will be retained in the town centre."

How the Voluntary Sector feeds into the Local Strategic Partnership



Noticeboard

FREE Workshop for Lone Parents

All workshops and courses are FREE!!
Courses will be held in Slough - please call Myra on 01753 476619 today to reserve your space!

First Aid training - Emergency Life Support	Tuesday 16th June	10:00am – 2:30pm	Thames Valley Community Centre
Customer Services Workshop	Thursday 25th June	10:00am – 3:00pm	Slough Library

Two Left Feet Dance Classes

The West Wing, Stoke Road, Slough SL2 5AY
(7.30 - 8.30pm)

15 June	Zulu
29 June	Barn Dance
13 July	Break Dancing
27 July	Ballet
10 August	Cheerleading
24 August	Waltz and Cha Cha
7 September	Street Dancing
21 September	Tai Chi

Carers Week 8th - 12th June 2009

8th June **Carers Forum and other activities**
10.00am -2.00pm Friends Meeting House,
Ragstone Road

8th-12th June **Carers information**
At Slough, Cippenham and Britwell Libraries, the reception area at Wexham Park Hospital, the Walk In Centre and Fir House at Upton Hospital

11th June **Carers Information Stand**
At Asda Supermarket

12th June **Annual Carers Lunch**
11am-2.30pm Polish Association Club,
Church Lane, Slough,
SL2 4NZ

The lunch is open to all Slough 'Carers' free of charge. Admission is by ticket from Carers UK. Contact Mrs Jean Atkins on 01753 524226 or Carers Support Service on 01628 668413.



15th - 22nd June 2009
Look out for events organised by Slough Refugee Support during this week.

Dates for your Diary

SCVS AGM
21st July, 11.30-2pm **Venue: TBC**

East Berkshire Funding Fair
30th September, 9.30-3pm **Venue:**
Windsor Racecourse

Community Care Forum
18th November **Venue: TBC**

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

Slough Community Training Partnership

Course	Venue	Time
Project Planning	Resource Room, Slough CVS	9th July 10am - 4.30pm
Time Management	Resource Room, Slough CVS	8th October 10am - 4.30pm