

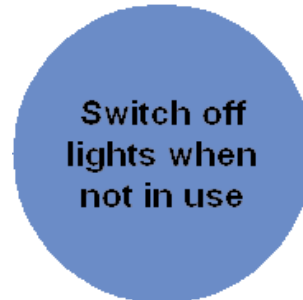
Slough groups hit by 4% cut this year



Slough's larger voluntary groups who received over £10,000 of funding this year from the council have been asked to return 4% for this financial year.

Slough CVS has started to run workshops to help groups facing these cuts to reduce their expenditure. The first of which was **25 Ways to Save 4%**, a morning workshop run by Carmel O'Brien, Finance Development Worker giving practical tips to save money straightaway.

Slough CVS will be arranging more workshops in the autumn. Check for further details on our website. www.sloughcvs.org.uk



Getting up to date

The SCVS database is updated regularly to give your group up to date information about news, events and training that could help your group.

In order to cut down our mailout costs and continue to provide all our services we will be sending Newsline out by e-mail instead of by post.

If you would like to receive regular e-mail updates please send your e-mail address to Lorna at lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk.

If you do not have an e-mail address and would like to continue to receive a printed version of Newsline please let Lorna know by calling 01753 219114.

East Berkshire Funding Fair 2010

A one day conference for voluntary and community groups to access up to date funding sources and information.

Wednesday 29th September

9.15am - 3.30pm

Windsor Racecourse
Maidenhead Road
Windsor, SL4 5JJ

Download a booking form with further details from www.sloughcvs.org.uk

Green Flag for Slough



As part of a national map of high-performing Compact areas, Compact Voice has awarded Slough with a “green flag”; this recognises exemplary partnership working which has led to better outcomes for the local community. The map highlights 15 “green-flagged” areas, including Slough where using the Compact has delivered real benefits to transform the lives of people and groups in the community.

Good partnerships can help give voice to marginalised groups and help minimise the impact of the spending cuts that many local areas are currently facing. Local groups felt the quality standards used to assess them for small funding applications were too complicated and written in an inaccessible way. As a result the Children’s and Young People’s Forum worked on their own plain English version - ‘Slough Quality Protects’ – for small funding applications. This new Quality Standard has now been officially adopted by the Local Authority’s Children’s Trust, with wider interest in it both regionally and nationally.

Further information from
www.compactvoice.org.uk/map/slough

ladder4learning



ladder4learning provides a regional workforce development resource for the Community and Voluntary sectors and social enterprises across the South West and South East. They have produced a number of briefing sheets on their website covering policies, IT information and skills for life.

The briefing sheets are available at
www.ladder4learning.org.uk/resources

Free goods available to community groups

Giving World Online (GWO) is a scheme set up to help community groups and charities access free surplus goods from businesses and organisations whilst helping reduce the amount of goods sent to landfill.

In the next three months GWO will be engaging with businesses in the South East region to encourage them to use GWO's free service to redirect their surplus goods onto charities and groups that could make use of them for their beneficiaries.

For further details visit
www.givingworldonline.com

Does your community organisation need free professional IT help?

iT4Communities matches IT professionals who want to volunteer their time and technical skills to organisations that need IT help...

On average organisations get £3,000 worth of support from their volunteers. That support can be strategic advice, practical work, training or troubleshooting. Their volunteers have helped plan databases, build websites, network computers, write policies, and maintain computers.

If you would like to be part of this valuable network of advice and practical IT help please register with iT4Communities (there is an annual registration fee of £85). You can request an IT volunteer via their website,
www.it4communities.org.uk.

Newsline Contributions

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this issue of Newsline. The next issue will be published in December 2010. Please send all contributions to Lorna Allen by 5th November to lallen@sloughcvs.org.uk or send to Slough Council for Voluntary Service, 27 Church Street, Slough, Berks, SL1 1PL.
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Cutswatch.org.uk launches

Cutswatch.org.uk has been set up to provide guidance and support to third sector organisations through public spending cuts. The site aims to provide up-to-date news, case studies, guides and information on how to positively deal with spending cuts, along with links to useful events and services.

www.cutswatch.org.uk

Everyclick

Everyclick provides a comprehensive range of online fundraising tools for charities of all sizes. It opens up potentially significant additional revenue stream - Give as you Live.

Give as you Live is an opportunity for your supporters to raise significant additional funds simply by going about their usual online activities, searching the web, shopping online and trading on eBay.

Everyclick makes regular payments to charities.

www.charities.everyclick.com

Skinner's Company

The Skinner's Company Lady Neville Charity was formally set up in 1978 and its aim is to provide grants that will make a clear and significant contribution to grassroots charitable organisations working in designated priority areas.

One-off grants of up to £1,000 are made to small registered charities and not-for-profit organisations. The priority areas are **Disability, Local Heritage, Local Community and Performing & Visual Arts.**

The Lady Neville Charity will accept applications from: registered charities or not-for-profit organisations employing less than the equivalent of four full-time paid staff.

Funding is available for items of non-recurring expenditure (eg, equipment, an event, a particular element of capital building works) The level of each grant is in the region of £500 to £1,000.

You are welcome to discuss a potential approach with the Charities Administrator. Please contact them on 020 7213 0562 or e-mail charitiesadmin@skinner.org.uk

www.skinnerhall.co.uk

Berks East Funding Project

Ray Emmans, Funding Advisor, Berks East Funding Project has been busy working with a number of Slough groups on both on-to-one work and funding workshops. Among the many groups who have received help from Ray, Parvaaz has secured over £100,000 from Aiming High and Local Authority Grants for activities for children with learning difficulties and for core costs.

It came as real shock that Government Funding cuts to the PAYP programme meaning that almost all of the planned activities for the youth of Slough were going to be cancelled for the summer holidays. However the youth groups of Slough went on the offensive to try and save some of the programmes. At least one planned activity has been saved, thanks to a grant of £2,716.09, from Slough Social Fund. It paid the balance required for the trip to Avon Tyrell Activity Centre at the end of August.

The Berks East Funding Project workers will be at the Funding Fair on 29th September at Windsor Racecourse. To book, download a booking form from www.sloughcvs.org.uk

SCVS Events

Winning Contracts

Right: Trainers, Ian McCleave and Lester Emmanuel
Below: Delegates at the Winning Contracts training



Slough CVS organised two days of procurement training delivered at an energetic pace to delegates from a diverse range of local organisations. The two trainers, Ian McCleave and Lester Emmanuel covered a considerable amount of material, beginning with a detailed insight into the procurement process and delivering strategies to overcome the challenges faced by delegates when tendering for public sector contracts. The first day then continued with an overview of the various trading options available to the sector, an introduction to financial probity and a number of interactive exercises based around a recent PQQ (Pre-qualification Questionnaire) produced by Slough's Children Services.

The training resumed on day two with a number of comprehensive exercises simplifying budgeting and forecasting. Easy to use templates were included and a lively, informative Q&A session dealt with the more personal aspects of the subject matter. Sessions around leadership, guiding your organisation through change, quality and monitoring brought a demanding, informative and yet fun two days to a close.

If you would like to know more about Procurement and Commissioning or further workshops please contact Slough CVS on 01753 524176.

Ian McCleave Lester Emmanuel
Disability Intelligent Limited Evanwood Consulting Company
Tel: 020 8622 3068 Tel: 0203 4118983

Slough CVS AGM

Slough CVS held its Annual General Meeting at The Centre in July. We were really pleased that Debra Allcock-Tyler from The Directory of Social Change agreed to give a keynote speech. She spoke about how the recent change in government would affect the voluntary sector.

Staff from SCVS presented their work over the year starting with Mary Kelly and Lorna Allen who performed a short sketch about the Community Care Project followed by Shaheen Kaiser and Jenie Betteridge who conversed about governance, training and finance. Before the formal section of the AGM, Drew Black from SWIPE performed a song about SCVS.



Top: Debra Allcock-Tyler, Right: Voluntary groups,
Below: Shaheen Kaiser and Jenie Betteridge, SCVS

Date for your Diary

Slough Community Network/Community Care Project/Children & Young People's Forum

Tuesday 23rd November

Venue to be confirmed

New Money Advice worker

Citizens Advice Slough has received funding from the Thames Water Trust Fund for a dedicated Money Advice worker for Slough. The object is to help those who are in financial hardship and are struggling to meet their bills. People do not have to be a customer of Thames Water to access this Service. The Case worker appointed is Heather Allen an experienced CAB manager and Case worker with a wealth of knowledge on debt benefits and housing matters. The project started on 1st August 2010 and is funded for two years. We hope that Heather will be working in the town centre Bureau and also in outreach offices, which will be confirmed soon.

Organisations interested in knowing more, or who wish to make potential referrals should ring 01753 219162.



“Gaming!” Launch

On 13th July, Create Compete Collaborate launched the game ‘Wheels of Glory’ at Pinewood Studios. Create Compete Collaborate is a groundbreaking ambition, which aims to ensure that every young person in the South East has the opportunity to participate in a project with young people from another country between now and 2012.

The game, based on the Paralympics and the story of Stoke Mandeville Stadium, was created by students at Chalfonts Community College (Bucks) and Tomb Raider Designer (Tom Scutt). To play the game and learn more about it click on

www.createcompetecollaborate.org.uk/ccc_programme/gaming.html.

Building Communities

The Rotary Club of Langley and Iver is one of 33,000 clubs operating across the world. Whilst we all share core values of service, fellowship, diversity and integrity, each club determines its own local programme as well as supporting Rotary International.

Throughout the year we raise funds locally to support local causes. For example, we have a sponsored walk in Black Park on Sunday 19th September. Participants can enjoy a ‘leisurely’ 5k (or if they wish 10k) walk to raise money for Thames Hospicecare and Crossroads.

We also continually provide shelter boxes and support to help when countries suffer disasters – like the current flooding in Pakistan.

Rotary is also about socialising and fun. We meet every Thursday at Richings Park Golf Club and we welcome speakers from both the voluntary and private sectors. We would be happy to discuss opportunities for closer working with the voluntary sector on joint projects.

Do please contact me if you want to know more about membership or the walk at t.moloney491@btinternet.com or David Ross on 01753 544978.

New Disability Champion



Chris Upton

Chris Upton recently completed an accredited intensive course to train as a ‘Disability Champion’ organised by the TUC. Disability Champions are trade union representatives with an interest in disability issues.

His primary role will be as a highly visible and accessible contact for disabled people that need support, advice and guidance on disability issues; this includes disability access issues and Disability Discrimination Act compliance.

Chris can be contacted via e-mail at Christopher.upton@slough.gov.uk

News from the Groups

Carers' Week 2010



Carers' Lunch 2010
Top: Slough Mayor,
Cllr. Jagjit Grewal
meeting guests
Below: Fiona
Mactaggart MP for
Slough

Photos by David Sparrow

The Carers UK
England theme for
Carers Week 2010

was Carers need 'A Life of their own'. The events held were very successful in reaching and giving information to carers who have not previously had any knowledge of services available to help support them. The information stands at the My Council office and Slough Library reached 300 people.

On Monday a series of talks on topics ranging from job seeking to carers assessments were delivered followed by an extremely informative forum, the main part of which was a presentation on 'Lasting Powers of Attorney' given by James Gladwell of Barrett & Thomson, Solicitors. Carers' questions were answered by James, Alan Collard and Rukhsana Hussain who explained the differences between Powers of Attorney and Wills.

Other events during the week included a pamper afternoon and the annual carers' lunch held at the Polish Association Hall. 150 carers sat down to a meal with a musical serenade. The lunch was welcomed by Slough Mayor, Cllr. Jagjit Grewal and addressed by Fiona Mactaggart MP for Slough. Carers were able to relax in friendly company or visit the many information stalls manned by members of local organisations supporting carers. Thank you to everyone who took part in making sure that Carers and their families are better supported to have 'A Life of their own'.

Marcia Wright, Chairman, Slough Older People's Forum

Slough and Norway work together

Norwegian peacemakers came to Slough to meet their UK equivalent. Gatemebling på Manglerud, a Norwegian conflict resolution group spent a week with Slough based Aik Saath, 'Together As One' in Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi).

Both groups train young people using a peer-led approach. Embodying the same ethos of working together to challenge racism and preventing violence, both groups shared best practice with training by Gatemebling på Manglerud followed by training by Aik Saath. Fifteen young people are attended from Norway and Aik Saath currently attracts 114 young volunteers.

Over the course of the week, Aik Saath gave their guests a tour of Slough, as well as the historical context of how and why Aik Saath was created in 1998 and where the conflicts took place.

Rob Deeks, Aik Saath project manager said, "We are honoured that a group such as Gatemebling på Manglerud travelled such a great distance to work with us."

Want to train your volunteers but don't have the time?

Volunteer Centre Slough is offering a **LEVEL 3 ACCREDITED** course in Basic Volunteer Skills. Please contact Dawn for more information or to design your own course on 01753 528 632 / dawn@volunteerslough.org.uk

Other ACCREDITED COURSES also available:

- **Recruiting volunteers**
- **Involving volunteers for the first time -what you need to know**
- **Retaining and motivating volunteers**
- **Supported volunteering – making your opportunities accessible to all**

Census jobs coming to Slough Borough Council

From the 20th September 2010 applications will be accepted for over 100 Census jobs in Slough. Census Coordinators and Collectors will be employed from February 2011 onwards. If you or someone you know can spare some time and get out into the community and help gather the Census information all you need to do is visit www.censusjobs.co.uk for more information and to register your details.

SCVS Re-structure

Slough CVS has re-structured its staffing structure.

We were all very sad to lose Sara Willcocks, a really valued member of staff to redundancy and wish her every success in the future.

We now have three teams: Administration, Group Development and External Partnerships led by Carmel O'Brien, Davina Lacey and Jesal Dhokia respectively.

The aim of the re-structure is to improve operational efficiency, minimise disruption and maintain our current services.

Charging for SCVS's Resource Room

Slough CVS's Resource Room has been free to hire for voluntary and community group members to use for meetings and training but this policy will be reviewed soon in an effort to bring in an income. We will send out details as soon as possible to our members.



Governance Update

www.getlegal.org.uk - a new governance resource for the Voluntary Sector

Get Legal, is a free online reference and decision-making tool for charities, social enterprises and co-operative organisations. Get Legal has been developed by NCVO, and a number of partners including, Bates, Wells, Braithwaite (BWB) to enable organisations and their advisors to access clear information and guidance on the most appropriate legal form and governance structure for delivering their goals.

Dealing with the recession and funding cuts may mean that more and more voluntary sector organisations and charities are considering becoming social enterprises or opening up a trading arm. The new Get Legal website is an excellent starting place and the decision tool could help organisations clarify which route to take and which legal form is most appropriate for their aims.

The site is well worth a visit, it is easy to use and the decision tool is particularly useful. There is also easy access to model documents.

The Code of Good Governance

The Code has been re-fashioned following the recent consultation. And the full Code including supporting material is now available on the NCVO website.

In addition NCVO has launched a Trustee and Governance Information Centre. This contains a wealth of information on a range of subjects relating to third sector governance and trusteeship ranging from the role of the trustee to changing your governing document.

If you would like individual advice, or would like help to run a governance review for your organisation contact Jenie Betteridge, Governance Development Worker on 01753 219112 or email jenie@sloughcvs.org.uk

Noticeboard

Slough Older People's Forum Annual

General Meeting is being held on Wednesday 8th September 2010 at 1.30pm in the Studio, Age Concern Slough & Berkshire East resource centre, The Village, High Street, Slough. (Please note this is a change from the previously published date.)

Slough Older People's Forum ANNUAL INFORMATION DAY 2010

Wednesday 3rd November, 10am - 3pm
Age Concern Slough & Berkshire East Resource Centre, High Street, Slough.



All screenings are held at 7:45 pm at the West Wing Arts Centre, Stoke Road, Slough SL2 5AY. For further details of membership or more information contact Dudley Smithers on dudley.smithers@ntlworld.com

23rd September	The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (18)
7th October	Let's Talk About the Rain (12A)
21st October	Let the Right One In (15)
4th November	Precious (15)
18th November	Katalin Varga (15)
2nd December	Moon (15)
16th December	Micmacs (12A)

Two Left Feet Programme

Popstar Academy	20 September
Ballet	04 October
Morris Dance	18 October
Flamenco	01 November
Salsa	15 November
Belly Dancing	29 November



All classes start at 7.30pm.
Entry only £2.00
Slough classes are held at the West Wing Arts Centre. Choose a dance style you like, no partner needed. No need to book, just turn up.

Heritage Open Days 2010 - 9-12 September

Tithe Farm Granary, Langley



Heritage Open Days celebrates England's fantastic architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Slough has a wide range of buildings open over the four days.

Visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Slough Community Training Partnership

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. The bulletin is also available at www.sloughcvs.org.uk

If you are interested in finding out more about these courses please contact Mandy on mandy@sloughcvs.org.uk or shaheen@sloughcvs.org.uk or look at the SCVS training page at www.sloughcvs.org.uk

Find out about Funding Workshop	9th September	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Holiday Inn, Slough
Creating & Hosting a Website for free	23rd and 24th September	9.30am - 4.00pm	Slough CVS
Empowering the Voluntary Sector - Public Law Workshop	6th October	9.15am - 4.00 pm	Slough CVS
Big's How to prove the need FOR your project & define outcomes	14th October	10.00am - 3.30pm	Slough CVS
Valuing Diversity	20th October	9.30am - 4.30pm	Slough CVS
Effective Recruitment and Selection	18th November	9.30am - 4.30 pm	Slough CVS
Safeguarding Children	5th November	9.30am - 4.30pm	Slough CVS
Project Management	9th December	9.30am - 4.00pm	Slough CVS