

Welcome to your monthly Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin produced by Voscur on behalf of the ChangeUp consortium.

If you would like to include any news or information in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin, please contact Matthew Symonds at the Voscur office on 0117 909 9949 or email matthew@voscur.org.

The deadline for news items you'd like to be included in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin is 5pm on the following dates in 2009: 16 October, 13 November, 18 December and in 2010: 15 January, 12 February, 12 March

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NOMINATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

To celebrate the fantastic and innovative work done by the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Bristol, Voscur is pleased to announce the second annual Voscur awards, 'The Voscur's'. The six categories are: The Most Active Community Activist, The Community Venue of the Year, The Most Innovative / Engaging Project, The 'I Will Survive' Award, The 'Thanks For Supporting The Sector' Award and The Partnership Award - New for 2009. The Nominations now close at 5pm on Monday 5 October 2009. To find out more or to nominate someone visit: www.voscur.org/node/5695.

MORE COUNCIL POWERS TO THE PEOPLE?

Plans to give a bigger say to Bristol people have been announced by Bristol City Council cabinet. Decisions on local services such as community safety, street cleaning and park maintenance will be taken at a local level by elected councillors with input from local people having a real say in how these are to be funded and managed. Voscur have produced a quick guide to the proposals, to find out more visit: <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>
Or come to the Voscur Assembly on Wednesday 23 September at St Werburghs Centre, to book your place visit: <http://www.voscur.org/civicism/event/info?reset=1&id=172>

::: NEWS :::

A-Z GUIDE SHOWS HOW TO INFLUENCE DECISION MAKING

A new guide highlighting lots of ways in which you can have your say in influencing local decision-making is now available. The guide includes lots examples of ways to

help you be 'more influential' and have an impact on decisions that affect you. For more information visit: <http://www.voscur.org/atoz>

HELP YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL - MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Schools in all Neighbourhood Partnership areas need school governors, especially primary and nursery schools. Volunteers need to commit 6 - 8 hours per month to this rewarding role. You do not have to be a parent. If you have an interest in education and in improving the lives of our children and young people and would like to find out more: contact Louise Bale, email: louise.bale@bristol.gov.uk or call 0117 903 1396.

NOMINATE YOUR 'COMMUNITY CRIMEFIGHTERS' FOR AWARDS

The Community Crime Fighters Awards recognise and thank people who have helped combat anti-social behaviour or neighbourhood crime. The awards are open for nominations until Friday 25 September. There are two awards to nominate people for: 'Exceptional People'- Active members of the public who have tackled ASB/Crime or who have supported others to do so and 'Wonderful Worker' - Trained 'Community Crime Fighters' are invited to nominate a paid worker from one of their local services who they feel has provided an exceptional level of support to them or someone in their neighbourhood. For more information or to nominate visit: <http://www.communitycrimefighters.org.uk/awards/>

NOMINATIONS WANTED FOR THIS YEARS AVON AND SOMERSET JUSTICE AWARDS!

Do you know somebody working or volunteering within the criminal justice system that regularly goes the extra mile? If yes then why not nominate them for the Justice Awards that recognise the outstanding achievement of staff and volunteers throughout Avon and Somerset. Nominations close on Friday 25 September. Full details and information on how to nominate are available online at: <http://www.lcjb.cjsonline.gov.uk/avonandsomerset>

COMMUNITY PROSECUTOR APPROACH INTRODUCED IN BRISTOL

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) has announced its intention to work with communities and to be responsive to their concerns and ensure that prosecutors act as Community Prosecutors. The CPS would like to keep in contact with community projects and Neighbourhood Partnerships so that they know more about local issues. If you'd like to hear find out more about the work of the CPS or receive regular updates from them email: jane.gibney@cps.gsi.gov.uk

KNOW YOUR BIKE!

Help get Bristol fixing own bikes with Life Cycle's really basic bike maintenance courses. These are aimed at those with little or no mechanical knowledge, Life Cycle will explain how a bike works, how to set it up for maximum ease of use, how to check it over and to carry out a range of simple maintenance tasks. Cost £10, Venue: the CREATE Centre over two Tuesdays (6.30 to 9pm) For more information call 0117 353 4580 or visit <http://lifecycleuk.org.uk>

BUILDERS HELP OUT AT FILWOOD CENTRE

Wates Building and Construction have recently completed a 'Challenge Anneka' style makeover at the Filwood Hope Centre. In just half a day they redecorated the reception area and refurbished the kitchen with new cupboards and an instant hot water system. Filwood Hope offers most of the services available at the Citizens Advice Bureau, plus other services such as Counselling - right in the middle of Filwood Broadway. For more information call 0117 9634566 or email filwoodhope@talktalkbbusiness.net

DID YOU DO IT IN THE STREET THIS SUMMER?

Monday 19 October is the deadline for submission of your street party photos and stories if you'd like to win £200 worth of beautiful handmade bunting. Bristol-based Streets Alive is reporting a bumper year for street parties with more than 100 in this city alone! To inspire other parts of the country, send in your pictures and/or a few heartfelt words. For more details visit: <http://www.streetparty.org.uk/bunting-competition.aspx>

20 MPH PILOT AREAS PLANNED

Two pilot 20mph areas are proposed in Bristol as part of the Cycling City and Active Bristol collaboration, in order to improve road safety, encourage more people to take up walking and cycling and to help provide higher quality local environments for people to live in. To find out more about the proposed 20mph areas visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/20mph>

COMMUNITY CENTRE SEEKS VOLUNTEER TREASURER

St Werburghs Community Association is seeking a Volunteer Treasurer to join the Management Committee at the exciting time of refurbishment - the Centre has been granted £1m to build an annexe and refurbish the existing building. The improved Centre will benefit and accommodate more local organisations and individuals offering four new meeting rooms and better community spaces. The board meets every six weeks on Tuesday evenings. A full role description is available on request. For an informal discussion please contact Linda Bell, the Director on 0117 955 1351 or email Linda@stwerburghs.org.uk

HELP! WANT SUGGESTIONS FOR PARTNERSHIP WORKING

Help! Counselling, a voluntary organisation of counsellors and therapists working with children and young adults across the city providing over 1000 a sessions a year, have recently been taking referrals from other organisations and contracting to allow them to offer counselling and psychotherapy to their clients - this includes work with people with a mental health diagnosis, adults in recovery from addictions, victims of crime and violence and survivors of abuse. Help! would be interested to receive suggestions for partnership working from other organisations. For more details contact help! On 0117 950 2511.

PROBLEMS WITH NEIGHBOURS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Bristol Mediation is an independent charity that provides a free* neighbour mediation service. Mediation is a way to help neighbours sort out any disagreements with the help of trained mediators. It is a voluntary process and is confidential. Mediation can help with a variety of problems including noise, children's behaviour, fences, hedges and boundaries disputes, animals, parking, and low levels of abusive behaviour. To find out more, please contact the casework team on 0117 9350521 or email:casework@bristol-mediation.org (*dependent on your housing status)

SPACE AVAILABLE AT VASSALL CENTRE

The Vassall Centre Trust is currently accepting expressions of interest for two office spaces available (approximately 790 and 213 square feet) Both spaces are completely accessible. For more details please email Jane Beauchamp at jane.beauchamp@vassallcentre.org

BRISTOL YOUTH THEATRE IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

New members are needed to mount a big production next summer. Bristol Youth Theatre Studio would like to hear from young people aged 13 -19, who are interested in theatre, either in performing or helping backstage. The Studio meets on Saturday afternoons at 4.45pm, in Westbury-on-Trym. The summer production is a musical, and will go out on tour. Tuition in theatrecraft is offered, so only interest and enthusiasm are needed to enjoy membership of this friendly group. Call 0117 951 4432 for more details.

DIY STREETS

In order to tackle concerns about traffic in neighbourhoods, Sustrans launched DIY Streets in 2006 to work with residents to develop affordable, creative, solutions to their traffic problems. Sustrans is now consulting on how they can best support communities and the organisations who work with them to make DIY Streets a reality in more communities. You can help shape this programme by answering a few

questions at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=K7BfM_2fVik_2f6EGjz8LIO8TQ_3d_3d

VOLUNTEER FOR DAY OF ACTION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Unchosen are looking for volunteers to help with day of action on Thursday 12 December. You'll help to hand out as many leaflets about human trafficking, to as many people in Bristol as possible. Sign up to an hour, any time between 9am - 9pm. Simply gather your own volunteers for the hour slot and nominate a team leader. For more information or to volunteer email: richard@unchosen.org.uk

::: DATES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS :::

Neighbourhood Partnership meetings are open to any resident or local group to attend.

Key to meetings

SG = Steering group meeting, OM = Open Meeting

The dates of meetings coming up are:

*** EAST BRISTOL ***

Brislington East and Brislington West (Brislington Community Partnership)

(OM) Monday 5 October, 7pm, venue to be confirmed.

Contact Lorna Heaysman on 0117 377 2653 or email lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Frome Vale, Eastville and Hillfields

Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.

Contact Jo Holmes on 0117 903 6898 or email johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk for more details

St George East and St George West

(OM) Wednesday 4 November, 7pm, venue to be confirmed.

Contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409 or email abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Inner City Neighbourhood Partnership (Ashley, Easton and Lawrence Hill)

(OM) Monday 9 November, 6.30pm to 8pm, Netham Pavilion, Avonvale Road, Redfield, BS5 9RN.

Contact Penny Germon on 0117 903 9879 or email innercity@neighbourhoodpartnership.co.uk for more details

*** NORTH BRISTOL ***

Avonmouth and Kingsweston

(SG) Tuesday 13 October, 9 to 10.00am at Shirehampton Public Hall, Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 9TX.

Contact Sam Parker on 0117 922 3029 or email sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership

(SG) Wednesday 23 September 4.30 – 6.30pm venue to be confirmed

Contact Jo Holmes on 0117 903 9797 or email johanna.holmes@bristolgov.uk for more details

Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East

Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.

Contact Ariaf Hussain on 0117 922 3218 or email ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Henbury and Southmead

Southmead (OM) Wednesday 14 October, 6.30pm at United Reform Church, Wigton Crescent, Southmead, Bristol, BS10 6DY .

Henbury meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.

Contact Mohamed Ismail on 0117 903 6420 or email mohamed.ismail@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym

(OM) Wednesday 21 October - 7.00pm at Henleaze Junior School, Park Grove, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS9 4LG.

The theme of this open meeting will be Traffic and Transport.

Contact Andrew McGrath on 0117 903 6825 or email andrew.mcgrath@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Horfield and Lockleaze

(SG) Monday 5 October, 7.00pm at the Cameron Centre, Cameron Walk, Lockleaze, Bristol BS7 9XB.

Contact Mohamed Ismail on 0117 903 6420 or email mohamed.ismail@bristol.gov.uk for more details

*** SOUTH BRISTOL ***

Bedminster and Southville (Greater Bedminster Community Partnership)

(OM) Wednesday 30 September, 7pm at Windmill Hill City Farm, Philip Street, Bedminster, BS3 4EA.

Contact Ben Barker, GBCP secretary on 0117 903 6441 or Lorna Heaysman on (0117) 377 2653 email <mailto:benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk> or lornaheaysman@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe and Whitchurch Park
(OM) Monday 7 December, 7pm venue to be confirmed.
Contact Heather Williams on 0117 903 8044 or email:
heather.williams@hwcp.org.uk for more details

Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill
(OM) Tuesday 29 September, 6 to 8pm at The Park Opportunity Centre, Daventry
Road, Knowle, Bristol, BS4 1DQ.
Contact Valeria Talbot on 0117 908 4247 or email
valerie.talbot@bristol.gov.uk for more details

Hengrove and Stockwood
(SG) Tuesday 22 September, 7pm venue to be confirmed.
Contact Ariaf Hussain on 0117 922 3218 or email
ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk for more details

::: NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP FUNDING :::

AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON SMALL GRANTS SCHEME NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Are you a small organisation working in Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston, Sea Mills or Shirehampton? Do you have an idea for a project which would fit the priorities of; Young People, Anti Social Behaviour, Housing and Planning, Communication or Services for Older People? Need up to £500 to get it off the ground? Contact Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership by email neighbourhood.partnerships@bristol.gov.uk or call 0117 922 3029 for more information and an application form.
Closing date for applications, Monday 30 November.

WESTBURY ON TRYM, HENLEAZE AND STOKE BISHOP SMALL GRANTS SCHEME NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Small Grants funding available for groups operating in the local area to promote the Neighbourhood Partnership priorities of; Parks, green spaces, environment and maintenance; Social Care - elderly and young people; and Traffic and Transport. For criteria and application form please email <mailto:neighbourhood.partnerships@bristol.gov.uk> or call 0117 922 3029. Closing date to be confirmed.

::: CONSULTATIONS :::

The following consultations are currently taking place in Bristol:

- Active People (until 31 October 2009)
- Bristol Harm Reduction Strategy 2009-11 (Until 6 Nov 2009)
- Museum Visitor Survey (Until 31 December 2009)

- Traffic Noise Pollution (Until 31 December 2009)
- Dog Warden Service Customer Satisfaction Survey 2009/10 (Until 31 March 2010)
- New Tenancy Satisfaction Survey 2009/10 (Until 31 March 2010)
- Pest Control Services Customer Satisfaction Survey 2009/10 (Until 31 March 2010)

To find out more about these and other consultations visit:
<http://www.opinionsuite.com/bristol>

YOU CAN CURRENTLY SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ONLINE E-PETITIONS:

- Protect Banksy artwork in Bristol (Until 30 September 2009)
- No to Amalgamation of Henleaze Infant and Junior Schools (Until 30 September 2009)
- Say yes to Tesco (Until 28 October 2009)
- A public transport hub at Temple Meads (Until 29 Oct 2009)
- New Bristol cyclepath across M32 motorway (Until 31 October 2009)
- No Tesco at Ashton Gate (Until 6 December 2009)
- To oppose The Daisy Field and Lamplighters open space development (Until 31 Dec 2009)
- Reduce the speed limit to 20mph where people live and work (Until 30 April 2010)
- Let All Bristol Decide (Until 5 May 2010)
- Make Bristol a Foie Gras Free City! (Until 27 July 2010)
- No Heathrow Expansion - Electrify mainline London to Bristol instead. (Until 31 July 2010)

Support these and other petitions or start your own at:
<http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/>

JOIN THE DEBATE ON ASK BRISTOL

Bristol residents regard culture and leisure opportunities among the best things about living in the city. Investment in major events also boosts Bristol's international reputation and benefits our economy through tourism.

You can give your thoughts on culture, festivals and events in Bristol.

Join the debate at

<http://www.askbristol.com/askbristol.php>

::: LOCAL COMMUNITY DIARY :::

--- MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER ---

BRITISH FOOD FORTNIGHT

Until Sunday 4 October. Now in its eighth year, British Food Fortnight is the biggest national celebration of the diverse and delicious range of food that Britain produces. To find out more visit: www.lovebritishfood.co.uk

--- WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER ---

VOSCUR ASSEMBLY

12.30pm - 3.30pm at St Werburghs Community Centre, Horley Road, St Werburghs, Bristol BS2 9TJ. You're invited to a special Voscur Assembly. Find out about the council's plans for more decisions to be made at a neighbourhood level. You will also have the opportunity to meet the Voscur staff team, find out what we can offer you, and tell us what you want from us. Plus FREE LUNCH. For more information please contact Matthew Symonds on (0117) 9099 949 or email matthew@voscur.org or book online at

<http://www.voscur.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=172>

GUIDED TOUR OF STOKES CROFT

6pm, from the Peoples Republic of Stokes Croft (PRSC) office, 35 Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft. This walking tour will look at how the systematic neglect that Stokes Croft has suffered over the last decades has affected the area. To book a place or for more details contact the PRSC on 0117 9444540 or Judy Preston 0790 821 9834 or email

contact@prsc.org.uk

--- THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER ---

VOLUNTEERING RECRUITMENT FAIR

11am - 4pm at the Upper Horfield Community Centre in Eden Grove. Volunteering Bristol is holding a Volunteering Recruitment Fair promoting the wide range of volunteering opportunities available in Bristol. The event is free, you'll be able to find out about more than 700 opportunities currently being advertised by Volunteering Bristol and speak directly with volunteers and staff from voluntary organisations.

SOLAR POWERED OUTDOOR CINEMA

7.30pm at Ridingleaze Green, Lawrence Weston*. A showing of a brilliant selection of family friendly locally made short films and animations (including some Aardman favourites!). Wrap up warm, bring a cushion, a picnic, your family and friends, for a night of FREE entertainment under the stars.

*Please note if wet the screening will be cancelled.

--- FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER ---

SOUTH HOUSING FORUM

11.30am at Symes House, Peterson Square, Hartcliffe, Bristol: BS13 0BD.

For more details contact Joe Corrigan, Tenant Participation Officer on 0117 903 9856

--- SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER ---

COMMUNITY ORGANISATION NETWORKING FAIR

10am - 12:30pm at the Southville Centre, Beaufey Road, Southville. Meet and mingle with other organisations interested in planning and development issues. Organised by the Bristol Neighbourhood Planning Network and the Bristol Civic Society. For more information or to reserve a table, contact Janine Derry on 0117 907 8798 or email: janine.derry@googlemail.com or just turn up on the day.

BEST OF BEDMINSTER SHOW

10.30am - 3.30pm on North Street Green, junction of North Street and Luckwell Road, Bedminster, Bristol. There will be all the usual competitions including best jam, best wildlife photo, best cake and best mini garden, as well as stalls from local environmental groups, a Dr Bike session, refreshments from the Malago WI, entertainment, games and all round FUN! For more details and an entry form visit: http://www.southvillecentre.org.uk/rubrique.php3?id_rubrique=49

SOUTH ASIAN FESTIVAL

1pm, Eastville Park, Eastville, Bristol. An opportunity for the whole city to get together and celebrate the diversity within our community, and to have fun while doing it! For more information visit: <http://www.voscur.org/node/6663>

--- MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER ---

FREE MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

The Salvation Army Centre, Hassell Drive, Easton, Bristol, BS2 0AN Easton Bristol, welcomes Homeless persons to free meals every MONDAY. Breakfast from 9.30 – 11.30am. Lunch from 12noon until 12.30ppm. For more details visit: <http://www.sabristoleaston.org.uk/comserv.html>

FREE SESSIONS TO CHALLENGE YOUR PAIN

Arthritis Care with the support of the NHS are running 6 FREE sessions to help people with any long term condition: arthritis, diabetes, asthma, heart conditions, MS etc by teaching ideas to help improve quality of life. The sessions will take place at Knowle West Health Park and will start on the afternoon of Monday 28 September. Ring 0207 380 6509 to book a place or to find out about courses running in other parts of Bristol.

BRISTOL DISABILITY EQUALITY FORUM DEMONSTRATION

10.30am on College Green (or in the Council House if raining)
Your Disability Living Allowance/Attendance Allowance is at risk! Don't want to lose it? Then sign the petition against the government's proposals for the future of care for both older and disabled people. This event is organised by volunteers in the South West and hosted by the Bristol Disability Equality Forum. For further information email: laura.welti@bristol.gov.uk

CELEBRATING AGE FESTIVAL LAUNCH

11am at the Withywood Centre, Queens Road, Withywood, Bristol, BS13. The Golden Oldies are kicking off the Celebrating Age Festival week of events. There will also be a BS13 Celebrating Age local event on Wednesday 30 September from 10.30am - 2.30pm with lots to do and activities to get involved in and a special roast dinner at £3.95 (booking recommended 0117 987 8400). Transport can be arranged through the CATT Bus on 0117 377 3451. For more details visit:
<http://www.withywoodcentre.com/cms/>

--- WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER ---

ST BERNADETTE OPEN DAY

9.30am - 12.15pm and 4.30pm - 8.30pm, St Bernadette Catholic Secondary school, Fossedale Ave, Bristol, BS14 9LS. For more information call 0117 377 2050 or email st.bernadette.s@bristol.gov.uk

NORTH EAST HOUSING FORUM

6.30pm, at The Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, Bristol, B10 5PY. For more details contact Joe Corrigan, Tenant Participation Officer on 0117 903 9856

WEST CENTRAL HOUSING FORUM

6.30pm, at The Tenants Resource Centre, Waring House, Redcliffe Hill, Redcliffe, BS1 6TB. For more details contact Joe Corrigan, Tenant Participation Officer on 0117 903 9856

CHALLENGING HOMOPHOBIA : SUPPORTING EQUALITY IN SCHOOLS

6 - 9pm at Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1

Open Meeting. Come and hear about improvements being made in Equality in Schools and challenge the speakers where you think more should be done. For more information or to book a place please email admin@bristol-lgb-forum.org.uk

--- THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER ---

FREE 'CELEBRATING AGE' CONCERT

3 - 4.30pm (doors open 2.30pm) Totterdown Methodist Church Hall, Bushy Park (entrance, with level access, behind the church in Wilton Lane). Alexandra Denman will sing a range of songs celebrating memories and older age. Accompanied by John Bowen on the piano. Includes afternoon tea. Please call to say you're coming (to help with catering numbers) contact 0781 762 6881 or email Suzanne.Audrey@btinternet.com

--- SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER ---

STAPLETON ROAD STREET FAIR

12.30 - 6pm, Stapleton Road. Join residents of Easton for this fun day packed full of music, stalls, performance, food and more. For more details visit <http://www.eastoncommunitypartnership.org.uk>

CELEBRATING AGE FESTIVAL

10am – 3.30pm. The festival celebrations conclude at the Council House and the Central Library, with a line-up of exciting performances, demonstrations, engaging speakers and debate, plenty of stalls and refreshments. For more details of all the Celebrating Age festival events visit:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Health-Social-Care/ppfb/celebrating-age-festival.en>

--- SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER ---

LESBIAN, GAY AND TRANSGENDER HISTORY WALK

2 – 3.45pm Meet at the top end of Corn Street, outside the Exchange and the Old Council House (now the Register Office). A stroll through the centre of town looking at some places where LGBT history was made. It will include sites of women's history as well as men's, with some surprises such as a remarkably early key moment in the history of gender reassignment. This is a joint social event for Sing Out Bristol and the LGBT History Group.

--- TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER ---

FILWOOD HOPE CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.40pm, Tuesday 6 October. The Filwood Hope AGM will be held at the Centre, Filwood Broadway, Bristol, BS4 1JL. Anyone interested in the work of the centre is welcome.

--- WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER ---

BRISTOL SHOPMOBILITY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1.30pm for 2 – 4pm at the Management Suite, The Glass House, Cabot Circus
John Hirst will speak about his new role with Destination Bristol which aims to raise the profile of the Bristol city-region as a world-class place to visit, study, work and live. For more details or to confirm your place telephone Shopmobility Unit 0117 9559083 or email: admin@bristolshopmobility.co.uk

--- FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER ---

LUNCHTIME CONCERT

1 - 2pm at Fishponds Methodist Church, Guinea Lane, Fishponds, BS16 2HB.
Bromley Duo, Keyboard, violin and sax. There is no charge for entry to these concerts but donations welcome. Tea/coffee & biscuits: 50p

--- SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER ---

THE INCREDIBLE HUMAN JOURNEY

7.30pm. Who are we and where do we come from? Dr Alice Roberts, presenter of the BBC series, tracks the ancient human migrations in an illustrated talk at St Mary Redcliffe Church, BS1 6RA. Tickets £10 on the door or from Providential Music Shop, 1 St George's Rd, College Green. For more details and tickets call 0117 927 6536.

--- WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER ---

EVER THOUGHT THAT CHURCH WAS TOO NEAT AND TIDY? WELL, COME TO MESSY CHURCH INSTEAD.

4pm at Westbury Park Methodist Church. There will be an hour of craft, a short service and followed by dinner and finish about 6pm. The next messy church is for all ages – but especially primary school aged children and their families and it's absolutely free. Come straight after school and have a drink and biscuit before we start. For more information contact Emma Langley on 0117 951 9771 or email emmalang@aol.com

HOUSING SOLUTIONS MEETING

7pm, at Barton Hill Settlement, Lawrence Hill, Bristol, BS5 0AX, (covering Barton Hill, Upper Easton, Newtown, St Phillips & Redfield)
For more details contact Joe Corrigan, Tenant Participation Officer on 0117 903 9856

--- SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER ---

ST PAUL'S PLAYERS THRIFT SALE

12noon - 3pm in the crypt at St Paul's Church, Coronation Road, Southville, Bristol. There will be stalls with Nearly New Clothes and Gifts, Affordable Christmas Gifts, Clothes, Books, Bric a Brac, Refreshments and Cakes. Come along and grab a bargain. For further details, please phone Christine on 0117 977 2882.

PARKWAY PARENT AND CHILD PROJECT FUNDRAISER

7.30pm - 11.30pm, St Werburghs Centre, Horley Road, St Werburghs, Bristol BS2 9TJ. Live music, bar, another amazing raffle, high quality food for sale, finishing up with DJs Will C & Jon Symonds. Tickets £5 from St Werburghs' Centre. For more details contact Sophie 0117 904 0958

--- MONDAY 19 OCTOBER ---

NORTH BRISTOL ADVICE CENTRE AGM

12.30pm -2.30pm, Annual General Meeting will be celebrating 25 Years of Service to the Community. 'Advice Agencies and Strengthening Independence' Matthew Smerdon, Deputy Director of the Baring Foundation will be speaking at the event being held at The Langley Centre, 2 Gainsborough Square, Lockleaze, Bristol, BS7 9XA. For more details contact 0117 987 4339 or email team@northbristoladvice.org.uk

--- FRI 23 OCTOBER ---

GET ONLINE DAY AT KNOWLE WEST MEDIA CENTRE

10am – 4.30pm, Leinster Ave, Knowle, BS4 1NL. New to computers or the Internet? Pop in and try something new! Trainers will help you: from basic use to Digital Photography, E-democracy & Social Networking. For more info contact Makala 0117 353 2895 or email makala@kwmc.org.uk or go to <http://www.sbdn.org.uk>

--- SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER ---

AARDMAN DOWN ON THE FARM

11am - 4pm, Bristol's world-famous Aardman Animations comes down to Windmill Hill City Farm in Bedminster for a day of art and creativity. With workshops, drawing, modelling, animating and a kids cinema - there will be plenty for kids to get involved with and get artistic. Even Rosie the Pig will be joining in the animating fun and there will be an animal fancy dress competition too! Kids go free - Adults £5/£3.50 Members. All money raised from the day goes to the SAVE OUR FARM Appeal.

--- WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER ---

BRISTOL LESBIAN, GAY AND BISEXUAL FORUM AGM

6-9pm, Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1. Annual General Meeting and Open Meeting. Are you lesbian, gay or bisexual and interested in becoming a school governor? Are you already an LGB school governor and would like more support? Or are you simply interested in the process as a parent in, or a friend of, an LGB family? Come and find out more. For more information or to book a place please email admin@bristol-lgb-forum.org.uk

--- SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER ---

VEGAN FOOD FAIR

12–4pm, at Broadmead Baptist Church, Union Street, Broadmead (next to Tesco). Free event. Have you ever wondered what vegans eat? You don't have to be Chinese to eat Chinese food, and you don't have to be vegan to eat vegan food! For a full programme, visit <http://www.bristolanimalrights.org.uk> or call 0759 574 5441

FIND MORE EVENTS

To find details of events happening in your local parks and green spaces visit <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Leisure-Culture/Arts-Entertainment/whats-on.en?XSL=index&EventTypeId=71&AllRecords=true>
To find more events or publicise your own in the Voscur online diary visit <http://www.voscur.org/event>

::: COMING UP :::

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS' FORUM DATES

Join other people from across Bristol who are active in their Neighbourhood Partnership. Share good ideas and solve problems at the Neighbourhood Partnership Residents' Forum. Dates for the coming year:

Tuesday 24 November, 2 - 4pm at Windmill Hill City Farm (TBC)

Thursday 28 January, 2010, 6-8pm at the Council House

Saturday 27 March, 2010, 10am - 12.30pm at Shirehampton Public Hall

To find out more contact Matthew Symonds on 0117 909 9949 or email: matthew@voscur.org or confirm your attendance by online at: <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

VOSCUR TRAINING

New Autumn Courses announced. Courses coming up - Contact Vosur on 0117 909 9949 or visit: <http://www.voscur.org/training> to find out more about any of these Voscur courses:

- Get Ready to Trade *New*
- Health and Safety at work *Accredited*
- Recruitment of Volunteers *New*
- Trustee Series 1 - Why am I on the Committee?
- Trustee Series 2 - Good Governance: How to be a better Trustee
- Single Equalities Bill *New - Free*
- Retention and Support of Volunteers *New*
- Improving Diversity in your Volunteer Workforce *New*
- Supporting your Volunteer Board *New*
- Full Cost Recovery
- Monitoring and Evaluation – an Introduction *New*
- Data Protection & Confidentiality *New* *free*
- Volunteers and the Law *New*
- First Aid in the workplace *New & accredited*

For more details on Voscur Training and learning visit: <http://www.voscur.org/training>

OTHER TRAINING

EMOTIONAL WELL BEING COURSE FOR THE OVER 5'S

The Play & Early Years Training Unit is running an 'Emotional Well-Being for the Over 5's' course. The aim is to promote understanding of the emotional well-being of

children and young people, and your role as practitioners in facilitating this. The course will run on 25 September, 2, 9 and 16 October 2009, 9.30am – 12.30pm at the @Symmes Community Building, Peterson Avenue, Bristol. For details contact: 0117 908 0601 or email training@peytu.co.uk

::: NOTICEBOARD :::

Talk online to people in your area.

There are several online discussion groups across Bristol where you can discuss your local issues from the comfort of your own home! Why not follow one of these links and join in?

Greater Bedminster Issues Forum:

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/bemmy-forum/index.html>

Brislington

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/bristol-bris>

Barton Hill, the Dings, Lawrence Hill and Redfield

<http://www.communityatheart.co.uk/forum>

Easton

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/easton_bristol/

Henbury and Brentry

<http://www.henburybrentrycommunity.org.uk/wordpress/>

Knowle West

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/kw-forum/index.html>

Redland

<http://www.sustainableredland.org.uk/subscribe/>

Shirehampton

http://www.shire.org.uk/index.php?page=message_boards

St Werburghs

<http://www.stwerburghs.org/forums/>

If you'd like to find out more about how to set up an online discussion forum in your area, you can contact Sean Kenny at Voscur on 0117 909 9949 or email seank@voscur.org

::: RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS :::

KEY DECISIONS COMING UP

You can find out what key decisions Bristol City Council's Cabinet of elected councillors will be making soon by looking at the Leaders Forward Plan online at: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Elected-Representatives/leaders-forward-plan-forthcoming-key-decisions.en>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Each week Bristol City Council publishes a list of all the planning applications that they receive. You can view the list at: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Planning/weekly-lists-of-planning-applications.en>

To find out how you can have your say and influence decisions on planning applications visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Planning/commenting-on-planning-applications.en>

::: FEEDBACK :::

We are always keen to receive feedback on Voscur services such as the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin. You can send us your views by filling in the online form at <http://www.voscur.org/contact>