

Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin Monday 16 November, 2009

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Dear Members, Partners and Friends

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

Please pass this information on to anyone else in your organisation, or friends who may find it useful.

This e-bulletin is sent out monthly on the third Monday of each month.

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 <mailto: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: 18 December and in 2010: 15 January, 12 February, 12 March.

::: STOP PRESS! :::

DECIDING WHO IS ON NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

The draft new terms of reference for the revised Neighbourhood Partnerships (to take effect next spring) will be one of the items up for discussion at the next Neighbourhood Partnership Residents' Forum. On Thursday 26 November, 2.30 - 5pm, at Windmill Hill City Farm, Philip Street, Bedminster, BS3 4EA (note change of date). To find out more and to book your place visit:

<http://www.voscur.org/civicrm/event/info?id=199&reset=1>

WHAT HAVE GAS PIPELINES, WIND TURBINES AND NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS IN COMMON?

They're all part of a new planning process which is currently open for consultation. The 2008 Planning Act introduced a new planning system for applications to build nationally significant infrastructure facilities in England and Wales. Under the new system, national policy on infrastructure will be set out in a series of new National Policy Statements (NPS) which can be reviewed by the Secretary of State if there is a change in circumstances. Luckily Planning Aid are here to help you understand the changes and help you to have your say. To find out more visit: <http://www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk/>

::: NEWS :::

CO-ACTIVE OFFER FREE BUSINESS ADVICE CLINICS FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

An hour with a specialist business advisor is available for all social enterprises in your area on the 24 November and 8 December. You can get advice on legal structures, financing, contracting, planning new products and services, and general business planning. If you, or anyone you are working with, would like to book a slot please get in touch with Marie on 01752 500888 ext 230 to agree a time that is convenient to you and get details of the venue.

HELPING COMMUNITY GROUPS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SPACES

A summary of research by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) into the main barriers facing community groups in improving public spaces. It recommends ways to support community groups that are working to improve neighbourhood spaces and points to other organisations that can offer additional advice. To read the report visit:

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/publications/helping-community-groups-improve-public-spaces>

COMMUNITY SAFETY SCHEMES PRAISED

The Home Office has highlighted Neighbourhood Watch schemes in Bristol as a "beacon of success". They have won 11 of 12 national funding grants totalling more than Â£50,000 and the Home Office wants them used as a template for other schemes in England. Schemes include helping elderly people buy and fit home security and creating a sense of community where families know and watch out for each other. For more details visit:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/bristol/8351916.stm>

CYCLING CITY FREEBIES

Cycling City are giving away freebies on the streets every Tuesday during November. Cycling City street team will be giving out Cycling

City slap-straps, bag covers, bells and water bottles, and they'll all have information sheets about Cycling City to field any questions from you. You'll find the Cycling City street team between 7.15-8.45am and 4.30-6pm at locations around Bristol - see community diary below for details.

PEDAL THE MESSAGE ON A POSTCARD

A new range of collectable cycling postcards have been produced by the Cycling City team. The postcards can be found in cafes, pubs, clubs and tourist points across the city. If you want to get hold of a FREE supply of these postcards, call in to Brunel House and pick up as many as you like from the main reception.

REPORT HATE CRIME

A recent Panorama programme exposed very graphically many incidents of racist violence Southmead. While the programme contained some shocking behaviour, the Safer Bristol Partnership and many local groups believe the documentary gave an unfair portrayal of Southmead and the vast majority of people who live there. However, Safer Bristol want to use the publicity around the programme to highlight the importance of people reporting hate crime and have restated their commitment to take these complaints seriously. For more information please visit:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Community-Li> or contact Mobs Timi-Biu on 0117 9142218 or email mobs.timi-biu@bristol.gov.uk

GET SUPPORT AGAINST RACIST INCIDENTS

S.A.R.I is a specialist, award winning charity, which helps victims of racial harassment and abuse by providing emotional supporting and liaising with agencies such as the council and police. S.A.R.I has recently begun offering a new service aimed at tackling racial and religious discrimination at workplace, in education and in the provision of goods and services. The service is completely free and any referrals or general enquiries can be made on 0117 942 0060 or <mailto:sari@sariweb.org.uk>.

EXHIBITION ELIVATES EASTON

Easton is a vibrant, multi-cultural, inner city ward in Bristol, parts of which are among the most deprived in the city. A new exhibition at the Architecture Centre, Narrow Quay, Bristol, explores pioneering and innovative ways developed by the local residents and students from the University of Sheffield to encourage the community to be involved in the consultation process to transform their neighbourhood. The exhibition runs until Sunday 22 November. For more information visit:

http://www.architecturecentre.co.uk/exhibitions/elevating_easton.htm

SWITCHOVER HELP SCHEME IN THE WEST TV REGION

The Switchover Help Scheme has been launched in the West TV region to help eligible older and disabled people make the change to digital on one of their TV sets. Caroline Byng was appointed the regional manager

for the Switchover Help Scheme in the West in June this year. To find out how the Switchover team can help visit www.digitaluk.co.uk/west or contact Caroline Byng by phone or 07590 306930 email: <mailto:caroline.byng@bbc.co.uk>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP RUN SHOP

A shop in Redfield, run as a co-operative by members of the community, is appealing for more volunteers. The Little Co-op, on the corner of Church Road and Barnes Street, sells second-hand books and vinyl records, tea, coffee and cakes. It has also recently started to sell basic foodstuffs such as rice, herbs and spices, as well as environmentally-friendly cleaning products. There are now half a dozen volunteers working at The Little Co-op, but they need more people to ensure that the good work in the shop continues. To speak to someone at The Little Co-op about becoming a volunteer, visit the shop at 156 Church Road, Redfield, or telephone 07726 164827.

HAVE YOU GOT A ROOM FOR HELP! ?

Help! counselling are looking for a room suitable for counselling young people in the Henbury/Brentry and Lawrence Weston area, where they are seeing increasing requests for support. Help! support young people aged 9 to 25 who are distressed or not able to function and take advantage of the opportunities available to them, many mention abuse, rape or violence, despair, self harm and or suicide. All help! staff are volunteers with appeals and donations helping to cover the short-fall. If you can offer a very low cost or free access space for help! to sustain their support to young people, please contact Peter Flowerdew on 0117 950 2511.

POLICE WARN OF ROGUE TRADERS

Police have asked people to look out for your elderly neighbours and highlighted the need to be aware of rogue traders and Cold callers who are still operating in the Bristol area despite a number of recent arrests.

Follow the following advice:

- Cold-calling itself isn't a crime, but always be suspicious of
- unexpected and unknown visitors.
- Remember; they want something from you and are unlikely to be there
- for your benefit. If a product on sale seems too good to be true... you
- know the answer to this one.
- Don't be pressured into anything against your will or wisdom.
- It's your doorstep ...your decision.

If in doubt, make a note of the caller's description ...and call the police.

TIME OFF WORK TO TAKE ON CIVIC ROLES

The Communities Secretary, John Denham has launched a campaign to encourage more companies to give their staff time off to take on roles such as councillors, school governors and members of other public bodies. For more information visit:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/communities/1359050>

DO YOU WORK WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE?

DO YOU HAVE HIGH FOOD BILLS?

We can help... FareShare South West gets donated food from the food industry that is good quality and within use by date that would go to landfill for all sorts of reasons. FairShare distribute it to organisations working with vulnerable people. Reduce your food bills by becoming a member of FareShare South West. FareShare South West is looking for a volunteer fundraiser. You can work from home or in our offices. For further information please contact: Jacqui Reeves, Project Manager, by email: <mailto:Jacqui@faresharesouthwest.org.uk> or call 0117 9712975.

CANCER SUPPORT SERVICE FOR MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES

CHEC is NHS service offering support to BME people with cancer. CHEC covers Bristol and South Gloucestershire. The service also offers free cancer awareness sessions to BME community groups. If you would like to refer someone to the CHEC service or would like more information, please contact Marion Burrell on 0117 982 8549 or <mailto:marion.burrell@nhs.net>. Or visit <http://www.avon.nhs.uk/palliative/>

BRISTOL DISABILITY EQUALITY FORUM

The government's initial consultation on how it is going to fund the care needs of older people in the future has just ended. Their proposals can seriously damage your finances and your choice and control over your care. If you are a disabled person, join the Forum and you will be kept up to date on the government's plans and get the chance to influence them. For more information contact Nisha Khanna by email <mailto:nisha.khanna@bristol.gov.uk> or call 0117 9222 660 (11am - 2pm, Mon-Thurs)

::: 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) Tuesday 2 December, 7pm, venue to be confirmed.

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

Frome Vale, Eastville and Hillfields

Eastville ward specific meeting (OM) Friday 11 December, 7-9pm, Venue to be confirmed.

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

St George East and St George West

Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.

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

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

(SG) Easton and Lawrence Hill Management Board Tuesday 24 November, 6pm to 8.30pm at City Academy, Russell Town Avenue.

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

*** NORTH BRISTOL ***

Avonmouth and Kingsweston

(SG) Thursday 3 December, 3pm, Avonmouth Community Centre, Avonmouth Rd, Contact Sam Parker on 0117 922 3029 or email

<mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership.

(SG) Thursday 26 November, 4.30pm-6.30pm, Venue to be confirmed.

(OM) Tuesday 8 December, 7pm, Venue to be confirmed.

Contact Jo Holmes on 0117 903 9797 or email <mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East

Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.

Contact Ariaif Hussain on 0117 922 3218 or email <mailto:ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Henbury and Southmead

(OM) Southmead - Tuesday 17 November, 7-9pm, United Reform Church, Wigton Crescent, Southmead, BS10 6DY

The date of the next joint Henbury and Southmead NP meeting is

(OM) Tuesday 1 December, 6-8pm, Brentry Methodist Church, Epworth Road. Brentry Bristol. BS10 6SA

(OM) Southmead Estate Agreement meeting is on Friday 11 December, 9.30am, Southmead Community Centre, Greystoke Avenue, BS10 6BQ
Contact Mohamed Ismail on 0117 903 6420 or email <mailto:mohamed.ismail@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury on Trym
Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.
Grove, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS9 4LG.
The theme of this open meeting will be Traffic and Transport.
Contact Sam Parker 922 3029 or email <mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Horfield and Lockleaze
(SG) Monday 16 November, 7pm, UHCT Centre, Eden Grove, Horfield.
Contact Mohamed Ismail on 0117 903 6420 or email <mailto:mohamed.ismail@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

*** SOUTH BRISTOL ***

Bedminster and Southville (Greater Bedminster Community Partnership)
(OM) Monday 14 December, 7pm. Windmill Hill City Farm, Phillip Street
Bedminster, Bristol, 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 <mailto: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: <mailto:heather.williams@hwcp.org.uk> for more details

Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill
(OM) Tuesday 1 December, 6 - 8pm venue to be confirmed.
Contact Valeria Talbot on 0117 908 4247 or email <mailto:valerie.talbot@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Hengrove and Stockwood
Meeting date, time and venue to be confirmed.
Contact Aria Hussain on 0117 922 3218 or email <mailto: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 Â£500 to get it off the ground? Contact Avonmouth and Kingsweston Neighbourhood Partnership on 0117 922 3029 or <mailto:neighbourhood.partnerships@bristol.gov.uk> for more information and an application form. Closing date for applications is 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.

::: CONSULTATIONS :::

The following consultations are currently taking place in Bristol:

- Development of the Knowle West Regeneration Framework (until 17 Nov 2009)
- 2010-15 Draft Housing Strategy "My Home Is My Springboard for Life" (until 20 Nov 2009)
- Cumberland Basin Road Two Way Cycling Facility and Pedestrian Improvements (until 27 Nov 2009)
- Marksbury Road - Road Safety Improvements (until 27 Nov 2009)
- Residential Futures - Home for Older People with Dementia in North Bristol (until 27 Nov 2009)
- West Street, Bedminster - Local Safety Scheme (until 27 Nov 2009)
- Allotments User Survey (until 30 Nov 2009)
- Household Questionnaire as part of South Bristol Retail and Centres Study (until 30 Nov 2009)
- A37 Wells Rd/Marston Rd/Oakmeade Park/Redcatch Road - Local Safety Scheme (until 11 Dec 2009)
- A37 Wells Rd / Broad Walk // Priory Road - Traffic signal Alterations (until 11 Dec 2009)
- Charlotte Street and Queens Parade Area Revised Residents' Permit Scheme (until 18 Dec 2009)
- Berkeley Place Area Revised Residents' Permit Scheme (until 18 Dec 2009)
- Modernising Customer Access to Council Services (until 18 Dec 2009)
- South Bristol Link - Hartcliffe to Long Ashton (until 31 Dec 2009)

2009)
Traffic Noise Pollution (until 31 Dec 2009)
Museum Visitor Survey (until 31 Dec 2009)
Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support (until 15
Jan 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 31 Dec)
To oppose The Daisy Field and Lamplighters (until 31 Dec)
Zero Tolerance in Street Drinking Zones (until 31 Dec 2009)
No to Amalgamation of Henleaze Infant and Junior Schools (until
31 Jan 2010)
No to Palm Oil Power Station in Avonmouth (until 26 Mar 2010)
Reduce the speed limit to 20mph where people live (until 30 Apr
2010)
Say No to Park & Ride on Stapleton Allotments (until 1 May
2010)
Let All Bristol Decide (Until 5 May 2010)
Make Bristol a Foie Gras Free City! (until 27 Jul 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 :::

---TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER ---

INVOLVING MEN WHEN DELIVERING CHILDREN'S SERVICES
9.15am at The Withywood Centre, Queens Road, Withywood, Bristol, BS13
8QA. Awareness raising 'taster days' that aim to increase practitioners'

awareness of, and explore issues relating to involving men when delivering children's services. For further information please contact: Gailyn Groves email: <mailto:gailyn.groves@continyou.org.uk> or telephone: 0247 658 8440.

CYCLING CITY FREEBIES

Cycling City team will be giving away free cycling goodies and information between 7.15-8.45am and 4.30-6pm at Ashton Avenue Bridge, Suspension Bridge Road, St Michaels Park Road, Avonmouth Bridge.

--- WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER ---

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING NETWORK (NPN)

5.30 to 7.30pm in the reception area at Brunel House, St George's Road, BS1. The NPN planners bi-monthly meeting will be looking at planning issues including the new process for major infrastructure developments that will in the future be dealt with outside the normal planning system and the Community Infrastructure Levy that may be adopted to replace Section 106 developer contributions. If you would like to attend this meeting please contact Alison Bromilow by email: <mailto:alison@rcas.org.uk>

--- SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER ---

BRISTOL STEINER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

10-4pm, Redland Hill House, Redland, Bristol, BS6 6UX.
Festive craft stalls, food, activities, entertainment and music all day. Home bakes, puppet shows, gifts, xmas cards and stocking fillers. Admission Â£1, children free.

PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Bristol Feminist Network is producing beautiful and powerful street art on the subject of domestic violence. The artwork will highlight national services and illustrate the different forms abuse can take. The big paint will take place on 21 - 22 November on the Jamaica St wall in Stokes Croft. Arty volunteers wanted!

--- MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER ---

NEW SOUTHMEAD HOSPITAL ARTS PROGRAMME VISIONING EVENING

5.30-8pm at BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Filton, Bristol, BS34 7RG,
The arts programme will include incorporating arts into its new buildings and developing ongoing arts activities across the Trust as a whole for the benefit of patients and the local community. This Visioning Evening is an important opportunity for the organisers to share their ideas and to hear what you think of them. For more information or if you would like to attend, please contact

<mailto:fresharts@willisnewson.co.uk> or 0117 924 7617 or visit www.fresharts.co.uk

--- TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER ---

CLASS CELEBRATION

Until Sunday 30 November, Bedminster Library, Bedminster Parade, Bristol. Exhibition celebrating 25 years of continued learning covering various topics from music and dance to old Bristol trades. CLASS meets at the Southville Centre every Tuesday at 10am, new members welcome.

CYCLING CITY FREEBIES

Cycling City team will be giving away free cycling goodies and information between 7.15-8.45am and 4.30-6pm at College Green, A4174 Ring Road (east of Coldharbour Lane), Prince Street Bridge, Temple Meads (rear of station near Temple Quay).

--- WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER ---

THE IMPACT OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
2-4.30pm (1.30pm for refreshments) The Conference Centre, The Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol, BS16 2QQ. The Care Forum AGM and Annual Conference will discuss the Impact of the Environment on Health & Social Care with keynote speaker: Simon Evans, Institute for Sustainability, Health and the Environment, UWE. Workshops on streets and routes to health, playing with children's health, food, and impacts of air quality and traffic noise on health. To book call 0117 958 9345 or email <mailto:events@thecareforum.org.uk>

--- THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER ---

THE ARCHITECTURE CENTRE NEW WEBSITE AND ANNUAL REVIEW
6.30 - 8.00pm The Architecture Centre, Narrow Quay, Bristol, BS1 4QA
The Architecture Centre has been working hard behind the scenes to update their website. This event will mark the launch of the new-look website and the publication of the Architecture Centres first annual report. To attend the drinks reception, find out more about our programmes, and preview these exciting pieces of work please book your place by 20 November (numbers are limited) by emailing <mailto:info@architecturecentre.co.uk> or call 0117 922 1540

BRISTOL BIKE FORUM

5.30 - 6.30pm for informal drop in, 6.30 - 8pm for Bike Forum meeting at The Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1. The Bike Forum takes place every two months to discuss provision and promotion of cycling within Bristol.

For more information visit

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Transport-Streets/Walking-Cycling/bike-forum.en>

--- FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER ---

TEA DANCE IN EASTON

2-4pm, Easton Community Centre, Kilburn Street, Easton, Bristol, BS6 5AW. Get dressed up and put your dancing shoes on. There will be tea and cakes and a live band playing old time songs you will want to get up and dance to. Entry: Â£2.50 (first cup of tea and piece of cake included).

--- SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER ---

EASTON COMMUNITY CENTRE - 20 YEAR CELEBRATION!

12pm late, Easton Community Centre, Kilburn St, Bristol, BS5 6AW. Come and celebrate 20 years of a brilliant community resource. Workshops, demonstrations, food, music, games and much more throughout the day. In the evening join the party that will celebrate Easton. For more details visit: <http://www.eastoncommunitycentre.org.uk/>

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS FAIR

11am - 3pm, Sea Mills Community Centre, Sunny Hill, Sea Mills. Christmas Crafts & Presents, Hand made cards, Jams, chutneys & preserves, Art Sale, Book Sale, Lucky Dip, Tombola, Face Painting, Guess the sweets in the jar, Cake sale, Teas, Coffees and Light refreshments and more!

FREE MUSIC CONCERT

7pm at Bedminster United Reform Church, corner of West Street & Stanley Street South, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 3PG
Jusim Park (on the piano) will be presenting some classical music and she will be supported by 'Bristol Fashion' (ladies barbershop choir).

LOCKLEAZE NEIGHBOURHOOD TRUST WINTER FAYRE

10am - 2pm, Cameron Centre, Cameron Walk, BS5 0NL.
Stalls including Christmas cards, Christmas decorations and jewellery, and activities including face painting, Indian head massage and a raffle. Dr Bike will also be at the fayre, so bring your bike for a winter tune-up. Free entry, for more information, call Gail or Emily on 0117 914 1129

ST PAUL'S AFRIKAN CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

6.00pm for start at 6.30pm until 1.00am, The City Academy, Russell Town Avenue, Bristol BS5 9JH. Join the celebration of St Pauls Carnival 2009
A time to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of all who made it

happen. Table seating, Buffet and Wine, Trophy presentations, 2009 Carnival films and live performances, Photographic exhibition of the memories project

Tickets Â£10.00 for more information contact Carmen McLaughlin <mailto:info@stpaulscarnival.co.uk> or call 0117 944 4176 or 07501 461 918

--- MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER ---

SPEAK UP PLAY

7pm, ACTA, Gladstone St, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 3AY. There are still some places left to see the 'Speak Up' play by a group of people with learning difficulties. The play is supported and directed by The Misfits Theatre Company, in partnership with Bristol Local Involvement Network.

Tea and coffee from 7pm and the play will start at approximately 7.15/7.30pm. If you would like to book on, please contact Alex Hodgson, Bristol LINK Administrator at alex.hodgson@linkbristol.org.uk or 0117 958 9325

--- TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER ---

WORLD AIDS DAY

The theme for World AIDS Day 2009 is 'Universal Access and Human Rights'.

To find out more about world Aids Day visit:

<http://www.worldaidsday.org/>

--- SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER ---

SOUTHVILLE CENTRE CHRISTMAS MARKET

10am 4pm, The Southville Centre, Beaufey Road, Southville. Local, festive craft market with beautiful, original gift ideas, entrance free. Come and enjoy some mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, mince pies, join in with traditional carol singing and visit Santa in his magical grotto.

--- TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER ---

FAIRBRIDGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

6.30 for 7pm start, Lord Mayor's Chapel, College Green, Bristol. Fairbridge West and Wells Cathedral School Choir are hosting a Christmas Concert that will feature choral music from the cathedral choir and the Fairbridge West 'Off Beat Band'. Tickets are priced at £12.50 and can be purchased from this site:

<http://www.kubiakcreative.com/fairbridge/>

FREE SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR OLDER PEOPLE

2-4pm, Knowle West Media Centre, Leinster Avenue, BS4 1JJ
South Bristol Digital Neighbourhoods is holding an event for older people and those who work with them, to explore digital and social networking solutions to the problem of isolation. Older people can receive training and set up their own Facebook account in a friendly environment. There will also be free mince pies, tea and coffee. For more information contact: Makala Campbell or Rachel Clarke 0117 903 0444 / <mailto:makala@kwmc.org.uk> or [Mailto:rachel.clarke@kwmc.org.uk](mailto:rachel.clarke@kwmc.org.uk)

--- SUNDAY 13 DECEMBER ---

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS FROM BRISTOL YOUTH THEATRE STUDIO
6.30pm, St. Martin's Church, Wells Road, Knowle. The Christmas Show from Bristol Youth Theater "Christmas Thoughts" lasts just over an hour,

and is made up of poems, readings, and music, for Christmas. There is no charge for admission.

--- TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER ---

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY THE VOSCUR ASSEMBLY
1 - 4.30pm at Knowle West Media Centre, Leinster Avenue, Knowle West, Bristol, BS4 1NL. Tell us what you think about the Council's Commissioning Infrastructure Strategy. Find out how council proposals will affect you and tell us your views on proposals. Plus, drop in and get advice from Voscur staff on: Help during the recession, Funding Advice, Workforce development and training, Representation what matters to you?, ICT advice, Governance and managing finance. Ian Eaton from Peninsula will provide information and answer questions on Voscur and Peninsula's employment protection offer.
Plus network with others over a festive FREE lunch.

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:

Thursday 26 November, 2.30 - 5pm, 2 - 4pm at Windmill Hill City Farm
(Please note change of date)

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:
<mailto:matthew@voscur.org> or confirm your attendance by online at:
<http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

VOSCUR TRAINING

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:

Full Cost Recovery

Monitoring and Evaluation an Introduction

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

OTHER TRAINING

UNDERSTANDING & USING OUTCOMES-BASED FRAMEWORKS

Wednesday 25 November, 9.30am -1pm, for more details visit
<http://www.blackdeva.org.uk/bda/forth-coming-bda-events>

COMMUNITY TENSIONS COURSE:

“Thought provoking; challenging; interesting; has given me real tools I can use in my work.” Community Resolve is running a 6-day course with the University of West of England. For more details visit:
<http://www.communityresolve.org.uk> .

MEDIATION TRAINING CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Beginning in January 2010 Bristol Mediations new training programme offers a unique opportunity to benefit from their highly valued training. The course is free to people willing to volunteer their skills with Bristol Mediation. There are also a limited number of places available to people who want these skills for work or other areas of their lives and aren't able to volunteer with Bristol Mediation; this is on a fee-paying basis. Please email for an information pack on <mailto:info@bristol-mediation.org> or telephone us on 0117 935 0521.

::: 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 <mailto: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>