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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 will be 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 2010: 15 January, 12 February, 12 March

::: STOP PRESS! :::

DATES FOR NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

The first dates and venues for the new Neighbourhood Committee (NC) meetings have been announced. During February and March 2010 a NC will take place in each of the 14 Neighbourhood Partnership areas. The first NC meetings will look at prioritising small road safety schemes to be implemented during 2010/11. To find out when your NC meeting is taking

place visit: <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np#events>

DEVOLVED BUDGETS DIVIDED BETWEEN 14 NEIGHBOURHOODS
Bristol City Council has released the breakdown of how the £13+ million of devolved budgets is to be split between the 14 Neighbourhood Partnership areas. Most of the devolved budgets consists of staff time with around £3 million of actual budget (divided between 14 NP). The final decision on how the devolved budgets are allocated will be made by the Neighbourhood Committees (elected councillors) after discussion with the Neighbourhood Partnership and wider community. To see a summary breakdown of the devolved budgets visit:
<http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np#NPTOR>

GETTING READY FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEES
Voscur invites you to a special meeting on 6 - 8pm on Wednesday 13 January 2010 for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in Bristol. The meeting will help you to understand how the new Neighbourhood Committees will work, how voluntary and community groups can influence decisions made by the new Neighbourhood Committees and how to get involved with your Neighbourhood Partnership. To find out more and to book your place <http://www.voscur.org>

::: NEWS :::

ONE PLACE FOR INFORMATION ON PERFORMANCE OF LOCAL SERVICES
How clean is your local hospital, how good is the school down the road, how efficient is your police service? For the first time, people can find out at the click of a mouse how the quality of life in their area compares with the rest of the country. The Oneplace website enables you to see how local public services including councils, police authorities, primary care trusts and fire and rescue services are performing in your area, if they provide value for money and where they could improve. Find out how Bristol is doing visit:
<http://oneplace.direct.gov.uk/infobyarea/region/Pages/Default.aspx?region=54>

SHOPPERS IN WEST URGED TO BUY DIGITAL THIS CHRISTMAS
Shoppers across the West TV region are being urged to 'buy digital' this Christmas as switchover approaches for viewers early next year. An estimated two million television sets will be sold in the UK in the run up to the festive season. People buying new TV equipment are being urged to look for the 'digital tick' logo, which identifies products designed to continue working after switchover. The West region will start the switch to digital-only TV on 24 March 2010, and completes the process on 7 April. To find out more about the digital switchover in the West TV region visit <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/west>

BRISTOL GREEN ICT PROJECT NOMINATED FOR PRIZE

Connecting Bristol, the organisation leading Bristol's innovative work on Green ICT, have launched a new website www.greenaddict.eu The site has been short-listed for the European ICT for Energy Efficiency Project Award. Connecting Bristol are asking people to support the project by voting at

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/cf/ee09/item-display.cfm?id=2677

To vote you will need to register and rate the green addict site before 31 December. The winner will receive a 20,000 Euro prize, if Bristol wins, this would be re-invest in Bristol projects. Voscur are working with us on a Green ICT programme for the voluntary & community sector, to find out more contact Sean Kenny <mailto:seank@voscur.org> for details.

CELEBRATING A DECADE OF LIFESKILLS

The Lifeskills Interactive Safety Centre, based on the 4th floor of the Create Centre will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary on 14th January 2010.

Educating 10,000 people each year Lifeskills has gone from strength to strength educating school children, adults with learning difficulties and older people and giving them the skills to make their lives safer. All of the achievements would not have been possible without an extremely committed team of Volunteer Guides, Staff, Management Board and Partner Organisations. For more information email <mailto:centre.manager@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk>

BARTON HILL WINS AWARD FOR BRIDGING CULTURES

The Barton Hill Settlement's People's Hive has won a national award for its work in bridging cultures and promoting intercultural dialogues. The awards were organised by the Institute for Community Cohesion (icoco) and The Baring Foundation. Barton Hill Settlement runs a project called The Barton Hill Together project that aims to address community tensions in and around Barton Hill, east Bristol. Residents involved in the project were encouraged to learn about and explore different cultures through different activities. Cultural awareness training was developed and delivered targeted at all communities.

To find out more about Barton Hill Settlement visit:

<http://www.bartonhillsettlement.org.uk/>

PERSONAL BEST IN BRISTOL!

A fantastic opportunity to gain a volunteering qualification, experience and skills for the workplace and maybe volunteer for the 2012 Olympic Games!

Delivered over 5 hours per week at various locations around the city, attendance on this course will not affect your benefits. Interested? You'll need to be over 16yrs, unemployed, not on another training programme and legally able to work in the UK to apply. Ring Aluel on 0788 528 3553 for more information!

HELP MAKE YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD MORE SUSTAINABLE

Are you concerned about climate change and the fact that we will soon

start to have less oil and other forms of energy than we have previously? Would you like to meet others in your neighbourhood to consider how to raise these issues at Neighbourhood Partnership level, or do more practical stuff? There are Transition groups in different parts of the City. For info about existing groups or advice on setting one up, go to <http://www.transitionbristol.net> and use the contact forms.

NEW PROJECT TO SUPPORT AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE STAFF

Ashton Gate Out of School Care are leading on an exciting and innovative new venture that has been developed to meet the staffing needs of play settings in the South 1 Extended School Partnership area. The after school club will be employing a member of staff who will be 'shared' between settings in the locality to cover staff absences. The club's have been supported by our Extended Schools Manager, Brian Hall, and BAND support worker, Haidi Haskins. For more information please visit <http://www.agosc.com>

DO YOU KNOW A GOOD NEIGHBOUR?

The annual Good Neighbour Awards scheme for organisations and projects in the Bristol and North Somerset area that actively contribute to their local community is seeking nominations. A total of £1,100 prize money will be shared between the winning entries. The closing date for nominations is Sunday 28 February 2010. For more information on the awards and Good Neighbour Awards scheme entry form visit:

<http://www.voscur.org/node/7324>

A LOT IS CHANGING IN EASTON AND LAWRENCE HILL

Community at Heart and Easton Community Partnership are working together to find ways to strengthen resident involvement to improve the area. This will include ways to communicate better with local residents and organisations. If you work in Easton and Lawrence Hill and have suggestions about how to do this then contact Stacy Yelland (details below). Help is also on offer to support small organisations in Easton and Lawrence Hill with press releases, putting together leaflets or similar things. If you would like to discuss either of these things contact Stacy on 0117 377 3638 or email:

<mailto:stacy.yelland@communityatheart.co.uk>

GIVE YOUR VIEWS ON NEW CYCLE ROUTE FOR ASHTON COURT

As part of the Cycling City and Connect2 Projects, Bristol City Council in partnership with North Somerset Council are proposing to build a new shared pedestrian and cycle path connecting Clamage Road to Ashton Road. The path would avoid the busy A370 Brunel Way. The proposed path across the bottom of the estate grounds affords spectacular views of the Grade I Listed Mansion House and the Grade II* Listed Landscape. The proposed path would leave Ashton Road at the car park driveway entrance and would follow the estate boundary as far as the University Arts Campus on Kennel Lodge Road. To see details of the plans and to give your comments visit:

http://www.opinionsuite.com/bristol/site/departments/city-development/ashton-court-cycling-and-walking-link-public-consultation/consultation/consult_view

CHRISTMAS SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Connexions, Safer Bristol and Bristol City Council's Youth and Play Service have joined forces on a new campaign that encourages young people to stay safe over the festive period. Looking at issues such as safe sex and responsible alcohol consumption, new resources designed by Bristol teens are being distributed to venues across Bristol. A resource pack of activities is to be sent to youth centres and schools whilst Connexions staff will be on hand with information at various under-18 nights throughout Christmas. For more information visit:

<http://www.4ypbristol.co.uk/christmascampaign> or contact Jess Boydell on 0117 907 4448 or email <mailto:boydell@ConnexionsWest.org.uk>

FIRESKILLS SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS FROM GATEWAY SCHOOL

In the last three months, eight students from Lawrence Weston's Bristol Gateway School have completed Avon Fire & Rescue Service's FireSkills course. Run from Avonmouth Fire Station, the 10 weekly sessions saw the teenagers learn the basics of firefighting while developing their own skills in problem solving, team building and self esteem. For more information visit: <http://www.avonfire.gov.uk/avon/> or contact James Bladon on 0117 926 2061 or email

<mailto:james.bladon@avonfire.gov.uk>

CAN YOU HELP NHS WITH A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

NHS Bristol is preparing a awareness campaign around mini-strokes planned for late January 2010. If you or someone in your family has suffered a mini-stroke then NHS Bristol would like to hear about your experiences and potentially use a photograph of you for use in the Avon-wide public poster and leaflet campaign. If you would like to help raise awareness about this important issue please email

<mailto:Daniel.Stern@bristolpct.nhs.uk> For more information about strokes visit www.nhs.uk/actfast

NORTH BRISTOL DOMESTIC ABUSE FORUM BEER MATS CAMPAIGN

NBDAF is reminding people in pubs across North Bristol this Christmas that domestic violence and abuse is never okay. Four different designs of beer mats feature 'same movie, different scene' message, that domestic violence and abuse is not just physical violence: instead, it can include psychological, emotional and financial abuse. Incidences of domestic violence rise over Christmas, please keep an eye out for neighbours and friends. To find out more email <mailto:alex.wood@nhs.net> or call 07789 943 114

ONLINE MONEY SURVIVAL KIT FOR SINGLE PARENTS ON ONE SPACE

One Space the single parent's website have launched an online Money Survival Kit. The Money Survival Kit tackles immediate problems many single parents are facing, such as mortgage arrears, preventing bankruptcy, CSA issues, and managing fuel bills. The Money Survival kit is easy to use and includes 1-2-1 personal financial and debt advice via

email, and a handy budget calculator. To find our more visit:

<http://www.onespace.org.uk>

PHOTO EXHIBITION CELEBRATES BRISTOL MUSIC SCENE

Beezer's photos capture the glory days of Bristol's 1980s music scene the Wild Bunch and the scene that produced Massive Attack. An exhibition of his work runs at the Pierian Centre, 27 Portland Square, St Pauls, throughout January and February (open TuesdaysSundays 10am-6pm). Admission is Free and you can buy a copy of the accompanying book and hear about the workshop Beezer's running for young people in St Pauls. More information call 0117 924 4512.

::: DATES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS :::

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

Key to meetings

NC = Neighbourhood Committee

NP = Neighbourhood Partnership

SG = Steering group meeting

OM = Open Meeting

*Meetings dates, times and venues may be subject to change. We advice checking Bristol City Council's website before the event. Visit the council online diary here:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Elected-Representatives/committee-meeting-finder.en>

The dates of meetings coming up are:

*** EAST BRISTOL ***

Brislington East and Brislington West (Brislington Community Partnership)

(OM/NP) Monday 11 January 2010, 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

(SG) Monday 18 January, 2010, 6.30 - 8.30pm at the Beechwood Club, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 3TR

(OM/NP/NC) Thursday 18 February, 7pm, Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Bristol, BS16 2QQ*

NP and NC (OM) Date, Time, Venue

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
(OM/NP/NC) Tuesday 9 February, 7pm, Meadowvale Community Centre, Meadow Vale, Speedwell, Bristol, BS5 7RF*

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)

(OM/NP/NC) Wednesday 24 February, 6.30pm, Circomedia, St Paul's Church, Portland Square, Bristol, BS2 8SJ.*

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

*** NORTH BRISTOL ***

Avonmouth and Kingsweston

(OM/NP) Wednesday 20 January, 7 9pm at Oasis Brightstowe Academy, Penpole Lane, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 0EB

(OM/NP/NC) Thursday 11 February, 7pm, Bristol Conference Centre, The Wylands, Lower High Street, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 0DA*

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

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership.

(OM/NP/NC) Thursday 4 March, 7pm, Cotham School, Cotham Lawn Road, Cotham, Bristol BS6 6DT*

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

Cabot, Clifton and Clifton East

(OM/NP/NC) Tuesday 2 March, 7pm, The Pavilion, 1 Hannover Quay, Harbourside, Bristol, BS15JE*

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

Henbury and Southmead

(OM/NP/NC) Tuesday 2 February, 2010, 7pm venue to be confirmed*

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

(OM/NP/NC) Wednesday 10 February, 7pm, Westbury-on-Trym Village Hall, Eastfield Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, BS9 4AG *

Contact Sam Parker 922 3029 or email <mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk>
for more details

Horfield and Lockleaze

(SG) Monday 21 December, 2009, 7.00pm, Cameron Centre, Cameron Walk, Lockleaze, Bristol BS7 9XB

(OM/NP/NC) Monday 1 February, 2010, 7pm, Upper Horfield Community Trust, Eden Grove, Horfield, Bristol BS7 0PQ

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/NP/NC) Monday 1 March, 2010, 7pm venue to be confirmed

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/NP/NC) Monday 22 February, 7pm, Wansdyke Primary School, School Close, Whitchurch, Bristol, BS14 0DU*

Contact Heather Williams on 0117 903 8044 or email: <mailto:heather.williams@hwcp.org.uk> for more details

Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill

(OM/NP/NC) Tuesday 9 March, 6pm, Knowle West Media Centre, Leinster Avenue, Knowle West, Bristol, BS4 1NL*

Contact Valeria Talbot on 0117 908 4247 or email <mailto:valerie.talbot@bristol.gov.uk> for more details

Hengrove and Stockwood

Tuesday 16 February, 7pm, Christ the Servant, Corner of Stockwood and Materman Road, Stockwood, Bristol*

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

::: NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP FUNDING :::

BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY FUND NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Brislington Community Partnership has established a Brislington Community Fund for local projects and organisations to apply to.

Applications to the fund must benefit the local Brislington Community area. For more information and to download the documents to apply visit:

<http://www.brislington.org/funding/index.html>

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:

Cycling City: Bonnington Open Space - Northern Route Phase 3 (until 23 Dec 2009)

South Bristol Link - Hartcliffe to Long Ashton (until 31 Dec 2009)

Traffic Noise Pollution (until 31 Dec 2009)

Museum Visitor Survey (until 31 Dec 2009)

Rapid Transit North Fringe to Hengrove (until 8 Jan 2010)

Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support (until 15 Jan 2010)

Proposed Change in Age Range and Expansion of Ashley Down Junior School (until 14 Jan 2010)

Bristol Development Framework - Core Strategy 'Publication Version' (until 15 Jan 2010)

Clifton Conservation Area Character Appraisal (until 15 Jan 2010)

Stapleton Road - Frome Greenway Cyclepath (until 15 Jan 2010)

Budget Consultation 2010-11 (until 18 January 2010)

Ashton Court Cycling and Walking Link Public Consultation (until 29 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)

Care for ABC Whiteladies Cinema - Whiteladies Road (until 28 Feb 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 are being asked what they think about the draft council budget for 2010/11. Would you change anything in the budget proposals to help deliver the improvements you want to see most?

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

Join the debate at

http://www.askbristol.com/comment.php?comment_id=1237

::: LOCAL COMMUNITY DIARY :::

--- TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER ---

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

6pm, Join in with Christmas Carols on Redland Green, (near playground), Redland Green Road, Redland, Bristol BS6. For more details visit:

<http://www.westburyparkchurch.org.uk>

--- THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER ---

CHILDREN'S SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS

4pm, St Alban's Church, corner of Bayswater Avenue and Coldharbour Road, Wesbury Park. Come dressed as a character from the Nativity story.

CRISTINGLE SERVICE

4pm, St Mary Redcliffe Church, Redcliffe, Bristol, BS1 6RA.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

5pm, Salvation Army, 4 Padstow Road, Knowle, Bristol, BS4 1EN. Children are welcome, there will be cake and coffee after the carol service.

--- FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER ---

ST MARY REDCLIFFE NATIVITY

10.30am, St Mary Redcliffe Church, Redcliffe, Bristol, BS1 6RA. Christmas Nativity Play on Christmas morning.

---THURSDAY 31 DECEMBER ---

7.30pm, Sea Mills Community Centre, Sunny Hill, Bristol, BS9 2NQ.
Optional Fancy Dress with prizes, fully licensed bar, disco & raffle.
American supper style bring along some food to eat and share.
Tickets £3.50 each or £10 per family. For more details call 0117 968
7845 or email: <mailto:seamillscommuniutycentre@yahoo.co.uk>

--- WEDNESDAY 6 JANUARY ---

6pm, Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting for upper Easton at
Felix Road Business Park, Felix Road, Bristol, BS5 0HE

--- SUNDAY 10 JANUARY ---

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

6.30pm, St Mary Redcliffe Church, Redcliffe, Bristol, BS1 6RA. Carol
service to round off the Christmas season. Everyone welcome.

--- WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY ---

GETTING READY FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEES

6 - 8pm, (drinks and registration from 5.30pm) Youth Hostel
Association, 14 Narrow Quay, Bristol, BS1 4QA. Special meeting for
voluntary and community groups across Bristol. Find out more about the
new Neighbourhood Committees and how they can be more involved in
influencing local decisions in their neighbourhood. This meeting will
help you understand how to get involved with Neighbourhood Partnership
and what decisions will be made by the new Neighbourhood Committees. For
more details or to book your place visit:

<http://www.voscur.org/node/7267>

--- MONDAY 18 JANUARY ---

BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGM

7pm at the Wicklea Centre, Wick Road, Brislington, BS4 4HU.
For more details visit www.brislington.org for more information.

--- WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY ---

VOSCUR ASSEMBLY - THE PUSH FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS IN
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

9.30am - 1pm at the Southville Centre, Beaulley Road, Bristol, BS3 1QG
How can we improve local partnership between voluntary and community
sector and statutory partners working within the criminal justice system
in Greater Bristol? For more details or to book your place visit:

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

--- FRIDAY 22 JANUARY ---

BUILDING HEALTH: PLANNING AND DESIGNING FOR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

One-day conference at the University of the West of England, Bristol

How can we create environments that encourage health & well-being?

For more information and to book your place visit:

<http://www.architecturecentre.co.uk/events/buildinghealth.htm>

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:

Introduction to Fundraising (Thursday 14 January)

Working Together - Child Protection Level One

Low Cost Action Learning set for Volunteer Managers

Register your interest in these course Voscur hope to run soon:

Supporting your Volunteer Board
Monitoring and Evaluation - an Introduction
Human Rights and your Work
Be better at what you do - Small Groups
How to Make Money and Promote your Organisation Online
Developing an Equalities & Diversity Policy
Making Outcomes Work For You

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 Mediation's 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.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

A FREE course for single parent women on benefits or low paid work. Wednesdays 1- 3pm. You can learn how to influence the decision makers, Join local forums, Influence how our services are delivered, know how to lobby. To find out more or enrol call Single Parent Action Network (SPAN) on 0117 952 2712 or 07796 132 085

::: 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>