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The news magazine for Ealing's Voluntary Sector

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A better class of voluntary sector cut: carving Arabic calligraphy – part of a Women's project run at the ARK (see the final results on page 2)

CUTS, COMMISSIONING, CONSULTATIONS: LB Ealing/PCT Grants

Local groups should now have been told the results of their bids under the new grants round. Any appeals are also underway. Positive partnership work by LBE and ECN has led to many improvements on initial proposals:

- Most existing grants rolled over to October 2011 before cuts come into effect
- Overall grant cuts in the first two years reduced from 28% / 30% to 11%/21%
- No cuts in direct community grants in 2011/12
- Local small grants budgets protected for 3 years
- Increased funding for local advice services
- New funding around young carers
- Further funding for ECN as the local 'VCS voice'

The 'Ealing model' has been reported in national third sector publications.

LBE agreed to ringfence £527,000 returned London Councils funding for local VCS support in 2011/12. But in a very positive step the LBE Cabinet has gone further and also ringfenced £200,000 in each of the following 3 years.

LBE have made specific proposals on how this £200,000 should be used- on neighbourhood development, small grants and domestic violence. ECN has supported the first two but recommended the third should cover all forms of hate crime.

ECN has also recommended that the remaining one off grants contingency should be used strategically by LBE to support increased delivery of public services commissioned through local VCS groups.

New Ealing Small Grants Round

Now the main grants round has concluded a new round of small grant applications will start - both for running costs and for new community projects.

ECN is discussing with LBE future priorities and maximum small grant levels. It is expected that applications will open in November/December with new grants starting from April 2012.

Discretionary Rates Relief to Local VCS Groups

Following consultation with ECN, LBE have now announced a new policy.

Key points are:

- No cuts to existing rates relief on VCS premises before April 2012
- Local registered charities will still get automatic 80% mandatory rates relief
- Local VCS groups getting less than £1,000 in discretionary rates relief will have no cuts and current rates relief will be maintained for 3 years
- Local groups getting more than £1,000 will have to reapply and will be considered on a case by case basis

For more details visit the news section of the ECNS website

BORISMANIA HITS EALING!



Following the visit by Julian Bell, Leader of Ealing Council, Boris Johnson, the Mayor of London came to see the London Ambassadors recruitment at Ealing Community Resource Centre (more on page 3). He clearly made an impression!

2011: CHALLENGES AND CHANGES



Fine art work based on Arabic calligraphy being produced by women at the ARK project (see also Page 1) Thanks to Yousif Nasser

Changes are coming to ECVS. We have recruited 3 new staff members – Albee Statdmiller (ECN Manager), Fuad Uddin (West London Network Manager) and Luke Martin (LGBT Project Worker).

In September we will be recruiting an ECN Networks Officer and, thanks to recent funding successes, two additional part-time staff- an ECVS Community Projects Officer and an ECVS IT Support Worker.

Our Chair, Edwina Messer, is also standing down at the ECVS AGM in September-after 11 years sterling service as an ECVS Trustee (see right).

Despite the tough funding environment we are planning some innovative new developments over the next 12-18 months:

- Launching a new Ealing and Hanwell Community Federation
- Running new Community Advice Fairs
- Setting up an Ealing Unemployed Peoples Forum
- Helping residents draw up neighbourhood action plans for their own estates
- Organising further one day 'volunteering in the community' challenges by local businesses
- Setting up a new 'Ealing Involved' website to promote local Big Society projects in Ealing
- Securing further donations of free equipment to local small groups via our 'Ealing Community Resource Bank'
- Developing new volunteering programmes in libraries and in parks
- Helping young people shoot their own DVDs on improvements they would like to see in their own neighbourhood.

Andy Roper

Chief Executive

VCS Transition Support – a NEW programme for local voluntary organisations

LBE have agreed to fund a programme of training and advice coordinated through ECN to assist local VCS groups develop new business models and alternative forms of income generation. We have also set up a new 'Dealing with Cuts' section on the ECVS website

See special insert for more details

FAREWELL FROM OUR CHAIR - AFTER 11 YEARS ON THE ECVS BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Edwina at last year's AGM with Councillor John Gallagher

This has been a very challenging year for ECVS due to the cutbacks – but it has come through this difficult period in good condition and ready to face further challenges in the year ahead.

As with all voluntary organisations we have had to make savings and this regrettably led to some staff redundancies. However, ECVS has continued to support the local voluntary sector and to be engaged in giving the voluntary sector an effective voice in discussions with L.B. Ealing and Ealing PCT over major funding cuts.

We were pleased to secure substantial reward funding for 2011/12 for our LAA Volunteering project. This supported over 1,600 new volunteers and contributed over 160,000 hours of free volunteering time for the benefit of Ealing.

I would like to thank the Vice Chair, John Swan for his strong support and to all my fellow Trustees who during this challenging year have given so much of their time voluntarily.

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for their continued hard work. Special thanks are due to our two Deputy Chief Executives, Carmel Cahill and Antony Bewick-Smith, for successfully supporting ECVS during the absence due to ill health of our Chief Executive, Andy Roper. I would also like to acknowledge the committed work done by Andy himself, despite ill-health and limited hours, in providing such a strong voice for the voluntary sector in Ealing and steering ECVS to further successes this year.

This will be my last Annual Report as I have decided after 3 years as Chair not to seek re-election. I have been a Trustee of ECVS for over 11 years and during this time ECVS has grown and raised its profile to become a regional and national model of excellence. I have very much enjoyed my involvement since 2000 with ECVS and I wish it much success in the future.

Partnership work by The VCS And LBE

It has been agreed to have an overall review of how the Council and local VCS groups can work better together. This review will start later in 2011 and report back by Summer 2012.

ECN has nominated 3 frontline VCS reps to take part in the review (Jackie Sear, Anna Whitty and Rebecca Mansell) together with the ECN Chair and Vice-Chairs (Andy Roper, Ricky Singh and Sian Vasey).

For more information contact Andy Roper

OLYMPIC VOLUNTEERING COMES TO EALING



'This is more difficult than "pin the tail on the donkey"! Council leader Julian Bell tries his hand at one of the candidate assessments for London Ambassadors

Ealing Volunteer Centre, in partnership with Ealing Community Resource Centre, was one of 10 regional selection centres for the London Ambassadors volunteering programme, funded by the London Development Agency in partnership with Greater London Volunteering.

From July 20th to September 10th 2012 (including the duration of the Olympic and Paralympic Games), around 8,000 London Ambassadors will be on hand at key places of importance and interest to act as the 'face of London', informing and guiding hands to visitors.

Up to 16,000 people applied to be London Ambassadors. At the 10 selection centres – including Ealing Community Resource Centre - 8,000 candidates were recruited.

At the Resource Centre over 900 candidates were assessed by 31 volunteers and 14 staff .

The event was visited by both the Leader of Ealing Council, Julian Bell (see above) and the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson (see front page). It featured in the Evening Standard and on BBC Radio London.

ECVS TAKES ON STRATEGIC WEST LONDON ROLE



West London Network

Due to the very sad closure of Hounslow CVS, ECVS has now taken on the lead role for West London Network (WLN). WLN brings together VCS groups and forums across 6 West London boroughs. WLN is now based with ECVS at Ealing Community Resource Centre.

Though ECVS only took on the WLN role in July we have already secured major funding for a programme to inform residents on the switchover from analogue to digital TV (see article in this Evolve) and won funding from Hounslow Council to set up a new 'Hounslow Community Network'. WLN is also working on a major new Lottery bid to support youth volunteering across West London.

We have recruited new members to the WLN Steering Group and Ricky Singh from Ealing Race Equality Council has been elected as the new Ealing rep on the Steering Group.

We are updating the WLN website www.westlondonnetwork.org.uk and from October will introduce a bi-monthly WLN e-news .

If you would like to sign up to receive the West London VCS e-newsletter please e-mail Fuad Uddin

Hounslow Community Network

West London Network in partnership with Ealing CVS have been also successful in its proposal to Hounslow Council to set up a new Hounslow Community Network. The project will:

- Map current engagement in Hounslow and identify any representation gaps
- Consult with Hounslow VCS groups on models for a Hounslow Community Network
- Consult with LB Hounslow and other statutory partners
- Prepare a long-term funding plan for Hounslow Community Network
- Hand over management of Hounslow Community Network to a local lead organisation by July 2012

Work will start in September and finish in July 2012.

Working in Harrow

In a separate development Ealing CVS- in partnership with Hillingdon CVS and Hammersmith CVS - has been commissioned by Harrow Council to provide VCS support services (given the pending closure of Harrow Association for Voluntary Service), and work with Harrow groups to set up a new Harrow CVS.

ECVS top-scores in West London hate crime work bid

Prior to the Hounslow success, Ealing CVS had already been successful in getting funding from the Metropolitan Police Authority to support work against LGBT hate crime in West London. The bid was rated by the Metropolitan Police as the top bid across London. The project will work with statutory authorities to raise awareness of LGBT hate and recruit volunteers to support victims to report hate crimes to the police and other statutory authorities.

For more information on LGBT and hate crime work contact Luke Martin

Ealing Equalities Reference Group

The Ealing Equalities Reference Group brings together VCS reps across different equalities strands, together with grassroots reps working in neighbourhoods or estates, to give early equalities input to key strategies by LBE and other local partners. Under the new Ealing Community Strategy the Group will have an important new role in advising on overall equalities targets for Ealing

ECN is reviewing membership and inviting new VCS members. If you are interested e-mail Carmel Cahill

Ealing Community Advice Fair

Advice Plus (our Community Advice Programme) helps people in need to access good quality advice including housing, employment, health and well-being, mental health and voluntary opportunities.

We ran two drop in sessions at the Lido and Grand Union Village. The sessions run in the evening to accommodate those who work and the sessions are open to everyone. People attended from Ealing, Wembley, Cricklewood and even as far away as Kensington.

We will be teaming up with A2Dominion and EASE over the next couple of months, to run other drop-ins.

For more information contact Anne Marie Charles

FUNDING SECTION

Sportsmatch: deadline 19th September

Sportsmatch makes awards to not-for-profit organisations that have secured sponsorship to deliver new community projects to grow or sustain participation in sport.

Sportsmatch uses money from the government to encourage new sponsorship of grassroots community sport.

Priority is given to applications seeking to match sponsorship from the commercial sector but donations from private individuals or charitable trusts are also acceptable provided they meet their sponsorship eligibility criteria.

Awards of between £1,000 and £100,000 can be made to match funding from no more than five sponsors, with each sponsor contributing a minimum of £1,000. Sport England funding for the project must be spent by 31 March 2012.

Funding helpline 08458 508 508 or visit

sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx

Youth Music

Youth Music provides children and young people with access to a wide range of music-making projects and activities. For many, being given the chance to experience the power of music has been life changing.

They support & fund music projects, develop music programmes, and provide music-making opportunities for young people across the country.

They have been reviewing their funding and will be launching their new model in September.

youthmusic.org.uk

Sport for You

A £1,000 amateur sports club grant could be yours. Amateur sport plays a constructive, cohesive role in many urban and rural communities across the country.

The Daily Telegraph, in partnership with RBS, is aiming to promote and nurture sport at a local level through the launch of its Sport for You grant. The online form is on the website.

Tell them in not more than 250 words why your community sports club needs a £1,000 grant and what use you would put it to. Include your successes, your events, the unsung heroes involved in your club and even your rising stars.

Clubs must have a minimum of 10 members and be deemed amateur. Clubs must have been up and running for 12 months.

telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/amateur/8281664/Enter-your-sports-club-for-a-1000-grant.html

Nationwide Small Grants Programme

Grants are made to registered charities from £500 to £5,000 to tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK or to address housing issues & homelessness among vulnerable groups across the UK.

Target groups are older people over 50 years of age and survivors of domestic abuse.

The following are possible projects to tackle financial exclusion:

- Accessing benefits
- Managing finances including debts
- Projects to protect older people from financial abuse
- Opening bank accounts and accessing other financial products
- Budgeting (eg help to manage household bills)

Possible projects to tackle housing and homelessness include:

For older people:

- Help to make their homes warmer and more energy efficient
- Help to maintain homes and gardens
- Care needs assessments in their homes
- Support to live independently at home
- Services for those (older people) who are homeless

For survivors of domestic abuse

- Help to find accommodation after fleeing abuse, including after being in a refuge
- Floating support (help to manage and remain in their home)
- Interventions to make their homes safer and better protected

nationwidefoundation.org.uk/fundingcriteria.asp

Allan and Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust

Charitable organisations can be situated either in the UK or overseas but must be registered as a charity with the UK Charity Commission and will principally be educational bodies or aid organisations involved in projects supporting educational and development initiatives, including the promotion of world peace and development.

All grants made by the Trust are project based and must have an educational aim, element or content.

In general the Trustees will not consider applications for core funding or the construction of buildings in the UK.

Overseas, however, the Trustees will consider funding aid projects e.g. water treatment, food and medical supplies or the provision of basic facilities that are the pre-requisite of an educational or development initiative.

Grants made to charities during the year will vary both in size and amount, and will probably total between £5 million and £6 million.

The amount of the grant is entirely at the discretion of the Trustees and no reason for giving, withholding or offering a partial grant will be made.

Please note:

- Grants to charities will be on a matching funding basis only so that if the applicant has raised 50% of their budget the Trustees will consider awarding matching funding up to a maximum of 50%. However, if the applicant has raised less than 50% of their budget the Trustees will only consider awarding a maximum of 30% funding.
- Evidence of actively seeking funds from other sources is seen by the Trustees as being a beneficial addition to any application. Applications for less than £50,000 can be made at any time and applicants should receive a decision within 3 months.

The online application is at

fergusontrust.co.uk/who.php#charitable

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation – Main Fund

The Main Fund is responsive to requests for support across the broad range of their interests, which are:

- the arts
- education and learning
- the environment
- enabling disadvantaged people to participate fully in society

Cuts in funding elsewhere are likely to increase competition. In difficult times they are aware of the need to remain open to applicants and be flexible in the grants that they make. For example they welcome proposals for multi-year funding and for core costs.

To ensure that they can respond to so many requests, the application process is in two stages. They will acknowledge receipt of your first stage application within a week of receiving it and email you within a month to say whether they would like to

take it to a second stage or decline to support it.

If they invite you to proceed to the second stage, they may ask you for additional information in order to clarify and expand on what you have already told them.

Further details on types of projects funded and exclusions are available from:

esmefairbairn.org.uk

Veolia Trust: next deadline 14th October

Veolia Trust awards grants through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Projects for 'the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity' are the types of project that they are able to fund in category D of their funding

For example:

- community halls, new conversion and refurbishment
- landscaping and paths
- nature reserves
- public amenities, parks and gardens
- children's play areas and skate parks

These projects need to be located within 10 miles of a licensed landfill as well as meeting the Trust's 5 mile criterion.

Use the postcode checker on the website. (Acton and Southall postcodes have been checked and both qualify).

The next closing date is the 14th October for decisions in January 2012. The first step is to complete the online initial enquiry form. If the project satisfies the criteria then a link is sent to the application form.

veoliatrust.org/apply/

B&Q Waste Donation Scheme

The waste donation scheme is co-ordinated in store either by the environmental champion, duty or Warehouse manager who will keep a Waste Donation Form on file for interested groups.

Before any materials are donated, the form must be signed by a representative of the group, and proof that you are a member of that group must be provided.

This means they can donate waste materials, for example slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, and end of range materials, to community groups, charities and schools.

Nearest stores are Acton, Chiswick and Yeading.

diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/waste_donation.jsp

City Bridge Trust

City Bridge Trust supports charitable activity across Greater London.

The current strands are:

- Accessible London
- Bridging Communities
- Improving Londoners' Mental Health
- London's Environment
- Older Londoners
- Positive Transitions to Independent Living
- Strengthening the Third Sector

There is no minimum or maximum revenue grant. The Grants Committee meet regularly and applications are accepted throughout the year for all of our current funding programmes.

It usually takes about 4 months from receiving your complete application until a final decision is reached and you should take account of this when planning your project.

citybridgetrust.org.uk

Ulverscroft Foundation

The Ulverscroft Foundation supports projects which will have a positive effect on the quality of life of visually impaired people (blind and partially sighted).

Applications should be made in writing (there is no application form). Make your proposal as detailed as possible. Include details of your current service to visually impaired people, if any, and how the proposed project will be integrated or enhanced.

If possible, please give an estimate of how many visually impaired people use/will use your service.

Also include the amount of funding obtained to date, if any, and the names of other organisations to whom you have applied.

Trustees meet quarterly to consider appeals in January, April, July and October each year; deadlines for appeals are the last day of the previous month.

foundation.ulverscroft.com

Awards for All update

Awards for All has changed. You can now apply for £10,000 every year rather than every two years, and they will now fund repeat events and activities more than 3 years apart.

Awards for All, England offers grants of between £300 and £10,000 for projects that improve communities, and the lives of people within them.

Support is offered to applicants via the website. You can chat live to an adviser if you have questions while completing your application. There is also an application form walkthrough on the website.

awardsforall.org.uk/index.html

Help The Homeless: Deadline 30th September

Help The Homeless's main funding is regular Small Grants (generally up to £3000) for capital costs to charities with a turnover of up to £1m per annum. Grants to larger charities will only be considered if the project is suitably innovative and it is only possible for a large organisation to develop it.

Applications must be projects that assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offer shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Use the official form from the website and clearly describe the aims and structure of your organisation, future plans and specific details of how any grant money will be spent. A copy of the latest available audited accounts is also required.

If your application relates to computer equipment, please first visit the advice section on the Advice + Links page.

help-the-homeless.org.uk/Grants.htm

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TRAINING NEWS

Eileen achieves her Volunteer Management qualification – now it's your turn!



Congratulations to Eileen Cameron of Pre-school Learning Alliance who achieved the LANTRA Level 3 Award in Volunteer Management. Eileen was one of 8 representatives from local groups who embarked on the 9 months self-directed course last year.

Eileen had little experience of managing people, when she was asked to manage new volunteers. She told Evolve:

"The LANTRA award in Volunteer Management seemed the perfect opportunity to gain the new skills I required and to consolidate our organisation's management of volunteers."

"Since gaining my qualification in Volunteer Management I have instigated new procedures relating to volunteers. I have more confidence in my own ability and judgement and the confidence to challenge colleagues' decisions if I feel they may not be in the best interest of our volunteers."

"The Pre-school Learning Alliance has gained from having a better qualified member of staff. My qualification is a credential which our organisation can use when applying for grants and funding."

The qualification is suitable for anyone who manages, supervises or leads volunteers on a daily basis.

To gain the full qualification, candidates must submit a case-study made up of 6 units and based on current or recent experience of managing volunteers, supported by research and documentary evidence. Because the course is based on practical, work related experience, candidates can draw largely on the policies and practices within their own organisation to complete assignments. To ensure that candidates are fully supported to complete the course within the nine-month period, the ECVS TIDE project has now developed its own support mechanism to include: one-to-one mentoring; "study" days and an on-line learning facility will be launched this summer.

As groups become more reliant on volunteers to help deliver services, they are becoming more aware of the need for those who manage them to develop the skills and knowledge which will ensure that volunteers make an effective contribution; the high level of interest shown in the Volunteer Management course, demonstrates that Ealing groups are raising the standards of local volunteering.

Recruitment for the next Lantra Level 3 Volunteer Management course will start in the autumn. If you are interested in taking up this qualification, contact Rebecca Worman

TIDE wins Open College Network Recognition

Our TIDE Training Project has gained centre recognition to deliver a wide range of training courses to be accredited through The Open College Network from summer 2011.

Staff and volunteers based in Ealing and West London will now more easily access short, national qualifications delivered at a local level.

TIDE will pilot the first course topic to be accredited by OCNLR – Developing Community Research Skills - in Summer 2011. Other courses to be trained from Autumn will include qualifications in: community development; financial management; teaching in the life-long learning sector; administration and ITC skills.

Further information about courses leading to a qualification will be available through the TIDE section of the ECVS website

Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities (NLDC) Programme 2011-12

For the 7th successful year, ECVS has won funding to support community learning providers to offer adult learning to local people.

For local groups working with residents in economically deprived and/or socially isolated communities, or experiencing difficulties accessing mainstream adult learning, NLDC has enabled groups to run new short courses in topics such as: job search and computer skills; ESOL classes for newly arrived residents; confidence-building; introduction to childcare skills and health promotion.

Groups have been helped to improve physical access to premises, or purchase specially-designed learning equipment for disabled people, or developed a 'learning hub' by purchasing computers and engaging community trainers and volunteers to run classes.

The NLDC grants have helped local residents to raise their skills and progress on to mainstream training or prepare to return to work.

ECVS will work in partnership with Ealing Council Adult Learning Department to deliver this year's NLDC programme by:

Encouraging New Learning - grants of £1500 will be offered to 10 community learning groups to deliver new taster learning sessions to people that traditional programmes are unlikely to reach.

Supporting Local Learning Partnerships – promote collaboration between local learning providers via the Ealing Training and Learning Network.

Learning Improvement Workshops - supporting local community learning providers to develop quality assurance approaches.

Supporting Accredited Community Learning: supporting local community learning groups to achieve PTTLs accreditation and to deliver nationally accredited learning courses.

'Try IT' Sessions: support older people and others new to ITC to develop basic IT skills-assisted by young IT volunteers.

The Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities programme will run from 1 September 2011 to 30 June 2012. Completed grants forms need to be returned by 23rd October.

For further information or to receive a grant form, contact Rebecca Worman

TRAINING NEWS

South Acton Fitness Centre: Goodbye Jim, Hello Action Acton



Jim hands over the Fitness Centre keys to James Silbers of Action Acton. Also in the picture are three people involved with the Gym: CiCi Romain of West London Mental Health Trust (left), Hermina Bell, wife of Council leader Julian Bell (centre) and Kimberley Bailey of Ealing PCT (right)

In June we handed over the keys to the South Acton Fitness Centre to Action Acton.

Action Acton already have several projects working in and around the area, including their Learning Centre (based on the estate), Acton Market and creating social enterprises. With this mix of skills and experience, we at ECVS are sure that the keys to the Fitness Centre are in safe hands.

The official handover also marked Jim Wong's final duty as he leaves us. Jim had been instrumental in making the Fitness Centre work – including recruiting a group of dedicated volunteers.

We wish Jim well in his return to teaching.

PAN-LONDON WORKING: SUPPORTING LONDON'S DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER



The Olympics are not the only big event to hit London next year! From 4th April 2012 you will only be able to watch television in digital. That means without modification, old-style analogue TVs won't work – and your existing digital TV set-up might need retuning (unless you have cable or satellite)

Broadcasters are aware there are many groups of people - for example older people, those with disabilities, and so on – who may not know what to do, before the switchover. With this in mind they set up Digital UK to raise awareness of the switchover with local communities. Digital UK is partnered with a number of national charities and institutions including the BBC, ITV, Five, Age UK, Community Service Volunteers, RNID, and RNIB.

London CVSs (including Ealing CVS) are awaiting the outcome of their proposal to Digital UK work with local voluntary organisations in their localities to engage with service users, in order to get the digital switchover message across to 6 defined groups (older people, people with sensory, mobility or dexterity impairments, those with learning difficulties, people who have experienced mental health problems, people whose first language is not English, or those who may be socially isolated).

Ealing CVS will manage a cluster of 11 boroughs (including West London Network area) on behalf of the CVS partnership.

For more details visit www.digital.co.uk

Works 4 Me event in West Ealing

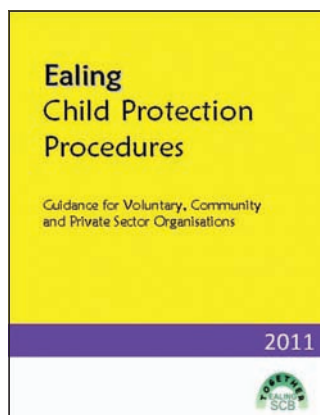


A Green Man estate resident being advised by Simone Williams of Ingeus at the Works 4 Me event at the Jubilee Children's Centre

In July our Neighbourhood Involvement Worker, Anne Marie Charles, teamed up with A2Dominion, Rydon, Ingeus, JobCentre Plus and Jubilee Children's Centre to put on a skills, employment and training event.

Local people from the Green Man Estate, Sherwood Close and nearby areas were given free access to information, advice and guidance on getting a job. Other support given on the day included help with CVs and job search techniques. They could also register for local jobs, training and employment opportunities.

Does you work with children or young people? Find out about changes to ways of working



Revised Ealing Child Protection Procedures (The Yellow Book): Launch Event

Victoria Hall
Ealing Town Hall
Tuesday 18th October
12.30- 2.30pm OR 7.00- 9.00pm

Refreshments available

Ealing Council has updated the Child Protection Procedures for all Private businesses (including nurseries, childminders and private schools), voluntary, community and faith organisations working with Ealing's children and young people.

The above sessions will highlight changes to procedures. Make sure you are up to date making sure that at least one person from your organisation responsible for implementing safeguarding policy and procedure actually attends!

Reserve your place at <http://yellowbook.eventbrite.com/> by October 4th. For more information contact Halima Abouannaoul

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ECVS GOODBYES: DAVE STRACHAN



Dave Strachan was one of the founders of Ealing Voluntary Service Council and served on our management committee. He played an active part in ECVS's forward planning, particularly on IT matters.

He has also been involved with many other local voluntary organisations over the years.

Dave's contribution has been greatly appreciated by EVC trustees, staff and volunteers and we shall be sorry to see him stand down from the Board in September.

RAHMA ELMI



We're really sad to see Rahma leave us after many years working on CANBE and other community building projects – but we wish her all the best.

DAN PASKINS



Another sad departure was made by Dan Paskins, former CANBE project manager – but he's gone on to greater things as a policy manager at the Big Lottery Fund. We wish Dan well with his new career.

In addition we said goodbye to Pam Purba, who joined us on a six-month secondment from BT as our events administrator. Even in the short time she was here Pam proved a star in supporting our volunteering projects including London Ambassadors.

ECVS HELLOS: FUAD UDDIN



With Ealing CVS taking over West London Network from the former CVS Hounslow (see page 3), we have now recruited our new WLN Manager – welcome, Fuad.

ALBIE STADTMILLER



Albie joins ECVS as Ealing Community Network Partnership Manager. He has a background in partnership working – his last role was as a partnership development worker in Ealing's Youth Service, working out in Greenford, Northolt and Perivale.

LUKE MARTIN



Our new LGBT Development Worker is Luke Martin (above, left). Luke's previous work included LGBT projects in Staffordshire.

SIBONISO MOYO



Sibo recently joined us as our temporary volunteering development worker.

He supported the London Ambassadors project (see page 3) and is now helping to develop volunteering opportunities with LB Ealing and local companies.

MEMBERS' COLUMN

Welcome to the following new members:

- West London Social Landlord Resource Centre
- Ruislip Road Residents Association
- Woman and Child Development Group
- Yeelo Academy

EALING CVS AGM

Thursday 22 September
St John's Church, Mattock Lane
6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

As members of Ealing CVS this is an opportunity to meet other member groups and hear more about our plans for the future.

Members are eligible to vote at the AGM eg to elect new trustees.

We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in this our 35th year.

Invitations will be sent out to all our members in August.

Free Funding Searches and More

Funding Central is a free searchable database of funding opportunities. There are also tools and resources including articles about making successful funding applications. Check out the Support and Advice section of www.fundingcentral.org.uk Once you have registered you will receive regular funding updates tailored to your profile.

Become a Host for a Community Organiser

Locality are looking for host organisations for Community Organisers for their training year. 100-200 organisations will be recruited between 2011 and 2014. Hosts provide office space, local knowledge and will need to have experience of managing staff. Find out more about the recruitment process on the website

<http://locality.org.uk/>