

Chat with Michael.

Michael Briscoe, Outreach Worker at the Partnership Council is moving on. Here are some of his thoughts about his time at the partnership...

Interview by Paul Sanguinazzi.

Q: What have you learned through your involvement with the PC

It's difficult to explain, in a sense I was unsure what I did and didn't know when I first arrived. Now that I have had some time I am much clearer on what I've managed to gain from working here. The biggest thing is the range of different kinds of people. There are so many differences, not just racial groups or voluntary groups but just as individuals. It's not something I'd thought about. What I've found is that they all share things in common - they all believe that what they are doing is the right thing and that, perhaps, it's just the day to day running of things that causes problems.

I'm aware that a lot of groups are stretched, resources wise. They haven't got the money, the staff or the resources to run the organisation as effectively as they would like. Because of this they can wander around searching for that elusive funding and because of this a lot of time is spent on dealing with barriers that they feel are there. It's a challenge because I also know that there are voluntary sector, business sector and public sector that have money and resources but are similarly complaining that not enough people are asking for the money. It's a very frustrating situation.

In the end people have to engage in making change happen. In my job of doing outreach I meet people and I hear their needs but it's impossible for me to advocate for each and every group.

Q: What do you feel about partnership working?

The good things about partnerships are the merging and coming together of different organisations and people with different thoughts. When they get over

the barriers of personality (and the personal) and deal with the wider issues and try and alleviate some of the problems going on in the area.

The real problem is that people won't work together, I think a lot of this is because of personalities. That stops partnerships growing.

Q: What have you personally gained?

It's been a very traumatic year for myself - with a new child who experienced some serious health issues. When I came to the Partnership Council I came with my own experiences of working and I assumed that everyone would be the same... and they are not. You have to take each person as they come and that's something I have learned. For me trusting others was not a very easy thing to do nor allowing myself to be myself within a group. At first it was difficult but through time and through the team I've changed. Sometimes it doesn't even seem like work. You have jobs where you come in straight to the grindstone but here it's not like that. It's more like - I have another week to make a change - to perhaps find another group and to offer that group the opportunity to be involved. Whether they do or do not take part is their choice but at least they have the opportunity.

I've also gained in other ways. I'm a totally different person to the one I was last Christmas when I first came. I was very insular and I was a little bit over confident, but now I've built a real confidence within myself. Part of my role is to go out and talk to people I don't know and put myself on the line. I have to take the criticisms and run with the good and the bad. It's also opened other doors professionally and personally.

It's also a case of finding out things I didn't know about myself. Some things have come out of the training we did but also going to conferences, doing presentations, attending meetings and writing up notes and such. So I've gained more confidence in myself and in doing things.

Q: What have been the good and bad experiences of working here.

Starting with problems it's mainly when groups have levelled criticisms which are often unfounded or based on hearsay rather than facts. That's very frustrating. I'm aware of rumours flying around but no one ever comes up to you and says anything directly. It's always through other sources and gossip that information often seems to transmit and feed back.

I know the Partnership Council does not get everything right but if people had something to say it would be much better if they came to the source of their concern and say 'were not happy because of this... but we'll sit down, go over it and try and resolve it with you'. Unfortunately that does not happen too often.

The Partnership Council is an organisation which is open to change. If some things not working you can sit down and sort out how to make it better. Some organisations I have worked for before have not been willing to address their shortcomings.

Q: Why are you moving on?

I was asked earlier in the year to look at taking a personal focus on one particular area. I took on a mental health project round the corner. It's one of those groups with limited resources and who try to cram in everything in a very short amount of time.

Doing this made me think a lot. I felt that I wanted to be more directly involved in making direct changes. I can do that to a degree in my outreach role at the Partnership Council but I have some close friends who have suffered from schizophrenia and other mental health issues and I wanted to do more direct work in this field. I've always been interested in support and counselling for mental health but wasn't sure how to progress with that. Then the group I was working with approached me and asked if it was interested in working for them.

Q: Has the Partnership Council helped in your career progression?

I believe that if I hadn't been in post at the Partnership Council there is no way I would have got to where I am going so quickly.

For me it wasn't an easy decision to make because I enjoy my work at the Partnership Council, I really do. It's been such a long time since I actually enjoyed getting up in the mornings for a job, and even though I might plan a day there's no guarantee that it will go the way it's supposed to.

There is always something new happening... and that's good. The word's getting out that the Partnership Council leads to different things and that makes this job something worthwhile. I will be sad to go.

Sincerest best wishes from everyone at the Partnership Council for Michael. Our thanks for his energy and commitment to the staff team and the very best for Michael, and his family, in the future.

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one sheet

Do you think that access to learning is important?

Would you - like to help ensure that local people can access learning opportunities? - Are you interested in developing a Local Learning Plan?

The Local Learning Plan Action Group wants to hear from local people who are interested in running community Focus Groups. Free Training is available as well as support for local organisations to recruit local people to participate in Focus Group discussions. The first briefing session for Focus Group Leaders is being held on December 7th at 12.30 at the Partnership Council Offices.

For more information please contact any member of the Local Learning Plan Action Group. A full list and contact members for the group are available from the Partnership Council on 970 8200.

Partners include the Education Department, Learn, the Partnership Council, SRB6, Guideline Careers, the People's College, Co-operative Action, and MCT.

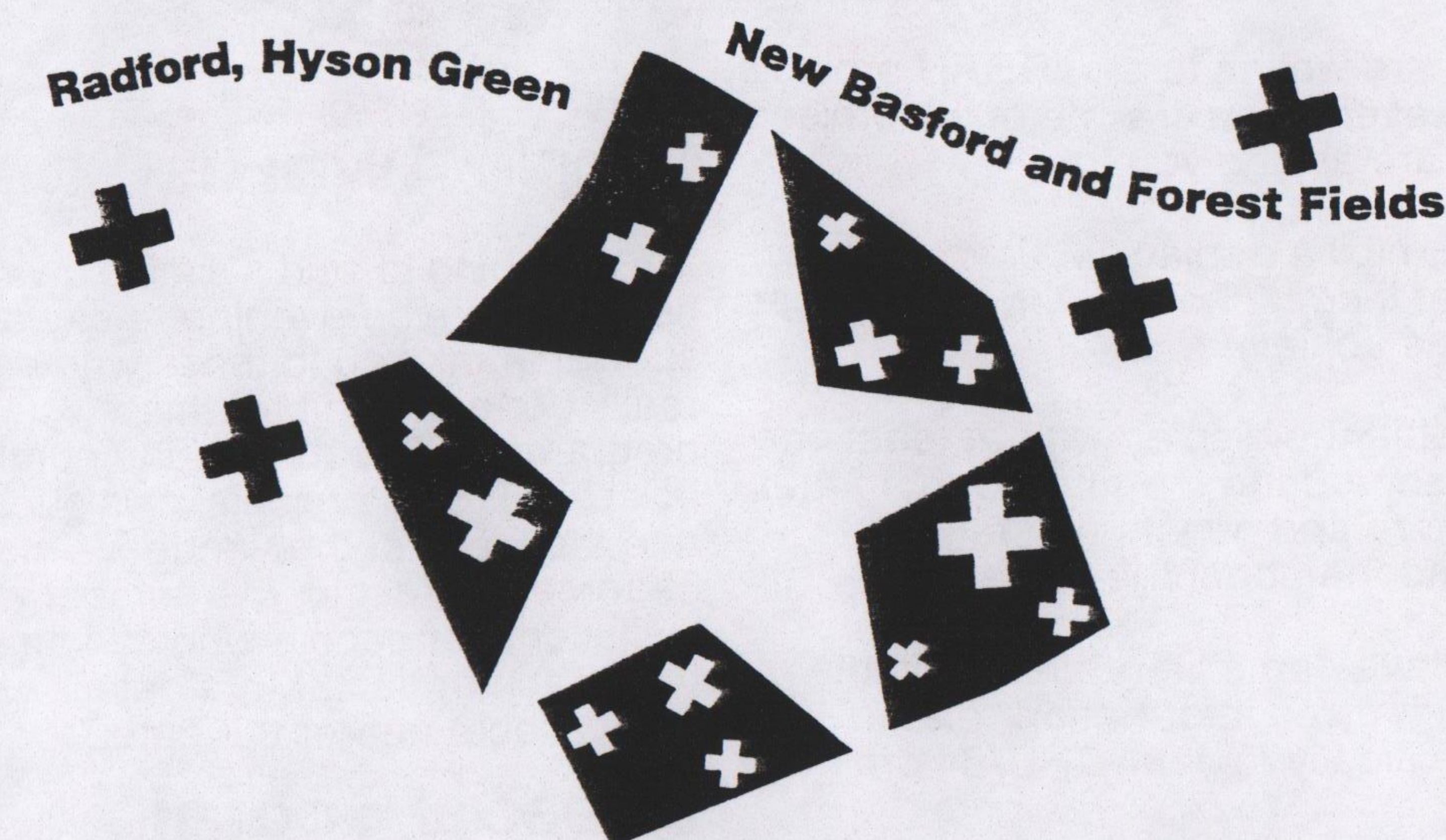
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Celebrating Achievement



Thursday February 1st
at the Council House, Nottingham
Open displays 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Plus evening events.

The Partnership Council has been responsible for the development and stewardship of Nottingham's £5 million European URBAN Initiative.

This stewardship and many of the subsequent projects within URBAN have been groundbreaking in their achievements.

Much of the work has been recommended as an example of 'best practice' for the UK and Nottingham's URBAN programme is widely recognised as being amongst the most successful programme of its type in Europe.

Celebrating Achievement is an event which will offer an opportunity for local people to celebrate and see what their local URBAN has achieved. Along with this local audience we are inviting all of the UK's URBAN 2 Initiatives to visit and see what we've been up to in Nottingham.

Additionally, in the evening, we are staging a small awards event to recognise and thank all the individuals, organisations and sectors which have made the success of Nottingham's URBAN possible. To round it off we will be holding a special social.

more about the event inside

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"If you think knowledge is expensive, try ignorance".

Anonymous

Celebrating Achievement

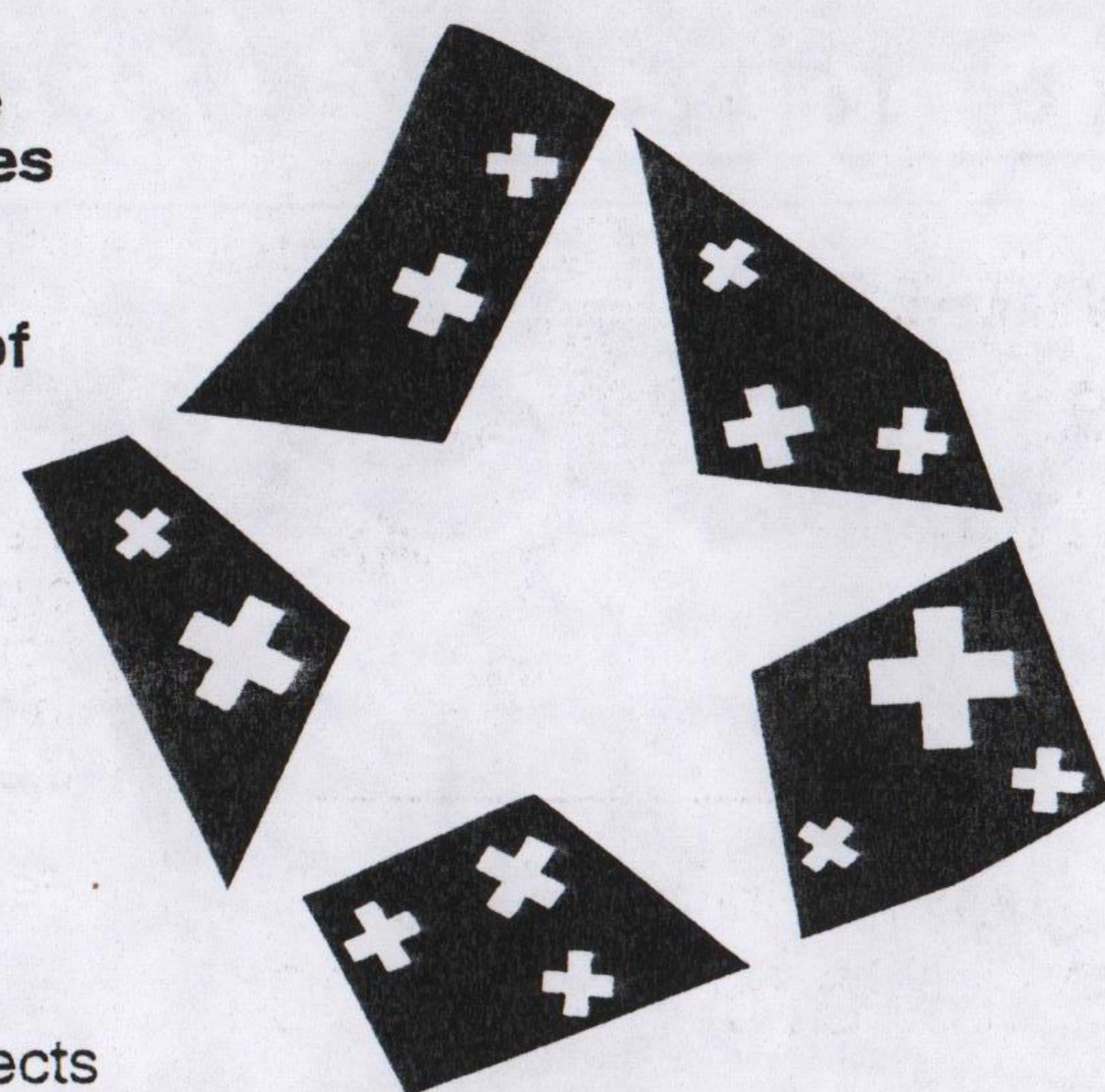
Many of the projects funded through the European URBAN Initiative are unique, innovative and examples of excellence in their field. As such we want to bring them together to show the breadth of work that URBAN has supported.

Are you part of an URBAN project?!

We are writing to all URBAN projects however if you are one of the projects we are asking you to...

1. Exhibit a display about your project, what it does, how it works and what it has achieved.
2. Staff the display with at least one person during the afternoon so that visitors and guests can talk to someone about the project.
3. Have some literature available which gives information related specifically to your URBAN project.
4. Ensure key members of the project book the event into their diaries.
5. Put forward names of anyone who they think should be invited to attend on the day.

If you have any questions please contact Joe Robinson, Chrissie Wells or Adrian Dewhurst at the Partnership Council on 970 8200.



Simple Awards

We are going to hold a simple awards ceremony in the evening to say a special thank you to those who have really done their bit for this programme. Because of the number of local URBAN projects, plus guests, and the limits of the venue we may be forced to restrict the number of invitations for people who can attend from each project. More details will be available nearer the date.

A special Social

Space for the social will not be as restricted as the award event. However the venue requires us to ensure that entry is by invite, these will be available nearer the date.

Tender advert

Citizen 2010 project

This is an advert. For full details of the tender contact the Partnership Council office after the 3rd Dec.

In 1999 the New Deal for Communities Steering group contracted with the Partnership Council to build on the foundation of their children's Forum to ensure that Children could have opportunities to contribute to the development of the New Deal Programme. A Steering Group has been working in order to develop a project proposal for the Citizen's 2010 project. The objective of the project is to engage, empower and energise local children in the process of decision-making.

An outline Project proposal has been developed. However, we are seeking the services of a consultant in consultation with the Children Forum, members of the 2010 Steering Group and wider partners, to develop more detailed aspects of the project proposal.

The 2010 Steering Group are inviting tenders to develop a full 2010 project proposal. This final proposal will need to include:

2010 Management arrangements. The membership and remit of a local steering group. Line Management arrangements for the Project Co-ordinator.

2010 Host Organisation. Responsible for the financial management of the project. A local base for the project and responsibility for ensuring that the Project Co-ordinator receives adequate support.

2010 Project Co-ordinator. A draft job-description. The context required for the postholder to carry out their role successfully. Running / administrative costs as well as appropriate line management structures.

2010 Rules of Engagement/Grant Fund Panel. The membership of a panel will comprise of primary aged children nominated through their schools. Suggested criteria and 'conflict of interest arrangements'. Proposed criteria for the grant fund panel.

Full tender details will be available from the Partnership Council from 9.30am on Monday 11th Dec and **final tenders should be submitted to the Partnership Council Office by 10am on Monday the 8th of January.** The Steering Group will assess the tenders and the successful tender will be informed by Friday the 12th of January.

Key fund

New Deal for Communities Fast Track means final countdown to Key Fund.



The Key Fund has been publicised in Onesheet for some time now, however for those who have not yet heard about the fund - a brief overview. The Key Fund is a new funding opportunity available to voluntary organisations, community groups and to social companies operating within the URBAN area. Groups can apply for up to £25,000 for projects, and can be awarded up to 100% of project costs.

The Fund will be used to create job opportunities, to develop the capacity of local people, and to enable local people to access training and employment. Over the last couple of months a number of groups have been in contact with Tim James and myself to obtain more information and request application packs. The launch of the fund has unfortunately been subject to delays.

The technicalities of securing match funding has proved to be a long and difficult affair. However, there is now light at the end of the tunnel. New Deal for Communities has agreed match funding and we are anticipating the final technical details to be sorted out in the very near future. In anticipation we are planning a launch for the key Fund combined with a workshop for potential applicants. The launch will be on Thursday 14th December at 2.00pm at the Vine Centre on Bobbersmill Road. If you would like to attend the launch and/or workshop please contact either Jim or myself on telephone number - 915 6245.

We will then send out details as soon as we have news. All of the people that have previously contacted Sarah (at the Partnership Council) Jim or myself will also be informed. In the meantime if you would like more information please feel free to contact either Tim or myself on telephone number **915 6245.**

Amanda Harris . Key Fund

URBAN Project: Key Fund

URBAN: £274,393
Match: £350,000 NDC
£150,000 NDC (top up)
£50,000 SRB 2/4



Deliverer: NCC - Key Fund Staff



Celebrates!

An event celebrating and recording the achievements of individuals and organisations that have benefited from Learning Legacy's involvement in the NG7 area will take place at the Ukrainian Centre, Bentinck Road, Radford on Saturday, 24th February, 2001 starting at 12 noon.

The celebration will be an opportunity not just to recognise those organisations and individuals but reward their successes.

The event will include:

*A celebrity appearance *Free international food *An Awards Ceremony *Information stalls for groups *Entertainment *Free Creche *Prize raffle

It will also be a wonderful opportunity to: promote your group, research new funding and network with similar groups in the area. For further information please contact Scotty Clark on 915 5240

Learning Legacy

URBAN: £317,000
Match: £421,000

Deliverer: NCC - Fast Forward



EUROPEAN COMMUNITY Structural Funds (URBAN)

Tender advert

Voluntary and Community Organisations Forum - Tender for Training

This is an advert. For full details of the tender contact Martin Curtis at the Partnership Council office.

The Partnership Council's Voluntary and Community Organisations Forum is seeking to tender for a one-day marketing course for its members to take place before the end of March 2001.

We will be looking for tenderers to define their understanding of marketing for voluntary groups, give a full brief of their proposed training session and explain how they would cover the subjects necessary to assist those attending the training. The focus of the

session is intended to be about the strategic methods of marketing organisations in the voluntary sector and how people research local needs; tailor their services and promote them accordingly.

For full details of the tender please contact Martin Curtis on 9 708200 or write to him at the Partnership Council office, 47, Gregory Boulevard.

The deadline for tenders is Friday 5.00pm on the 5th January 2001 and should be delivered to the Partnership Council office, 47, Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 5JA.

Improving



Services for Older People.

and monitor the action plan being implemented by Social Services. However it was agreed that a group needs to be developed to include a wider range of participants, with a clearer remit and aim to be able to take forward many of the issues raised by older people at the event.

A meeting will be held to consider and agree the remit and role of the group.

This meeting is open to anyone who has an interest in the needs of older people and is interested in helping take the idea of a group further.

If you are interested in getting involved or have any suggestions please contact Shirley Anne for more details about the meeting on 9708200.

Establishing an ongoing Group to address the needs of older people- Friday 8th December 11- 1pm at the Partnership Council Office.

One of the key actions, which arose out of the 'Improving Services for Older People' conference in October, was the need to create an ongoing group, which focused on the needs of older people in the area.

Up until now a steering group has met to organise the 2 conferences

Marketing helps food businesses

Saturday 30th September saw part of the Area Marketing campaign - 'Life at the Heart of the City' hit Market Square. A food tasting session to promote eating establishments and restaurants in our area. The two aims were to support part of the business community and to help encourage people to visit the area or to change their perceptions. The day was an experiment, and as such, was a great success with up to 400 people stopping by.

We have recently received some feedback from business participants on the Life at the Heart Market Square event:

Owen Gaffney from Muchachas said "We got involved with the event after Muchachas' investors suggested organising a similar event. Having never done anything like it before, we were unsure how to go about it so the Life at the Heart Market Square event was an ideal opportunity. It was a good day out and very gratifying to meet some of our regular customers as well as people who had heard about Muchachas but never been. I'd definitely do it again should another be organised."

Richard Newland - Owner of Jamaican Ways enjoyed the day a great deal. "I love dealing with people so the event suited my personality down to the ground. It was just so me. I would do it again any time."

Karen Bentley of Absolute Organic said "We are a new business in the area so it was a marvellous opportunity to market it in a very high profile way. I wouldn't have missed the event. I think it was fantastic."

Madi Sharma - Managing Director of Original Eastern Foods - said "It was a fun day out for both the stall holders and the general public. There was a real community spirit on the day and everyone - customers and stall holders - seemed to enjoy it. I was surprised about the number of people I met, however who didn't know about the restaurants in the areas."

Madi's last point shows the value of this kind of event as we have directly



accessed up to 400 people who have now discovered a new reason to visit and shop in our area.

The event went so well there are already discussions to run another similar event in 2001 when we can expand on the

number of food outlets who take part and potentially expand the event to include other trades and businesses. A special thanks to all those who organised, took part and supported the event. For further information about the Marketing Project contact David Hill on 941 0963

children's Forum

Results: of survey

The findings of the Children's survey, carried out earlier this year as part of the Partnership Council's work for New Deal (Phase 2), was very well received at the November meeting of the local Area Committee - 'Going 4 wards'.

The committee discussed the issues raised in the survey and gave a special thanks to all the children and schools who had taken part. The committee also suggested that relevant sections of the results be sent to all City Council departments with a view to them considering issues which may relate to services which affect children. New Deal for Communities has also agreed £800 as a Fast Track project to print the survey so that it can be widely distributed.

Bygones

Life at the Heart marketing campaign for Radford, Hyson Green, New Basford and Forest Fields is working in Partnership with the Evening Post to produce a special *Bygones* for the area. Anybody wanting to contribute to the special edition *Bygones* for the area (Radford, Hyson Green, New Basford and Forest Fields) should contact Andy Smart at the Post on 0115 948 2000, ext. 2531. or write to him at Bygones, Nottingham *Evening Post*, Castle Wharf House, Nottingham, NG1 7EU.

A New Deal for Radford Hyson & Green

Agrees first £ Million

New Deal for Communities have announced the limited Fast Track projects which have been agreed. The total is just under a Million pounds at £957,499.

The Fast Track is intended to begin developing a number of projects, under specific criteria, which could begin very quickly. Part of the intention is to begin committing some money within the first financial year of New Deal. There is also a belief that with regeneration like this there is a need to see things being done. Fast track projects will help achieve that.

New Deal received over a hundred expressions of interest of which around 70 were proposals for Fast Track

projects. Those which were not agreed within the restricted criteria for fast track are being put on the waiting list for discussion over the next few months.

On the right is a list of projects which were agreed for Fast Track. They are all designated as revenue funding (i.e ongoing costs) but a few also received capital expenditure (equipment, buildings, etc). These are indicated.

Pauline Davis, head of the New Deal for Communities staff team said:

"The main message that the NDC team wish to get across is that we are at the very beginning of the 10 year programme.

Fast track funding is a very small proportion of the money available and we want to encourage local residents, businesses, voluntary sector organisations and front line workers to be thinking about how they can get involved".

The NDC office will be moving just before Christmas to a new location. The new office is at Provident Works, on Newdigate Street. This will provide the team with more space and a large meeting room. The NDC team will be sending out contact information shortly. In the meantime anyone wishing to get further information about NDC can contact them on telephone 978 8553.

Advertisements and other info

Hyson Green Library

Hyson Green Library on Gregory Boulevard is being closed for major refurbishment. From Monday November 20th the library will be shut for 7 weeks until Monday 8th January 2001. Lots of new and exciting changes will be going on inside and people are encouraged to look out in early January for their new look local library. For any further information phone 915 7235.

NDC FAST TRACK

Nottingham City Council - Sports and leisure strategy - £16,450

NHA, changes in the NDC Community (monitoring population movements) - £1,301

BUILD Youth Inclusion Programme - £14,490

Primary Care Group, Ethnic Monitoring Access to GP's - £7,300

CCA, Coop Community Action capacity building - £33,800 plus £4,050 capital

LEA (learning theme group) Community Chest (minor capital works allocation to schools) £40,000

Housing Theme Group, centre for accommodation (Trading Places) (funding for feasibility study) - £40,000

Crime Concern, development of a Community Safety Executive - £3,878

Creative Solutions, adult education courses (train the trainers) - £2,500

NHA, Health Impact Assessment (assessment of impact of all projects on health). - £14,800

CCA - Community Mental Health Link & mapping - £40,868 plus £2,725 capital

Independent Business Association - Administer Coordinating Action of IBA - £16,200

Radford Visiting Scheme, Radford access survey - £1,840

Partnership Council Children's Forum project (continuing Phase 2 work) - £5,000

Partnership Council Children's survey (print and distribute results of Phase 2 survey) - £800

CCA, investigate and research project - £2,290

Partnership Council, Key Fund (Matching funding URBAN funds) - £500,000

NCN, AMBER (Adult Minorities Breaking Educational Barriers) - £7,932

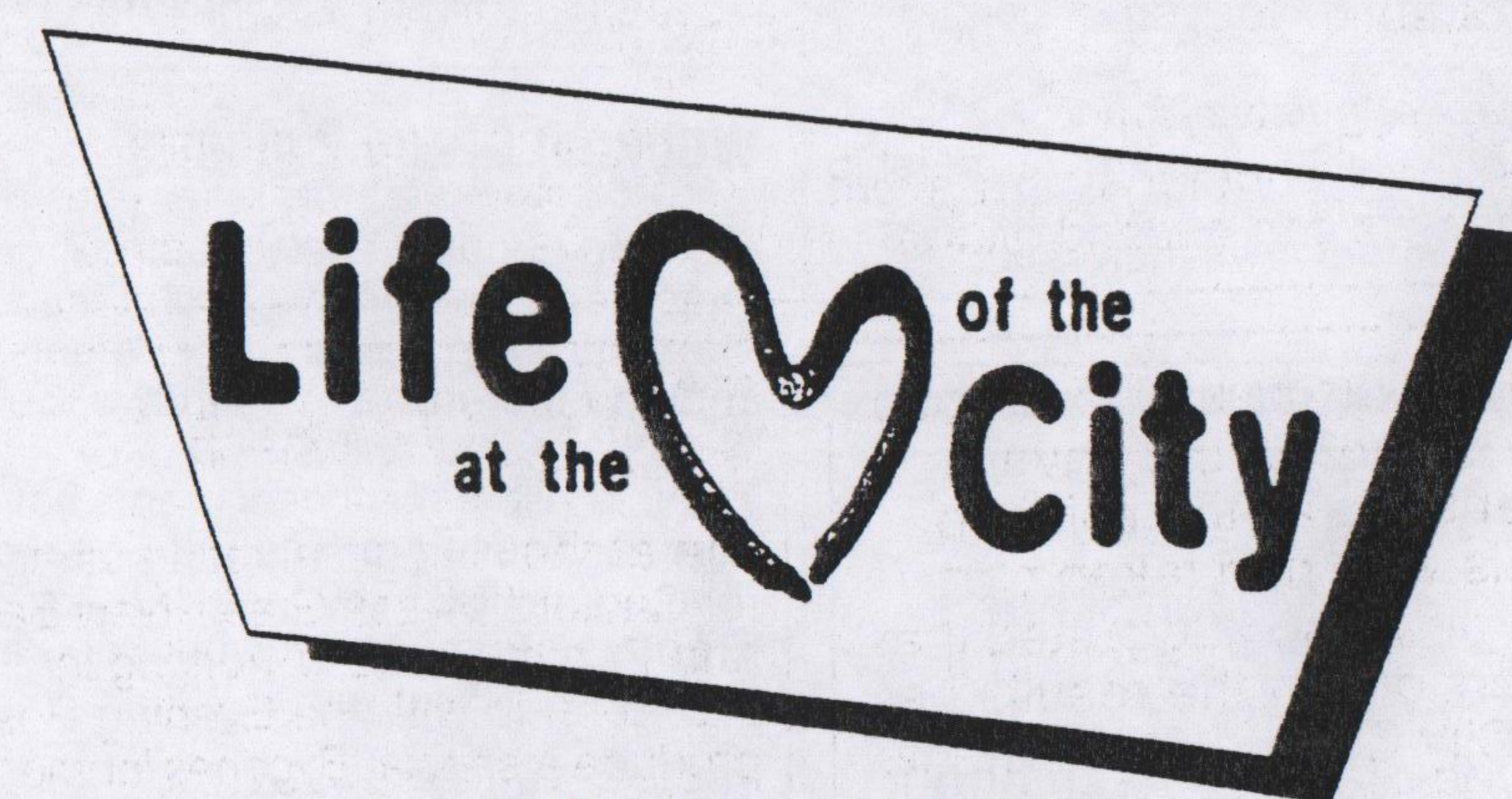
Development Department, Residents support into employment grant - £15,000

Nottinghamshire Police, CCTV (Canning Circus CCTV) - £52,815 plus £47,388 capital

CCA, New Share Premises (CCA Ltd move to Waterloo Road) - £8,255

Development Department, Workwise (MOST project) - £18,000

ACFF, Animation of Black Presence at Exhibition - £6,817 capital



Radford, Hyson Green,
New Basford & Forest Fields

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Funded through the Partnership Council from the European URBAN Initiative

FAIR GOOSE flaps its wings with help of URBAN funding

Fair Goose Credit Union is one of a number of local social enterprises (community businesses) that have accessed funding from the URBAN Community Enterprise Development project. The funding (£37,600 for Fair Goose) is to help with the expansion of the Credit Union and as part of this they are employing two new members of staff. The timeframe for recruitment did not fit in with the Onesheet (however it was advertised in the Evening Post Jobs) but we thought we would put it in for information on Fair Goose's development.

FAIR GOOSE CREDIT UNION LTD

Based in the Hyson Green, Forest Fields and New Basford areas of Nottingham, we will soon be expanding into other areas, and improving our range and quality of services. We have two exciting new opportunities

CREDIT UNION DEVELOPMENT WORKER - £16,500 (37 hour week)
We need an enthusiastic and innovative person to be part of the next exciting phase of our development. You will have an understanding of the ethos and work of Credit Unions, as well as a lot of 'get up and go'!

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
£11,500 (37 hour week) - To provide support to our new Development worker and the Board of Directors, you will need some administrative experience and good IT and keyboard skills.

Both these posts are funded initially for one year, with the possibility of extension. For an information pack please write to FAIR GOOSE CREDIT UNION, 69 Wiverton Road, Forest Fields, Nottingham NG7 6NU

Closing date for applications: **5pm, Wednesday 6th December.**
Interviews will take place week commencing 18th December.

Community Enterprise

URBAN: £254,250
Match: £254,250



EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
Structural Funds (URBAN)

Deliverer: **Nottingham City Council.**



Partnership Council Forum Reps

Business Sector Forum

PC Richard Hawthorne
PC Andy Hill
PC Peter Lowery
PC Issan Ghazni (sub)
NDC Juliette Abrams
NDC Neville Hunter. NDC Robert Graham. NDC Kelbert Henriques

New Basford / Forest Fields Resident Forum

PC Ravi Subramaniam
PC Vacancy
PC Vacancy

Going Forwards Committee

PC John Taylor
PC Marcia Watson
PC Iftikhar Ahmed
PC Gary Long (sub)

Hyson Green Resident Forum

PC Mike Rowe
PC Vacancy
PC Vacancy

Radford Resident Forum

PC David Roberts
PC Phil Mattias
PC Vacancy
NDC David Jones

Public Sctor Forum

PC Yvette Armstrong
PC Mick Stringer
PC Vacancy
NDC Tina Dauban
NDC Roger Williams

Voluntary Sector Forum

PC Julian Adams
PC Sophie Whitely
PC Michael Henry
NDC Delroy King
NDC Shabaaz Moghal

All Reps on Partnership Council or New Deal for Communities Interim Partnership sit in order to represent their Forum not themselves or their own individual organisation.

Complaints procedure

The Partnership Council has a complaints procedure which is available to anyone to use if they have a complaint to make about the Partnership Council. For information or a copy of the complaints leaflet please contact the Partnership Council office on 970 8200.

CORE SKILL EVENTS

RUNNING EFFECTIVE MEETINGS

Facilitator: Sandra Pink. Target Group: PC members, local organisations, small businesses, public sector. Thurs. Dec. 7th 2000, 10am - 1pm, at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free

PUBLICITY & PROMOTION

Facilitators: NCVS Radio Team. Target Group: PC members, organisations. January 2001 (Exact date to be agreed). 10am - 1pm, at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

DIVERSITY TRAINING

Facilitator: BUILD. Target Group: PC members, local organisations, small businesses, public sector. Thursday February 22nd 2001, 9.30am - 2.30pm, at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Facilitator: RELATE. Target Group: PC members, local organisations, small businesses, public sector. (4 sessions, attend all or individual) February 6th, February 13th, March 6th and March 13th 2001. All Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.
For more info contact the Partnership Council and ask for details on the event you are interested in.

**These are filling up fast,
please book early.
Priority is given to active
participants.**

Induction

Quarterly Induction sessions for new and interested Partnership Council reps have been set. Each session is between 7.00 - 9.00pm and covers everything you need to know about the Partnership Council and being a rep. The venue is the meeting room in the Partnership Office. Those interested should contact the office on 970 8200. Dates: Jan 16th & April 11th 2001.

Working Group 2 grants

Working Group 2 (Celebration, Promotion, Image and Pride) have begun their 'Community and culture' small grants project and so far there have been two rounds.

Within these a number of grants have been agreed. These are: The Big Speakout (Macedon/HLG) £600, African Ark £400, Erondy £1250, Groundwork £900 and Sufiana Big Beat with £2000.

There are also two other grants which have yet to be confirmed due to details, one is for £1500 and a second for £2500.

We hope to include a lengthier article about the work soon. Details about the grant can be obtained from Fran Blackler at the Nottingham Playhouse on 947 4361.

Working Together to Improve Health

Nottingham City Central Primary
Care Group & the Partnership
Council

The Partnership Council and the Primary Care Group are working together to involve all sectors of the local community in improving the health and well-being of the local population. The Partnership Council works with local people and service providers to promote the development of more responsive services and the Primary Care Group is an organisation which provides primary care to the local community.

The Partnership Council has established a multi-sector Health and Well-being Steering Group over the last few months to influence the policy development, commissioning, and delivery of local health services. This model has proven to be successful in developing social service provision and improving the appearance of the local area.

The Primary Care Group has developed a concept of 'City Villages' the idea of which is to bring people together from all walks of life to see how they can work together to improve the health and well-being of their community. The 'Villages' that have been identified are: - Arboretum Area, Dunkirk, Forest Fields, Hyson Green, Lenton Flats, Lenton Sands, New Basford, Radford Triangle, Southwold Kennington and Whitemoor.

Everyone is welcome to be involved in any of the groups - the next meetings are:

Health and Well-being Group
Thursday, 7th Dec 2000, 2.30pm
Partnership Council

Arboretum Village
Thursday Nov 30th 2000, 2.00pm
All Saints Church Raleigh Street

Dunkirk Village To be arranged

Forest Fields Village
Thursday 18th Jan 2001, 12noon
Mansfield Road Baptist Church

Hyson Green Village
Mon 24th Jan 2001, 12noon
Venue to be confirmed

Lenton Flats Village
Monday 18th Dec 2000, 12.30pm
Lenton Community Centre

Lenton Sands Village
Wednesday 24th Jan 2001, 2.00pm
All Souls Community Centre

New Basford Village
To be arranged

Radford Triangle Village
To be arranged

Southwold Kennington Village
Thursday 16th Nov 2000, 2.15pm
Southwold School

Whitemoor Village To be arranged

If you would like to be involved in any of these groups or would like more information please do not hesitate to contact either: Martin Curtis or Shirley-Ann Whitley at the Partnership Council Tel (0115) 970 8200, or Jenny Mellor or Marie Berry at the Primary Care Group Office Tel (0115) 919 2550.

Capital One Marketing for Business Forum.

Through discussions we managed to secure some free training for members of the Business Forum. The training was over the two separate morning sessions and was on marketing. The presentations were made by Capital One staff member Hannah Ball and almost twenty people attended at Capital One office in Station Street. The first session was 'Developing a Marketing Plan' and this was broken

Update: Tram.

Radford Road will become one-way northbound from January 2001 in the next phase of the construction of the Tram. Buses 81, 82, 83 and 85 will be diverted via Wilkinson Street / Alfreton Road whilst bus No.84 will run down Burford Road in Forest Fields. Nottingham Express Transit are circulating leaflets in December to ten thousand local households with full information about these developments.

New Leisure Centre Proposal.

It is hoped there will be a public event in January 2001 outlining the latest proposals for the new Leisure Centre. More information will follow at the beginning of January.

Office closure

The Partnership Council office will be closing to the public over the Christmas holidays. Staff may be in but the telephone will be on answer machine. The office will be closed from 5.30pm on Thursday 21st December and will re-open at 9.30am on January 3rd.

down into three main areas (i) What is Marketing? (ii) Developing a Market Plan (iii) Components of the Marketing Mix. The second event was 'Promotional Toolbox' and again divided into three areas (i) What are Promotions? (ii) Key Considerations and (iii) Developing a Promotional Plan.

Various tips were given as to where and how to market your product or service and it was also a useful exercise in exchanging ideas and networking. Our sincere thanks to Hannah and to Capital One.

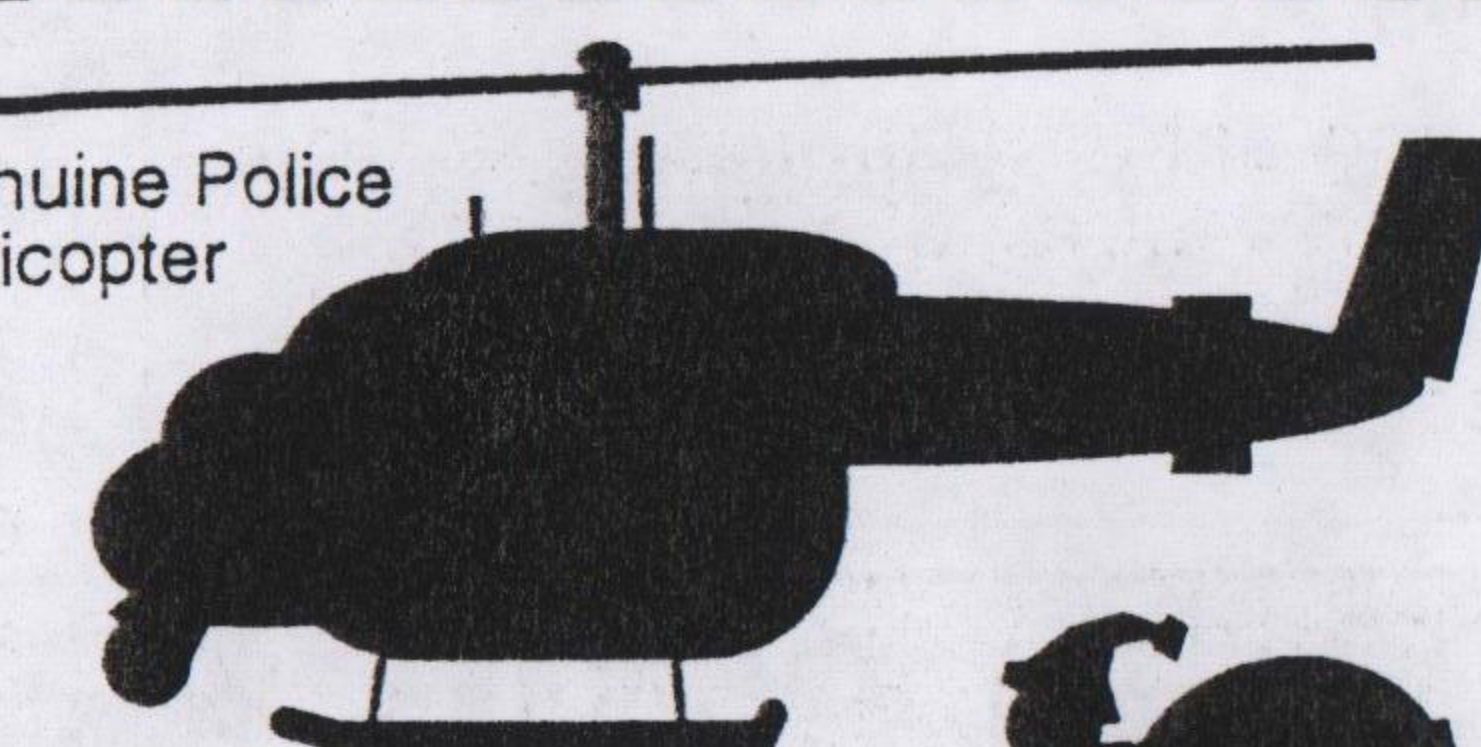
Police Warning !

Local Police have asked us to ask householders to beware of a new burglary scam being used during late December evenings. Apparently a bearded man has been fooling many people by pretending to be a Police helicopter. After flying onto the victims roofs he then gains access via the most direct route and then takes various items - particularly foodstuffs and drink.

Rumours that the man also leaves gifts behind has been scotched by local constabulary as all the victims have so far indicated that they purchased the presents themselves - often at some great expense and after endless hours of shopping.

People are advised to use the identikit photo fit shown right. If anyone sees the offender they are asked to panic.

Genuine Police
Helicopter



Fake Police Helicopter