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URBAN Youth...

The URBAN Youth Project

By the URBAN Youth Project Team

The Radford Unity Complex on Ilkeston Road is the base of the Urban Youth Project Team. As featured in our photograph there are 5 full time workers here. Kevin Brown and Mohammed Bashir are our African Caribbean and Asian Youth Development Workers. Lisa Barker is the female Youth Development worker and our trainee youth worker is Sarah Clarke. We also have an admin assistant, Saeeda Basherat. In addition, there are a number of workers supporting the team, which consist of part time youth workers, volunteers and a number of sessional play work staff.

As our name suggests we work in the URBAN area. This includes Radford, Hyson Green, New Basford and Forest Fields. We also work in partnership with and receive support from the Partnership Council.

The aim of the Urban Youth Project Team is to reach young people who are excluded from using local facilities and those that may be at risk of offending. Much of our work is therefore, focused on reducing crime committed by young people. We also aim to map out existing provision for young people; fill any identified gaps and increase the appropriateness of existing service provision. Another aim is to ensure that young people are aware of services available to them and to provide them with individual support and training where needed.

The provisions in which we are currently involved include Tennyson Hall Youth Club, Hyson Green Youth Club, Basford Youth Club and Forest Fields Community Centre. We also have links with the Forest Fields and Tennyson Street Play Centres. The sessions that we run from these centres cater for young people from 8 to 25 years of age.

The main target, however, is 10 to 19 year olds. They include sessions specifically for Asian boys; young women; young people with disabilities; an After Schools Club for 10 to 16 year olds and a Transitional youth group for 8 to 14 year olds.

Prior to the existence of the URBAN Youth Project Team there were no facilities which specifically targeted young people aged 10 to 25 in the Forest Fields area. Consultations with young people and local residents highlighted a need for provision. A grant meant that a youth room at the Forest Fields Community Centre could be redecorated, ensuring that young people had a base. Subsequently, the team were able to set up a Generic youth club for 10 to 25 year olds. This is also where sessions for Asian boys; Transitional youth and young people with disabilities is held.



Another area of work we have successfully helped to develop is a Young women's night. This takes place on Tuesday at the Hyson Green Youth Club. The session enables young women to socialise with other women in a female only environment. An environment where they are encouraged to develop a positive self identity; increase their self confidence, acquire new skills and obtain info on issues that affect them.

Our work does not just involve centre-based work we are currently involved in a 6 week programme of outreach, where we aim to cover every single street in the URBAN area. Our aims here are to make contact with young people and complete a number of surveys.

This project

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This enables us to find out young people's views on a range of issues. It also gives an insight into the interests of young people, which we can take into account when planning programmes. In addition to centre-based work and outreach we also regularly take young people away on residential. There is an element of fun involved in these trips away, which may include activities such as horse riding and raft building. However, residential always have an aim and often incorporate issues such as crime prevention, empowerment, youth participation and team building exercises.

To date, we have established a Youth Forum in each of the youth clubs in the area. These link into the URBAN Area Forum. Youth Forums ensure that young people are able to air their views, have a voice and participate in decision-making processes that affect their lives. The first URBAN Area Youth Forum took place in January and was attended by 25 young people.

Since the start of the URBAN Youth Project we have recruited several volunteers which include young people. We have managed to create opportunities for young people to develop their personal and social skills, through positive encouragement and providing challenging, yet attainable targets. As a result we have witnessed great change and improvement in the development of some of the young people that we have worked with.

Overall, it is our aim to support young people through their transition to adulthood, empower them and enable them to achieve their full potential.

As a team we envisage the project going from strength to strength and aim to achieve our targets successfully.

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Start of the marketing project

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**Radford, Hyson Green,
New Basford & Forest Fields**

life-at-the-heart.co.uk



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The Partnership Council is responsible for developing an Action Plan to deliver a £5.4 million European URBAN Initiative. This plan was put together by residents, businesses, voluntary and public sector organisations and local Councillors in 1997.

One of the Action Points was to: "Plan and implement positive marketing which will reverse the poor image of the area".

A Partnership Council sub-group has been working on a marketing strategy for the area which aims to achieve this Action Point and change the areas image - to give people inside and outside the area good reason for taking a new interest in its assets and potential.

The group commissioned a marketing company to devise an initial strategy. From this came a wide range of ideas. Rather than go down a more normal route of employing a similar company to implement the strategy the group decided to contract a co-ordinator who will deliver the strategy by bringing in different skills needed to do the job.

This allows much more freedom for the sub-group to maintain control over the project. There will be loads of things to look out for in the near future and this is just the beginning of the project. Firstly the Web page. If you are on-line at home or can go along to the library check out www.life-at-the-heart.co.uk and see what on this page which is promoting the area. Also keep an eye out for buses in July.

Nottingham Development Enterprise have assisted the project with the task of employing the coordinator. Our sincere thanks for their work.

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Banner opportunity

There may be opportunities to buy reasonable price banners which promote the area in a variety of different ways: image, community, business, and food. If you are interested in purchasing or displaying these banners please initially contact Joe Robinson on 970 8200.

Project tender

The Partnership Council is inviting bids for a cultural diversity training programme. The training will be designed to enhance knowledge and understanding about issues in the Black and Asian and minority Communities in Nottingham.

The target participants are local professional media personnel. This is a pilot project and would initially consist of 4 to 5 intensive one-day courses. The programme would need present up-to-date issues and must be relevant to all levels of media personnel.

If your project is interested in tendering for this work please write (please do not phone) for more information enclosing an A4 sized stamped addressed envelope (54p postage) to:
The Partnership Council (ref.: TRA107) 47 Gregory Blvd, Hyson Green, Nottingham, NG7 5JA

Closing date for submission of bids is 5.30pm 24 July 2000.

RADFORD AND HYSON GREEN FOREST FIELDS NEW BASFORD

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The aims behind the Marketing Project are to:-

1. Promote the area to attract financial and social investment into the locality.
2. To promote the positive aspects of life in a cosmopolitan multi racial community thereby changing negative external perceptions of the area.
3. To develop the areas cosmopolitan shopping centre and attract new businesses via a positive marketing campaign aimed at reversing the areas poor image.
4. Involve local people in all aspects of the marketing strategy and its implementation.
5. To promote local community pride.
6. To build on the considerable local achievement in the area and the talents of local people, companies and organisations.

A number of other elements to the marketing work are planned over the next year. News will be updated here so keep an eye out.

Community Planning Day Forest Fields

The Community Planning Day held on June 17th went ahead as planned but the steering group in charge of the Planning Project has decided to look into the strengths and weaknesses of the whole project so far. We will feedback on the Day and the process as a whole in the next onesheet.

Just to embarrass him, and let everyone else know, Paul Sanguinazzi from the Partnership Council Outreach Team is going off work because he's having his knee fixed. Apparently he injured it, we have been told, while playing for England in the match against Rumania!?. He has got to go into hospital for two weeks and have one of his knees adjusted. Best wishes and hope your walking soon.

New roles for Resident Forums

All the Resident Forums have recently developed Action Plans which set out the areas of work which will be completed this year. As part of this the forums have looked again at their aims and reviewed the particular role of the monthly resident meeting.

All forums still felt that their main aim was providing the opportunity for involving residents in influencing decisions which affect their lives and the community.

However it was recognised that the monthly forum meeting was not the effective place to engage a wide group of residents in decision making. Instead it was felt that the monthly meeting was made up of a core group of residents who could act as a catalyst for change or a steering group for the wider

residents forum. This group would identify key issues within the community and arrange opportunities for people to participate in decision making and partnership working - for example; Social services conference, consultation with excluded groups, fun days, and loads of other things.

Are you interested in providing opportunities for local people to participate in decision making and helping carry forward the ideas for change? Without you this process can not be achieved.

To find out more about the monthly resident forum steering groups or other ways of getting involved please contact Martin or Shirley-Anne at the Partnership Council Office on 9708200.

Situations Vacant

URBAN Project Officer

The Partnership Council is shortly to advertise a fixed term contract, up to 31st December 2001, for the post of URBAN Project Officer. Salary (expected to be maximum £18,000 commensurate with experience).

The postholder will be responsible for assisting in the effective delivery and accountability of the URBAN community regeneration initiative.

The current postholder will be leaving at the end of August. Consideration is also being given to the possibility of the vacancy being offered as a training post.

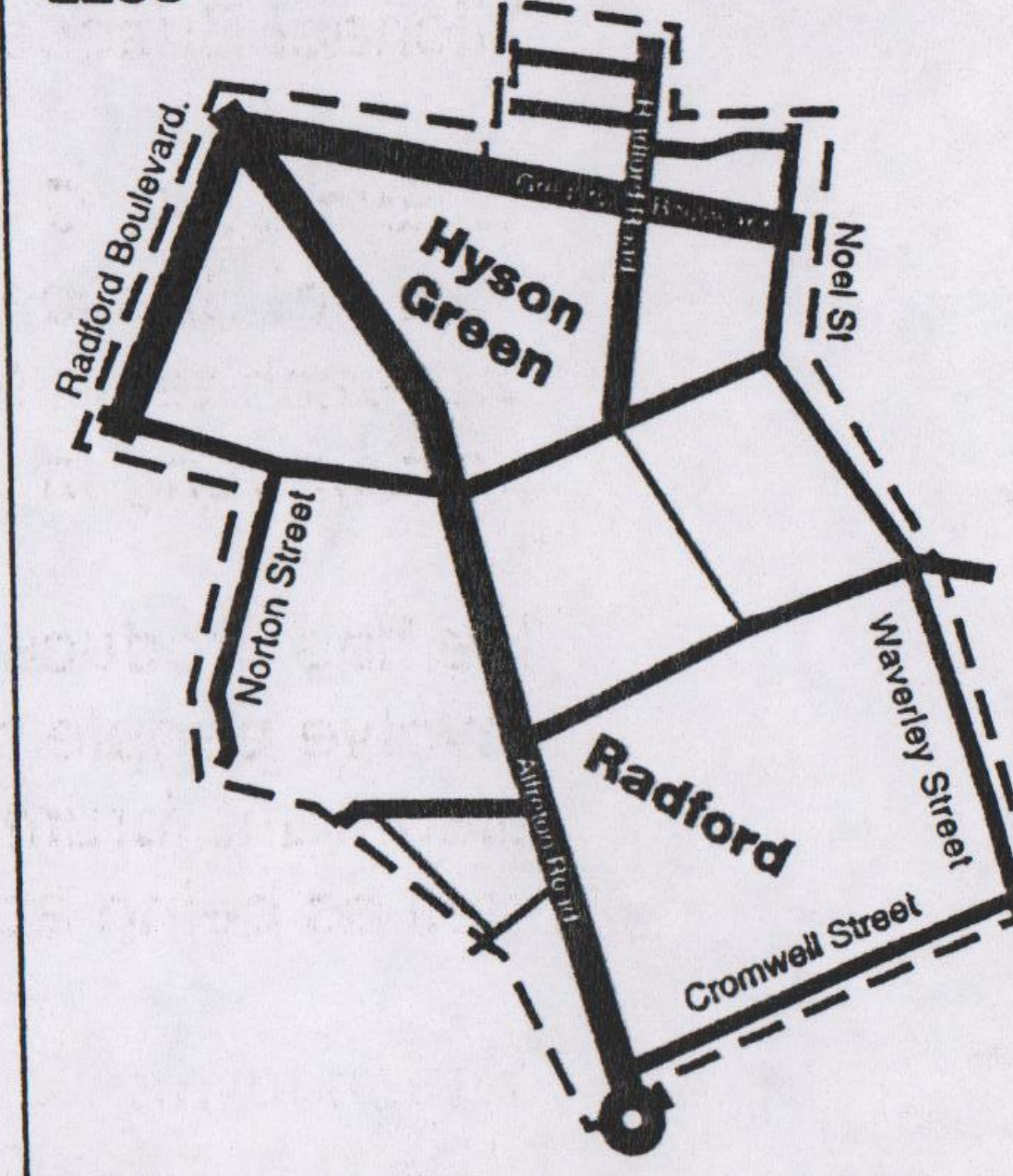
Final details on the job are not available for this onesheet however those interested should see the formal job advertisement which will appear in the Nottingham Evening Post on 12th July.

Alternatively get details from the Hyson Green Jobcentre or from the Partnership Council Office.

Details will only be available from July 12th.

New Deal for communities

New Deal for Communities, the new Government regeneration programme which covers parts of Radford and Hyson Green, is still progressing. For full details and information about New Deal contact the New Deal Staff team at their temporary office care of: 950 2233



Radford Video

The Radford Residents Forum has successfully gained a National Lotteries grant toward making a Community Video.

We will include more details on this in the next onesheet.

In the meantime we are still looking for video makers who may be interested in tendering to help make this video. We have been contacted by a number from our previous advert but this is your last chance to get your name on the tender list.

The Partnership Council is also still looking at making a video about ourselves next year. If you or your company make professional videos for small scale organisations please send us your contact details so that we can put you on a tendering list for both pieces of work. Send details to Joe Robinson at Partnership Council. **Deadline for expressing an interest is 5.30pm Monday 17th July.**

Thanks to all those who responded to the advert in the last Onesheet & Evening Post.

Web designers

We are also still looking to contract an organisation to develop a Partnership Council Website. If you work to provide web pages and or design for community organisations please send us contact details to put on our tender list. Details should be sent to Joe Robinson at Partnership Council.

CORE SKILL EVENTS

FUNDING FOR BUSINESS

Facilitator: Adrian Dewhurst & First Enterprise. Target Group: New or small businesses. Thursday Sept 14th 2000. Either 8am - 9.30am at the Nat West Business Centre, Radford Road, or 5.30pm - 7.30pm at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

ACCESSING FUNDING

Facilitators: Ike Ginn & Chrissie Wells. Target Group: PC members, voluntary & community groups. Wednesday Sept 27th 2000, 10am - 12.30pm at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Facilitator: Kate Harvey. Target Group: PC members, local organisations, small businesses, public sector. Monday 9th October 2000, 10am - 3pm, at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Facilitator: John O'Brien (NCAS). Target Group: PC members, local organisations. Monday October 23rd 2000, 10am - 3pm at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Facilitator: Sandra Pink. Target Group: PC members, local organisations. Thursday November 23rd 2000 - 10am - 4 pm at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

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, local organisations. January 2001 (Exact date to be agreed). 10am - 1pm, at the Partnership Council office. Cost: Free.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Urban Scream Event.

A taster session for young people (aged 8 - 18) on Art, Photography, Music, DJing and other stuff that's too exciting for older people. It will be happening on Friday 28th July, 1.00pm till 9.00pm at Tennyson Hall Youth Centre on Forest Road West.

For more detailed info contact Richard Pincott on 07818 044452 now!

The Partnership Council is setting up a series of short training events. This has come from requests by participants. This is in-house training and is open to all involved with the Partnership Council. It is informal and although uncredited will be fun, interesting and useful. There will be a maximum of 10 places on each event and there is a deposit required for places £5 employed and £2.50 concessions. This deposit is returnable at the event. Childcare and reasonable travel costs will also be available. If events are over subscribed additional sessions may be run. For more info contact the Partnership Council and ask for details on the event you are interested in.

Retail Renaissance 360* Business grants!

*Business grants recieved, offered or being finalised

Retail Renaissance is a project, part funded through URBAN, which is offering grants to businesses on the main shopping streets of Alfreton and Radford Roads. To date the list for grants (received, offered or being finalised) is over three hundred and sixty. These grants cover a number of key areas including...

*Building Works *Design fees
*Property Surveys *Crime prevention
*Security Work *Business appraisal

The project is aimed at revitalising Hyson Green and Alfreton Road shopping centres which are the key commercial centres of the URBAN area. The City Council's Development Department are coordinating the project and each part is delivered through a variety of builders, surveyors, and business professionals.

Funded projects whose results can easily be seen are the things like the redevelopment of the Music Inn, (near Canning Circus) and the redevelopment of the closed Safeways into the Mogul Supermarket (on the Hyson Green main junction). When we get a clear view of what's been funded we hope to give a complete list of what's been done so far.

GENOME PROJECT

As was announced across international news the Human Genome Project has reached its conclusion with the complete mapping of all known Gnomes in the world. Gnomes will now be categorised in a variety of ways including 'with fishing rod', 'sitting on mushroom' and so on. There are

The Partnership Council has now set up quarterly Induction sessions for new and interested Partnership Council reps. Each session is between 7.00 - 9.00pm and covers everything you need to know about the Partnership Council and being a rep. The sessions will be facilitated by Sandra Pink (the person who facilitates Partnership Council meetings) along with existing reps.

The venue will at the meeting room in the Partnership Office. Those interested should contact Christina Ashworth.

Dates are July 11th, October 17th 2000 and January 16th, April 11th 2001.

It also contributed to the upgrade of the Soho Bookshop (which sells adult clothes and books) which hit the front page of the Post a few weeks back.

Each grant is only a part of the overall sum which is being invested. For small grants (the lowest so far is £113 towards a property survey) it can be upto 90% but for larger building works it decreases a lot. For example any projects over £20,000 total could only receive a maximum of 25% grant aid.

An example of the investment this helps encourage in the area is the Gallery Bar on Alfreton Road. The owners accessed a £3000 grant towards design costs and supervision of the redevelopment. They also received a £10,000 grant towards the actual building works. However the owners themselves invested in the region of £200,000.

Retail Renaissance

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£442,082

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City Council - Development Dept



worries that Garden Centres may cash in on the new found knowledge however President Clinton, backed by Prime Minister Tony Blair, has assured us that "Gnomes are for all humanity. They should not be owned by large corporations such as Dave's Garden and Fishpond Centre on Ilkeston Road". Nevertheless a large Denim trouser company is taking a particular interest in gene No. 501.