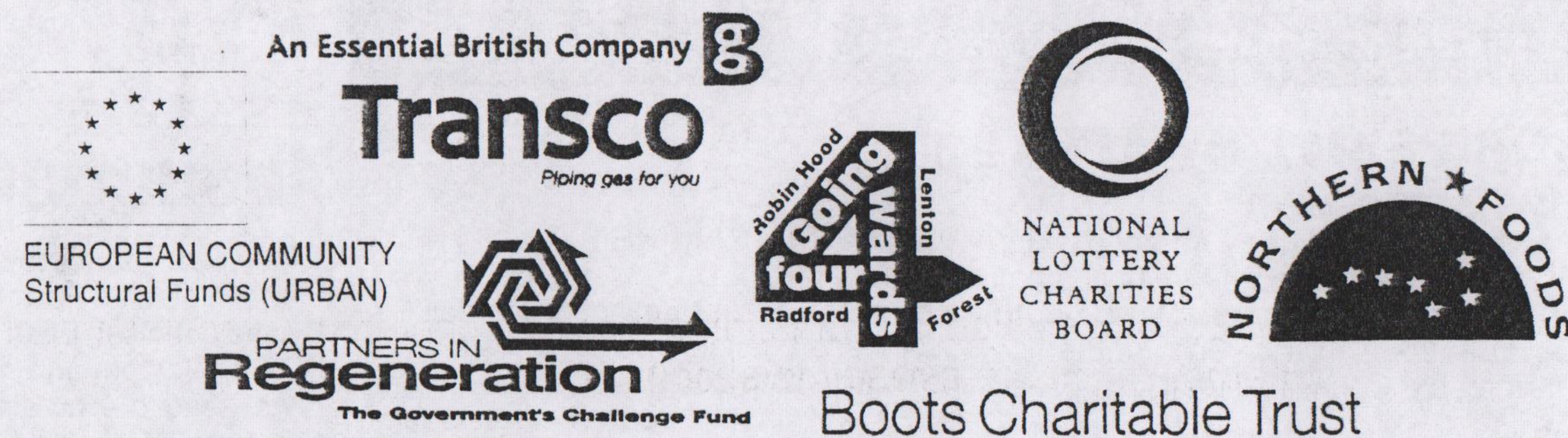


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To all those who believe in what we're doing and who have taken part. It is only together, all of us working in a partnership, that this has all been achieved. Without the principled commitment and hard work of the hundreds of people who have participated nothing would have, or will ever in the future, change. Our thanks also goes to those who have financially supported all or parts of our work.



Also the hundreds of others who have contributed in kind support.

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Improving Social Services for older people: Part

Follow up event



This event will feedback progress which has taken place following from the first 'improving Social Services for Older People' event in March where ideas were put forward into an action plan on how to improve Social Services for older people.



There will be an opportunity to put forward further issues and ideas on improving Social Services as well as other services provided for older people and agree actions for change. The event will include presentations, open discussions and Lunch.



Thurs 19th October
9.30am - 1.00pm at the ACFF centre
Beaconsfield Street, Hyson Green

Open to **everyone**: Elderly people. Those who work with elderly people. Carers & other interested parties.

Contact Shirley Anne for more details or to book **free transport**.

970 8200



Influence how crime is prevented and tackled in the New Basford & Forest Fields.

New Basford and Forest Fields Resident's Forum is planning to hold two evenings to focus on the issues of crime and safety in New Basford & Forest Fields. The aim of the meetings will be to; Identify the key issues of crime and in the area; Look at the actions, which have been

taken by Police etc. and what has worked and what has not. It will also help identify other actions, which need to be taken; focus on the relationship between the police and other agencies and the community; promote information on crime initiatives and prevention schemes which are already exist.

The information will be fed into the police and other key agencies as well as the 'Community Safety Strategy' which the Partnership Council's Working Group 5

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is developing which will influence how spending and work is carried out in the area. Dates, times and further details will be available in the next Onesheet. For more details please contact Shirley Anne on 9708200.

"Why involve the community? Quite simply, because it produces better results".

Joseph Rowntree Trust . Report

If you LEARN you can make a difference!

By Tony Graham of LEARN

LEARN (Lenton Education and Regeneration Network) is a community based Project / Organisation, which receives £2.1 million (over seven years) of the Governments' Single Regeneration Budget (SRB4), and administers the fund in line with a prescribed educational focus. There is still £50,000.00 in our Small Grants budget and £87,000.00 in our Intimide Grants budget to be allocated, and your opinion can make a difference.

LEARN which covers Hyson Green, Radford, New Basford, Forest Fields and parts of Lenton, has a Lifelong Learning remit and aims to assist schools, colleges, local training providers and employers to improve the life chances of young people and their parent/careers, who live, work and invest in the Lenton SRB-4 area.

Lenton (SRB4), as you know, is an inner city area of Nottingham, which suffers from all the social and economic ills that one would associate with social deprivation: poverty; poor school, in terms of academic achievement and attainment; disproportionate high levels of truancy and exclusions, crime, poor health, the list goes on.

To address these problems we are attempting to raise the profile of LEARN, one of the methods which we intend to employ is to increase the involvement of local residents, as they are an untapped resource of knowledge, experience and expertise. Local resident involvement would undoubtedly assist in local decision making, develop a sense of pride for the area and ownership for the Project, whilst encouraging personal empowerment and development.

Therefore we would like to invite you (local residents, businesses, schools, colleges, training providers and community and voluntary organisations) to our AGM, which will be held on **Saturday 28th October 2000**, at Tennyson Hall, from 11am - 2pm (lunch provided). In addition there will be a 'Free Prize Draw', the First prize being an Internet compatible Desk Top Computer and printer worth £650.00 (Donated by Hunter Computer Systems), plus a host of other giveaways.

For more information contact Tony Graham on 0115 978 3737 or 07970 600 334.

Information for Partnership Council Forum members

The Partnership Council has been asked to promote a New Deal for Communities meeting. If you live or work in the New Deal area or are interested in the programme this will be an important meeting.

A New Deal for
**Radford
Hyson &
Green**

Launch: New Deal for communities bidding process

Saturday 7th October . 10.00am - 2.00pm
The Vine Centre, Bobbersmill Rd, Hyson Green

The purpose of the meeting will be to:

*Make available, and discuss, the Year 1 Action Plan

*Explain the concept of the processes for accessing funding currently being developed by the New Deal Interim Partnership.

*Outline the Year 1 Fast Track bidding process and make paperwork and criteria available for anyone interested.

*Provide an opportunity to discuss the New Deal programme / process with the new Director, staff and Interim Partnership members.

Creche available but must be booked before Thursday 5th October on 950 2233 or 978 8553

Other Info

New temporary office

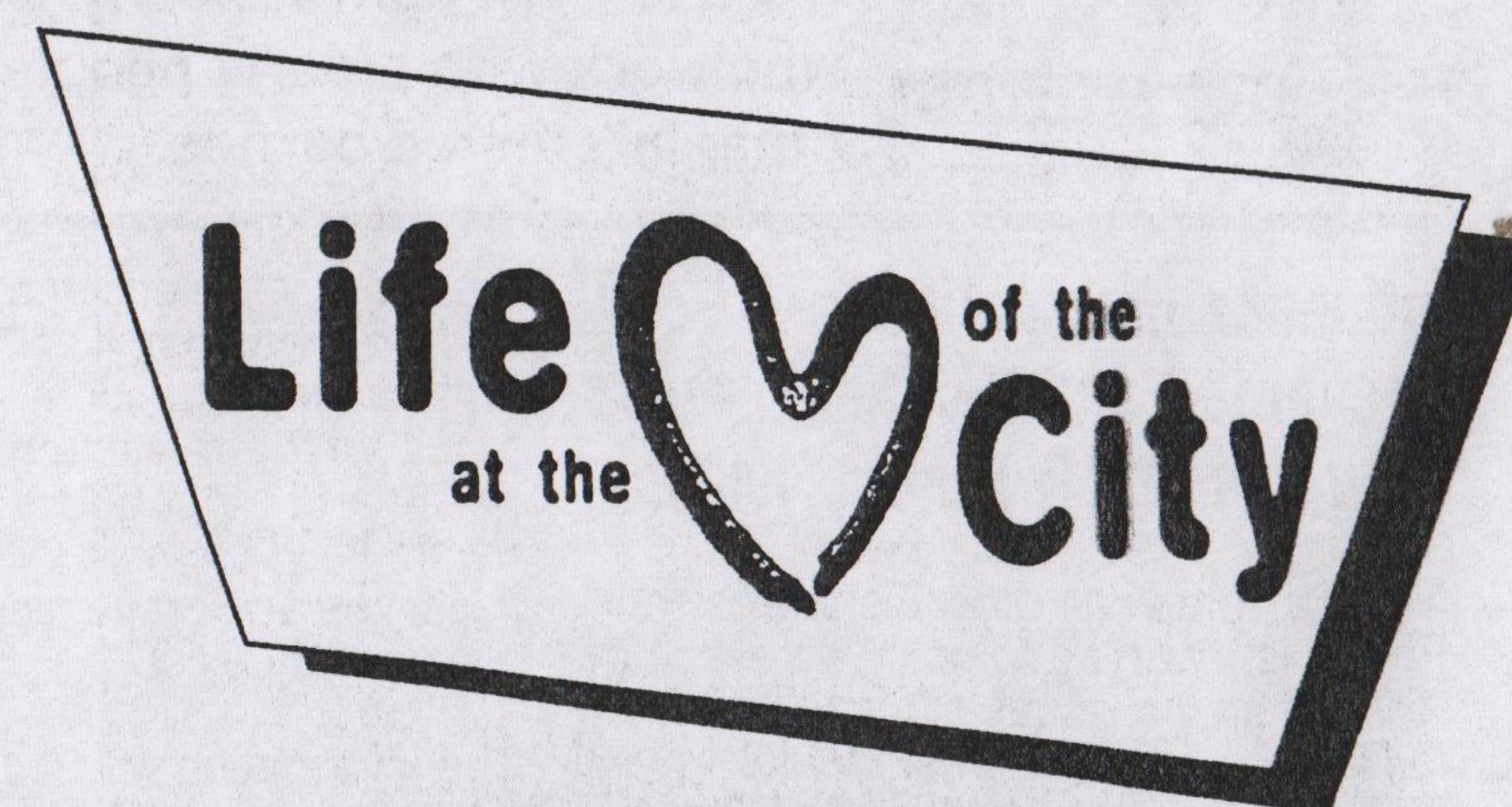
The New Deal Staff team are moving to a temporary office:

New Deal for Communities
C/O Bestco . 32 Russell Street
Radford . Nottingham . NG7 4FL
The new telephone is: **978 8553**

Wheelbase Motor Project

Wheelbase developed out of concern over the problem of juvenile car crime. Over the last 8 years, the project has adapted in recognition of the changing needs of the client group and has increased its resources and staff team. The project targets young men and women aged 14 to 25 from all backgrounds and is led by a multi-disciplinary committee drawn from

organisations such as the Police, Social Services and Parents on the project as well as those from the business community. For young people with an interest in Mechanics, working on motor vehicles is a positive medium through which Wheelbase can best tackle the challenge facing their futures and obstacles they face. Wheelbase has received 3 grants from URBAN's Learning Legacy project totalling £7,943.



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

life-at-the-heart.co.uk

Funded through the Partnership Council from the European URBAN Initiative

Fully Committed Urban

The real change has been the process. Most people can agree on where regeneration money goes. The real trick is to appreciate how important the process is.

URBAN Projects developed from the Partnership Council's URBAN Action Plan cover a wide range of projects. They have been developed through the Partnership Council's Forum structure and Working Groups.

Some of the projects support and develop work which could be seen as more traditional while others have completely challenged the mainstream way of approaching regeneration by encouraging innovation and lateral approaches to the issues with which the projects deal.

The list below covers some of the projects developed through the Working Groups.

*Schools Exclusion Project.
*Local Newspaper / Media project.
*Contracted Accountable Body.
*Cooperative & Community Business Skills.
*Community Planning.

*Area Marketing Strategy Project
*Retail Renaissance grants to over 360 businesses (as of June 2000).
*Inner City Business Survey. Business Support project. Property Strategy.
*Safer on the Streets.
*Hyson Green CCTV and Alfreton Road CCTV feasibility.
*Alleygators Alley Security Gates.
*Community Enterprise Development.
*Partnership Council Development structure and support.
*Small celebratory projects 'Postcards', 'Flag it up' Hyson Green and Radford Festivals.
*Celebrate the Community £92,000 creative projects.
*Safe Play (playground refurbishment).
*Community Safety Grant Fund.
*URBAN Youth Project (Strategy Group, Youth Forum, Grants).
*Lock Fitting Scheme.
*Offender Employment Link.
*Burglar Bill Project Children's Project.
*Cross Cultural Networks.
*School Travel Plans.
*Mediation Service
*Support through Mentoring
*Youth Empowerment.

*Understanding for Tolerance project.
*Work Readiness.
*Apprenticeships plus.
*New Deal plus.
*Family Learning.
*Youth Project Training.

*Key Fund (grants scheme). *Accreditation of Prior Learning Experience. *Community Safety Coordinator.
*Urban Illuminations. *Community Justice Project.
*Anti Racist Manual. *Cultural Awareness in Housing.
*Participation in Decision Making. *Learning Legacy (staff and grant scheme with over 190 Grants [as of June 2000]).



One of the URBAN Projects - the URBAN Youth Team. (A couple of issues back we had a rather poor photo of the Urban Youth project team. Here we have a much better pic so there's no excuse not to recognise them.)

"The Nottingham URBAN programme is widely recognised as being amongst the most successful programmes of its type in Europe."

Matched funding £7.1

European URBAN £4.9m

Women with ideas and vision needed!

Launch of 'Women & Decision Making' Steering Group - Monday October 16th at the Partnership Council Office, 47 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green 7.00 - 9.00pm, Followed by refreshments and informal discussion.

The Women and Decision Making Steering group is to be launched on Monday 16th at the Partnership Council Office.

This steering group will be planning and organising an event for March 2001, which aims to bring women together from all different backgrounds to identify the barriers, which prevent them from getting involved in decision-making or accessing services in the area.

There will be 5 main meetings of the steering group (subsequent dates and times will be set at the first meeting) as well as a number of sub-groups dealing with issues ranging from entertainment to fundraising. Childcare and transport can be covered.

Voluntary Groups:- Special Assistance Fund

Organisations within Forest Fields, Hyson Green, Lenton, Radford and St. Ann's can apply to this new Fund which is part of the Capacity Building Project at Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service (NCVS). Please note - there is no financial assistance directly provided by this fund but support in the form of training and other areas can be bought in if not available.

Support that is eligible to be bought in includes:

- * Organisational training and development.
- * ICT support.
- * Management Committee development.
- * Skill development.
- * Strategy and policy support.
- * Marketing.

Applications will be considered on an ongoing basis, there will be no deadlines. Please contact either Shamsher Chohan or Jeremy Stapleton in the first instance on 934 8426 or via NCVS, 7, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FB.

As well as steering group members we also welcome women who would like to get involved more informally but cannot commit to attending meetings.

Please contact Debrah or Shirley Anne on 9708200 for more details or to let us know you will be attending.

Info: Forum Reps

Business Sector Forum

PC Richard Hawthorne
PC Andy Hill
PC Peter Lowery
PC Issan Ghazni (sub)
NDC Juliet 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
NDC Richard Studeny

Radford Resident Forum

PC David Roberts
PC Phil Mattias
PC Vacancy
NDC David Jones

Public Sector Forum

PC Yvette Armstrong
PC Vicki Hardy
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.

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY JUSTICE PROJECT

This project aim is to hold young offenders aged 10-24 directly accountable to their victims through mediation, a process which enables offenders to face up to the full consequences of their actions and offers real and positive benefits to the victims of crime.

This project was drawn up to reflect the concerns and issues raised by URBAN residents that attempts be made to address the causes of crime. This was reflected in the Action Plan and this project was developed by Working Group 5 through a partnership with NACRO, the City Youth Offending Team, Victim Support, The Probation Service and Nottinghamshire Police.

The development and management of the project is overseen by a steering group that comprises of representatives from the partnership and other relevant agencies. The project is match funded by The Youth Justice Board and our work is being externally evaluated by Sheffield University.

How does Victim Offender Mediation work?

(1) Mediators will meet with the victim to explore their feelings about the offence and what they would like to happen.

(2) The young offender will be contacted to explore their feelings surrounding the offence, and to obtain any information requested by the victim.

(3) This depends upon what both participants want. The next action could be: to continue to pass information between parties using the mediator as a go between or as above with a view to meeting face to face when both parties are ready

(4) Contact finishes if: Either party wants to withdraw or if the victim feels that there has been a satisfactory outcome i.e a letter or personal apology or an agreement for reparation.

Reparation is a specific act agreed with the victim and carried out by the offender which aims to make amends for the harm caused by the offence.

Any practical work either carried out for the victim or for a local community project is supervised by project staff.

The benefits of this project for victims and offenders are:

- *It helps to overcome the effects of crime.
- *It can restore peace of mind.
- *It can improve self esteem and confidence.
- *It provides the chance to hear the other point of view.
- *It may provide answers to victims questions.
- *It gives the opportunity for victims and offenders to express their views and feelings which have been caused by the offence.
- *It could increase the victims understanding of the offence and enable them to draw a line and move on from it.
- *It can reduce the fear of crime.
- *It can reduce offending behaviour.

Both Indirect and direct Victim Offender Mediation MUST be voluntary and requires the consent of both parties for the process to be meaningful. No information gained in meetings will be passed on to the other party without their permission.

The project started taking referrals in June and is extremely encouraged by the take up of this service. 94% of victims contacted have wanted to take part in the mediation process and 100% of young offenders.

Here are a couple of the comments received:

"I have been a victim of crime before, but this has been handled different because I had the chance to talk to my offender in a more positive way so I could understand why the offender led me to become a victim"

"I am pleased he has had the opportunity to consider his actions and the possible effects on others"

Currently all our referrals come from the Youth Offending Team, working with young people who are currently subject to warnings or orders within the criminal justice system.

However our remit also includes working with young people who are at risk of being involved in criminal activity and we would therefore welcome referrals from organisations working with young people such as Schools, Children's homes, youth groups in the Urban Area where there might be problematic relationships which may escalate.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEER MEDIATORS

To join our current team and deliver an impartial and confidential victim offender mediation service. If you would like to receive comprehensive mediation training, if you are good at communicating, want to contribute to community safety and harmony, like working with young people and have some time to spare please contact NCJP on the number below.

WE ARE LOOKING TO LOCAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

For help in developing opportunities for young offenders to work in the community, making amends for their offences. The aim is to make the experience of interest to the offender and be mutually beneficial to both the host and the young person. The project staff would be willing to supervise the young person. If you can help please contact NCJP on the number below.

If you would like more information about the project you can contact Gina Seed at NCJP on 962 0035

or alternatively...

Come to our launch on

**Thursday 16th
November
12noon - 2.00pm
The Arts Exchange,
39 Gregory Blvd.
Hyson Green.**

URBAN Funded Project

Community Justice Project

URBAN fund: **£141,132**

Match fund: **£137,719**

Deliverer: **N.A.C.R.O.**

Coming in January



2001

Residents, Businesses, Voluntary and Public Sector

We've had a full year

The Partnership Council has continued to carry out its role to involve people in decision making. This has been carried out through large and small work. Some of the achievements through the last year include:

- *Radford Residents open day.
- *Children's Forum presentation to schools.
- *Raising Achievement workshops.
- *Successful Lottery Application.
- *Leisure Centre Public Meeting and participation in survey.
- *Hyson Green Celebration Day.
- *Crime and safety Conference.
- *1 Vision Voluntary Sector conference.
- *Three partnership Socials.
- *Distributing information on New Deal for Communities.
- *Partnership Birthday event and social exclusion conference.
- *Initiating Youth Projects and Grant Fund.
- *Setting up Learning Legacy Grant scheme

- *Help set bring about 69 bus route.
- *Enable participation in Police Liaison Panel.
- *Initiate small business advisors and grants project.
- *Local Play Areas consultation.
- *Creative conference.
- *Development of Creative Strategy Foundation.
- *Contributed to various discussions on restructuring of local government.
- *Contribute working ideas and reps to New Deal for Communities phase II.
- *Develop marketing Strategy for area.
- *Successfully recruited new staff.
- *Residents meetings on New Deal.
- *Initiated evaluation of Partnership Council.
- *Assisted with Bluecoat school dispute.

- *Initiated 3 New Deal for Communities update newsletters.
- *Initiated community newsletter project.
- *Assist with argument against unfair press on local exchange project.
- *Contracted to promote and encourage participation in formal New Deal for Communities consultation Phase II.
- *Set up Grants 2000 Business grant scheme.
- *Supported Millennium Eve Interfaith meeting.

Achieved
full commitment
for the URBAN
Initiative including
match funding of
£7.1 million.

- *Carried Out business consultation on New Deal.
- *Successfully Committed URBAN Initiative with December deadline.
- *Initiated and supported area business survey.
- *Initiated and developed Key Fund £500,000 grant fund.
- *Promoted contribution on City Council's 'Best Value' discussion.
- *Community Planning on Hyson Green, New Basford, Forest Fields and Radford.
- *Marketing campaign drop-in evening.

- *Social Services Elderly Conference.
- *Review of Working Groups.
- *Voluntary Sector A-Z.
- *Local Vote campaign.
- *Local 'Question Time' for elections.
- *SRB 6 Partnership Conference.
- *Life at the heart of the City marketing launch and bus campaign.
- *Retail Renaissance grants hits 360.
- *Develop Evening Post Equalities Training.
- *Support Radford 'world garden' consultation.

Proven
that genuine
active participation
and large scale
regeneration can
be combined
successfully

"The Partnership Council have proved their ability to deliver whilst under pressure and maintain their commitment to the 'bottom-up' approach".

Enterprise Plc. Evaluation

The crucial deadline for committing the European URBAN Initiative was December last year... and we did it!

Not only that but we have involved more local people throughout the process than any other UK URBAN.

While the commitment has happened there is still a large amount of URBAN to be spent in the area including a variety of grant schemes to local groups.

The challenge for URBAN areas across the country is that any money which had not been committed towards a specific project by that date would have to be sent back to Europe.

Throughout 1999 it became clear that Nottingham's URBAN was reaching the top of the league in terms of performance. Figures during the middle of 1999 put our level of commitment at 58% compared to others like Bristol at 14%. Not only that but we have had a much higher and broader level of participation than other cities across the UK.

The initial Enterprise PLC report said "The Forum structure provides, by any standards, the most comprehensive attempt in the UK to put rooted structures into a local community"

Sometimes when we are all focusing on the challenges within the area and our successful and unsuccessful attempts to change things we can lose sight of how well we have done when measured against other people who are trying to do the same thing.

It is also sometimes a challenge to feel we can ever say that we are doing something good when there is still so much to do. But the fact is we have together achieved something unique and against the odds. We have proven that it is possible to deliver large regeneration initiatives and to do it through the active involvement, both large and small, of the community. From now on there is no excuse to say it cannot be done.

"The Partnership Council offers a rich source of learning about the real challenges of 'bottom-up' approaches - it is a heroic attempt to tackle in a real context an issue that has become popular in rhetoric but where good practice is hard to find."

quick Chat

Mike Rowe - Resident Rep.

"I guess I got involved because it's too easy for people to be cynical and not actually try to change things. When I came across the Partnership Council I was struck by the way it was actually trying to address the things that I was concerned about in a way that I felt was positive. The more I've become involved the more I've understood what the Partnership Council is trying to do the happier I am being involved with it. It's reinforcing itself all the time really."

What have you gained?

"Just doing some voluntary work in an important area is personally satisfying. It's all too easy to get stuck into the routine of doing your job, going home, going down the pub or doing nothing with your life. So getting involved and getting out of that inertia was quite positive. I guess that is a big positive. I also do enjoy being involved with a bunch of people - not just the staff but the directors and other people connected with

the Partnership Council - who are enthusiastic, lively, and thought provoking. A good bunch of people."

The previous year has had some challenges.

"Well I think the organisation is trying to sort out its long term future and in doing that its directors have had to start and take on a different role. It is quite hard to do that because we are not involved every day. It's also tricky getting some people to see that the directors are people they should be turning to and talking to about the organisation rather than just the staff team."

The Partnership Council is still finding it challenging to be accepted in the current context, what do you think?

"For me it's a kind of badge of honour in a way, that this organisation is still one that isn't easily accepted. If it were easily accepted I think there would be something worrying because we'd be doing something wrong. If we weren't challenging the main stream, not challenging the way people approach consultation, then we would be doing something wrong. It is still frustrating that some people don't understand the arguments but they don't understand for

reasons - that doing it properly and doing it differently is difficult. Perhaps it is much easier to take the easy course and avoid using us."

What about the future?

"Well what I hope and what I'd like to see is the organisation maintaining a life in one shape or form that challenges and takes a critical approach to, community planning, best value, to all of those current themes, to New Deal, to consultation in health and across the board. So that we don't let the public sector, or any other sector for that matter, take the easy route all the time. I'm very conscious that some are taking a very tick box approach to their processes, and we need to challenge that. If we can achieve that then it would be good."

Why Holes ??

- Forum members may have received notes and minutes on paper which is hole punched - with three holes! You might well think this is not much use for an average folder and you would be completely right. The paper was donated to us free (instead of being binned) and we use it for minutes, etc, to save on the Forums' budget. It saves £3 a ream which soon adds up when you're doing 1000s of copies). Our apologies if you've been puzzling over the unusual hole configuration but its for a sensible reason.

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: Oct 17th 2000 and January 16th, April 11th 2001.



Nottingham's bid to host the next Olympics has run into trouble with the suggestion that Nottingham Castle cliff is too steep for winter tobogganing. The vertical drop has been criticised by former Gold medalist Iva Noskova as 'suicidally dangerous' and completely impractical for the international games. The lack of any snow and ice is also felt to be a flaw in the otherwise innovative local scheme.

Additional Nottingham Olympic plans have also received similar critical reactions. They include: * to utilise Nottingham's new tram system as an olympic length Scalextric track. * a 'Double decathlon pub crawl' along Alfreton and Radford Road. * the controversial 'Live hamster shot put'. * the '3 second Maid Marian Way crossing dash'.

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

CORE SKILL EVENTS

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, 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.

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.