

Community Safety...

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Safety Co-ordinator

URBAN Community Safety Initiative.

Community Safety and Crime Reduction are issues that we all wish to see addressed. Within URBAN the Partnership Council's Working Group 5 have been seeking to respond to residents concerns surrounding the issue of Crime and Security and in recent months there have been several projects implemented including:

Neighbourhood Mediation - seeking to assist in resolving disputes between neighbours. Contact Telephone 0115 963 0035

Community Justice Project - working with young offenders and victims of crime to mediate between parties in seeking reparation for the effect of the crimes committed. Contact Telephone 0115 963 0035

There have also been visible improvements in areas within URBAN including the **URBAN Illuminations** Project with the installation of additional and / or improved street lighting. **Alleygators** - the installation of 'Alley Gates' reducing access to the rear of properties to residents who are key holders and traffic calming measures.

Community Safety Co-ordinator.

One further introduction has been the appointment of a Community Safety Co-ordinator who is working specifically within the URBAN area. His role is to work with the whole community in assessing the needs of residents, responding to specific issues and developing new projects in the area that address the issues of

crime reduction and promote community safety. In liaising between residents and statutory organisations the aim is to develop and implement a strategy for action that includes a wide range of projects identified by the community. If you would like to know more or would like to discuss issues that affect you contact Dave Jayne on 0115 962 0035 or at 25 Vivian Avenue, Sherwood Rise.

Community Safety Grants Scheme

One of the first projects that Dave has developed is a Community Safety Grants Scheme. Available to assist in the development of community safety and crime reduction projects implemented by local residents and agencies / organisations, to benefit local residents, the fund offers advice and financial assistance in the development of projects, that in many cases does not require match funding. Application forms are available by contacting Dave on the number given above.

Safe As Houses.

Residential burglary within the URBAN area has affected many residents over a long period of time. Working Group 5 has therefore introduced a new project that offers free support to residents with respect to the fitting of locks in domestic properties. The project is run by BESTCO Training Agency in Radford where 4 local people have been employed and have undertaken extensive training in the installation of a wide range of lock fitting and safety measures in the home.

If you are a resident of the URBAN area and feel that you need to improve the security of your home to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary, or you have been a victim in the past, you may be entitled to receive these measures FREE OF CHARGE.

Once you have contacted the scheme you will be visited by the project co-ordinator who will carry out a detailed survey of your property. From this information they will make recommendations as to what

measures are required. Once you have agreed to this, a date will be arranged with you for the installation of those measures. Each household applying is entitled to the survey and up to £100.00 worth of measures free. In addition, these will be fitted by the qualified staff, again, FREE OF CHARGE. (NB. Work can normally be completed in half a day).

If you would like to know more you can either contact the Community Safety Co-ordinator on the number given above, or contact the project direct on: 0115 942 0776.

In seeking to recognise the excellent work and support of the community in the projects there is to be a publicity and launch day to be held at ASDA on 19 August 2000. Here you will have the chance to obtain additional information on the projects mentioned above and others we are currently developing. You can also take the opportunity to discuss some of your issues with the members of the Working Group and / or the Community Safety Co-ordinator.

Come as see us.

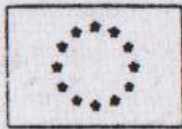
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These projects

Community Safety Coordinator

URBAN: Match fund:
£63,300 £63,300*
Deliverer:  **NCC . Area 4 Committee** *Matched by UMA

Lock Fitting 'safe as houses'

URBAN: Match fund:
£146,788 £25,000
Deliverer:  **BESTCO**

Community Safety Grant Fund

URBAN: Match fund:
£60,000 £60,000
Deliverer:  **NCC . Area 4 Committee** *Matched by UMA

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Nottingham . NG7 5JA**

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Leonardo Dicaprio to star in Radford Video?

The Radford Residents Forum has successfully gained a National Lotteries grant towards making a Community Video. The award is for £5000 and is intended to help make a video which will give an 'upbeat but truthful' image of the Radford Community.

Ten companies have expressed interest in helping make the video. The Forum has responded to each with a project brief and those that respond will be shortlisted and interviewed. The Forum hopes to begin working on the video as soon as possible after that. Any Radford Resident Forum members interested in taking part should contact Martin Curtis at the Partnership Council.

Rumours of Leonardo Dicaprio taking a lead part in the video are sadly untrue as Leonardo doesn't live in Radford.

P.A.L.S. Progress

Play and Learn in Safety project has secured its future for the next three years from the Lottery. The project grew out of inspiration gained from a conference visit to the Hague which was supported by the Partnership Council. P.A.L.S then developed and was initially funded as an URBAN Project. They recently applied to the lottery and announced their successful bid for over £200,000 in July. More info about P.A.L.S in a future onesheet.

Family Learning

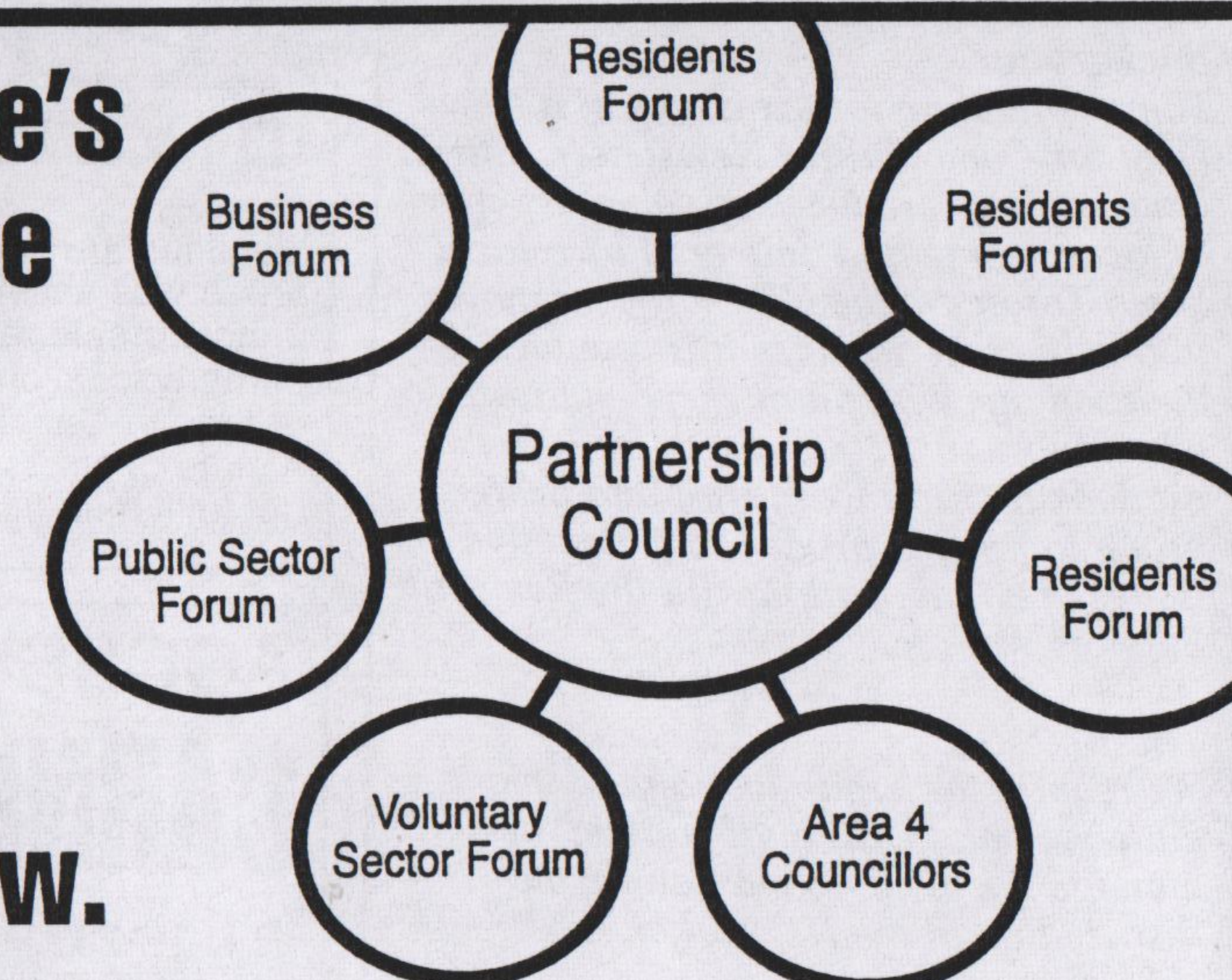
URBAN fund: **£66,978**
Deliverer: **Play & Learn in Safety**

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The future's bright, the future is orange, or green or... oh I don't know.



The Partnership Council Board has recently been discussing the possible future role of the Partnership Council. These discussions have been informed by the findings of a recent independent evaluation, jointly funded by New Deal, Nottingham City Council and the Partnership Council, carried out by Enterprise PLC. (copies of the report are available from the PC Office). Board members are keen to ensure that the Partnership Council future should not be seen as a foregone conclusion. Too many organisations take the attitude that once an organisation has been established it has a right to continue to be funded. The Board's view is that the organisation can only justify applying for future funding if it can identify a future role in which it's membership has genuine opportunities to work on the basis of equality to make service delivery more accountable to local people. As part of this process members of the Partnership Council Board are

working to identify positive ways of working with the New Deal for Communities programme and other programmes and partners. The Board also recognises that the structures, processes and work of the Partnership Council has flaws and weaknesses. However we believe that everyone who has participated has learnt and contributed a great deal over the last four and a half years. Some of that work represents good practice.

The Board is keen to ensure that the best elements of that learning, whatever happens to the organisation itself, is built into future local practice in order to best serve the interests of those living and working in our community.

We will keep Forum members updated of any developments. If you have any comments you wish to make or want more information please speak to your Forum Representative.

"The Partnership Council has brought with it an extremely innovative and positive approach to urban regeneration. The organisation has put in place a framework for citizen participation in local decision making which can be held up as a model of good practice."

Enterprise Plc . Second Phase Evaluation

RADFORD AND HYSON GREEN FOREST FIELDS NEW BASFORD

"It is a general popular error to imagine the loudest complainers for the public to be the most anxious for its welfare"
Edmund Burke

New Deal for Communities Newsletter Invitation to tender

Background

There is funding for six issues of a New Deal for Communities Newsletter. A first issue has been produced by voluntary effort of local people and delivered by a local Scout Troop. As the NDC process moves into delivering services it is intended to build on this with another five editions between August 2000 and May 2001. We are looking for an editorial and design group to form to produce the next five issues in collaboration with the Resident Support Worker.

The Role

We require the group to manage the gathering and editing of content, design, manage the print of and handle the distribution of the Newsletter.

Technical Requirements

Hence we require; Creative design skills. Experience managing print. Ability to pull together and sub-edit articles alongside local contributors.

Other requirements

In the NDC area there are some residents who are critical of regeneration to the point of not getting involved, a second group of people who are involved but not critically aware of these processes and a third group who are both critically aware and involved.

As we are committed to equality of access to the NDC process we intend the newsletter to appeal to all these groups. In particular we want to see the newsletter appeal to critically aware residents- both those that are currently involved in NDC and those that are not.

We would like it to evolve into a context for bottom-up community discussion and debate around NDC.

Hence we require of the team the ability to; Communicate with every part of the NDC community. Earn the respect of residents critical of regeneration schemes. Involve critically aware residents in production of the Newsletter.

Note: We will be considering the health impact of the various tenders according to a Health impact Assessment.

Practicalities

If you are interested in taking on this work please write to Joe Pearce at NDE, 8, Regent St, Nottingham, NG1 5BQ. Please demonstrate your technical ability to undertake this work in the letter. Also include a statement demonstrating your organisation's ability to match the 'other requirements' in particular a culture close enough to the ground to connect with critically aware residents.

Tenders are invited up to £9,500. Closing date noon on Wednesday 9th August.

Please note: The Partnership Council is not in charge of the running of New Deal for Communities. If you require information about NDC please contact their staff team on 950 2233



TOWARDS OUR POTENTIAL

The Partnership Council funded projects to fill gaps in services where local people and workers had

identified the need for action. One of these areas was action to help address the unacceptable rate of exclusion from school of many local children but particularly those of African-Caribbean or mixed parentage. A state of affairs which means that many do not fulfil their potential, lose access to

educational opportunities and often hope and motivation. This has an impact both on the individual and their family but also the wider community. To help address this problem an extremely valuable and much needed project was developed through Working Group One. The Project is being run locally by the national organisation DIVERT Trust. The Project attracted funding from an range of organisations, including the Partnership Council. After a slow start the Project is beginning to show results and local staff, participants, and local schools are keen that the Project continues.

However, recent funding difficulties meant that project staff received notice of dismissal from the London office of DIVERT. Members of Working Group One and members of the Partnership Council have been working hard ever since to avert the closure of the Project.

As a result discussions have taken place at the Partnership Council office between the project staff, DIVERT staff and funding partners to try and find a way forward. The Partnership Council has been very active in strongly advocating to DIVERT Trust nationally to allow the local Project to have a breathing space where it has an opportunity to identify funding to make up the shortfall.

The Partnership Council Board and staff members all recognise that the project provides a valuable service which is badly needed and is working very hard in assisting DIVERT in reorganising funding and raising further match funding. These discussions are showing indications of success and we will keep you up to date with progress.

All of these facts are in sharp contrast to the some rumours that the Partnership Council has been reluctant to support TOPS. Nothing could be further from the truth. We have done, and will do, everything in our power to help ensure its future success and sustainability.

ACCESS ALL AREAS CARNIVAL 2000

R U 16-24? R U looking 4 work based training? Or may be you're unemployed and thinking about re-entering the job market. If so, why not come along and visit BUILD's careers tent at the Nottingham Carnival, which will be taking place on the Forest recreation ground on **Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th August**. Supporting local people, this could be your opportunity to find out about training and employment that interests you. Particular activities on the day will include instant CV design, interactive computing and interior design. Or you could come along and take part in our African Dance or drama workshops, or why not get your hair styled while you discuss your future career possibilities. As well as training providers there will be young trainees on the day to share their own experiences of work based training. So why not come and carnival, you never know, you might come away with more than you expected!!!
BUILD YOUR CAREER WITH BUILD 2000

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at the City

Radford, Hyson Green,
New Basford & Forest Fields

life-at-the-heart.co.uk

Funded through the Partnership Council from the European URBAN Initiative

FOREST FIELDS COMMUNITY PLANNING

On possibly the hottest day of the year so far, Saturday 17th June, the third Community Planning Event was held in Forest Fields. Despite the heat over 40 adults attended for at least some of the day at Forest Fields Primary School. They discussed issues from play areas to traffic and from the new Leisure Centre to community safety. Many local children also came along and the Muslim School ran a workshop.

We did not feel that the day, organised by the consultants John Thompson and Partners, was a success for several reasons and have since worked with them to change the way the events are planned and organised. We felt that the day was too long, that there were not enough people involved in the hands-on planning and that the consultants did not handle the young people well enough. On the positive side we had done some good workshops with the schools and local groups before the day. For the Radford Community Planning we will carry on this work, find out people's views at the Radford Carnival and hold a half day or evening hands-on planning event to look at ideas for improving Radford.

If you want to find out more about Community Planning please contact Shirley Anne or Paul at the Partnership Council on 970 8200.

Radford

World Garden

A garden with a World theme could be sited in the Radford area in the near future. Nottingham City Council have agreed that a piece of land off Alfreton Road can be developed by local people as a garden with exotic plants and trees, food allotments, wildlife area, play space, new seating etc. The grassed area situated off Independent Street could receive the sum of £9,000 from Barclays Bank to start the scheme off, if local residents wish to help carry out the scheme and choose what they want to see.

Groundworks Greater Nottingham have carried out some initial feasibility plans and want to present these to residents at a Consultation Day on Wednesday 23rd August at 4 p.m.

There will be samples, plans and pictures of possible themes and music and refreshments. If you live in that area, or are interested please come along, and bring the kids.

The session will be on the site at the back of the Independent Street Family Centre, on Independent Street.

European URBAN Initiative

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Formal Project List

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the full range of URBAN projects we've listed them here. These notes only give the briefest of details and is intended to show the range rather than anything else. The very general information sometimes disguises more complex facts. For instance some of the smaller projects were pilots which separately initiated before larger scale work was done (i.e. 'Celebratory projects 1 & 2' leading on to 'Celebrate the Community' project). Similarly a number of these are grant schemes which have, in turn, given out thousands of pounds to smaller projects. (i.e. Learning Legacy 190 separate grants, Retail Renaissance 360 separate grants).

Breakdown details not covered here include

Learning Legacy

Retail Renaissance

URBAN Youth Project

Strategy Group, Youth Forum, Grants

Celebrate the Community

Community Enterprise Development

Key Fund (grants)

Community Safety Grant Fund

Information to follow as we get it.

Partnership Council Development

URBAN fund:	Match fund:
£32,000	£62,000
Deliverer:	
Nottingham City Council	

Partnership Council structure and support

URBAN fund:	Match fund:
£372,361	£419,902
Deliverer:	
Partnership Council	

Celebratory project 1 & 2

'Postcards' and 'Flag it up'

URBAN fund:	Match fund:
£5,640	£7,060
Deliverer:	
1: Nottingham Groundwork	
2: Nottingham Playhouse	

Celebratory Project Admin

URBAN fund:	Match fund:
£4,000	£600
Deliverer:	
Supported by City Arts	

Celebrate the Community

URBAN fund:	Match fund:
£92,100	£4,850 +
Deliverer:	
Supported by Nottm. Playhouse	

Festivals - Hyson Green

URBAN fund:	Match fund:
£1000	£3,901
Deliverer:	
City Arts	

Schools Exclusion Project

URBAN fund:	Match fund:
£31,800	£135,036
Deliverer:	
DIVERT Trust	

Hague Visit

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£1,478 £1,804
 Deliverer:
Partnership Council

Local News / Media

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£25,000 £28,192
 Deliverer:
First Data (Training) t

Working Group Support

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£80,620 £80,216
 Deliverer:
Partnership Council

Accountable Body

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£161,358 £0
 Deliverer:
Nottingham City Council

Cooperative & Community Business Skills

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£3,596 £4,054
 Deliverer:
The Cooperative College t

Inner City Business Survey

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£10,475 £8,995
 Deliverer:
W.M.Enterprise t

Community Plan

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£30,000 £30,000
 Deliverer:
Supported by Nottingham City Council t

Marketing Strategy

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£12,500 £
 Deliverer:
Supported through the Partnership Council t

Marketing Project

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£106,339 £8,000 +
 Deliverer:
Supported through Nottingham Development Enterprise

Retail Renaissance grants

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£442,082 £1,730,666 grant
 Deliverer:
Nottingham City Council G

Business Support

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£81,000 £90,000
 Deliverer:
First Enterprise Business Agency

Property Strategy

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£25,000 £30,000
 Deliverer:
East Midlands Development Agency t

Partnership Council Enhanced team

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£120,000 £117,430
 Deliverer:
Partnership Council

Key Fund (grants)

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£299,393 £399,675 grant
 Deliverer:
Through Nottingham City Council G

Community Enterprise Development

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£254,250 £254,250 grant
 Deliverer:
Nottingham City Council G

URBAN Youth Project
 Strategy Group, Youth Forum, Grants

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£399,955 £451,013 grant
 Deliverer:
NCC (D.O.L.A.C.S) G

Hyson Green CCTV

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£187,525 £388,623
 Deliverer:
NCC (Environmental Services)

Alfreton Road CCTV
 Feasibility

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£5,500 £5,500*
 Deliverer:
NCC (Development Department)

Alleygators Alley Security Gates

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£32,500 £64,000
 Deliverer:
NCC (Development Department)

Safer on the Streets

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£84,000 £107,900
 Deliverer:
NCC (Development Department)

Lock Fitting Scheme

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£146,788 £25,000
 Deliverer:
BESTCO

School Travel Plans

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£6,000 £6,000
 Deliverer:
NCC (Area 4 Committee)

Safe Play

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£106,644 £108,356
 Deliverer:
NCC (D.O.L.A.C.S)

Cross Cultural Networks

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£14,100 £15,900
 Deliverer:
BUILD t

Note

The projects listed have received funding to deliver local services. Some of the projects are small and others very large. The Information provided (URBAN, match funding and the delivery organisation) cannot reflect the scale, complexity or the innovative nature of many of the projects. Nor does it reflect the added value or additional benefits which derive from the processes involved in developing these services.

Local residents, and voluntary groups, businesses and public sector organisations based in the area developed the URBAN Action Plan setting out what services they wanted the Partnership Council to fund. All the services and projects listed are a direct response to that Action Plan.

Offender Employment Link

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£66,000 £75,000
 Deliverer:
Nottinghamshire Probation Service

Community Safety Grant Fund

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£60,000 £60,000* grant
 Deliverer:
NCC (Area 4 Committee) G

Burglar Bill Project
 Children's Project

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£1,500 £4,558
 Deliverer:
Galleries of Justice

Mediation Service

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£117,215 £75,357
 Deliverer:
N.A.C.R.O t

Urban Management Area

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£111,190 £1,149,760
 Deliverer:
NCC (Housing Department)

CICERO Training

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£3,000 £4,475
 Deliverer:
Supported by Partnership Council

Support through Mentoring

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£15,040 £16,960
 Deliverer:
BUILD t

The projects were developed through multi-sector Working Groups. These groups enabled people from all sectors to work alongside local residents to develop, design and contract for services. Services which brought together professional expertise with local knowledge to ensure that the needs of local people were met.

The Working Group processes have been recognised as an example of best practice in regeneration. Those who were involved in this work have a right to feel proud of their achievement. Our thanks to you all - your hard work and commitment have been an inspiration.

Any questions? 970 8200

Urban Illuminations

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£238,200 £241,800
 Deliverer:
NCC (Environmental Services)

Community Safety Coordinator

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£63,300 £63,300*
 Deliverer:
NCC (Area 4 Committee) t

Accreditation of Prior Learning Experience

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£109,829 £123,850
 Deliverer:
South Nottingham College t

Cultural Awareness in Housing

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£6,000 £4,000
 Deliverer:
North London Muslim Housing Association t

Understanding for Tolerance

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£15,000 £25,000
 Deliverer:
NCC (Education Department) t

Learning Legacy Grant staff

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£85,554 £97,351
 Deliverer:
Supported through New College Nottingham

Participation in Decision Making

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£30,000 £39,225
 Deliverer:
First Data (Training) t

Learning Legacy Grant Fund

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£317,000 £421,000 grant
 Deliverer:
NCC (Fast Forward - Dev Dept) G

Community Justice Project

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£141,132 £137,719
 Deliverer:
N.A.C.R.O.

Anti Racist Manual

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£16,000 £18,820
 Deliverer:
Urban Programmes Research Group t

Youth Empowerment

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£39,939 £45,039
 Deliverer:
South Nottingham College t

UK URBAN Network
 Contribution with 21 other UK URBAN's

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£2531 £43,015
 Deliverer:
Supported by t

Apprenticeships plus

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£16,766 £50,358
 Deliverer:
New College Nottingham t

New Deal plus

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£49,556 £115,033
 Deliverer:
New College Nottingham t

Family Learning

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£66,978 £75,520
 Deliverer:
Play & Learn in Safety (PALS) t

Youth Project Training

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£46,390 £ part of larger package
 Deliverer:
NCC (D.O.L.A.C.S)

External Evaluation of Partnership Council

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£15,510 £15,510
 Deliverer:
Enterprise PLC t

Work Readiness

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£15,038 £16,958
 Deliverer:
The People's College t

AMBER (Adult Minorities Breaking Educational Restrictions)

URBAN fund: Match fund:
£40,045 £13,050
 Deliverer:
Nottingham Black Initiative

Key to Project symbols

£*: matched through UMA.
Supported: not necessarily delivering the project but helping with the process.
 t: openly tendered out.

Many of the projects, including some of the grant schemes, will be continuing until the end of 2001. Some are also planning to ensure their sustainability past URBAN. If you wish to get in touch with any of the projects please contact the Partnership Council for details.

Next month: info on separate grants listings

Learning Legacy, Youth, Retail Renaissance, etc.

CORE SKILL EVENTS Sept, Oct, Nov

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.

In-house training is open to all involved with the Partnership Council. It is informal and although uncredited will be fun, interesting and useful. There is 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. For more info contact the Partnership Council and ask for details on the event you are interested in.

Voluntary Opps

First Enterprise Business Agency, through the Employment Service's New Deal Voluntary Sector Option, are looking to provide voluntary and community based organisations with voluntary placements over a six month period. The purpose of this initiative is to provide unemployed people with the opportunity of enhancing their employability skills, and to provide voluntary organisations with much needed assistance.

Under this Government initiative, which is at no cost to the voluntary organisation, First Enterprise will provide volunteers to assist in agreed areas of work. FEBA monitors the volunteer's progress for the duration

RADFORD Carnival

The Carnival was held at Radford School playing field. The proceedings officially started at around 2pm, when a parade headed by the Nottingham Tartanaires arrived at the playing field from John Carroll Leisure Centre. They led groups of local children attired according to different themes. From John Carroll, this colourful parade made its way to Hartley Road, with a police escort. Numerous banners were held aloft, the largest inviting on-lookers to follow the procession to Radford Carnival. The parade was probably about 160 strong, and of diverse backgrounds.

The Carnival was made up mainly of traditional stalls, with their fun and games, and a few large-scale play facilities. These were arranged in an oval around the perimeter of the field, facing inwards, with a smaller circle of stalls in the centre of the field. Next to this was a square of grass which was used to stage entertainments throughout the afternoon, such as Greek Dancing, Line Dancing, and a Gymnastics Display.

Most of the stalls combined fun with some more serious charitable work. Amongst these were stalls run by the (ecumenical) Christian communities in Radford. There were about five of these stalls, run by different churches. The Carnival - the 20th such occasion - was not a Christian event, but it was a special day for the Christian community, who saw it as a and every other organisation at the Carnival. Of others there were too many to mention in their entirety, but they include Heartlink, Radford Care Group, Robin Hood Tombola for Leukaemia Research, the Lenton Community Shop, the Credit Union, three

Scout groups, and the Elizabeth Fry Family Centre. All these representatives had fun ways of collecting money for their causes, including Tombolas, Nail a Prize, Lucky Dip, a Treasure Map, Throw a Bean Bag, and other traditional fair events. Peoples College had a stall, and first data, who left leaflets on local educational courses, and a 'Keep No. 69 Bus' petition for visitors to add voice to.

The Partnership Council was there together with representatives from John Thompson and Partners (Community Planners), and a Town Planner from the City Council, they used this opportunity to ask to identify what they liked in the area, and what they disliked, and, if appropriate, how they wanted things to be changed. The most prevalent impression we gained was that generally people were happy living in the area. My colleagues felt the consultation had gone very well, mainly because we had met a good cross-section of local people.

The Carnival had a very relaxed feel, and I enjoyed it very much. Perhaps I enjoyed it because charitable work has spiritual value; or because the sun came out from behind clouds for us; or maybe because a lot of merit may have accumulated from all the work going on all around. I am not sure. Of one thing I am certain, however: I'm not going to miss next year's Radford Carnival.

Arvinder Paddam (PC Volunteer).

Celebrate the Community



Supported through URBAN:

With apologies from WG 2 for the age to get the cheque sorted out.



As you might have seen in the job section of Nottingham Evening Post on 19th July the Key Fund is looking to appoint a project worker and outreach worker. The Key Fund was set up from excess money from URBAN which was available when the final exchange rate of pound Sterling to Ecus was agreed last December. It was decided to put the money into a grant fund called the 'Key Fund' this is now being developed. With the closing date being August 4th officers to help promote the fund will soon start work.

For intermediate info on the fund ask for a grant sheet from the Partnership Council Office.

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.

of their placement with the group. If your organisation can provide voluntary placements, or you need further information, please call into First Enterprise Business Agency at 90 Radford Road, or telephone 942 3772 and ask for Irfan Ahmed.

Voluntary Reps

The Voluntary Sector Forum recently had its AGM. At this meeting a number of new reps were elected in. These included: Julian Adams (HGTA) Sophie Whitely (Marcus Gavey) Michael Henry (BUILD) as Partnership Council reps - and Delroy King (HGYC) Shabaaz Moghal (Karima Institute) as Voluntary Forum Reps on the New Deal for Communities Interim Partnership. All reps are responsible for representing the Voluntary Sector Forum as a whole.

Conference: Report

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THE power OF communities

Recently two residents and two members of the outreach team attended this exciting conference at Chester, which was organised by PEP and aimed at ordinary people working to achieve change in their communities around the country. Over 300 delegates attended, mostly residents, from estates and deprived areas across the UK. The conference was very well organised with workshops, a large exhibition area, IT and art displays, fringe workshops and focus sessions as well as speeches and evening events. Its aim was to celebrate community life to the full in all its diversity and the difference being made by local people.

The opening session was a scene setter, starting with a presentation featuring a recording of Martin Luther King's 'I have a Dream' speech. We heard from various people who told their stories about making a difference in their estates and communities. Particularly interesting was a presentation from a youth project in central London, which focussed on saving a football pitch used by mainly Bengali young people, against much local opposition and black/white tension. The project had transformed the environment and now the young people involved are playing other teams across the country and sharing their experiences with other similar groups.

Also inspiring was a presentation from Stan Thekaekara who had been working with tribal people in southern India for about thirteen years on issues such as establishing land rights, setting up a tea production co-operative and working to improve the health of the people who are extremely poor and dispossessed. Since 1994 he had been visiting deprived areas in Britain on an Oxfam sponsored project to find links and share knowledge between communities in both countries. He found that in the UK, compared to India, many people had cars, fridges, TVs etc, but in reality people felt useless and marginalised, facing redundancy and long term poor health. He urged people to 'think global but act local' and stressed the importance of listening to the voices of ordinary people not just American investors.

John Prescott MP then made a keynote speech. He started by saying that he had met a group of American investors with Tony Blair earlier in the day and had a prepared speech to deliver on maximising inward investment. After hearing the contributions so far, he realised that he would not insult the audience by making his prepared speech and spoke 'off the cuff'. He said that reviving deprived communities was not just about money:

figures and there were some parts of this country that were a stigma on society. The government was committed to enable people to make their own decisions about turning round their communities: 'to be truly effective our regeneration programmes need to have the local communities at their heart'. Residents were saying 'I don't want to live like this' and through schemes like New Deal for Communities and with proposals in the forthcoming Urban White paper, inner cities could be transformed so that people could be proud of their address. It would mean radical changes for Local Authorities, which in the past had not been sensitive enough to people's needs (applause). Prescott ended by saying that change could not be achieved without 'people like you' and that people's real stories can tell you more than any academic text.

The evening social events: 'a Kaleidoscope of Culture' took place at various venues in Chester with performances from a very diverse range of artists.

Thursday was split up into two perspective sessions: environmental issues, social and cultural diversity, social housing and tackling poverty and two focus sessions. Issues covered included: agencies need to make environmental programmes much more accessible especially to poor people, local groups had little power compared to national governments and multi-nationals, in social housing everything is up for grabs at the moment and residents voices need to be listened to, sometimes council tenants felt they were in a Kafka-like situation. Groups such as Oxfam UK had successfully campaigned to achieve recognition that extreme poverty exists in this country whilst groups such as ATD Fourth World had successfully worked together with poor people, moving away from the paternalistic and patronising attitudes of the past. Foyer schemes for homeless young people often faced hostility from local residents as did some ethnic minority environmental projects.

There was some evidence that barriers were being broken down in LA housing departments regarding working with residents and some housing associations were very supportive and forward looking but in health provision there seemed to be a long way to go. In Glasgow an exciting project had developed over 5 years from a local parent's concern over her child's asthma, started by volunteers and progressing to training local people in healthcare provision and carrying out health audits and changing local policy.

'spending 10% more than the previous outfit' but it was about recognising the contribution that residents were making. Poverty was often masked by average

In Salford an 'urban oasis' with an orchard and Japanese garden was created by a group of residents in the courtyard of an estate. A performance by Cardboard Citizens' theatre company, made up of people who have experienced homelessness, about the effects of the global economy on local people demonstrated how powerful drama can be in getting a message across.

Thursday evening concluded with a Festival of Achievement at Trafford Hall (the National Tenants Resource Centre). With great food from all over the world, music, salsa dancing, fortune telling, karaoke etc. and plenty of networking opportunities.

On the last day we watched some community videos and attended presentations from youth projects including an URBAN funded video and media project from Leasowe. At the final session Lord Rodgers set out his vision for cities in the future. He said that many of the problems in inner cities had been caused by experts, such as architects and planners, not listening to local people. Estates were in danger of becoming ghettos with no safe public spaces - cities should be places for all people, featuring human spaces. There was a presentation of six stories based on thoughts written down by delegates imagining what communities would be like at a Diversity 2030 event. Stan Thekaekara then summed up saying that it was obvious that people in communities were doing fantastic things every day. In his view deprived areas were seen as full of problems but actually wealthy societies are more dysfunctional. We had to build a new world based on human values. The conference ended with a performance from a traditional Zulu dance group.

We all really enjoyed this well organised conference (which took two years to plan). There was plenty to learn, many ideas to share and good opportunities for networking. It went well beyond the usual rhetoric. We left feeling upbeat and recharged and we felt that there are many people around the country who share the ideals and aims of the Partnership Council and are finding exciting ways to transform their communities by working together.

This months TV

Terrifyingly Scary Weather

● Tuesday, Monday, Friday, Sunday 8pm

Shocking home made videos of life threatening breezes and light rain over Nottingham. See local people lose their hats and fight desperately to raise umbrellas in this shocking programme of Britain's worst average weather.

Channel 5's film premier

● Wednesday, Monday, Saturday 9pm

Flight 762: My daughter's friend was a nasty axe murderer - the Tiffani Blot story 2. (1991) Starring Fred Christopher and Tricia Marquez. Simmering thriller noir erotic period drama family action western. A timid young wife's husband is accused of cheating at gambling but denies all as he reveals a chilling secret kept hidden due to memory loss.