

URBAN's Community Justice

Who we are

Nottingham Community Justice Project is run by Nacro (the crime reduction charity) and was established in partnership with Nottingham City Youth Offending Team, Nottinghamshire Police and Victim Support in response to the concerns raised by URBAN residents that crime and fear of crime in the URBAN area be addressed.

What we do

We aim to open up lines of communication between young people (aged 10-24) who have committed crimes and their victims by providing a free and confidential mediation service. Young people are encouraged to face the real and personal consequences of their offending. Victims are able to receive answers to any questions they may have and are given a voice within the Criminal Justice System.

How we do it

Trained mediators meet with the victim to discuss the offence and their feelings around it and what they would like to happen. The young person is contacted and a similar meeting takes place. Any relevant information requested by the victim is obtained.

A variety of steps could now happen depending upon what both parties would like to happen: information could continue to be passed on indirectly - or a direct meeting could be prepared for. Contact finishes if either party want to withdraw or if the victim feels that there has been a satisfactory outcome i.e. a letter of apology or make amends by carrying out some work either towards the victim or the community.

Although the service is voluntary for those involved and non legal by nature, we have found through either direct or indirect communication (via a mediator) both groups can be helped to move on from an offence in as positive a manner as possible.

Does it work?

Since June 2000 we have worked with 67 offenders and 70 victims and have found the following to be some of the benefits: * 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 behavior.

Case Study

Fourteen year old Martin was involved in taking a car without the owners consent and caught by the police in the car. He was charged and referred to mediation. Matt (whose car it was) was not very hopeful about the process and quite cynical as to what it would achieve. But he was curious and wanted to know why his car was targeted. Martin found it difficult to talk to the mediators, and was scared Matt would be really angry with him despite the mediators assurances, but he wanted to say sorry for the part he played in the offence and answer Matt's questions in person. After initial meetings the two met face to face. Although Martin found this hard, he was glad he had faced up to what he had done and the victim was pleased they had both had the courage to deal with the incident face to face. Both felt happier after the meeting and able to leave the incident behind them.

Here are comments we have received about the process from some of the people who have been through mediation~

" If I got anything else (custody), I don't think I would have made it up with them (the other party) or been able to tell them why I did it"

" I was allowed to say how I felt about what happened and how it affected me. This was something I felt unable to do within the police or legal system.

" It helped me feel that the justice system was about people rather than a legal formality".

Who can refer

Victims of crime (where the offender has been charged)

Young people who have committed an offence and want to put things right

Young people who are experiencing bullying or other difficult relationships that may lead to an offence being committed.

Agencies like the Youth Offending Team, Probation Service, Police, Schools and Youth groups.

How can you help

The Nottingham Community Justice Project are committed to reducing crime

and the fear of crime in the URBAN area. We are also keen for URBAN residents and organisations to be directly involved in making this happen and supporting both victims of crime and young people to deal with the effects of crime committed by young people in the area.

Organisations

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 currently have links with organisations such as City Arts and ASDA which we are looking to expand upon. We feel strongly that this type of partnership can benefit both the host and the young person and has proved to reduce the fear of crime and stereotyping of young people who commit crime in the area.

Volunteers

We are seeking to recruit and train volunteer victim offender mediators from Forest Fields, Hyson Green, New Basford and Radford 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 the NCJP on this number - 962 0035

If you are interested the closing date for applications is Friday 11th May.

If you are interested in joining NCJP and wish to find out more about victim offender mediation, for more details and an application form please contact Gina Seed or Nat Pink, Nottingham Community Justice Project, 25 Vivianne Avenue, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham, NG5 1AF Tel:962 0035 Fax 985 7397 email:nacro_ncjp@hotmail.com

Staff Moving On.

Shirley Anne Whitely, part of the Outreach Team, is moving onward and upward to a new job in London. Shirley Anne has been an outstanding member of the Outreach Team, a valued member of the Partnership Council Staff team and a loved friend of many people. We will all miss her a great deal. Before zooming off she's agreed to a little interview where she spills the beans on the truth behind the glossy Outreach Team image.

See the June Onesheet.

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The onesheet is exclusive to those who are part of the Partnership Council forums or who are friends who actively participate in the organisations work.

The Partnership Council aim is to act as a bridge builder so that all those who live and work in the local community can together influence decisions about local services, facilities and projects. We work with Residents, Voluntary groups, Public sector organisations, Businesses and the local City Council Area Committee.

The aim of the Onesheet is; to help communicate information and opportunities amongst those participating within the Partnership Council. It also aims to encourage participants to develop their skills, knowledge or experience and to promote achievements of work and participants.

Inclusions

The Onesheet is mailed regularly at the beginning of each month. We occasionally take articles and adverts for activities and events which are related to our partnership work or include such material in our mailouts.

Please note that we cannot commit to include such information. Similarly, such items may necessitate a contribution to supporting mailing or distribution.

Please contact the Partnership Council office on 970 8200 before sending information.

Media

If you are, or work for, a media organisation or publication such as newspaper, community newsletter, radio etc, please do not use information from the Onesheet without checking it past us first.

The majority of information is fine for wider use however some information contained within the Onesheet is targeted specifically at Partnership Council participants and not for general release. Please be courteous and call us about using information from this Onesheet. We also ask that any sourced articles must respect the immense hard work that is put into projects by hundreds of people and include appropriate credits for the origin of the project as well as its funding.

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Internal Information

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Business Sector Forum
PC Richard Hawthorne, Peter Lowery, Issan Ghazni. *NDC Juliette Abrams, Neville Hunter, Robert Graham, Kelbert Henriques*

New Basford / Forest Fields Resident Forum
PC Shaghofa Shan, Vacancy, Vacancy.

Going Forwards Committee
PC John Taylor, Marcia Watson, Iftikhar Ahmed, Gary Long (sub).

Hyson Green Resident Forum
PC Mike Rowe, Donna Payton, Michael Briscoe.

Radford Resident Forum
PC David Roberts, Phil Mattias, Wendy Brewer, *NDC David Jones.*

Public Sector Forum
PC Mick Stringer, Farah Jamil, Mark Polloack. *NDC Roger Williams, Vacancy.*

Voluntary Sector Forum
PC Julian Adams, Michael Henry, Sophia Ramcharan. *NDC Delroy King, 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.

Thanks for the Lobster

Thanks to all those who came along to our social in April (approx 90+). We didn't save the Inner City Lobster but everyone appeared to have a great (and dry!) time. Cheers again to all those who attended.

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.

Project to develop out of forum success

Citizen 2010

The Partnership Council Children's Forum has successfully run over the past four years. During this time it has proven that young children's views are as important as adults in helping shape the community they live in. We are now aiming to develop this project further to enable children to engage in the process of decision-making across Area 4.

The idea is to create a formal mechanism, through which children can be actively involved in, and influence, the regeneration of their local community.

This development is called 'Citizen 2010' and will include staffing specifically to work on the project and, as far as we are aware, uniquely include money for a children's grant fund where the decisions will be made by children for grants to benefit children.

Over the past month we have advertised to find an organisation which may be interested in helping deliver this project. They would be expected to be responsible for the financial management of the project, provide a local base accessible to other partners and children. Deliver support & supervision for the project worker on a daily basis and carry out administration of the children's grant fund.

The New Deal for Communities Programme which is based in Hyson Green and Radford has provisionally pledged support.



As part of the campaign to promote the positive aspects of living and working in Radford, Hyson Green, New Basford and Forest Fields we are holding a photography competition. Entry is FREE and open to anyone who lives or works in the four areas.

The Theme of the competition is to try and encapsulate the characteristic elements and good things about life in the areas. **Entry** is open to anyone who lives and works in the four areas. Copies of the entry form are available at Hyson Green Library, Radford & Lenton library, the Arts Exchange or the Partnership Council office. **Get snapping, closing date is Aug 31st.**

Spring 2001 Clean

Wet dairy pages of the Spring Clean 2001: A campaign between the Partnership Council Going 4 Wards committee and the City Council.

On the day in question I am totally drenched having spent the morning walking over the playing fields bounded by Forster Street and Croydon Road. About 11am, whilst questioning my sanity, I asked myself what on earth am I doing here? The answer is that I was taking part in the 2001 Spring Clean.

I work for Nottingham City Council as a Team Leader in the Street Cleansing Section for Nottingham City Contract Works. This varied role covers finding ways of tidying up all the mess that nobody else wants. It covers litter obviously, graffiti, abandoned cars, fly tipping, dumped rubbish... you get the idea. When I am introduced at community meetings as the man from the Council who can help you with all that... I can almost hear the knives being sharpened as I brace myself for the onslaught.

It's not just me though, in the City Council there are over 100 people working every day (and some during the night) to keep on top of the problem.

So my 'in-tray' visibly groans with requests for help and advice from projects all over the City. What is so special about the Area 4 Spring Clean that I am happy to be drenched, every day if necessary, to support it?

Firstly it may not work. I hope this is not the case, but it has set itself an ambitious goal - to change the way people who live and work in the area think. The Council do not drive around at night dumping cars, litter, sofas and dog mess, that's done for us by the visitors and a minority of residents in the area. It is hoped that by looking at the specific problems and by working with representatives from the community, local businesses and the Council that the issues can be resolved, not just in April 2001 but the long term.

Following discussions at public meetings and subsequently by the Spring Clean



Above: Launch of the Spring Clean 2001

Action Group a number of hotspot sites were identified, areas with particular problems. Of these 10 were selected as a start. The idea being to clean them, learn from them and then move to the next 10 and so on. Supported by funding from Going Four Wards Area Committee we started the programme in April on Maun Avenue.



Day 1: Maun Avenue. This is an area with a history of dog fouling problems. To highlight the project council crews were on hand to help clean up the area. Bob Pratley from NCCW and Russell

Kay, the Housing Area Caretaker, worked like Trojans all morning taking away a number of van loads of resident's waste. Behind the scenes we talked to local people to identify problems with area and possible solutions (siting of dog bins etc).

For what was a dull cold day the unexpected turnout by residents to support the project was great to see.

Day 2: Croydon Road Playing Fields. This was the day we 'officially' launched the scheme. The 'Tidy Britain Group' - a national litter awareness organisation - had also asked to take part as the launch of their 'Just Bin It' campaign. In my wisdom I thought it would be 'nice idea' to invite pupils from Radford Primary School to help. As I was often receiving reports about the littered state of the fields

and walkway from their headmaster. The day was dull, cold and the hint of rain in the area soon turned to miserable drenching drizzle. I could see that the whole project would falter there. After an obligatory photo shoot (you cannot see the rain in the pictures!) I cajoled the 20 or so schoolchildren to don gloves and with litter pickers in hand to fill their bags. And they did it. No complaints... away they went and after an hour of frenzied activity, and over 30 bags of litter, it was all to do to stop them. Who knows what they should have been doing to make them enjoy litter picking in the rain (maths test maybe?).

Behind the scenes again we were able to discuss solutions to the cleansing problems unique to the area.

Good start, great start in fact but a word of caution. Saturday 7th April clearance of private land the derelict factory site on Forster Street. This is not an area the council would normally have access to clean. Residents were saying thank you for cleaning it up. However, less than 10 days later there were people already dumping rubbish on the site. This is the sort of example where we need to find longer term solutions and why we need involvement and input from the Council, obviously, but also from the residents of the area.

**Chris Bailey
NCCW**

FREE TICKET TO SPACE!

Unfortunately as all of URBANs £5.4 million has been committed we are unable to pay for a local person to fly into the cosmos as the second 'space tourist'. However Working Group 4 aptly named 'Enterprise' have agreed to pay for a ticket as far as Leicester for anyone who'll pay for the rest of their trip to Heathrow, Kennedy Launch Centre and space. All applications on a postcard to NASA please. Sorry, no cartoon this issue because the cartoonist broke their pencil. Maybe in June, can you stand the wait?

**"Of all things, that wisdom provides to help
one live one's entire life in happiness, the
greatest by far is the possession of friendship".**

Epicurus 341 - 270 BC

Anti-Racist Manual for Schools

Article by Kaye Haw of the Anti-racist Manual Project

The idea for this Anti-Racist Manual arose out of consultation carried out by the Partnership Council. The consultation with residents, workers and representatives from the business community and Public and Voluntary sectors resulted in the commissioning of a piece of work coordinated by the Nottingham and District Racial Equality Council. This work involved schools, Nottinghamshire Education Department and the Boots Company. Evaluation of the work indicated that schools in the area lack materials to assist them in pursuing anti-racist policies and practice and would value guidance, both on what materials are available and how to develop their own locally relevant policies, practices and materials.

The Development of the Anti-Racist Manual.

The Anti-Racist Manual has been produced by a unique act of co-operation between six organisations in Nottingham. These were the Urban Programmes Research Group from the University of Nottingham, Radford Primary School, Nottingham and District Racial Equality Council, The Life Long Learning Division of Nottingham City Council, Shiefton Supplementary School and the Asian Women's Project.

Each section of the Manual reflects input from a much broader range of groups and organisations, schools and their communities because of the concern to ensure that what has been produced reflects the needs and experiences of local parents, pupils and teachers.

Purpose & Structure of the Manual.

The Manual is in four main sections each of which relates to a particular part of the process of developing and implementing an effective anti-racist policy in a school. It is important to emphasise now that the Manual has not been produced because schools are necessarily racist institutions. It is because as both private and public spaces they are sites of intensification for a number of social issues that confront all of us from bullying and harassment to racism.

This means two things: As sites of intensification schools need to address social issues such as racism in their own practice because the potential for it to 'flare up' is always there.

As places of education they have an obligation of providing a broad-based education to all their pupils. The first section is concerned with developing our understanding of the need for a whole school policy that covers all aspects of the life of a school. It provides a brief description of different forms of racism and racial harassment. It also contains both national and local figures on the prevalence of racial harassment to highlight the current extent of the problem. Finally it focuses on the need to monitor incidents both in schools and the local community. The second section contains a series of tools and activities that schools can

The Partnership Council invites tenders for the following services:

• **Manual of Good anti-racist practice in schools.** (total funding available £16,000).

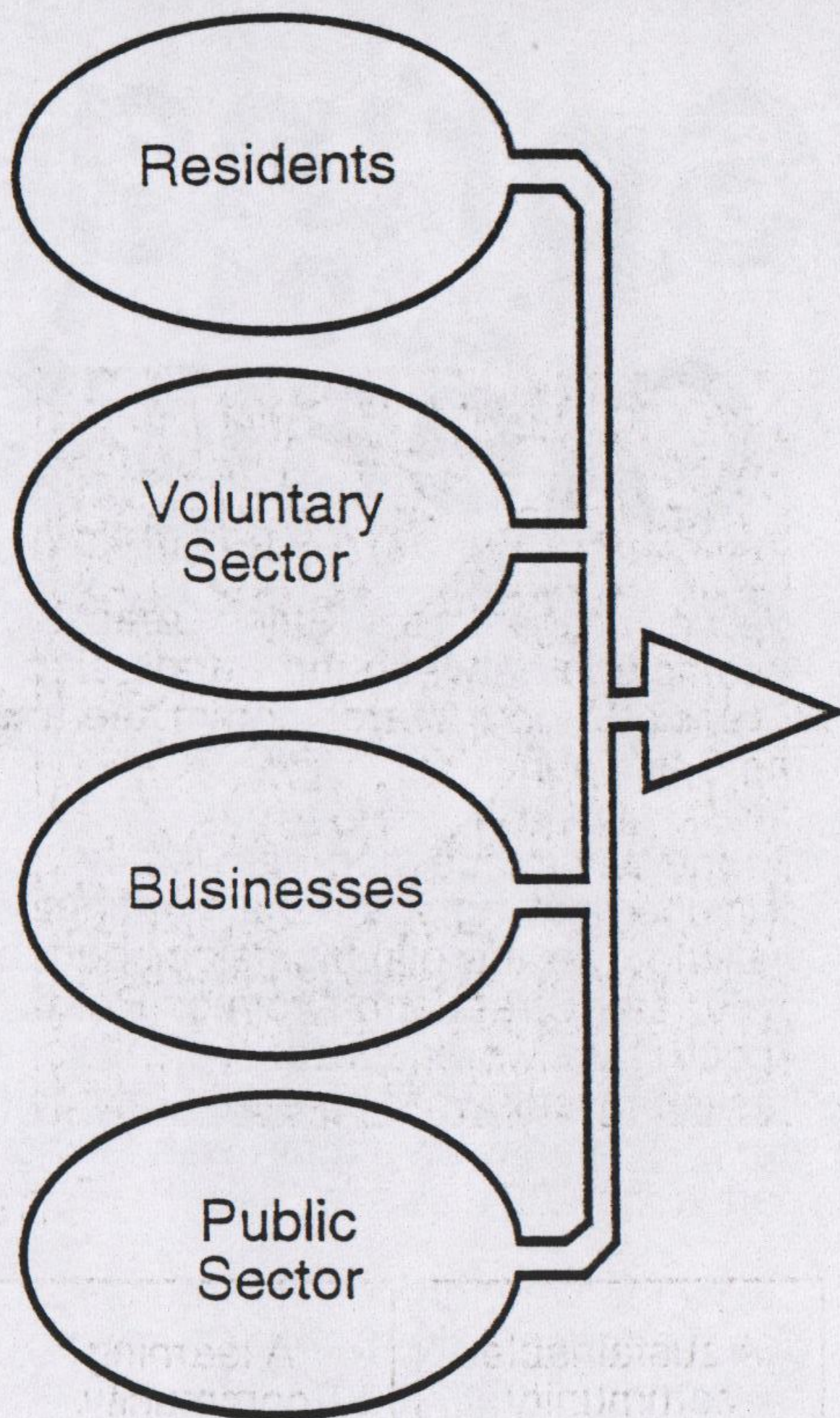
- to be provided in the communities of Radford, Hyson Green, Forest Fields and New Basford. Funding is from European URBAN initiative and we expect that the grant rate should represent up to 47% of the total project costs.

Above: The Partnership Council tender for the Anti Racist manual in the Sept 1998 issue of the Onesheet.

use to judge the effectiveness of their current policies and practices. These activities can be used as the starting point for the development of new policies by helping schools identify the extent of any problems and the areas that need to be addressed.

The third section contains a mixture of ideas, tasks and approaches. The first, is a whole school task aimed at exploring how staff currently perceive the overall approach of their school to social justice. This is followed by ideas for a whole school approach to auditing all aspects of school life and contains examples of current good practice in local URBAN schools. Thirdly, - Working with Parents and the Community' is an account of one head teacher's overall philosophy and strategy towards parental and community involvement in the school. This section ends with the ABC of Incidents, a series of case studies aimed at giving a snapshot of how recent cases 'fit' with policies. They are used as a means of 'fault checking' for potential situations and to act as a practical guide through the process of dealing with different kinds of racial incident.

The fourth section contains reviews of materials and resources currently being used in local schools. It also lists other sources of help and further information that can be used to turn policies into practices.

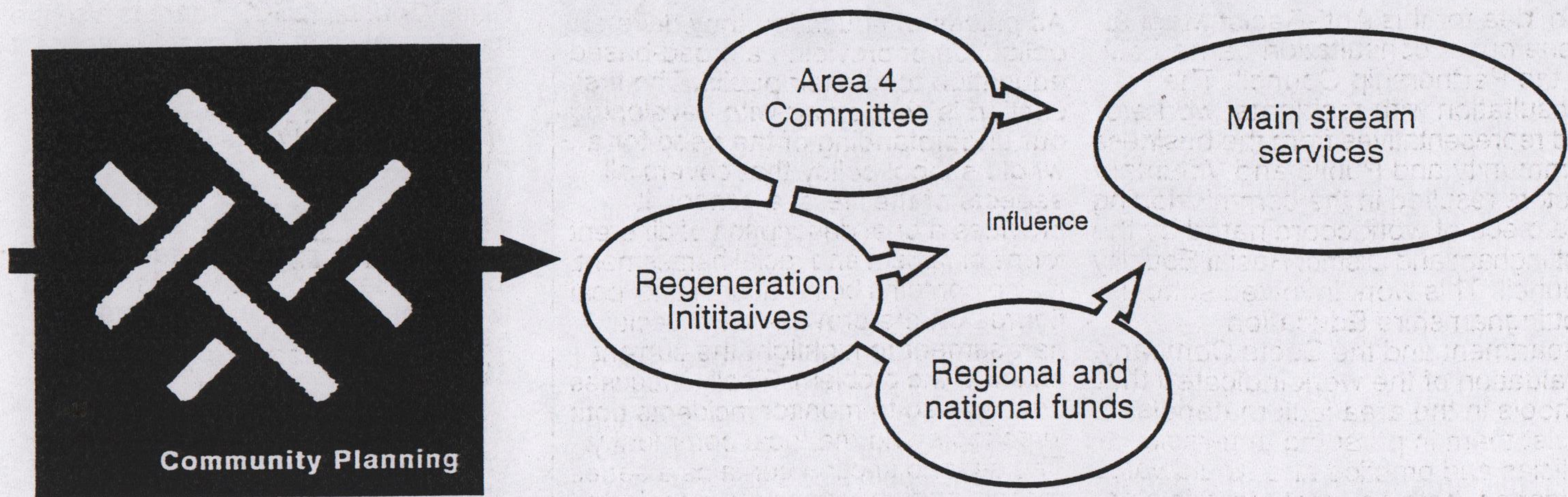


Through the delivery of the URBAN Initiative we have learnt many things. Perhaps the biggest thing is the if those who deliver services listen more to those who they are trying to benefit we can end up with better services which are more cost effective and which meet peoples needs better.

This is what the Partnership Council has tried to tackle; the gap between people that access services and the people that provide them. And not just with regard to relatively small regeneration initiatives like URBAN. This is because it's not about nice community projects that help to make things a little bit better. It's about the £160 million pounds! that we spend in Area 4 providing main stream public services to people.

No matter what we do on the 'margins' with regeneration initiatives it will not change the basic facts. Facts like: if people do not get a good education, do not live in an environment that gives them a sense of freedom and choice or if we cannot give them a community that

Community Planning



Themes

A sustainable community	A learning community.	An economically strong community.	An active and empowered community
A caring and healthy community	A safe community	A community engaged in leisure & cultural activity	A well planned and clean environment.

gives them confidence and a sense of choices in life... then anything regeneration does around the margins is just that - *around the margins*.

If we look at education as an example. It doesn't matter how good our supplementary schools are, they cannot compensate for someone who is not getting a good basic mainstream education. We need to realise that no matter how successful smaller work is we have to be able to tie it in to the bigger picture.

Community Planning ?

What *Community Planning* offers communities like ours is an opportunity to generate strong, local and inclusive agendas with which to hold into account, and to inform, those with the responsibility to provide main stream services. Not only this but is also informs our regeneration activities and ensures they to are also reflective of a local agenda.

But more than this, Community Planning is not just about influencing main stream services or the work we do. If it is properly supported and engaged in Community Planning can offer a successful way of developing a framework which links them both together.

In this way regeneration will no longer act as a 'add-on' to the mainstream, or even as a way, as some argue, of trying to compensate for unsatisfactory mainstream services. Instead it will enable regeneration to try out new ideas and then use what is successful to empower broader services.

For Community Planning to be successful it needs to involve the people who live and work in the area. It also needs those people to develop an understanding together of what services already exist, what the gaps in services might be and how that service provision might change in order to be more accessible or more appropriate to the people it serves.

To do this it we need to identify what actions there are under each of a series of connected themes (see above).

Why bother ?

Well firstly the Area 4 Committee - Going 4 Wards - has made it clear that it sees Community Planning is a way of strengthening of the role of the area committee to act as an advocate within the City Council structure. So, for example, if Spring Clean 2001 (see elsewhere in the Onesheet) develops a strategy that says 'we need to enhance the mainstream service in certain ways' and that we 'need additional resources' then the area committee can put forward arguments for those kind of things to be reflected in Cities departmental priorities.

There are also structures outside that. There are partnership structures such as the Local Strategic Partnership and there are funds such as the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal Fund or the Children's Fund. There are also sub regional opportunities - such as SRB (Single Regeneration Budget) funding and other big programmes of Government money. Community Planning can influence the agenda on all these.

By helping set bigger agendas we are shaping funding for our community and by going up through main stream organisations we are influencing and informing the delivery of their services. Both these will have a crucial long term effect on the ground. That is one reason why we believe that Community Planning is a good process for us to focus how we organise our work.

Community Planning, and its themes is something that everyone can utilise. Smaller groups can focus on individual themes and bigger organisations can use it to coordinate different areas of work. This is not just something the Partnership Council is working on. A number of others groups are already looking at how they can best use the idea to benefit their needs.

Understandably there are some who, after previous experience, are still to be convinced that Community Planning will work and that communities can work together on strong, realistic plans. There is a fear that some previous fragmentation of local agendas will continue. To conquer this we need those currently responsible for mainstream services to support and encourage strong local agendas. We also need those in the community to work together to be able to create that coherent agenda.

The Partnership Council is slowly shaping its existing work to fit in with Community Planning themes. In this way we hope to contribute to the development of a strong local agenda for our area. Look out for future opportunities to take part in developing elements of a local community plan.

together to achieve the objective of making the business 'voice' heard. He also reminded the Forum that there are changes in such areas as the new delivery bodies such as the Small Business Service (SBS) and the Local Skills Council (LSC). There is also the modernisation of the Local Government to bear in mind including 'Best Value', Neighbourhood Renewal and as already mentioned - Community Planning.

Jim covered details of the feasibility studies and progress on developments for New Basford Gas Works. Access to the information or more detail can be obtained from Jim or Adrian on 970 8200.

It is intended that the sites are encouraged to be developed to offer greater potential for commercial development and job creation, as a direct result of the consultations with local businesses.

A New Deal for Communities update was also given by Jim. However if anyone has any questions then these should be directed to the New Deal Interim Partnership Representatives who were present at the meeting, namely Juliette Abrams, Robert Graham, Kelbert Henriques and Malcolm Paulus.

Telephone numbers and contact details are available through New Deal for Communities on 978 8553.

The Year 2 Delivery Plan (2001/2002) contains some £560,000 for the business strategy and the business community will be engaged in decisions around the spend of the money.

For information on the Business Forum contact Adrian or Eric at the Partnership Council on 970 8200

studies on Radford Mill, Forest Mill, the Radford Goods Yard / Chettles Yard site (behind Arriva) and New Basford Gas Work Site), the future business strategy, New Deal for Communities and informal discussions and networking.

Adrian outlined the proposed Community Planning process and the work the Forum will be involved in over the coming months. The community plan will cover the 4 Wards of Radford, Lenton, Robin Hood and Forest, where it is hoped that through the Partnership Council, local people who work and live in the area will have greater influence and information about the £180 million Public Sector spend in the area each year. The Community Plan will cover 8 themed areas.

- *A learning community
- *A well planned and clean environment
- *An economically strong community
- *A caring and healthy community
- *A safe community
- *A community engaged in leisure and
- *cultural activity
- *A sustainable community
- *An active and empowered community

Adrian then went to confirm that the Business Forum and IBA intend to work

There was a good attendance at the Business Forum Meeting held at the Horse & Groom on Monday evening 23rd April 2001 in conjunction with the Independent Business Association (IBA). Over 40 businesses were in attendance.

Peter Lowery the Chair of the Business Forum welcomed people to the Forum and presentations were given by Adrian Dewhurst and Jim Taylor.

The main agenda included a general update on items of business interest, property matters, (including feasibility

Local Businesses Receive Awards

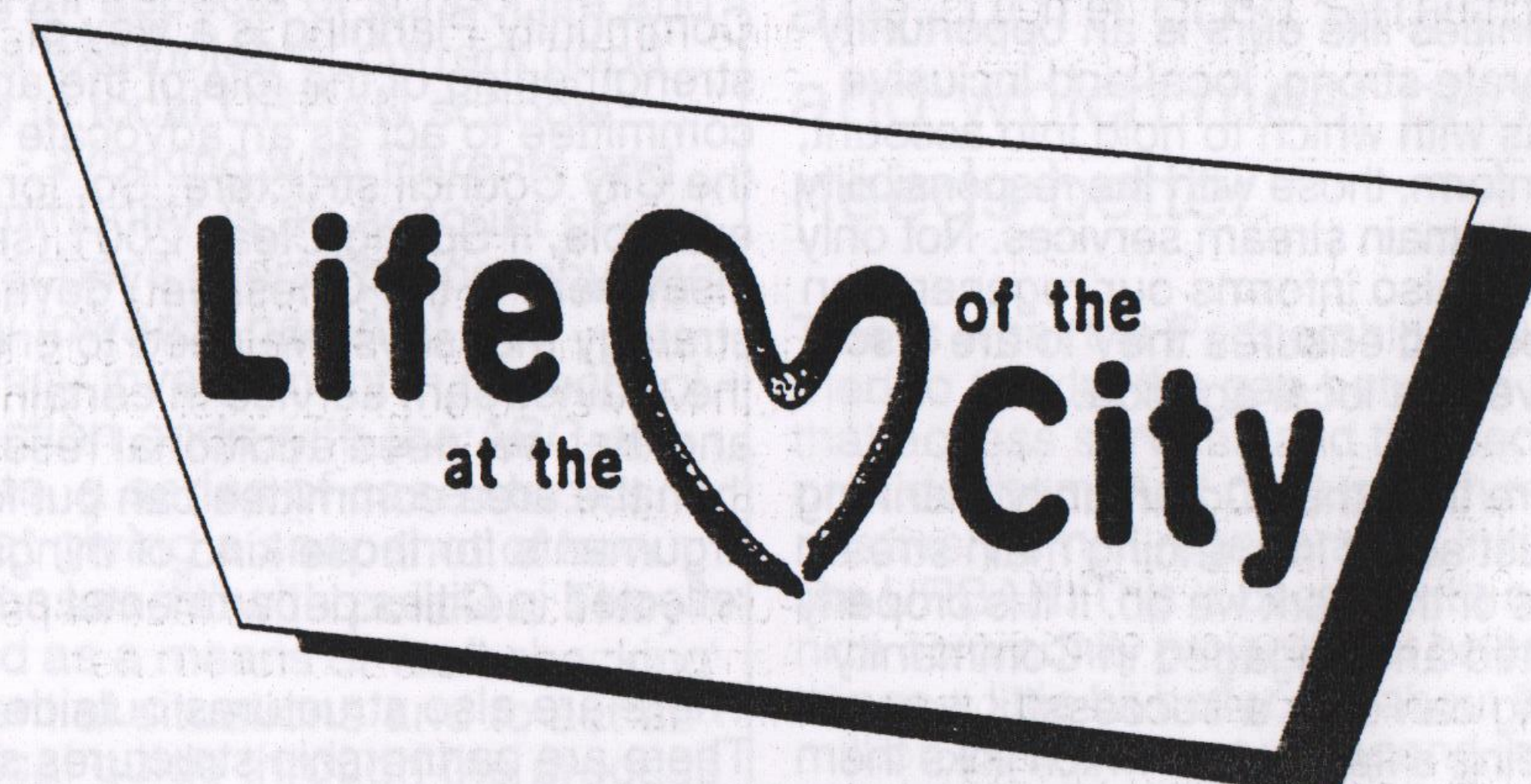
The URBAN Business advisers are pleased to report that there has been great success for local business in the recent prestigious business 'Award Schemes'.

In the first instance, they are delighted to have gone one better than last year. This years Soroptimist International of Nottingham Business Development Awards were again held at the Post House Nottingham. One of the objectives of the Award is to assist women in developing their businesses based in Nottingham. In addition, the award must be used to generate growth, for example by contributing to training, marketing, exhibiting at a trade fair or for the purchase of new equipment.

Last year's Award Runner-up in the male section went to Richard Newland, owner of Nottingham's number one Jamaican Restaurant on Hartley Road Radford. Nevertheless, things get better, with this year's runner-up Karen Bentley, of Absolute Organic, Radford Boulevard Radford. However, the biggest cheer to Louise Middleton and Liane Emmison of Luna Textile Design of Lenton Business Centre won the Top Prize' which include consultancy, certificate and £1,000 prize money.

Success was also achieved for two other local companies. Kassim Mahjour, Managing Director of Fresh Start Limited, Wholesale Fruit and Vegetable Produce of Miall Street, Radford along with John Birdsall and Clare Marsh of John Birdsall (Photography), All Saint's Workshops, Raleigh Street, Radford the 'Urban and Commercial' photography specialist.

Watch this space for next year's winners - the Business Advisers have a list of very strong candidates for next year to ensure that growth, opportunity and excellence come first in the URBAN Area.



Radford, Hyson Green,
New Basford & Forest Fields

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Opportunities for involvement

To provide opportunities for local residents to work with others to influence local services, strategies and initiatives.

Local Learning Plan

Are you interested in finding ways of providing new learning opportunities for local people with low standards of educational achievement? Are you interested in looking at how to support activities that close the growing gap between those who do not have the skills and opportunities to benefit from the growth of I.T. and those who do? The Partnership Council together with a number of other organisations is looking at ways of influencing how government (SRB 6) funding is spent and drawing up a Local Learning Plan that is informed by the views and experiences of potential beneficiaries. The next meeting is on Thursday 17th May at 4.00pm at the Partnership Council office. For further information please contact Adrian Dewhurst at the Partnership Council office on 970 8200.

Services for Older People

The Steering Group of local people and organisations is working with Social Services to look at ways of improving services for older people in the area. It has already held a consultation event and a follow up event. It is now looking at how to take the suggestions forward and will look at other issues affecting older people in the area. The next meeting is on Friday 8th June at 11.00am at the Partnership Council offices. This date is provisional please ring to confirm if you wish to attend.

PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL FORUMS

The Partnership Council runs Forums for all sectors of the local community that enable people to meet with others to look at ways of influencing local services and regeneration initiatives.

Residents Forum: Contact Martin or Paul on 970 8200 for further information. The next Residents Forum Planning Group is on 10th May at 6.00pm at the Partnership Council offices. The first area-wide Forum meeting is on 11th June at 6.00pm. Venue is to be confirmed.

Voluntary & Community Organisations Forum: The next meeting is on 16th July-time and venue to be confirmed. The next meeting of the Planning Group is on 10th May at 10.00am at Bestco. Contact Paul or Martin on 970 8200 for further information.

Public Sector Forum: Contact Christina Ashworth on 970 8200 for further information.

Business Forum: Contact Adrian Dewhurst on 970 8720 for further information.

Area 4 Committee: Area 4 Committee meetings happen every two months and usually take place at the Council House. For details and dates contact the Area 4 Coordinator on 915 5555.

Health & Well Being

Are you interested in understanding or changing health service provision in the area? If so we have set up a Steering Group that meets every two months to identify opportunities for local residents and organisations to influence the design, commissioning and delivery of health related services. If you would like to get involved, then please contact Martin on 970 8200. The next Steering Group meeting is on Tuesday 19th June at 2.30pm at the Mary Potter Health Centre, Gregory Boulevard.

PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

These Working Groups came about through the European funded URBAN project that the Partnership Council delivered. They involve local people, organisations, businesses and public bodies in designing and monitoring projects based on local needs. Each of them looks at a particular issue.

Working Group 1 - Partnership Process and Support. Contact Sarah Smith on 9708200 or Maggie Grimshaw (Lead member) on 9155555.

Working Group 2 - Celebration, Promotion, Image and Pride. Julian Adams (is currently Lead Member) Tel. 9424651 or Chrissie Wells (Support staff) 9708200. Grants scheme administration Fran Blackler (Nottingham Playhouse 9474361).

Working Group 4 - Enterprise. Speak to Sarah Smith, Adrian Dewhurst or Eric Stocker on 9708200

Working Group 5 - Safety and Security Contact:- Chrissie Wells 9708200 or Paul Phillips (9857744) or David Jayne - Grants (9620035).

More details about individual groups in future Onesheets.

Spring Clean 2001

If you think the area could do with a clean up then this is the group for you. The group is looking at bringing together those responsible for street cleaning, rubbish collection and other services with local people, private landlords and businesses to join in on a spring clean day and the creation of an action plan. The date of the next meeting is Monday 14th May at 6.00pm at the Partnership Council offices. For further information please contact Martin on 970 8200.