

January 2010

Happy New Year and welcome to the January 2010 edition of the Gloucester Partnership Update providing the latest information on what's happening in the Partnership, partner news, knowledge and training.

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## Sports Development Officer of the Year



**Congratulations to Pat Bailey, Chair of the LSP Healthy City Partnership** who received an award from ISPAL in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Sports Development over the last 20 years.

From left to right: Sue Campbell, CBE, with award winners Robby Sukhdeo and Pat Bailey, along with Simon Kirkland, Managing Director of award sponsors, Sport Structures.

This year has seen the Institute for Sport, Parks and Leisure (ISPAL) launch a new programme of awards to recognise and reward outstanding contributions and achievements within that industry. And at this year's National Sports Development Seminar, three 'Sports Development Officer of the Year' awards were given to individuals from the private, public and third sector.

Three winners were presented with their award by Sue Campbell, CBE, Chair of the Youth Sports Trust on the morning of day two of the national conference in Sheffield.

Pat Bailey, Sports Development Service Manager received the award for the third sector for her outstanding contribution to Sports Development over the last 20 years, she devised and delivered the first ever coach education programme in Lincolnshire, developed the 'Sport in the Community' programme in West Hertfordshire to name but a few and has continued to heighten her achievements over recent years.

## Coney Hill "Have Your Say" Day

Members of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership visited residents in Coney Hill to find out what life was like in the area.



Officers from the City Council, Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch, and Gloucester City Homes joined with councillors, residents and volunteers from the Crime Prevention Panel to ask if there were any crime or anti social behaviour issues in the area. The results of the survey are still being analysed but the initial outlook is very positive. 63 residents requested free home safety checks from the fire service and a large number requested further information about Neighbourhood Watch. Residents who took part in the survey were given a free SmartWater property marking kit and shed alarm.

**For news of the Gloucester Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership projects, interactive crime prevention advice and the latest CDRP press releases visit [www.gloscrimereduction.org.uk](http://www.gloscrimereduction.org.uk)**

## CDRP Forthcoming Events

**Trickster - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010:** Free event for older people at Kingsholm Rugby Club - a musical drama to warn of dangers of distraction burglary and rogue traders. To book tickets *contact Pat Dabbs, Project Development Officer – 396984*

**Operation Jackal:** The Project Development Officer is working with the Police Schools Unit to develop a lesson programme for Yr 6 pupils in Gloucester around the dangers of doorstep crime. This is also being funded through the Safer Homes Funding. *Contact Pat Dabbs, Project Development Officer – 396984*

**Forced Marriage/Honour Based Violence/Female Genital Mutilation Conference** 11th March at Police Headquarters to raise awareness with health, education and police officers to recognise the signs and to know what to do to address the issues.

### Improvements made to Gloucester Connexions Centre



The Connexions Centre in Gloucester was officially launched at the end of last year following a major refurbishment.

The centre in Westgate Street helps all young people to plan for the future. Qualified personal advisers can provide confidential information, advice and guidance, plus practical support, on a range of topics, from careers, education and training, to issues like health, housing and money.

Prospects, which holds the Connexions contract for Gloucestershire, worked with the County Council and young people to design a more young person-friendly space, which supports and further develops the county's approach to integrated young people's support services. Improvements include more interview rooms, a consultation area, double the number of computers for use by clients, and a TV in the reception area displaying information on the centre and its services.

Artwork produced by local young people decorates the centre.

### Don't have Internet access?



If you don't have access to the Internet then please contact us and we will be able to send you hard copies of any further information you require. Contact: Mary Little, 01452 396976

## Stay Healthy – Keep Active this Winter

**The Green Gym initiative** in Gloucester was opened by the Mayor on the 26th November, when he planted a tree in Clock Tower Park to mark the occasion. The event was well supported with people from the local area joining in to help clear the area around the tennis courts. The Green Gym team meet every Thursday morning in different locations across the city; in January sites will be Holmleigh Park, White City, Milton Avenue and Lobley's Drive. Anyone can go along and participate free of charge, all that's required is old clothing and footwear. All tools are provided as are refreshments. For more information on the scheme or a timetable then please contact the BTCV on 01452 863686 or Gloucester City Council's Physical Activity Improvement Officer on 01452 396707.

### Free Sports for Women

Feeling Lazy, tired and achy, especially after Christmas? Need to get fit but don't want to go to the gym?



Then why not join in sports where you can go at your own pace and have some fun! Netball and Badminton sessions in a fun team environment are being held at GL1 during January, February and March with netball coaching also available

**For more information** please contact the living and learning centre on: **01452 396669**



Download our latest Walks Schedule

In addition, the next **walk schedule** runs until the end of January, details of any extra walks over the Christmas period can be found on the website [www.bestfootforwardglos.co.uk](http://www.bestfootforwardglos.co.uk)

### Gloucester Partnership has a new look website

[www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk)



The Gloucester Partnership is part of the Gloucestershire Conference. For further information please visit

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=3987>

## Training

The Gloucester Partnership is a member of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and as part of our membership we receive a number of free places on their training courses.



Click [here](#) for the latest training programme. If you are interested in attending a course that would benefit you and the Partnership, please contact Mary Little, 01452 396976, [mary.little@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:mary.little@gloucester.gov.uk)

# Small changes, big difference!

NHS Gloucestershire welcomes the new Community Health Trainers. A new team of Community Health Trainers will be supporting people in Gloucestershire to make positive changes to their lifestyle and improve their health. The team will be assisting individuals in the community to make changes i.e. giving up smoking, increasing physical activity, managing their weight and eating more healthily. Their role involves them in:

- Supporting people to achieve the changes they are ready to make.
- Providing people with the information they need to help them make changes.
- Understanding how difficult it can be to make changes.
- Supporting and guiding people to come up with a personal health plan that will include small and achievable steps to help them work towards their main goal.
- Helping people to overcome any obstacles that may get in the way when making lifestyle changes.
- Helping people to review their progress and where relevant signpost them to organisations who can provide more specialist help and advice.

The seven Community Health Trainers are near to completing their nationally recognised City & Guilds Level 3 Certificate for Health Trainers, and will be looking forward to working with people within the county from mid January onwards. Clients can be referred to a Community Health Trainer from a wide range of sources such as their GP, health professionals or community groups. Additionally clients can self-refer to the service.

Initially the Community Health Trainers will operate in specific areas of Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury with the expectation that the service will expand into other areas of the county in the near future. One of the Community Health Trainers will be working specifically in Probation Approved Premises, as part of a regional programme to support the health needs of offenders. We aim to roll this aspect of the service out to other areas in the county too.

The Trainers main office is based at 88 High Street, Tredworth, Gloucester. You can contact the team on 01452 554408 or the Community Health Trainers Coordinator, Ian Preston, at [ian.preston@glos.nhs.uk](mailto:ian.preston@glos.nhs.uk)

## CITY CENTRE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP YOUTH IN THE CITY PROJECT

Over the past 8 months the City Centre Community Partnership has been in the process of developing several projects with young people in the City Centre. However following a wide ranging consultation with members / residents an idea has emerged for a project which would not only provide a youth facility at the heart of the City but would also be a facility for use by the wider community. An extract from our internal project briefing indicates the range of projects:

“Build elements into our already planned projects to specifically target young people:

- ‘Space in the City’ – meeting place
- Community arts project – ‘Service Boxes’
- Environment – ‘Access to Nature’
- Health – ‘Walk the Walk’ and ‘Project Orienteer 2’
- Music and Drama – ‘Theatre in the Street’
- Training program – free of charge
- Community archaeology – Greyfriars or Blackfriars”

The project that emerged was to create a City Centre base for young people’s activity plus health, performance, family and community activities for all age groups. The expressed drive behind this was the CCCP view that we need to develop ways of managing the perceived and real problems arising from ‘gatherings’ of young people in the City Centre. There is still an obligation on us all to address issues around anti-social behaviour by **all** age groups. The considered view was that an ‘official’ and ‘neutral’ youth meeting place in the City could help in the process of making the City Centre a friendly, welcoming and safe place for the young.

**Testing the emerging idea:** the CCCP approached several City Council officers for guidance on the initial steps. Thanks to the good offices of Pat Bailey, City Council Sports Development an initial meeting was called to test the project outline. Full support was clear with CCCP, City Council Sports Development Team; County Council Youth Service; Young Gloucestershire; City Centre Police Team; City Museum and Art Gallery; County Library Services: Main Library; Guildhall and of course the young people all counting themselves as Partners.

By not only delivering youth services and facilities at the heart of the City but also facilitating health, sports, family and community activity at the same time the project would have the potential to fulfil many of the LSP / Sustainable Community Strategy objectives.

It is early days for this project but given positive support, by some key partners, the outcomes could be significant. We will be building the project working group to include all of those who can help with the delivery. Of course the project will develop in stages with a program of events using the space as the first step.

As always you will receive regular updates as to progress. Any questions or offers of support contact either Pat Bailey: [patricia.bailey@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.bailey@gloucester.gov.uk) or Barry Leach: [chair@gloscccp.co.uk](mailto:chair@gloscccp.co.uk)

## EXECUTIVE AND THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

### Executive

A number of exciting developments were discussed at the November Executive board including the Joint Core Strategy Consultation, the possibility for a new Sustainable Community Strategy and the election of Exec Champions for the thematic groups.

It was agreed that the next Executive meeting would be an away day for the Executive to look strategically at upcoming priorities and to discuss the development of a new Strategy, which will be smaller, more focused, and with a community up approach. This will be discussed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 and notes will be available on the Gloucester Partnership website.

A presentation from the Joint Core Strategy team gave the Executive a chance to shape the future of the city. Climate change, housing and employment were all debated in the heated discussion. Full notes can be found in the Executive minutes. To have your say please visit the JCS website at: <http://www.gct-jcs.org/Home.aspx>

Finally, the board elected Executive representatives to the PAGs. It was decided back in July that the Executive needed a closer link to the work of the thematic groups and this seemed the perfect way involve members. Mel Dafforn agreed to be a champion to the CYPAG as she was already working closely with them, Julian Wain will oversee the economic group, Shona Arora said she had a natural interest in the HCP, Nigel Avron wanted to form links between CDRP and Stronger and our new Executive Member, Dr John Henry Looney agreed to help the development of the new Environmental PAG.

For more information or to read the minutes of the last Executive meeting please visit:

[http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Executive/Executive\\_Minutes.aspx](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Executive/Executive_Minutes.aspx)

### Children & Young People's Priority Action Group (CYPAG)

#### Youth Offer Funding

In April 2009 Gloucester received £19,900 from Gloucestershire Children & Young People's Commissioning Board to deliver the enhanced youth offer. This funding is targeted at young people aged 13 – 19 (up to 25 for young people with disabilities) and is aimed at providing positive activities, places to go and things to do for young people in the city. CYPAG working in partnership with the city council have been responsible for overseeing the allocation of this funding. This has been achieved by inviting organisations offering positive activities to bid for funding of up to £1,000. There have now been two bidding rounds and by the end of November 2009 £16,000 has been allocated. A majority of the funding has been awarded to organisations offering sports and youth project activities either by complimenting existing opportunities or creating new ones.

Unfortunately, there have only been a limited number of bids from organisations offering arts and cultural activities, and the funding offered to the arts and culture has reflected this. It has therefore been decided to direct the remaining funding specifically towards arts based activity and CYPAG is seeking to commission an organisation to deliver a programme of arts based projects to young people citywide, during the February half term.

In addition to this the Cheltenham based Fairgame Theatre Co have also been commissioned to deliver two performances of their latest production 'Fags and Me' aimed at addressing young people's attitudes to smoking and smoking cessation. The performances will take place at the Redwell Centre in Matson and at Chequers Bridge Youth Centre, Painswick Road.

#### Gloucester Play Strategy Refresh

A CYPAG working group is meeting to refresh the Gloucester Play Strategy. The strategy which has a working title 'More and Better Play for Gloucester' will create an action plan for play and free time activities for children and young people. It will be linked to the county and DCSF with the draft aims of

- More Play for Gloucester
- Promoting the value and importance of play
- Providing resources for play
- Promoting quality and Best Practice

Pip Levett (from Play Gloucestershire) who is on the working group said 'Play is vital for children and Young People's well being. It provides essential physical activity that contributes to healthy bodies and minds and helps children and young people to make friends. It also supports community cohesion and diverts youngsters from anti social behaviour'

It is hoped that the refreshed strategy will help to provide more and better play for Gloucester's children, families and communities. The final draft of the strategy will be presented to CYPAG early in 2010 and recommended to the Gloucester Partnership for adoption. If anyone wants to join the working group, the next meeting is at 10.00 am at the Y-Pod Café, Scott Avenue, Podsmead. New members would be welcomed.

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## Action Plan Development

CYPAG's current action plan expires in 2010 and members of the group are currently reviewing the existing plan and developing a new two year plan. Several meetings have taken place and the following outline priorities have been identified

- Continuing to support the development of play and positive activities for young people.
- Encouraging the active involvement of young people in expressing their views, ideas and opinions on issues that matter to them in Gloucester.
- Addressing Health Issues that affect young people.
- Developing good practice in CAF's ensuring vulnerable children and young people are supported.
- Addressing issues concerning youth homelessness.

Further meetings are planned in January and February 2010 to develop these priority areas and agree the actions, targets and outcomes that are to be aimed for. It is expected to publish the new action plan in April.

## Working together for children and families

### Schools and community partners across the county are working together and making a difference to pupils, families and the community.

Nearly all of Gloucestershire's schools now provide access to extended services out of hours, working in partnership with neighbouring local schools and organisations to support children's learning and in giving children, young people and their families the opportunity to try out new things.

Kingsholm Primary School works with High School for Girls, St Peter's Primary School and Bishop's College to provide extended services. At Kingsholm extended services funding has been used to:

- support the lunchtime radio station run by the children,
- expand the allotment area to include an area for use by the community,
- partially fund a community health worker
- employ a community family worker for the four schools in the cluster.

Since Jo Morley, community family worker, started work in 2008, the school has been able to offer parent and carer courses in ICT, basic skills, first aid and cookery. There has also been term time and holiday time family cookery, craft and trips.

Jo's main role is to work in the community and build up relationships with organisations which can support children and families, including the Citizens' Advice Bureau, community health teams, PCSOs and fire safety teams.

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The work has been a real success for children and families alike. The children said:

"I love Jo, she helps me and she's brilliant."  
"I really enjoy cookery club especially taking the recipe home to cook with my family."

The parents said:

"In the cookery course the dishes are quick and easy, I've made them at home."  
"The first aid course was very useful to know how to help people in an emergency."  
"It is so great to have someone to talk to privately when it all gets too much."  
"Sharing problems and having someone to listen to makes problems easier to cope with."

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Cllr Jackie Hall, Cabinet member for schools, said: "I'm pleased to see extended services are making such a difference in Kingsholm. This is a picture being replicated across the county with children enjoying new experiences to support their learning and parents getting support when they need it."

Cllr Jeremy Hilton, county councillor for Elmbridge, Kingsholm & Westgate, said: "Well done to Jo Morley for her work in supporting families with children in Kingsholm. The extended services being provided at Kingsholm Primary School are to be welcomed. This is a great school, which I know the community is very proud of. We have to encourage healthy eating and the cookery club at Kingsholm helps to do this."

Cllr Pam Tracey, county councilor for Elmbridge, Kingsholm & Westgate, said: "I totally support this. I am pleased to see the Head has taken the initiative and has opened up courses for parents. It's really good for bonding for parents and children to spend time together cooking. I would like to see even more traditional cooking in schools."

Gloucestershire County Council has invested over £2 million in supporting extended services for children, young people, families and the wider community.

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please visit the Gloucester Partnership website [Conferences and Events](#) for a list of meetings and events for 2010/11. If you would like more information on a meeting or event please contact Mary Little, contact details below (unless contact details are given).

### Knowledge

**“Keeping you informed of the latest developments in partnership working and creating sustainable communities”**

**The November edition of the Local Government Association Analysis and Research Bulletin is now available:**

Please visit [http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Updates\\_and\\_Bulletins.aspx](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Updates_and_Bulletins.aspx) for further details.

The Bulletin includes links to:

#### **Local government workforce survey 2009**

This annual survey from the LGA Group provides information on the progress that authorities are making in addressing the key workforce challenges faced by local government.

#### **Hidden talents II: getting the best out of Britain’s young people**

Together with the Centre for Social Justice, LGA drew on the insights of partners and practitioners in councils, the public, private and voluntary sectors, to describe a new approach to engaging young people in productive activity.

#### **Attitudes to age in Britain 2004-08**

This DWP research provides a comprehensive picture of attitudes to age in Britain over a five year period.

#### **Learning from city recovery in Europe and the United States**

This JRF study considers why cities decline, how they recover and how low-income communities within them fare under the impact of dramatic changes. The study focuses on seven European cities.

#### **Communities in recession: the impact on deprived neighbourhoods**

This JRF publication looks at the impact that the current recession is having on disadvantaged communities and asks what we can learn from evidence of previous recessions.

### CLÉS BRIEFINGS

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLÉS) have recently produced the following publications:

- **The Pre-Budget Report 2009: what will it do for economic recovery?**
- **Linking the worklessness and skills agendas: new assessments and plans**
- **Creating greater innovation in public services: challenges and opportunities**

To download the full document together with previous bulletins visit the Gloucester Partnership website: [http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Updates\\_and\\_Bulletins.aspx](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Updates_and_Bulletins.aspx)

### Contact Us!

We would like to hear about any news or events from your organisation that we can include in the next edition of Gloucester Partnership Update. Please contact Mary using the details below by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010. We are also keen to hear any comments you have about this newsletter:

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