

Welcome to the March 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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Art Projects for Young People

With the help of Youth Offer funding, the Children & Young Peoples Action Group commissioned Art Shape, Gloucestershire Arts Charity, to put on a series of arts projects during February half term.

These took place in Matson, Podsmead and Quedgeley and incorporated all sorts of different activities including film, digital photography, print mosaic and a whole lot more.



As well as these three locally based events there was also a big mobile phone art project at the Guildhall, which involved passing young people taking part in a large collaborative digital artwork. This showed a snap shot of youth life by producing an animated film of text messages and photos sent by aged 13–19 yr olds. A large number of young people took part and also included those who only wanted to drop in and participate briefly. Participants from the other art projects were also encouraged to contribute via text or email to document their activities.

Harriet West, Art Shape project manager, said, "Young people are quite often portrayed negatively in the media, this project allowed them to choose how they are depicted and texting seems to come very naturally to young people".

Coney Hill "Have your say" Day report



Following the Coney Hill Community Engagement event in Autumn 2009 an initial analysis has now been completed. Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) representatives visited Stanway, Naunton, Hailes and Ullenwood Roads, Peggotty Bungalows, Druid's Lane and Coney Hill Parade, speaking with 109 residents. Results show that 95% of those residents feel safe when out alone in the daytime and 72% also feel safe at night. Issues raised are currently being followed up and a full report of the survey will be delivered to all residents in those roads.



Winter 2010 StreetGames programme now available.

Providing low cost and some free sports sessions - happening across Gloucester from week commencing Monday 11th January - Monday 29th March 2009.

Sessions are run by qualified, CRB checked sports coaches. All equipment for activities is provided. Please advise young people to bring a drink with them!

If you would like flyers posted to you please send email to sports.development@gloucester.gov.uk with your postal address and quantity required or for an electronic copy visit www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk



Spring into Action and Join one of the Gloucester City Health Walks



Download our latest Walks Schedule

Put your best foot forward this Spring and join one of the regular Health Walks in Gloucester. For details of existing and new walks together with information on a new reward scheme visit www.bestfootforwardglos.co.uk



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

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

Visit the Gloucester Partnership website to find out more

www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk



Matson resident wins Young Entrepreneur of the Year award

Nineteen-year-old, young mum, Dani Jones, who runs the Streetcheer and Streetdance classes for young people in Matson, picked up a prestigious award in London on 2nd February.

StreetGames, the national charity for youth doorstep sport, held its third birthday celebrations in the House of Commons to celebrate achievements over the last year.

Dani was presented with her award by MP Ben Bradshaw, Secretary of Sport and local MP for Gloucester Pharmjit Dhanda.

Dani said, "I am very pleased to be receiving this award, a big thank you to all the kids for their commitment and hard work."

StreetGames Gloucester is run by Gloucester City Council sports development service and gives local people the skills and qualifications to run the sessions.

Martyn White, cabinet member for heritage and leisure said: "This is a great area of work that helps young people like Dani assist their peers. Sport is a superb way of building strong local communities."

Dani qualified in June 2008 and has gone on to establish her own, weekly, community dance group for 8-16 year olds.

Her biweekly StreetCheer class, at the Redwell centre, has proved so popular there are already two squads, called Storm and Step 2 Street, of about 70 young local people (mixed ages and gender).

"When you tell people you left school at 14, they assume you're not bright. That's not true at all. I am responsible for all the club paperwork, grant applications and budgeting. I like doing it - gives you a sense of "yeah, I did that". Lots of people have said I wouldn't do much. Well, they were wrong." Dani added.

For further information about StreetGames in Gloucester visit www.gloucester.gov.uk.

Funded by the EU and NHS Gloucestershire.

The project, **Energy Ambassadors**, will operate alongside Health and Social Care professionals working with people who are either already living in fuel poverty or at risk. For example, groups affected may be older adults, families with young children or those with long-term health conditions, learning disabilities, mental ill health or the unemployed.

In addition to the related financial problems that clients may face, people who live in cold, damp homes as a result of fuel poverty are more likely to suffer from health inequalities such as respiratory problems and asthma. Living in fuel poverty can complicate cardio-vascular disease and contribute to mental ill-health and excess winter deaths.

A good proportion of the excess winter deaths in the UK are related to factors which affect how warm a house is, for example, energy efficiency and insulation, central heating and household income.

Free half day training sessions are being offered to equip professionals to be able to give practical energy and money saving advice in the home together with effective signposting to agencies that offer grants and funding for energy saving measures, such as insulation where appropriate.

Training is very flexible and can be run in your place of work at a time and date convenient for you or your team if appropriate. For further information please contact Jon Clarke, Project Manager, Severn Wye Energy Agency Ltd, Tel: 01452 835070 (Mob: 07814 970119) or email Jon_Clarke@swea.co.uk

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

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

At the last Executive meeting, Amanda Wadsley, Director of Strategy and Development at the City Council presented a report on the possible future of the LSP. The Board thanked Amanda for her paper and was very interested in her proposal to focus on joint commissioning, narrowing the gap and cohesion but wanted a better idea of how this would work. An Executive working group has now been set up to look at this in greater detail and will bring a more detailed report to the March meeting. The March meeting will also include the bi-annual report on the Gloucester Partnership so if you have any successes you wish to share with us please email Lorna Robinson at lorna.robinson@gloucester.gov.uk by the **9th March**. For more information on the LSP Executive please visit <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Executive.aspx>

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).

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

Knowledge

"Keeping you informed of the latest developments in partnership working and creating sustainable communities"

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

Please visit http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Updates_and_Bulletins.aspx for further details. The Bulletin includes links to:

The state of happiness: local wellbeing report

This report from the Young Foundation and the IDeA highlights that promoting and influencing happiness is no longer just an aspiration. As the recession forces difficult public spending choices, services focused on wellbeing are delivering widespread economic and social benefits – especially to children.

Enhancing participation in kitchen waste collections

This Defra report gathered evidence on how householders respond to the provision of food waste collections. It examines how response varies across socio-demographic groups and housing situations, how service design affects behaviour and which participation barriers need to be addressed through communications.

Cities outlook 2010

This Centre for Cities report shows that the recession has widened the gap between UK city economies and suggests that as we move out of recession, the UK will face an uneven recovery.

Civil protection

This European Commission report explores European public opinion on disaster management and civil protection.

Investigating the longer term impact of home care re-ablement services

This report from the University of York is the first study of five well-established re-ablement services to show which features are considered to contribute to success.

CLES BRIEFINGS

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

- Rapid Research 17 **Local Economic Assessment Duty: How are local authorities rising to the challenge?**
- Local Work 97 **Fairtrade towns: The local response to a global issue**
- Briefing January 2010 **Making the most of public sector spend: Procurement as local economic activism**

To download the full document together with previous bulletins visit the Gloucester Partnership website: 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 16th April 2010. We are also keen to hear any comments you have about this newsletter:

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