

GLoucester Partnership Update

Welcome to the Sept 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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Decentralisation and Localism

The new Coalition Government who came into power earlier this year stated, "It is time for a fundamental shift of power from Westminster to people" by promoting decentralisation and democratic engagement to end the era of top-down government giving new powers to local councils, communities, neighbourhoods and individuals"



As part of the Queen's Speech in May, it was announced that "A Bill will be introduced to devolve greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods and give local communities control over housing and planning decisions"

But what does this mean for Gloucester? Does this give us a key opportunity to shape Gloucester's future?

For your chance to have a say on Shaping Gloucester's Future please take part in the online consultation by visiting www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk. Consultation deadline - 13th Sept



Green Gym sessions throughout August, September and October will be running every Thursday morning at the White City Allotment. For further info please call the BTCV on 01452 863686 or email sports.development@gloucester.gov.uk

Join one of the Gloucester City Health Walks

Put your best foot forward this Autumn and join one of the Health Walks in Gloucester. For details of the latest walks programme together with further news and information click [here](#)



Download our latest Walks Schedule

The Community Health Trainers have also started a new Health Walk in Barton & Tredworth. The walk will be on the first Tuesday of every month at 9.30am, starting from the office at 88 High Street, Tredworth. The walk will be about 2 miles and suitable for buggies and wheelchairs. Walkers do not need to book, just turn up on the day. For more information call the Community Health Trainers office on 01452 554408.



The Gloucester Partnership is part of the Gloucestershire Conference. For further information please visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/glosconference

Visit the Gloucester Partnership website to find out more www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk



Aged between 13 - 19? Have you got talent?

Gloucester Youth's Got Talent

Open Auditions
 - When -
Friday 8th October 6-9pm
 &
Saturday 9th October
All Day
 - Where -
Chequers Bridge Youth Centre

Free To Enter
 (Any Acts Welcome)
 For more information and application forms checkout
www.safergloucester.co.uk,
 Facebook: Youthsgottalent or
 email:
youthsgottalent@hotmail.co.uk
 Application forms to be returned by
29th September

Live Final
Friday 5th November
Gloucester Guildhall



Gloucester Youth's Got Talent!

For young people aged 13 – 19 who have a talent for entertaining. It could be singing, dancing, juggling, acrobatics, magic or anything they are good at.



Safer Gloucester Partnership is to host a Gloucester Youth's Got Talent competition on Friday 5th November at the Gloucester Guildhall. The auditions will be held at Chequers Bridge Youth Centre, Painswick Road on either Friday evening 8th October or Saturday 9th October 2010. They are currently working with businesses to secure sponsorship for prizes for this prestigious event. Don't miss out!

To enter, just download and complete an application form from http://www.gloscrimereiduction.org.uk/Gloucester_talent.aspx and return it to Gloucester Youth's Got Talent, Safer Gloucester Partnership, Community Safety Team, Herbert Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EQ by Wednesday 29th September 2010. Individual and group acts are all welcome

Streetgames Gloucester



Autumn/Winter Programme

Free multi sports sessions happening across Gloucester starting from 6th September - 10th December 2010. Times and sites vary, sessions are aimed at ages 8 - 16 years.

All sessions are run by qualified, CRB checked sports coaches. All equipment for activities is provided. Young people are advised to bring a drink with them! Flyer can be downloaded from <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Events.aspx>

Active and Able Activity classes for over 55's



Starting 30th August 2010

Come along to an Active and Able class for a fun and sociable session focussing on improving strength, balance and mobility. For further information visit

<http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Events.aspx>

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 & THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

Executive Update: The new look partnership met for the first time on the 1st September for the Executive and Strategic Group Induction. The morning ran through the new structure and partnership protocols but more importantly the group discussed the future key agendas that will impact on Gloucester including Big Society and Localism. The group discussed what this might look like in Gloucester and how collectively; the partnership could shape this for the city.

Another key area discussed was the formulation of a 'Big City Plan', a possible new idea to formulate one shared vision for the city, which all partners sign up to. This would be bigger than the current Sustainable Community Strategy as it would contain elements of planning and inward investment. This plan is in the early stages of development but could be rooted in the Localism agenda.

The next Executive meeting under the new structure is the 17th September, these key strategic agendas will be discussed further and the short-term delivery of the current Strategy will be agreed.

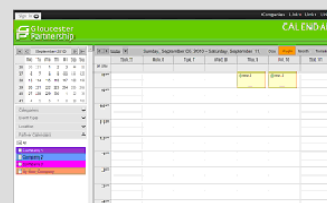
The first Strategic Group meeting is on the 22nd October. For more information on the new structures or for a detailed breakdown on what was discussed at the induction please visit the partnership website.

Stronger Communities Update: The group have been busy, working alongside the LSP officer to develop new 'action cards' which will replace the current action plans. The first completed card, which will be taken to board on the 17th along with its Equality Impact Assessment, is on Financial Inclusion and its key project is the development of the Credit Union. This group are also hoping to work alongside community groups to develop the Big Society and Localism in Gloucester.

For further information contact Lorna Robinson on 01452 39 6983 or email lorna.robinson@gloucester.gov.uk

New Events Calendar for Gloucester...Coming Soon!

Organisations from across the Partnership have come together to develop an online events calendar for Gloucester. This tool will allow people to submit consultation periods, public and private events, conferences, training sessions, information days and various other events. This will not only inform partners of events but will also reduce duplication and efforts. It is hoped to go live mid September and will be hosted by the Gloucester Partnership website. To register your organisation please contact Mary Little on 01452396976 or email mary.little@gloucester.gov.uk



FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please visit the Gloucester Partnership website [Conferences and Events](#) for a list of meetings and events for 20010/11. 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 July 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:

Families with children in Britain: findings from the 2008 families and children study (FACS)

This Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) report is the tenth in a series of annual surveys, which investigate the circumstances of British families with dependent children. Each chapter considers a distinct feature of family life.

Local authority approaches to the school admissions process one year on

LGA commissioned this research from the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) to provide an overview of the benefits and challenges of different approaches to dealing with school admissions.

Review of international pension reform

This DWP review draws together evidence, potential learning points and areas of distinction between pension reform in the UK and pension systems in comparator countries.

Community green: using local spaces to tackle inequality and improve health

This report from The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) examines the impact of the quality of local green spaces on the health and wellbeing of people in six deprived and ethnically diverse areas.

CLEES BRIEFINGS

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

Local Work 101: Harnessing the talents of young people: Hull Youth Enterprise Partnership

Bulletin 76: What happens next for Local Economic Assessment?

Bulletin 77: The CLEES checklist for developing Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)

To download the full documents 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 15th October 2010. We are also keen to hear any comments you have about this newsletter:

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