

Gloucester Partnership Update

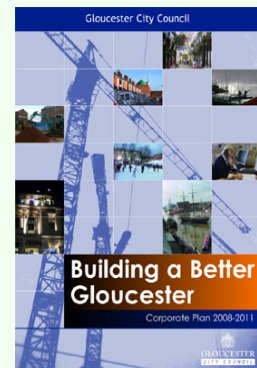
Welcome to the fifth edition of the Gloucester Partnership Update providing the latest information on what's happening in the Partnership, partner news, knowledge and training.

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Get Involved!

There has never been a more exciting time to get involved and to have your views heard at Gloucester City Council. The City is undergoing a huge change and the Council is focussing all its efforts on 'Building a Better Gloucester'.



The City Council runs a continuous programme of consultation and would welcome your views on a number of issues. If you feel that you would like to get more involved on any issue from regeneration to how the council spends its money, please contact Emma Burchell – Email EmmaB@gloucester.gov.uk Tel 01452 396614.

You can be involved as much or as little as you like: It's your choice!

Gloucestershire Association for Disability

Applications are now invited for Kathleen Powell Bursaries up to £2,000 to help applicants take part in sports, recreational or arts and crafts activities, including the performing arts, in order to enhance their quality of and outlook on life. Further information can be found by visiting www.gadgrant.btik.com. Closing date for applications - 31 December 2008

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 396983

Gloucestershire Conference Stakeholder Event 10 July 2008

The programme, presentations and conference report from the Gloucestershire Conference Stakeholder Conference held on 10 July 2008 at the Rugby Club, Gloucester are now available and can be viewed by clicking on the following link

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=20122a>



The Gloucester Partnership is part of the Gloucestershire Conference. For further information please visit <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=3987>

EXECUTIVE AND THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

Executive

- As requested at the July meeting, a presentation was given on the delivery and structure for Gloucester's Economic Development and Regeneration. The regeneration protocol was endorsed by the Executive.
 - Reports were also presented by the Children and Young People Action Group, Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Stronger Communities Group. (copies of these reports can be found on the Gloucester Partnership website)
<http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Minutes.asp?menu=2>
 - Pauline Reynolds (Gloucestershire African+Caribbean Association) was unanimously elected as new Vice Chair of the Executive.
 - It was proposed that the next Gloucester Partnership conference be held in Spring 2009. Further discussion will take place at the meeting in November.
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Stronger Communities

- Neighbourhood Partnerships to look at themselves as voluntary organisations who can tap into GAVCA and other VCS sector support i.e. training, sharing of backroom services etc.
 - Development of neighbourhood action plans to be discussed at next meeting in December.
 - There is limited attendance at these meetings by agencies. The group will look at encouraging people to attend by evidencing why the meeting is relevant to them.
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Children and Young People Action Group

Integrated Youth Offer funding – 2nd round

Gloucester's first round of Youth Offer funding for this year was spent over the summer holidays on strategic VCS projects enhancing youth work in the city centre and Longlevens. As agreed by CYPAG, the second round, with £10,000 on offer, is designated for other projects and for maximum diversity.

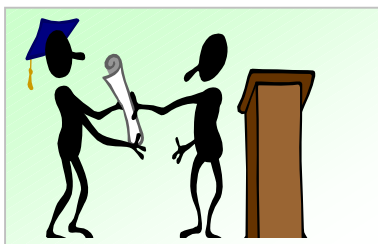
Expressions of interest are now invited from voluntary, community and faith organisations working with 13-19 year-old young people in Gloucester. Project ideas must be able to deliver against Integrated Youth Offer outcomes and report on some of these by March 2009. The outcomes will be presented at the CYPAG on 12/11/08 and put in the minutes of this meeting. Please send expressions of interest to Ivor Daniel email ivor.daniel@gloucestershire.gov.uk at Chequers Bridge by Friday 12 December: decisions on EOIs and allocations will be made by the CYPAG Youth Offer subgroup, with funding being distributed in time for the New Year.

Dates for Your Diary

Below is a calendar of meetings and events for December 2008 – March 2009. If you would like more information on a meeting or event please contact Mary Little, contact details below (unless contact details are given). For a full 2008/9 listing of events please visit <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/confAndEvents.asp>

Month	Timing	Description	Location
Dec Mon 8 th	11.00am-1.00pm	Stronger Communities Group Meeting	Tuffley Community Centre
Jan Thurs 8 th	2.00pm	Executive Support Group Meeting	Herbert Warehouse
Fri 23 rd	9:15am	Executive Meeting	Oxstalls Tennis Centre
Feb Mon 9 th	6.30-8.30pm	Stronger Communities Group Meeting	Committee Room 1, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester
Tues 12 th	10.00am-12.00noon	Gloucestershire Strategic Partnership Meeting	Shire Hall
Thurs 26 th	2.00pm	Executive Support Group Meeting	TBA
March Fri 27 th	9:15am	Executive Meeting	Oxstalls Tennis Centre

Free 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. 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 To keep up to date with forthcoming training/events please visit www.cles.org.uk

- Introduction to Local Economic Development
- Introduction to Strategy Development
- Introduction to Project Management
- Successfully Evaluating Programmes and Projects
- Introduction to Public Policy
- Understanding and Assessing the Local Economy

Knowledge

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



The New Gloucestershire Children & Young Peoples Service Directory

www.gloscypdirectory.org.uk

A new online service directory has recently been launched by the Gloucestershire Children & Young People's Directorate for children, young people and families, and those working and volunteering with them.

The directory provides information about local, regional and national organisations – the services they provide and the events they hold for families with children and young people aged between 0 and 19 years (25 years for young people with additional needs).

CLES BRIEFINGS

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

- [Matching rhetoric with reality: the challenge for Third Sector involvement in local governance.](#)
- [Bulletin No 62: The Welfare Reform Green Paper and the shift towards workfare](#)
- [Briefing November 2008: What does the local economic downturn mean for local economic development and regeneration?](#)

Together with the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE), CLES are also encouraging local authorities to speak up about their role in the local economy – as it launches research showing that public sector spend can stabilise local economic problems.

Go to the Gloucester Partnership website to download the full documents:

www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Cles.asp

The October edition of the Local Government Association Analysis and Research Bulletin is now available: Please visit www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk for further details.

This month LGAARB includes links to:

- The IDeA publication: **Shared chief executives: the lessons** which discusses arrangements implemented by a number of local councils to share a single chief executive working across two organisations.
- The JRF study: **Young people and territoriality in British cities** investigates territorial behaviour by young people and considers the implications for communities
- The Audit Commission report: **Well disposed: responding to the waste challenge** considers how English councils are responding to the challenge of finding new ways to dispose of the country's waste.

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 12th December 2008. We are also keen to hear any comments you have about this newsletter:

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