

# Gloucester Partnership Update

March 2009

Welcome to the March 09 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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## Grant Finding Service

Are you looking for funding for your organisation?



Gloucester City Council, Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire PCT have joined forces to pay for a searchable database of around 4000 funding programmes that range from European funds through to lottery awards and charitable trusts. The search facility is available as follows

**GRANTnet** - this a **FREE TO USE SERVICE** for voluntary and community groups and small businesses to identify suitable funding. Groups and businesses can access GRANTnet at [www.gloucester.gov.uk/Community](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/Community)

## Fresh Start 4 Life at Podsmead

**GL Communities - Podsmead, Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust and Gloucester City Council present Fresh Start 4 life**, a new programme of activities to help ages 50 plus eat well, move more and live longer. There is an initial Fresh Start 4 Life event on Friday 6th March at Ramblers Hall, Milton Avenue, Podsmead from 10am - 12noon. This is free to attend and anyone who is aged over 50 can drop in and try out sessions in Tai Chi, Wii Sports, Health Checks, Indian head and hand massages, healthy eating tips, refreshments and much more!

Following on from this event there will be weekly sessions starting 13th March from 10 -12 at the hall until 8th May. Sessions will include Tai Chi, refreshments and fun sessions on being safe, healthy and active. These sessions cost £1 per week, and are payable weekly. Click on <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/FreshStart4Life.asp> for more information or contact GL Communities - Podsmead 01452 541576."

## More Ways to Get Active and Healthy in Gloucester



- Kickstart – a five-a-side football competition for fathers
- Health Trainers Project
- First Stop Smoking Shop
- Health Action Group

Visit Gloucester Partnership's website for further information <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/>

## EXECUTIVE AND THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

### Executive

At the Executive meeting in January, reports were received from the Stronger Communities Group, the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership, Economic Development Coordination Group and the Natural and Built Environment.

In addition, a proposal was made to merge the Stronger Communities Group with the CDRP action group. For more information on discussions which took place please visit the Gloucester Partnership website <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Minutes.asp?menu=2>

A progress report was given by GAVCA - equalities proofing and reference group are to meet with Thematic Sub Groups between beginning of February – end of April to look through actions and tasks on action plans. A full written report will be submitted with recommendations during July.

### Healthy City Partnership

The Healthy City Partnership is currently in the process of reviewing membership in order to attract a wider range of members who can both contribute to the overall aims of the group and benefit from cross-organisational working. A review of the Partnership's action plans is also underway to reflect Gloucester's current health needs and incorporate key elements of the *Healthy Gloucestershire Strategy*.

A key function of the Partnership is to deliver on health related outcomes set out in the *Gloucester Sustainable Communities Strategy 2008-18*. One way of achieving this has been the allocation of funding through the *Small Grants Application Scheme* to a number of community based projects aimed at improving health. Examples of schemes funded this financial year are a culturally sensitive health programme for Bangladeshi women delivered at the Friendship Café and an orienteering project for all age groups and abilities based at Gloucester Park. The projects will begin to be delivered from March 2009.

Future priorities for the Partnership will be to focus on schemes increasing access to healthy affordable food and to develop further tobacco control initiatives.

If you would like to find out more about the Healthy City Partnership please contact Elizabeth Steyert, NHS Gloucestershire, on 08454 221826 or email [Elizabeth.Steyert@glos.nhs.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.Steyert@glos.nhs.uk)

### Natural & Built Environment

At present looking at how to set up the sub group. Various avenues have been explored, including involvement with existing groups such as the Council's Environment and Ecology Forum. To date no decisions have been made so if anyone is interested in getting involved in a sub group or even passing on some suggestions for a structure then please contact Meyrick Brentnall on 01452 396829.

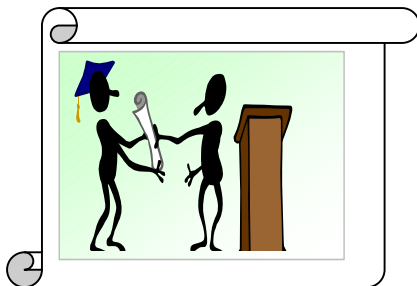
Work around Aim 1 of the Sustainable Community Strategy continues. Of particular interest to the partnership will be the bid for a 'Wildlife for People' project. This will be based around the successful urban wildspace project and aims to encourage a wide range of people to get closer to wildlife. Funding for this is being sought from Natural England's Access to Nature grant. Stage 1 submission has been successful, Stage 2 is now being worked on. Community buy in and involvement in the project is fundamental to the success of this application, so anyone who is active in the target area (Westgate, Kingsholm/Wotton, Barton/Tredworth, Moreland and Podsmead) and is interested in promoting wildlife to a wide range of people please give Meyrick a call.

With regard to other outcomes there is lots going on with regard to renewable energy, climate change mitigation and resilience, if you want to know more then again give Meyrick a call or drop him an email on [meyrickb@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:meyrickb@gloucester.gov.uk)

## FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please visit the Gloucester Partnership website <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/confAndEvents.asp> for a list of meetings and events for March - May 2009. If you would like more information on a meeting or event please contact Mary Little, contact details below (unless contact details are given).

## 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](mailto:mary.little@gloucester.gov.uk). To keep up to date with forthcoming training/events please visit [www.cles.org.uk](http://www.cles.org.uk)

**The CLES Summer School is being relaunched in 2009 as the CLES Summit.**

**CLES SUMMIT 2009 - Forging resilient local economies, 14th and 15th July 2009, Manchester**

- Local Economic Development
- Evaluating projects and programmes
- Public policy
- Assessing the local economy
- Rising to the labour market challenge
- Strategy building
- Local economic development
- Public policy for elected members
- Developing strategies for resilient local economies
- Project management
- A healthy and wealthy economy

### PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

#### **Pauline Reynolds – Executive Vice Chair (Gloucester Voluntary and Community Sector Forum)**

Pauline, originally from Jamaica, has been a resident of Gloucester since the 1970s when she relocated to the area with her family.

She has worked both in the private and public sectors and for the last 20+ years within the voluntary and community sector.

She is the Manager of The Gloucestershire African + Caribbean Association Ltd – a BME umbrella organisation and company limited by guarantee with charitable status. She has over the years served on numerous committees championing the views, opinions and causes of BME groups. She currently chairs the City Council's Race Equality Forum.

Pauline conducted the research that influenced the building of St Catherine Court a sheltered housing scheme built to house predominantly African Caribbean Elders. She has also participated in ESF fact finding group visits to Berlin and Spain on the impact of unemployment, training and the role of the BME community within the voluntary sector in the UK.

Pauline, as well as serving on local strategy groups, also chairs and serves on other organisations, committees and partnerships outside Gloucester. She believes this enables her to have a wider outlook and to gain understanding of how other areas deal with similar issues. She also believes that this, as well as being from the BME community, enables her to bring greater personal skills and alternative perspectives to the strategy table of the Gloucester Partnership.

Pauline would like to see BME groups and individuals more widely represented on and at the various strategy tables of Gloucestershire so that these communities not only **'feel they can influence decisions in their locality'** but believe they can do so.



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

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

## Knowledge

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

The February edition of the Local Government Association Analysis and Research Bulletin is now available: Please visit [www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk) for further details.

The Bulletin includes links to:

- **Young people, crime and public perceptions: a review of the literature**, completed by the NFER on behalf of the LGA. This report explores the dynamic between the prevalence of youth crime and the public's perception of offending amongst young people.
- The LGA's **War on waste food packaging study** (wave 3), which shows that since the first survey in October 2007 the weight of food packaging has been reduced overall but the proportion that can be recycled has altered little.
- The Children's Society report: **A good childhood**, which describes the views of 8,000 young people aged 14 to 16 about what makes for, and what prevents, a good life for young people.
- The DfT report: **Exploring public attitudes to climate change and travel choices** which provides an insight into public understanding of climate change and how it relates to personal travel behaviours.
- **Cities outlook 2009** from the Centre for Cities, which looks back at the recent economic performance of UK cities and ahead to the prospects for UK cities in 2009 as the recession bites.

## CLES BRIEFINGS

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

- **Local Work 91: Strengthening Local Enterprise**
- **Bulletin 64: A new era for economic development? Implications of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill**

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

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

## 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

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009. We are also keen to hear any comments you have about this newsletter:

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