

Welcome to the May 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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## StreetGames Summer Term activities 2009

**Starting week commencing 20th April 2009** various sports activities are being run across Gloucester as part of the StreetGames programme



Activities are run by qualified sports coaches who provide all equipment to take part. Participants can just turn up for the sessions they want to attend, no pre booking or commitment required! Brief details of what's happening: Tuesday's 4.30 - 6.30 multi sports @ Randwick Park (Tuffley) - free to attend; Wednesday's 4.30 - 6.30 multi sports at Central Technology College - 50 pence to attend, payable weekly; Thursday's 4.15 - 6.00 StreetCheer @ Crypt school - 50 pence to attend, payable weekly; Thursday's 4.30 - 6.30 multi sports @ the Oval (Linden) - free to attend.

All activities run up until week ending 10th July. For a flyer, or for further information email [sports.development@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:sports.development@gloucester.gov.uk) or call 01452 396703. Download flyer from <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/admin/editor/index.asp>

## Put Your Best Foot Forward – Gloucester City Health Walks Scheme

The launch of Put Your Best Foot Forward is imminent throughout the Gloucester City area and aims to get people active in their local communities. The last couple of months have been spent generating interest and looking for volunteers to become Walk Leaders and around 20 people will be undertaking the training course at the end of April. The newly appointed Physical Activity Co-ordinator will be working with Walk Leaders to schedule regular walks which will include the parks and green spaces of Gloucester. Walks will be advertised on Gloucester City Council website (currently under development), the Walking the Way to Health website and via promotional leaflets at appropriate public information points.

It is hoped to achieve regular participation in Health Walks for people who want an accessible option to become physically active and improve their health and well-being. Further training days will be held throughout 2009 to gradually increase the number of Walk Leaders on the scheme and develop a range of walks to accommodate all abilities and localities.

In conjunction with the other 5 districts in Gloucestershire a County-wide walking event will be organised to promote all the schemes currently running. This event will see the official launch of Put Your Best Foot Forward. The date and duration of the event are yet to be confirmed but it's hoped that it will take place in late Spring. For further information please contact Patricia Bailey, Sports Development Manager Tel 01452 396642 email [patricia.bailey@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:patricia.bailey@gloucester.gov.uk)

## EXECUTIVE AND THEMATIC GROUP UPDATES

### Executive

At the March meeting Thematic Sub Groups reported on achievements and successes for the year since the launch of the Sustainable Community Strategy together with any challenges or obstacles for the coming year. Unfortunately no-one was able to attend from the Healthy City Partnership and Economic Development Coordination Group, therefore these reports have been carried over to the next meeting.

There is an opportunity to bid for funds available to support public services whose services are being pressurised by increased migrant needs. More detailed information on this available on Gloucester Partnership website <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Minutes.asp?menu=2>

### Healthy City Partnership

The Gloucester Healthy City Partnership met during April to refresh its action plan for the 2009/10 financial year. There was good attendance at the meeting with representatives from a number of agencies including Gloucester City Council, NHS Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire Smoking Advice Service, FoodVision, Gloucester Schools Sports Partnership, GL Communities and Gloucestershire College.

A number of new tasks and milestones have been added to the plan which will help us to achieve the health outcomes set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy and work to reduce health inequalities in the locality. The draft plan is to be circulated to the group for final comments and then presented at the next meeting of the Gloucester LSP for approval.

Two guest speakers also attended April's meeting to provide the group with updates. Mark Boyce from Gloucester City Centre Community Partnership kindly spoke about the permanent orienteering course that has recently been set up in Gloucester Park. This project was funded through a small grant provided through the Partnership. Control sites have been installed in the park and 5,000 maps of the course produced. Maps are available free of charge from a number of locations in Gloucester including Tourist Information and the Park Keepers Lodge. The course is suitable for all ages and abilities and is open to all who would like to take part. Work is underway to integrate the programme with the Fresh Start GP referral scheme.

Steve Hams from NHS Gloucestershire presented plans on the new Community Hospital opening in Coney Hill. The grounds surrounding the hospital are substantial and ideal for hosting health and wellbeing activities. Steve was keen to hear from group members with ideas on how to use the space and develop community involvement. The group welcomed this opportunity and identified potential use of the grounds for health walks and green gym initiatives. The group will stay in contact with Steve as plans for the site develop in order to link existing initiatives from elsewhere in the locality and to develop new innovative activities.

**If you would like further information on the Gloucester Healthy City Partnership or any of the issues outlined above, please contact [Elizabeth.Steyert@glos.nhs.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.Steyert@glos.nhs.uk)**

### Children & Young People Action Group

Julie Large has now taken over as Chair of this group. Julie and Terry Pullen attended the Executive meeting in March and provided the following information.

- Already had one meeting and another one planned for 6<sup>th</sup> May. One of the tasks will be to update action plan.
- Information on highlights of the year and key challenges are contained in Executive minutes available on the Gloucester Partnership website. <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Minutes.asp?menu=2>

### Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership

See Executive minutes for further information.

## 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).

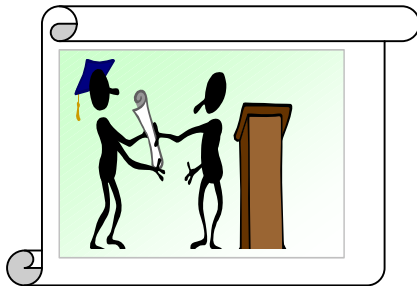
## A New Local Strategic Partnership Officer

We are happy to welcome Lorna Robinson to the Partnership as the new LSP officer. Lorna joined us on May 6<sup>th</sup> from Coventry City Council where she worked as a Regeneration Project Assistant with Coventry's Local Enterprise Growth Initiative which aims to help people into sustainable employment, self employment and helps local businesses that may be struggling. During her time at Coventry she worked with the New Economics Foundation (nef) to help develop a Social Return on Investment for the programme.



Before Coventry Lorna was at Oxford Brookes University where she achieved a high 2:1 in Geography and Physical Geography. She specialised in Sustainable Development and has had her dissertation on 'How Allotments can help build Sustainable Local Economies' published on Geovercity.

### 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)

#### CLES SUMMIT 2009

The CLES Summit 2009 *Forging resilient local economies* will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July at the Renold Building, University of Manchester. For further information visit the CLES website [www.cles.org.uk/summit](http://www.cles.org.uk/summit) which will be kept updated with all the latest news.

- 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



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 March 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:

- The **Leader survey on the impact of the economic downturn on local authorities** which was conducted by LGA Analysis and Research and was sent to all Leaders of local authorities in England. It provides evidence which enables the LGA to reflect councils' experience of the recession and the views of member councils in its work with national politicians and government.
- **Consultation practices used in planning children's services** which was commissioned by LGA and conducted by NFER. From April 2006 local authorities were required to prepare and publish a Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) that was reviewed annually. The study examines the consultation practices used in developing the CYPPs with a particular focus on the extent to which consultation practices had evolved since the first plans were produced.
- **Care costs associated with old age**, conducted on behalf of the LGA. The study found that nearly a quarter of people questioned were making no financial provision for a time when they can no longer work.
- The **Local environmental quality surveys of England year 7 (2007-2008) report** from ENCAMS which shows how clean or otherwise are England's streets and public spaces. The survey looked at almost 19,000 sites in a representative sample of local authorities across the nine English regions.

## CLES BRIEFINGS

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

- **Bulletin 66 Budget 2009: towards local economic resilience?**
- **Local Work 92 CLES with Localis Discussion Paper: The future role of local government in strengthening local economies**

Go to the Gloucester Partnership website to download the full documents:  
[www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Cles.asp](http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Cles.asp)

## Audit Commission National Report – April 2009

The Audit Commission has published **Working Better Together? Managing Local Strategic Partnerships**. For a full copy visit [www.audit-commission.gov.uk/lsp](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/lsp)

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

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