



Staying Connected

2008 brings new opportunities

SLCVS Partnership

From April 2008, the South London CVS Partnership began trading as an independent charity and company limited by guarantee. The Trustee Board comprising the chairs of the six member CVS provide governance and strategic direction for the Partnership and a management group of the six CVS Chief Executives implement the business plan with the Partnership staff.

The Partnership's trading arm, South London Learning Consortium CIC has had a very successful first year of trading and will be celebrating its success on 30th October 2008.

Priorities

During the year, the Partnership will be concentrating on a variety of activities across a range of policy issues and service developments. These include business brokerage services, community empowerment, fund management, premises, exploring economies of scale, ChangeUp and increasing the representative role.

Funding

South London was successful in securing Capacity Builders Modernisation funding for two sub-regional projects and two borough projects and the South London BME Partnership secured Improving Reach funds.

Modernisation

Superhighways secured £77,942 over 3 years, to continue to develop the Staying Connected web

portal and support the Partnership, the BME Partnership, Volunteer Centre Network and South London Learning Consortium to develop their websites and opportunities to share data, information and resources.

CVS Accreditation Project will provide funding for five CVS to achieve the NAVCA Quality Award and for Merton, who already have the Award, to provide mentoring support throughout the process.

Richmond will provide volunteer management support to small community organisations. Sutton will be able to develop a fundraising strategy and business plan for the proposed voluntary sector resource centre.

Improving Reach

The South London BME Partnership secured £415,953 over three years to develop and strengthen local BME networks in all six boroughs, provide training for staff and volunteers and develop the Partnership's own infrastructure. This bid was the largest in London and third largest in the country.

Farewells

Jacqui Finn, the Chief Executive of the Partnership is leaving in mid-September, after six and half years, to take up a new post. During her time with the Partnership Jacqui has made a valuable contribution to the voluntary sector across South London. A big part of her legacy is the creation and continued existence of the South London CVS Part-

nership (SLCVS), an organisation established and now delivering services of benefit to community and voluntary organisations across south London. Jacqui's knowledge, skills and experience have been a real asset to SLCVS and while sad at her leaving — whatever she does she will make a significant impact and difference. We wish her all the best for the future and everything she does.

David Cornwell has been a Trustee and honorary treasurer for the Partnership for the last two years but as chair of Richmond CVS David has been involved with the development of the Partnership for the last four years. He has always offered invaluable insight to the Trustee discussions and not been afraid to ask those challenging questions. His honesty and clarity of thought has done much to drive forward the development of SLCVS and he as both an experienced colleague and his valuable contributions will be missed.

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News update on.....

Superhighways

now has over 40 member organisations across the South London sub region each receiving a package of ICT support including onsite visits and strategic advice. Combined with additional consultancy and installation work charged hourly, this has resulted in Superhighways achieving it's income generation targets in the first year of trading.

The ICT Helpdesk is still available to all voluntary and community groups at no charge and can be accessed via support@superhighways.org.uk or phoning 020 8123 8079. In the next few months Super-

highways will be providing support on accessible technologies (funded by the Adobe trust), setting up to deliver the ITQ qualification and producing our first Social Accounts 2007/08.

Other projects Superhighways are also currently involved in are Community Connected – free community wireless broadband & PC recycling in Kingston, VIDEO it – supporting groups to produce film footage to promote their impact, and Accessible & Assistive technologies – now funded by an Adobe Community Investment.

Kate White has also recently attended NIACE's eGuides training and is planning a joint event promoting eLearning with the South London Learning Consortium later in the year.

Recruitment for ROTA's Transformative Justice Forum

Race on the Agenda (ROTA) is looking to make 12 appointments for members to sit on its Transformative Justice Forum.

The Transformative Justice Forum will be a multi-agency cross-sector partnership that seeks to improve communication and cooperation between London's Third Sector organisations, private and statutory agencies that work to combat hate crime and those that work in close contact with groups that experience high victimisation levels.

For more information about these appointments contact ROTA on 020 7729 1310 or visit their website [www. Rota.org.uk](http://www.Rota.org.uk)



South London Learning Consortium....

The Learning Consortium will be moving to new premises. Their current contact details are: Granfers Community Centre, 73-79 Oakhill Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3AA. Telephone 020 8254 0810, Fax 020 8 641 5753

As their growth continues a further 30 organisations have joined the Consortium's membership bringing the total to 130 members.

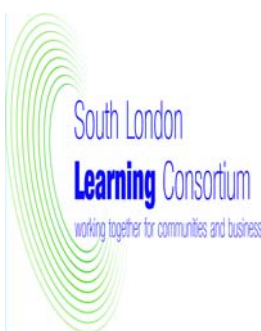
Capacity Builders

All nine of their new National Support Services (NSS) are now up and running since 1st April and will provide resources, evidence and good practice to help support providers improve what they deliver to the frontline.

The nine priority areas are: Performance Management; Income generation; Equalities & diversity; Modernising volunteering; Collaboration & partnership; Adapting to social

change; Marketing & communications; Campaigning & Advocacy; Leadership & governance.

The priorities and pattern of activity in each work stream will vary. To find out more about the national support services and the work carried out to date, visit www.capacitybuilders.org.uk and follow the link to National Support Services where you can click onto key documents.



Local Focus – News from the sub-region

Kingston -Meena Kapila is the new Youth Volunteering Advisor, working with local organisations to create new volunteering opportunities for young people aged 16-25. Contact Meena for more information on 020 8255 8685.

Sutton - SCVS have moved to Granfers Community Centre, 73-79 Oakhill Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 3AA. Telephone 020 8644 2867. They also welcomed Toni

Walsh as part-time VCS Involvement Worker: Children, Young People & Families.

Bromley - Groups are set to benefit from a new information & support service. To deliver the new services are Stephen Blann, Policy & Networks Officer and Philippa Leary, Membership, Information & Communications Officer.

Croydon - Third edition of their magazine "CVAlive" is avail-

able now. Call CVA on 020 8684 3862 to order a copy.

Merton - Visit their new community web portal www.mertonconnected.com, for easy access to information on services and activities .

Richmond - host the 8th annual community awards ceremony, **blooming marvellous**, on 11th November at Kew Gardens. Call 020 8255 8163 for more information.



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