

HILLINGDON'S MAYOR VISITS HCT FUNDED PROJECTS

Hillingdon's Mayor, Cllr Brian Crowe and the Mayoress, Mrs Clare Crowe visited three projects funded by Hillingdon Community Trust recently. Their first visit was to a meeting of Activities 4 All, a social club established by DASH. The club, which meets at the Crown Centre for the Deaf, was formed earlier this year and is run by people with disabilities who arrange a wide range of activities and trips for the group with the support of Eugene and Deimante from DASH.

So far the group has visited Woburn Safari Park, been ten pin bowling, had a trip on the West London Floating Classroom, been to see Mamma Mia at the cinema, to Portsmouth and Southsea and to the Windsor Wheel. Starting soon, the Activities 4 All is planning visits to Terminal 5, a theatre trip, flying with the British Disabled Flying Association. They will also be starting arts and crafts, football, fitness class, swimming, table tennis, tennis and Boccia.



The Mayor meets members of Activities4All

The Mayor's second port of call was to Hillingdon Training's Motor Vehicle Project at Yiewsley and West Drayton Youth Centre. The project, which has also received £200,000 in funding from Porsche, is aimed at young people who may either be NEET, or at risk of exclusion or disadvantaged in some way, as well as young people who wish to gain a recognised motor vehicle qualification. The project is based on the successful model established by Skidz in other centres.

Finally, the Mayor visited Hillingdon and Ealing Citizens' Advice Bureau's One Stop Shop in Station Road, Hayes to officially launch a new information kiosk funded by the Trust. The Kiosk, linked to the award-winning CAB Adviceguide website means that shoppers in Hayes can now call in to the Hayes One Stop at any time during the week and reliable up to date information on a wide range of problems commonly brought to the CAB will be at their fingertips.

A successful pilot scheme run by Citizens' Advice showed that 90% of people found the kiosks easy to use and in 70% of cases users were able to solve their problem either partially or completely.



The Mayor meets Heather Brown and Barrie Evans of Hillingdon and Ealing Citizens' Advice Bureau

Heather Brown, Chief Executive of HECAB, commented, ***'As the "credit crunch" deepens and people worry about the outlook for their families the need for easy access to reliable information increases. Over the last four months the CAB in Hayes has experienced a 65% increase in employment issues with queries about redundancy more than doubling and a 79% increase in advice on actual and threatened homelessness compared to a year ago.'***

Now, thanks to funding from Hillingdon Community Trust, people in Hayes will be able to benefit from this simple yet effective technology.



The Mayor officially launching the information kiosk with Christine Little, Trust Director

PROMOTING VOLUNTEERING

The volunteering DVD was launched in the autumn of 2007. HAVS wanted an innovative method of reaching the community of Hillingdon; giving them an idea of how volunteering can promote positive change for individuals as well as in the community as



a whole. The DVD shows a diverse range of volunteers and volunteer opportunities. By showing the volunteers 'speaking for themselves' about how volunteering has enhanced their lives as well as that of others it is hoped that the DVD will provide

motivation for members of the community who may then consider entering the exciting world of volunteering.

HAVS has received very positive feedback from the DVD and it is very popular for use in outreach work and presentations. A few quotes are below:

"Good to see older people in the film, we have so much experience that we could use when we retire. I may register and see what's out there"

"I hadn't really thought of myself as a volunteer. I help out at my nephew's football club but I'm just a helper! Now I've watched the film I realise that I am a volunteer"

"Not sure what I want to do but I know that I want to do something, I'm definitely doing to give them a call"

For more information about the DVD contact:

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Volunteer Centre manager

Hillingdon Association of Voluntary Services

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Hillingdon Community Trust has approved funding for year 2 of Groundwork Thames Valley's business development programme and groups wishing to take part in this are invited to contact either Christine Little at Hillingdon Community Trust (0208 581 1676) or Kingsley Antonipillai (01895 839859) for further information.



As part of the HAVS Funding Fair and Annual General Meeting, Liz Bellchambers of Bellchambers PR and public relations officer for Uxbridge College led a seminar for voluntary and community groups on 'Creating an effective communications strategy'.

If you would like a copy of Liz's presentation contact:

Christine Little at Hillingdon Community Trust.

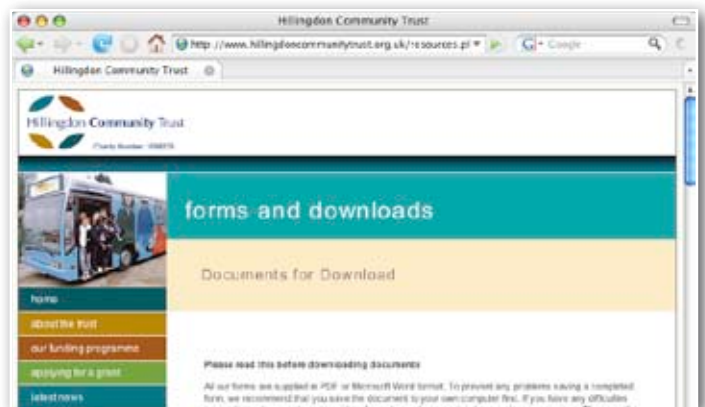


UPDATED MONITORING AND APPLICATION FORMS

Following the five-year evaluation of Hillingdon Community Trust completed earlier this year, we have started to adopt recommendations made by the evaluators.

One recommendation was that we consider changing our grant application forms so that they better enable the Trust to assess applications based on the Trust's main objectives and also on the likely outcomes from the funding requested. A second recommendation was that our monitoring and evaluation of grants should be more focused on outcomes from our grant-making as opposed to outputs.

New grant application forms for stage 1 and stage 2 main grant applications and for small grants are now available for download on the Trust's website, and we would be grateful if you could use these for any future grant applications to the Trust.



Also available for download on our website is an updated monitoring and evaluation form for small grants and an outline of the reporting system we will be using from now on for main grants. The Board has decided that for main grants, rather than a monitoring form which tends to be restrictive in terms of providing information, a monitoring report would be more valuable. The suggested content of the monitoring report for main grants is on our website. This system is used by many grant makers including City Parochial Foundation and a recent report by New Philanthropy Capital suggested that monitoring reports produced by the organisation receiving the grant were a less time-consuming and better evaluation method. For grants covering more than one year, we will ask for an interim report at the end of each year. This will be considered by the Board before subsequent years funds are approved, as is the case now. At the end of the grant we will ask for a final report. The report will be submitted to the Board in the form submitted by the Group. For small grants, we will ask for a monitoring and evaluation form to be completed at the end of the grant, as we have done in the past, and the Trust office will produce a report based on this for the Board, as is the case now. Groups funded will also need to submit evidence of expenditure as in the past. We will be putting some monitoring reports on our website for information and guidance.

In response to comments during the evaluation, we will now give groups feedback from the Board on the monitoring reports submitted for both main and small grants, and we hope that this will be helpful.

As before, the Trust will contact groups when monitoring is due on a grant, and send the appropriate monitoring form or request for a report.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

The BAA Heathrow Community & Environment Awards are a source of support for schools, voluntary organisations and community groups. Grants of up to £2500 are awarded six times per year to exciting local community projects, focusing on five themes:

- **Reduce, Re-use, Recycle**
- **Climate Change and Energy**
- **Protecting and Enhancing our Environment**
- **Bringing Communities Together**
- **Developing Skills**

The awards are funded in a unique way – foreign and British currency is donated every day by passengers in Heathrow's baggage halls and departure lounges. BAA Heathrow and the BAA Communities Trust match-fund the money donated by passengers up to a cap of £20,000 per annum from each organisation. Based on previous passenger collections it is predicted there will be around £100,000 available for the awards in 2008.

The awards are delivered in partnership with Groundwork Thames Valley. If you have any questions about the awards please contact either:

heathrowcommunityrelations@baa.com or 020 8745 5791
tv@groundwork.org.uk or 01895 832662

PRO VICE CHANCELLOR OF BRUNEL APPOINTED TRUSTEE

Hillingdon Community Trust has appointed Ian Campbell, Pro Vice-chancellor of Brunel University as a new Trustee. Ian is a Professor in Sport Sciences and his research work has focused on the responses of wheelchair users to exercise. He is particularly interested in 'the benefits of activity for people with disabilities' and 'factors influencing the performance of wheelchair athletes'. He led a team providing sport science support to wheelchair racing for 2 Paralympic games and was part of the Great Britain Paralympic support team in the Year 2000, which took place in Sydney, Australia. As part of his current role at Brunel he has special responsibility for the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics for the University. Ian has over 10 years' leadership and management experience in academia and joined Brunel from industry having been Head of Business Development for a leading international management consultancy company.

Ian Campbell commented on his appointment,



'I am delighted to be joining the Board of Hillingdon Community Trust. I'm hugely impressed by the work that voluntary and community groups do in the south of the Borough and I look forward to working with colleagues on the Trust in supporting those groups and helping to strengthen the community in the Trust's area.'

£1M 'DRAGON'S DEN' BUSINESS STUDIOS FOR YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

A topping out ceremony for new business units part funded by Hillingdon Community Trust has taken place at Hayes Business Studios, at Uxbridge College's Hayes Community Campus.

The studios will provide low-cost accommodation and support to people starting out in business, like those on the BBC television show Dragon's Den.



To mark the event the new Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Brian Crowe, planted a tree in the grounds of the studios off Coldharbour Lane, Hayes. Hillingdon Community Trust is one of the five development partners in the project, which also include London Development Agency, Heathrow City Partnership and Hillingdon Council.

The 10 studios, between 15m² to 17m², are offered at subsidised rents for young people starting new businesses and will also include:

- **Support and advice to help businesses grow**
- **Meeting/training room facilities**
- **Internet access**
- **Direct street access to modern reception and coffee pod area**
- **Parking and excellent travel links to central London, Heathrow and the local area**
- **Spaces all on flexible lease terms**
- **Office cleaning services, on-site caretaking and security**

Occupants will also be able to use all the facilities at the Hayes Community Campus and take advantage of additional free and subsidised training.

Laraine Smith, Principal of Uxbridge College, said:

"We are thrilled that this excellent development, designed to give the best possible support to young people starting new businesses, is part of Uxbridge College. Television programmes such as Dragon's Den and The Apprentice have definitely made the idea of business success more popular, so demand for the facility is sure to be high. Supporting the local and regional economy through training is already a key part of what Uxbridge College does, so it is pleasing to be able to extend that role even further."

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED BY THE TRUST

The Board made the following grant awards in July and October 2008.

ORGANISATION AND PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED	ORGANISATION AND PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED
Green Corridor Tree Buddies - an innovative project to engage young people in Hillingdon and encourage their integration, participation and education in activities relating to their environment.	£5,850	Community Cancer Care To outreach and train volunteers from local ethnic communities to provide information and support within the local and national network.	£30,000 Over 2 yrs
Young Carers To fund a sessional worker for the Young Carers Club.	£2,400	Little Stars Toddler Group To provide educational toys and play equipment and a metal storage facility	£3,000
Relate London North West To fund a Relate family counsellor to work on site at Abbotsfield School for three hours per week.	£7,020	Beatbullying Empowering disadvantaged children (7-12) to beat bullying through music	£6,000
1st Harmondsworth Scout Group To purchase fence and gate, a shed, wood for raised beds, membrane chippings & tools for 2 allotment areas.	£3,000	GTV Healing Gardens To pilot a scheme on sites in the HCT area providing basic gardening skills for people excluded from employment due to mental illness or minor disability.	£7,500
Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support To create a positive impact on families with children affected by autism through training, advice, guidance and support services (approved in principle subject to match funding from other sources).	£107,515 Over 3 yrs	Swakeleys School To expand the counselling service offered to pupils by attracting a new placement counsellor.	£5,072
REAP Specially designed training workshops and referral resources for Hillingdon's VCS staff/volunteers who are in contact with refugees/migrants.	£11,844 Over 2 yrs	Crane Youth & Community Assoc. To contribute to the running costs of the community centre for the benefit of the community.	£500
Bell Farm Christian Centre The advice, information and care service - providing information, advice advocacy and care to all sections of the community.	£90,000 Over 3 yrs	Hindu Cultural Association (Hillingdon) To strengthen the community's health through yoga lessons.	£1,500
Hillingdon Table Tennis Club Advanced coaching sessions providing improved community recreational skills and club development.	£16,110 Over 3 yrs		
Brunel Business School To develop business and entrepreneurial skills as a viable self-employment option for disadvantaged residents within the HCT wards.	£36,000 Over 3 yrs		

DEADLINES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

Thursday 6th November 2008

(Board date - Wednesday 3rd December)

Thursday 8th January 2009

(Board date - Wednesday 4th February 2009)

Thursday 26th February 2009

(Board date - Tuesday 24th March 2009)

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