

## South Gloucestershire Funders Forum 2010 Programme Information

### Group sessions: workshops and discussions

#### Morning sessions

##### **a) Getting ready for future commissioning**

This session will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss future commissioning processes with commissioners from South Gloucestershire Council and NHS South Gloucestershire (PCT).

The term 'commissioning' describes the cyclical process used by public bodies which includes:

- assessing the needs of local people or service users
- designing services to meet those needs
- securing those services by agreeing grants or contracts with providers
- monitoring and reviewing them.

(ref. Pathways through the Maze NAVCA 2009)

This workshop forms part of a programme of support being developed in South Gloucestershire. Future activities will continue through the CVS South Gloucestershire Autumn Training Programme and through The Care Forum's specialist support for organizations providing Health and Social Care services. Participants will find out more - and help shape future support activity - on the day

##### **b) Writing effective funding applications.**

Phoenix Associates.

A look at what organisations need to consider when completing a funding application which a funder will respond to positively. The workshop will cover evidence of need, monitoring & evaluation and the importance of outcomes thinking.

##### **c) Maximising individual giving**

Panikos Efthimiou of Charities Aid Foundation.

"Tax can make you money - but you need a plan first! Join me on an enjoyable tax odyssey. I'll show you how to convert a £100 donation into £176, how it can cost donors "less to give more", why sharing is so 'this year' and a couple of near-death stories to make you smile."

With insights into drawing up a fundraising plan the trainer says this will not be a taxing session!

#### Afternoon sessions

##### **a) Opportunities and challenges of the *Big Society* agenda**

Helen Black, Chief Officer CVS South Gloucestershire

The new Government's *Big Society* agenda: what does it mean for the voluntary & community sector and for local communities? This workshop will explore some of the key themes in the *Big Society* agenda and consider how we might respond & adapt in South Gloucestershire.

## **b) Collaborative working**

Elaine Flint, Director of Social Enterprise Works.

As co-author of 'A Framework for Collaboration', Elaine offers a quick run through a range of key issues around collaborative working as a means of managing in tough financial times: why organisations may decide to collaborate, the options they have for collaborative partnerships, some useful tools to help decision making and some key messages on building positive relationships.

## **c) An introduction to community ownership**

Jim Brown, lead consultant to *Community Shares*

This workshop looks at the emerging trend of communities financing services through the purchase of shares in community enterprises. It will outline the basics of community shares, the legal side and what's involved in making a community share offer. Includes case studies and a Q&A session.

*Community Shares* is a two year research programme being run by Co-operatives UK and the Development Trusts Association with funding from the Cabinet Office and the Department of Communities and Local Government [www.communityshares.org.uk](http://www.communityshares.org.uk)

## **Funders & support organisations running one-to-one advice surgeries**

### **a) BBC Children in Need**

BBC Children's mission is to make a positive change to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Grants are made to organisations working with children who may have experienced mental, physical or sensory disabilities; behavioural or psychological disorders; are living in poverty or situations of deprivation; or suffering through distress, abuse or neglect.

[www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)

### **b) Big Lottery**

The Big Lottery's Awards for All programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. The small grants scheme awards between £300 and £10,000.

The National Lottery also funds charities and voluntary groups in the arts, sports, heritage and other sectors.

[www.awardsforall.org.uk/england](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england)

### **c) CCLA Investment Management**

Staff have better things to do than constantly research banks and rates. Trustees don't want to spend every meeting worrying about how to divide their cash up across which institutions. CCLA's carefully managed deposit fund for charities has a sole focus on the security of cash and consistently delivers competitive interest rates. It complements any charities' banking arrangements. No minimum balance. No need to lock money away. Free BACS transfers. No charges. CCLA is owned by its third sector clients and authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority.

[www.ccla.co.uk](http://www.ccla.co.uk)

### **d) Charities Aid Foundation**

The Charities Aid Foundation is a registered charity that works to create greater value for charities and social enterprise. We do this by transforming the way donations are made and the way charitable funds are managed. To make this happen we work proactively with charities, companies and individuals offering a range of products and services. [www.cafonline.org](http://www.cafonline.org)

### **e) Co-operative Trust**

Supports clubs, community groups, self-help organisations and projects which improve the lives of others.

[www.co-operative.coop/ethicsinaction/communities/fundsandfoundations/communityfund](http://www.co-operative.coop/ethicsinaction/communities/fundsandfoundations/communityfund)

### **f) Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life throughout the UK. Their primary interests are in the cultural life of the UK, education and learning, the natural environment and enabling disadvantaged people to participate more fully in society. The Foundation takes pride

in supporting work that might otherwise be considered difficult to fund and are seeking “exceptional organisations that are doing some genuinely impressive or innovative work that is a bit out of the ordinary (i.e. activities, client groups or approaches that are not commonplace throughout the UK)”

[www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk](http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk)

**g) GRANTfinder and GRANTnet**

Introductory support from South Gloucestershire Council and GRANTfinder in searching funders’ databases for funders appropriate to your group or project.

South Gloucestershire Council subscribes to a grants database called GRANTnet. This is a service which can help to identify suitable funding and grants for activities or projects. It allows community and voluntary groups, social enterprises and small businesses to search across a huge range of funding sources. [www.southglos.gov.uk/BusinessMatters/BusinessServices/Grantnet](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/BusinessMatters/BusinessServices/Grantnet)

GRANTfinder is a paid-for database, allied to GRANTnet, which offers a more in-depth search facility. [www.grantfinder.co.uk](http://www.grantfinder.co.uk)

**h) Quartet Community Foundation**

Quartet Community Foundation is one a national network of Foundations, serving the West of England. It manages over 100 different charitable funds which aim to make an impact in local communities. It supports activities that help to build strong, vibrant communities, awarding grants to community groups helping people in greatest need

[www.quartetcf.org.uk](http://www.quartetcf.org.uk)

**i) SITA Trust**

SITA Trust supports community facility improvement projects across the UK. In South Gloucestershire, it has two funding zones - covering a 3 mile radius of SITA UK’s Yate and Kingswood processing plants. The Trust It operates under the Landfill Communities Fund, distributing funds donated by the recycling and resource management company SITA UK. Funding is available to not-for-profit organisations for capital projects to improve community recreation and leisure facilities and historic buildings. It also has a Young Persons Volunteering Fund.

[www.sitatrust.org.uk](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk)

**j) South Gloucestershire Council: Communities** - community grants for revenue and capital projects that meet local needs. Categories include art and culture, children and play, community safety, developing communities.

[www.southglos.gov.uk/Communities/CommunityEngagement/CommunityGrants](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/Communities/CommunityEngagement/CommunityGrants)

**k) South Gloucestershire Council: Environment** - environmental grant support in areas such as conservation, protection of biodiversity, appreciation of the natural environment.

[www.southglos.gov.uk/Environment/CountrysideandNature/environmentgrant](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/Environment/CountrysideandNature/environmentgrant)

**l) South Gloucestershire Environmental Body**

South Gloucestershire Environmental Body (SGEB) awards grants to community or environmental projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Grants can be applied to community halls, parks and open spaces, local nature reserves and historic buildings if they are within a 10-mile radius of a landfill site. [www.sweet-uk.com/sgeb](http://www.sweet-uk.com/sgeb)

**m) St. Monica Trust**

St Monica Trust Community Fund provides gifts and grants to individuals with physical health problems to improve their quality of life. The fund also provides yearly grants to organizations under a set ‘theme’. From 2009-2011 the theme is ‘Older People with Substance Misuse issues’. We are currently open for applications from organizations and would encourage those organizations that fit our funding criteria to apply.

<http://www.communityfund.stmonicastrust.org.uk>