

# Community Ministry News

**Welcome** to the Community Ministry News E-Newsletter a bi monthly publication that will share, inform and advise on matters that relate to community involvement and engagement and on the best use of all the resources that we have available to us. It is a resource to all and so we would like to hear from **you**, collecting your views, concerns and good news stories etc. If there is anything happening in your parish/area that you want to share, gather more information on or simply dispel the myths on send your information to/contact Marlon Nelson [marlon.nelson@london.anglican.org.uk](mailto:marlon.nelson@london.anglican.org.uk) or 020 7932 1123.

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### **E. Marlon Nelson – Who’s he?**

Hi, Marlon Nelson here, the associate editor of this e-newsletter and, since 20 April, part time Research and Support Officer working with Jack Maple Community Ministry Advisor. I come to the position with the experience of being a Community Development Officer serving a cluster of parishes in the South of Brent Deanery as they seek to increase and improve their community outreach, engagement and ministry. We have worked to gain a better understanding of our area and feel better able to serve as more significant partners and providers. Before coming to work with the Diocese my background was in grant making previously managing the grants programme at the Church Urban Fund and prior to that the South East regional programme for the National Lottery Charities Board, now Big Lottery. I will continue with my duties in Brent and will now hold a wider brief for the rest of the Willesden area too. Additionally I will be tasked with investigating new funding and income opportunities. These will be shared in upcoming newsletter.

I'll be at Diocesan House on Mondays & Tuesday on 020 7932 1123 and 07985 382 507, e-mails to [marlon.nelson@london.anglican.org](mailto:marlon.nelson@london.anglican.org).



**7<sup>th</sup> June 2009** [CUF Sunday - GET YOUR RESOURCES HERE!!!!](#)

*"Church Urban Fund support has been the key, we have been able to move away from a struggle to survive into a significant provider of youth work to the area. Our quality of provision has massively increased. For churches working in an area of multiple deprivation and a resource scarce environment, Church Urban Fund support can make the difference between a struggle to survive and having a significant local Christian impact".*

**Revd John Wood, St Ann's Youth Project, Tottenham**

For 21 years the Church Urban Fund has supported churches in the most deprived communities in England to deliver practical social action. Now with the launch of its response to the recession "**SEEDS OF HOPE**" the aim is to double the number of people assisted through local projects.

At this time of economic uncertainty, projects such as the St Anne's Youth Project are essential in helping people to turn their lives around and to restoring dignity and a sense of purpose for the future. The projects are planting seeds of hope into people's lives.

The first Sunday in June marks the beginning of the campaign, when we are asking everyone to **pray** for the most marginalised in our society, to **act** by using CUF Sunday resources and to **give** by taking a special collection to enable more practical action to take place.

For more information on this campaign visit [Church Urban Fund](#)

### **Bishops Community Ministry Days**

#### **Kensington**

Tuesday 6 October 2009 10.15 -12.45

#### **How has the work of an AIDs charity developed in response to the changing needs of those living with HIV?**

Join us at CARA, near Ladbrooke Grove, to learn about these changes and to share our pastoral experience.

#### **Edmonton**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009 10.15 – 12.45

#### **How can parishes confidently partner the local authority and other agencies seeking to improve the quality of life in their community?**

Sue Foster, Enfield's Director of Place Shaping, will lead discussion at All Saints Edmonton.

To register your attendance for either event please contact Mary Nada;

[mary.nada@london.anglican.org](mailto:mary.nada@london.anglican.org)

Details for the Stepney and Willesden Community Ministry days will follow soon.

## Training Days & Events

### JULY

#### **Insights from the City of God**

7 July 2009

In 2008 the Reverend Nicholas Wheeler, formally Team Rector in Camden Town became the 'Priest Missioner' in Cidade de Deus (the City of God) in Rio de Janeiro. Nicholas's three year assignment is part of the Mission Companion Programme promoted by USPG. Nicholas returns to the UK for three weeks in June/July and welcomes this 24 hour gathering, enabled by Ann Morisy to reflect on the challenges and opportunities during his first year.

The event will run from 13.00 7<sup>th</sup> July until 15.30 8<sup>th</sup> July, at High Leigh, Lord Street, Hoddesden, Herts EN11 8SG

Places are limited to 22 people so book early

Cost: £65 inclusive of en suite accommodation and all meals. Please make cheque payable to: London Diocesan Fund

For additional information contact Mary Nada at [Mary.Nada@london.anglican.org](mailto:Mary.Nada@london.anglican.org).

### SEPTEMBER

#### **Funding & Income Generation Workshops**

14 September & 21 September

This workshop covers two half days and will provide some hints and tips about the grant application process and exercise and will also look at other forms in income generation.

Booking forms will be available soon.

#### **Mental Health and Spirituality Conference**

25 September

This annual conference, jointly sponsored by Community Ministry and the Marylebone Healing and Counselling Centre seeks to assist parishes in their ministry to those affected by mental health issues. The morning will be led by **Reverend Dr Nigel Copsey**, Religious and Cultural Care Co-ordinator for the East London and City Mental Health Trust. The afternoon will be an open forum where church based projects will share developments in their work.

Attendance at the conference will cost including lunch £10. More information is available from Jack Maple; [jack.maple@london.anglican.org](mailto:jack.maple@london.anglican.org) 020 7932 1122.

To book contact Mary Nada; [mary.nada@london.anglican.org](mailto:mary.nada@london.anglican.org)

### NOVEMBER

#### **National Estates Churches Conference Birmingham**

12 November

'**Who cares about the Estates**' this day event focuses on the role of the church in overcoming the isolation and marginalisation that many estate residents experience.

**Bishop Laurie Green** will enable the day with key speakers **Lynsey Hanley**, author of '**Estates, An Intimate History**', and **Sister Margaret Walsh**, community theologian and practitioner.

For further details and to book, please contact David Greenfield, the NECN development officer : 07809 877685 [david.greenfield@nationalestatechurches.org](mailto:david.greenfield@nationalestatechurches.org) ; [www.nationalestatechurches.org](http://www.nationalestatechurches.org)

#### **Debt Counselling and Money Management – FOLLOW UP ON DAY ALREADY HELD**

On 12 March we hosted a session in conjunction with the Church Urban Fund mindful of the present "credit crunch"/recession, call it what you will. There has been a good deal of positive response following this day and the initiation of a number of pieces of work.

We had three different organisations presenting to us [Community Money Advice](#), [Christians Against Poverty](#) and [red2black](#). All three offered different ways of dealing the difficult issue of debt management with all assisting churches to enable participants to reduce monthly outgoings, maximise income and to plan and save in a better and more productive way.

**NB** In some instances your local [Citizens Advice Bureau](#) may be willing to work alongside you, providing a dedicated service and training volunteers.

If you would like further information about the day or for us to run the session again, please contact [Marlon Nelson](#) or [Jack Maple](#)

## **Funding Matters**

### **Big Lottery re-launches Awards for All**

After its brief hiatus Awards for All is back with us. Some changes to the general guidance and response times but essentially the same. For guidance and more information [Awards for All](#)

### **The Secret Millionaire**

BL has joined with Channel 4 to provide this new initiative where projects and organisations can be nominated or apply themselves for a share of £1m. This programme has similar base criteria to Awards for All with grants also being between £300 and £10,000. Additional information can be found at [Secret £1m](#)

### **Grassroots Grants**

Established by the Office of the Third Sector this programme aimed to provide £130m in the years to 2011. £80m will be available under the small grant banner (**awards up to £5000**) with the other £50m available to the funding bodies to enable them to attract other funding and support. You must have income of less than £30k per annum. The programme is administered by the Community Development Foundation to find the nearest office to you [Grassroots Grants](#)

### **Sports England**

Committed to “the creation of a world leading community sports network”, Sports England has a number of programmes, designed to enable wider participation and to fulfil potential. Got a sports based initiative that could do with some funding then visit [Sports England](#)

### **The John Lyon Charity**

The trust provides funding across many of our boroughs and administers both small and main grant programmes. The application process is fairly easy to follow (for main grants there are two stages, an initial written proposal and a full application). Small Grants operate on a rolling programme basis, with deadline for receipt of applications to the main programme being **31 July 2009**. More information can be obtained from the website [John Lyon Charity Grants](#)

## **Church Urban Fund**

### **The Mustard Seed Grants**

Whilst the main programme grant budget has been reduced CUF has secured new partnerships, notably with the John Paul Getty Foundation which have enabled them to put more resource into their small grants **mustard seed** programme. Awards of up to £5,000 can be made.

For mustard seed grant application form contact [Mary Nada](#)

## HEALTH AND BELIEF

**Apply by 30 June 2009 for grant awards in October.**

This new pilot grants programme is funded jointly by Church Urban Fund and London Catalyst and supports faith-based community projects tackling poverty related health inequalities in London. If your annual income is less than £150,000, then you could apply for a grant for up to £10,000.

Details for the health & belief fund can be found at [CUF Grants](#)

### **Distribution list – to be or not to be “junk mail” that is the question**

We are working to improve our distribution lists if you do not want to be on this list please send a blank e-mail with NO in the subject box. Optionally please suggest more appropriate colleagues who you think should receive this.

**NB** If there is any news item that you wish to share, please contact me [Marlon Nelson](#).

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