

# **Community Ministry Network News**

**SEPTEMBER 2005**

## **Diocesan Youth Adviser – an exciting new initiative**

The appointment of a senior youth adviser, Clair Cooke, has taken place in partnership with the Children's Society, and she will begin work in early September.

The Diocese has been without a Youth Officer at a time when there has been a considerable renewal in interest and commitment to youth work in the parishes.

At the same time the national picture has also changed. Through the Centre for Youth Ministry the Church of England as a whole has become the largest supplier of trained youth workers in the country and the Archbishops Council has identified children and young people as a priority for the church.

The most recent Government Green Paper – 'Youth Matters' (published July 2005) signals a comprehensive change in the way youth services are delivered, extending to youth provision the principles outlined in the Every Child Matters programme. The Green paper outlines the expectation that partnerships between voluntary and statutory sectors will become the norm for service delivery and includes capital funding for improving local facilities.

During 2003 the John Lyons Trust, which provides funding for many youth projects in the diocese, began to review the way it supported and enabled youth work in its area of benefit. The Revd Andrew Cain (its Church's Advisor) has negotiated a grant of £90,000 over three years to support a diocesan post. This moment of opportunity coincided with the decision of the Children's Society to seek practical partnerships with the Church of England and re-engagement with its Christian character. With the support of Fr. Nigel Asbridge (Chaplain Missioner of the Children's Society) a partnership between the Diocese and the Children's Society has been developed and agreed.

### **Aims**

Working in partnership the project will develop a Youth Strategy in the Diocese of London and pilot youth work over a three year period that promotes social inclusion and recognises the diversity of London's youth communities, with particular emphasis on the most hard-to-reach groups: disabled children, children at risk on the streets, children in trouble with the law, and young refugees. Black and minority ethnic children in particular will be fully included in all aspects of the project's work.

Clair will be supported and managed by the Children's Society and a second adviser will be appointed early next year. The project will be directed by a joint development group. During these first few months, as Clair settles into the post and begins to map the current youth provision, contact should be made through the Community Ministry office. Clair will also be attending the Area Community Ministry meetings, so come and meet her there.

### **Andrew Cain and Jack Maple**

**for those involved in community ministry in the Diocese of London**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## COMMUNITY MINISTRY MEETINGS

### THE BISHOP OF WILLESDEN'S MEETING

With Bishop Pete Broadbent – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005 from 10.15am -12.30 at the Tumbler Centre, Hayes - hosted by Daniel Haigh of YMCA.

### THE BISHOP OF EDMONTON'S MEETING

With Bishop Peter Wheatley – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary the Virgin Church, Primrose Hill, Elsworth Road NW3 3DJ: Focus on Youth work

### THE BISHOP OF STEPNEY'S MEETING

With Bishop Stephen Oliver – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at All Hallows Church, Bow Devons Road/Blackthorn Street E3: Focus on Isolation and Mental Health.

### THE BISHOP OF KENSINGTON'S MEETING

With Bishop Michael Colclough 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at St Clements Community Centre Sirdar Road W11: Focus on Community Education.

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### Church Urban Fund Applications

Date of next deadline: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

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## I.M.D.

### INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION 2004

Deprivation data can be obtained from

[http://gabriel.london.anglican.org/open/imd\\_data/IMDmenu.htm](http://gabriel.london.anglican.org/open/imd_data/IMDmenu.htm)

or by going to Gabriel.london.anglican.org and following the links from the Public Information icon.

Information can be selected by Parish, which gives an average value or by postcode which gives the individual Super Output Area values.

You will also find explanatory information and background to the IMD.

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# TRAINING

## Faithworks Conference 2005

How do we focus on serving the world, instead of just serving ourselves? That's the question that Tony Campolo, Steve Chalke, Jim Wallis, Jeff Lucas, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor and others will address at the upcoming Faithworks Conference in Eastbourne, 4-6 November.

With a mix of inspirational sessions, practical seminars and regional forums, the Faithworks Conference is a unique opportunity to explore how your church can be *intelligent* – putting faith into action to make a difference in people's lives and society as a whole.

The conference will address topics such as 'how to live out your faith without imposing it', 'focusing your church outwards', 'working with local Government' and 'mobilising a workforce.

Whether you are a church leader, community volunteer or someone who just wants to make a difference, this weekend will help you to do it intelligently.

Visit [www.faithworks.info/ichurch](http://www.faithworks.info/ichurch) or phone 0207 450 9031 for bookings and further information.

"The recent 'London Forum' of church leaders on global poverty showed me that the UK Church is emerging as a powerful force for social change and renewal. By bringing Christian 'change makers' together from across the nation, the 2005 Faithworks Conference will be an exciting place to catch a glimpse of the future - a future where the Church brings its message of hope to every city, town and local neighbourhood."

### Jim Wallis - Founder of Sojourners

"The idea that the Church in Britain is somehow in terminal decline is simply not true. The reality is that many churches in the UK are becoming more intelligent about the way that they approach their calling. The 2005 Faithworks Conference is an excellent opportunity to explore how the Church can become even smarter - ensuring that the message and actions of our faith have an impact in the post-modern age."

### Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor

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## SAFE & SOUND WEEK

The Children's Society is organising Safe & Sound Week on 10-16 October 2005 to raise awareness of the dangers faced by 100,000 young people who run away each year. As part of the week, the charity will be launching new research and delivering a petition signed by more than 100,000 people, the majority of whom are church supporters.

There will be opportunities to get involved in the week by attending specially dedicated church services or by bringing the plight of these vulnerable young people to the attention of your local MP.

For more information visit the Children's Society's website: [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

## Housing Justice Training Trio

This autumn Housing Justice in partnership with UNLEASH are offering a trio of training sessions and ongoing support to anyone involved in a small or church-based housing or homelessness project.

The initial training sessions will cover:

- The role of **management committees** (14/09/05)
- Writing a successful **Business Plan** (05/10/05)
- Writing a successful **funding application** (02/11/05)

Additional benefits:

- On-going outreach support and advice
- Information packs signposting to further resources.
- The opportunity to ask questions specific to your project.

**Special discount for Housing Justice/ Unleash members  
= Just £7 per session or £20 for all 3**

Normal price £25 per session

Organisations can join Housing Justice for £50, Individuals for £10

The training will be held at the Abbey Community Centre in Westminster.

## Free Training for Volunteers!! On

Mental Health (7 Sept, 9 Nov, 11 Jan)

Drugs and Alcohol (21 Sept, 26 Oct, 18 Jan)

Managing Conflict (28 Sept, 23 Nov, 25 Jan)

Homelessness Overview (12 Oct, 30 Nov, 1 Feb)

To book or for more information please contact:

Ellie Clifton on 020 7723 8874 or email [ellie@unleash.org.uk](mailto:ellie@unleash.org.uk)

Alternatively please visit either [www.unleash.org.uk](http://www.unleash.org.uk) or [www.housingjustice.org.uk](http://www.housingjustice.org.uk)

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## Urban Community and the Visual Arts

**A workshop exploring initiatives in the visual arts within urban communities**

Speakers include:

**Hugh Dunford-Wood:** artist

**The Revd Julia Porter Pryce** – Vicar of St Peter's De Beauvoir Town: curator of Art in Sacred Spaces 2000

**The Revd Keith Elford** – Director of Art and Sacred Places

**Paul Bayley** – Art in Churches officer, A+CE

There will also be an opportunity to discuss your own projects, dilemmas and visions with experienced professionals from the visual arts, the church and education.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005, 10am – 4pm  
at St John at Hackney Church, London E5  
Cost: £10 per person (including lunch)

**facilitated by the**  
Art+ChristianityEnquiry  
**and the London Diocesan Community Ministry Department**

For more information please contact Laura Moffatt on 020 8533 6522

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## **'Discovering Jesus'** **Shaftesbury's 2-day Residential**

**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2005: Hothorpe Hall, Leicestershire**  
**Cost: £65 per person shared room, enquire about single rooms**

**Do you need time out to re-focus and regain passion for your community work?**  
**Yes?**

Then this event is for you! There will be time for both practical training and spiritual reflection, along with a chance to meet like-minded people and relax in beautiful surroundings. Our facilitator is a Methodist Minister with community work experience. Workshops (Topics: working with volunteers; young people; people of other faiths; other churches) will be run by people with hands-on experience. Call Kim Pearson on 020 8239 5527 for a booking form or e-mail her: [kpearson@shaftesburysoc.org.uk](mailto:kpearson@shaftesburysoc.org.uk)

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE</b></p>
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*towards an ecumenical network of prayer*

**13 September; 23 November 2005**

An expanded form of night prayer with silence and shared reflection

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>St Saviour's Priory, Queensbridge Road, by Hackney Road, E2</i></b></p>
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*For further details,  
or if you wish to be informed of future services:  
Alan Everett on 020 7249 4440 [alan@n16.org.uk](mailto:alan@n16.org.uk)*

# FUNDING

**The Jack Petchey Foundation** gives grants to programmes and projects that benefit young people aged 11-25. Previously restricted to East London and West Essex, they have now expanded their catchment area to include North London and by 2007 they will operate across all of London.

<http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/>

## **Awards for All in the London Region**

Awards for All is a lottery grants scheme aimed at local communities. Grants between £500 and £10,000 are awarded in a simple and straightforward way. Awards for All has been running in London since June 1999 and has made grants totalling over £20 m to 5,000 community groups.

The main aim is to fund projects that involve people in their local community, bringing them together to take part in and enjoy a wider range of arts, sports, heritage, health, environment and other community activities.

You can apply at any time. The application form is short and simple. There are links to guidance notes and sources of help. Decisions are made within eight weeks.

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

## **Local Network Fund for Children and Young People**

The Local Network Fund for Children and Young People believes that communities have the power to make a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged children. Their objective is to give communities and small voluntary organisations the chance to make that difference.

### **Who Can Apply?**

If you are a small local group of young people or parents, and you are in need of a grant between £250 and £7000 to organise or run an activity with disadvantaged children or young people, the Local Network may be able to help.

You must satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. You need to be a locally managed small voluntary, community or self-help group.
2. Most of the children and young people benefiting from your activity must be facing disadvantaged or poverty situations.
3. Your activity must focus on children and young people.
4. You must have people volunteering to help with your activity.

Interested parties who want to apply for a Local Network Fund grant can contact the National Call Centre on 0845 113 0161 (RNID type talk number 18001 0845 113 0161) for an application pack. Calls are charged at the local rate.

## **Partners for Health – Kings Fund**

The King' Fund is a community based organisation which award grants to numerous practical services to improve health and health care for Londoners.

They are launching their Partners for Health London programme in autumn 2005. This programme aims to improve and expand the support of the King's Fund offer to organisations. In doing so Partners for Health will help organisations they support to develop their ways of working in addition to offering them funding.

The Partners for Health in London programme will open for applications in autumn 2005. They will be seeking applications for work in the following areas: End-of-life care, sexual health, mental health advocacy and developing complementary theories as part of a wider health improvement.

Grants available: They will invest £1.2 million annually in helping their partners build knowledge and develop better services in the above four areas. Awards will range from a minimum of £5,000 to a maximum of £150,000, spread over or up to three years.

To obtain more details about the Partners for Health London Programme, please contact the funding and development department:

Tel: 020 7307 2466, email: [funding@kingsfund.org.uk](mailto:funding@kingsfund.org.uk)  
website: <http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/Grants>

If you would like to be alerted when they release more details about their new programme, please send you email address to: [fundingupdate@kingsfund.org.uk](mailto:fundingupdate@kingsfund.org.uk)

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## INFORMATION

The Government published its **Green Paper 'Youth Matters'** on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Through opportunity cards and opportunity funds it proposes to put spending power in young people's hands, and give them influence to shape the activities available locally. It also proposes to make changes to the way in which support and services for young people are organised locally – for example, by giving local authorities more flexibility – to ensure that all young people are given the best chance in life to succeed. The consultation period for these proposals will run until 28 October 2005 and responses can be made at: [www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations)

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### **St. Mark's Church Dalston, Hackney Community Development Worker**

Alongside the planned refurbishment of the church halls, this is a new half-time post to enable the church to develop its community ministry, at a key time for Dalston, facing the prospect of major redevelopment. A challenging opportunity for someone who likes working with people and making things happen.

Salary: £22,500 (pro rata 17 1/2 hours)

Requests for job packs from Revd. Rob Wall, St. Mark's Vicarage, Sandringham Road, London E8 2LL. Tel 0207 254 4741. E-mail: [rob.wall@care4free](mailto:rob.wall@care4free) Packs will be sent out w/b 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Informal contact welcomed. Closing date: 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005

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### **Making Waste Work for the Community**

Green-Works is a not-for-profit social enterprise providing office furniture to schools, charities, community groups and start-up businesses that need it.

The furniture is available to buy at discounted prices. They have everything from desks and filing cabinets to conference tables and chairs, pedestals, coat-stands and even stationery.

Our furniture donors are mostly commercial organisations or government bodies, who want to remove all their unwanted office furniture and redistribute or recycle it in an environmentally friendly way, Green-Works members benefit from a one stop, hassle-free service enabling them to fulfil their environmental and social responsibility.

For further information, contact Green-Works, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Downstream, 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9BG.

Tel: 0845 230 2 231 fax 020 7785 6469  
email: [info@green-works.co.uk](mailto:info@green-works.co.uk)

## **END PIECE:**

### **Building Sustainable Communities - *The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams***

What comes to mind when we hear a term like 'sustainable community'? As with 'sustainable development', it's surely about living in an environment that has a future we can imagine. And to talk of a future we can imagine is to talk of certain plans and hopes that are shared. 'Sustainability' is not a matter of how we create something that never has to change; it's to do with how we cope with change in a way that has integrity and continuity, that secures for us a background of trustworthiness which encourages a bit of creativity.

Sustainable development is development that does not wreck and deplete the environment so seriously that there is no secure background for human labour and society. So perhaps we should be thinking of sustainable community as the sort of social environment that does not wreck and deplete human capital so much that there is no energy left for initiative and discovery.

*From a lecture for Church and Society, and the British Urban Regeneration Association, Kent, March 2005.*

A full version of this speech is available:  
[http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sermons\\_speeches/050316.htm](http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/sermons_speeches/050316.htm)

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