

## Social Responsibility Bulletin – 25 February 2009

### **Coventry's Young People**

Coventry Diocese is working alongside Coventry Cyrenians, Youth Persons Services and Young Persons Residential Services, in order to try and raise funds to supply some much needed basic resources for young people who are sleeping rough for one reason or another in Coventry. The aim of the work done by the Coventry Cyrenians, YPS, is to help these people gain residential accommodation or a place in a hostel. We are trying to raise funds to supply toiletry packs that contain the following items: *Bath Towel, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Toilet Roll, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower Gel and Washing Powder.*

Most of us tend to take basic items like this for granted but when you have nothing, these type of items are essential to us coping with life on a daily basis. Coventry Cyrenians and the Young Persons services supplied a total of 307 packs in the last financial year. It costs £5 to put this pack together and this means we need to raise £1,535 this year.

If you would like to make a donation can you send your cheque to Ruth Wagstaffe, Cathedral and Diocesan Offices, 1 Hill Top, Coventry, CV1 5AB. Please make your **cheque payable to 'Coventry Cyrenians'**, who would then purchase the items and make the packs up. Remember every penny counts, no matter how small your contribution I can assure you, it will make a difference.

### **Changes to the Grassroots Warwickshire Fund from the Heart of England Community Foundation!**

Following consultation the grant criteria has changed and now groups who have an income of less than £30,000 can apply.

Capital and revenue costs can be considered and once you apply, a result will be known within a few weeks.

This programme considers applications for all sorts of projects, but emphasis must be on volunteer led activity.

There is £70,000 left to spend before April 2009, with a further £211,000 for the rest of 2009! Grants can range from £250 to £5000.

Please note, the applicant group must have been in existence for 12 months and have an income of less than £30,000.

Application forms are available on the website at [www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk](http://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk) go to forms and reports and download both the fact sheet and relevant application form. Or for an informal discussion please telephone 024 7688 4435 and ask for a member of the grants team.

### **Discrimination of Christians**

Paul Simmonds (Workcare) writes: 'There have been some interesting developments concerning Christians at work. e.g. The CofE's General Synod, meeting last week, raised questions about discrimination of Christians:

The Telegraph surveyed Synod members:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1545958/Quarter-of-Christians-are-victims-of-work-bias.html>

The Chartered Management Institute have issued new Guidelines for employers in the light of recent high profile cases involving religious discrimination at work:

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/new.guidlines.to.prevent.religious.discrimination.at.work/22556.htm>

A new 'God at Work' course has just been launched by the Archbishop of York at HTB London :

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

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