

Social Responsibility Bulletin – 29 May 2009

Our story - Big Lottery Award for Hartshill Community Centre

Following discussions with local groups Holy Trinity, Hartshill decided to produce a Parish Plan to identify the needs of our community. Following much consultation two needs were identified; a community centre and better leisure facilities. A group of volunteers then set up 'The Hartshill Parish Plan Project' to apply for grants to fund the work. The project has, with the help of partners been successful in obtaining £327,000 from the Big Lottery Fund – Community Buildings Programme. This provides the majority of the money required for the Community Centre Project which will cost nearly £500,000 in total.

Elections next week – use your vote!

At a time when local and European elections are taking place in a climate of public disillusionment with politicians, it is vital that this does not open the door to unsuitable and extremist candidates getting elected simply in protest. A time for prayer and a call to parishioners to exercise their vote.

Tackle Poverty - Get Fair Constituency Lobby: 26-27th June

Get Fair is an action campaign for a constituency-based lobby of MPs. The idea is to get 'Local Get Fair campaigners' and groups to meet with their MPs in as many constituencies as possible over the weekend of 26-27 June, to get their support greater action to tackle UK poverty. For further information visit: www.getfair.org.uk/lobby or email info@getfair.org.uk

Does your church want to engage with the Environment?

If so, the Diocesan Environment Group would like to help. Dick Withington, dickwithington@hotmail.com and George Browning george@frankton.org are available to help, e.g. offering input to church services, why not drop them an email!

I need a Poster on Christian Faith and Human Rights

I am looking for someone to put together an A1 display on Christian Faith and Human Rights. If you are able to help please contact me - Christopher Wilson (Rev), Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, Leamington Priors & Holy Trinity, Leamington Spa. Tel: 01926 424016 or email holy.trinity@btopenworld.com

BIG New-Look Awards For All Programme Launched 13 May 09

BIG's Awards for All programme is the Fund's biggest-ever commitment to a small grant scheme supporting community projects. A total of £45 million is available in England offering BIG Lottery Fund grants of between £300 to £10,000 to grassroots groups. Parish councils can apply. Click: www.awardsforall.org.uk for an application form or phone 0845 4 10 20 30 with enquiries.

Centre for Black Ministries and Leadership – The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education

Applications are invited from minority ethnic members of the Church of England for two research grants. The grants provide for minority ethnic clergy or laity to study for a research degree to enable development as a theological educator and to enhance professional ministry. The grants pay fees for an MPhil or doctoral level degree undertaken on a part-time basis, together with other support for travel and conferences. Details: www.queens.ac.uk/black_ministries or contact Lynnette Mullings on Tel: 0121 452 2668. Closing date for applications: 29th May 2009. Interviews take place: 10th June 2009.

E.ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund (previously E.ON Source Fund) offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings - from energy efficiency through to micro-generation. Work must benefit specific community groups. The deadline for applications is 12 June and 16 October 2009. Further information at: <http://www.eon-uk.com>

SITA Enhancing Communities Programme - Large Grants

Enhancing Communities is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for community improvement projects. They support projects that make physical improvements to community facilities, sports projects and historic buildings / structures. Next application deadlines are: Large Grants Scheme - 31 July 2009 Small Grants Scheme - 15 June and 12 August. For more information: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/community>

Working to help address social need in areas of poverty?

Church Urban Fund are making their Mustard Seed grants more easily available and wish to encourage further applications, especially if your church wishes to explore helping support those who have been made redundant or facing financial hardship at this time. Want to talk your ideas through, then contact John Hall at john.hall@covcofe.org

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