



MY NEIGHBOURHOOD



AGENDA ITEM NO.10

AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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RECOMMENDATION

For information and discussion only

Back Ground

In December 2012 the NP agreed the Learning Communities action plan for the NP area, the 6 monthly update is attached at [appendix A](#)

Future activity

We propose to start another resident consultation over the summer to gauge the learning aspirations and needs of the community. We will work in partnership to access people at summer community activities in addition to via partners, current learners and through a questionnaire. A special addition of the Jobs and Skills working Group in September will then discuss this in light of the new Neighbourhood Priorities and a new action plan will be devised and presented to the December NP meeting.

Equality Implications

An equalities impact assessment was produced in relation to the creation of the new West of England Community Learning Consortium. Priority actions identified have all been implemented, including:

- Production of shared equalities monitoring form
- Production of termly data reports to show take up of learners in key equalities categories
- Provision of standard equalities training for all consortium staff

Financial

The community learning activities and courses outlined in the proposed action plan will be funded through Skills Funding Agency funding. For 2012/13, £29K has been allocated for courses in the Avonmouth, Kingsweston and Henbury areas, there has been no anticipated reduction in finances for 2013-14. The learner target is 260. A proforma is also being used to capture all additional financial and 'in kind' contributions that are helping to enhance community learning in the area.

	NP Priority/ Issue		Proposed Action	Who is responsible – lead agencies and/or people	Timescale	Measure / Monitoring	Update
1	Changing the perception of Domestic Abuse as a private matter	1.1	Safeguarding leaflets and other marketing materials regarding local delivery of services to all learners.	LCDW – Health Promotion Team to forward information.	On-going	Number of people signposted –	All learners on LCT courses are given a Safeguarding leaflet.
		1.2	Liaise with providers and support organisations to participate in relevant activities (5ways, Children's Centres, North Bristol Advice) with the aim of selling the idea of Community Learning as a progression route for Freedom and Phoenix participants	LCDW/PCT/Children's Centre Health Promotion Team	On-going	Number of participants progressing into Community Learning	All workers have information about LCT courses.
		1.3	Support money management skill through courses.	LCDW North Bristol Advise Team.	2013-14	Course devised and delivered Number of learners	LCT have a Money Matters course which has not yet been taken up by any groups, one way forward may be to work with Pennywise workers and Children's Centres with taster sessions for existing groups. All courses embed literacy and numeracy skills.
2	Celebrating Diversity	2.1	ESOL Courses and activities linked to a variety of additional outcomes to be delivered (e.g. Work readiness, helping children with homework, etc.)	LCDW and Migrant Learning and Support coordinator	2012-13	24 learners	2 ESOL for Schools/Parents courses have been run, one mainly for Polish parents from Our Lady of the Rosary Primary and one for Turkish parents mainly from Shirehampton Primary. Progression opportunities include an English conversation group on a Monday. 2-3pm, run by a volunteer and set up by the LCT Language for Rights Project. Turkish group have progressed on to a further ESOL course.
3	Community engagement and capacity building	3.1	Computer courses to be organised and delivered locally (all villages) to cover Basic through to accredited – specific focus on effective use of the Web, and how to access services (housing, BCC, other)	LCDW/ Tutors Get – it- together	2012-13	No of courses, No of learners	8 courses run/planned across Kingsweston/Avonmouth and Henbury using Henbury Library, evening course at Henbury School, Avon Primary, Avonmouth Community Centre and Oasis Academy Brightstowe. 70 learners and 15 invited to Oasis course in school half term. One extra course IT for Foster Carers has been based in the area. All courses have been non accredited in 2012-13 but in 2013-14 short accredited ICT modules may be introduced. All courses have covered use of internet and online applications, e safety awareness, 5 of the courses have been planned as IT for Work courses.

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		3.2	Explore options re training to increase capacity in our community (e.g. training for Ambition LW, the planning group and other resident led groups)	LCDW Voscur	ongoing	No of learners involved No of new volunteers register	An LCT community development course is currently running with a group of 9 residents in Lawrence Weston who are developing a community flat/Playpod. Options to run a second course with another group of residents is being explored – Autumn term. Introduction to Volunteering course at Avonmouth Community Centre for 6 learners. Food Safety in Catering level 2 course for Penpole Residents Association to train existing volunteers to run the luncheon club.
		3.3	Explore deliverer of “How to set up a group” courses to include simple fund raising, bank accounts, constitutions, legal responsibility, etc. – at a variety of levels from parents wanting to set up org to run a play flat (training to take place whilst children are in school), to Trustees of local Charities to help make more robust. Etc.	LCDW	ongoing	No of learners No of new constituted groups formed No of new trustees	As above – one course is currently running with a group of approx. 9 parents wanting to set up a group to run the play flat. They are exploring opportunities to apply for Well Being Fund etc. for resources to develop the play space.
		3.4	To further explore charging for some learning, ensuring that those most in need of Community learning can still access it Strategy written and consulted on	Community Learning Partnership Service Manger of Community Learning	ongoing	Charging strategy developed	Fees are still under discussion with the Community Learning West partnership.
4	Young people’s activities	4.1	Link in with CYPS, Learning Partnership West and other youth providers to explore options for young people to progress into post 19 learning. (This could be a joint piece of work with youth learning providers?)	LCDW/working with AC	2013-14	No of meetings Meeting notes Strategy written and agreed No of young learners progressing to CL	Too early to report, options for 2013-14 could include Digital Story Project, run by LCT tutor in partnership with youth providers.
		4.2	Organise and Deliver paediatric first aid courses	LCDW	ongoing	No of learners 17	2 Paediatric First Aid courses run in the area. Others planned for 2013-14.

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5	Activities for the elderly	5.1	IT training to be delivered at venues where older residents feel comfortable (e.g. the Rock, Penpole)	LCDW Get it together	2013-14	No of course No of learners	Discussions have taken place with Get IT Together Project worker re courses for older learners in the area, new worker in post. Discussions are taking place with housing to make a learning hub with wifi at Westcott Centre. Some older residents have joined courses at Henbury Library and Avon Primary.
6	Communication	6.1	Enhance the network of partners Through a variety of communication methods	LCDW	ongoing	Communication methods implemented	New Community Learning West website set up – www.golearn.me
		6.2	Marketing actions to take into consideration recommendations from the Learning Communities Event of 8 th November, this could include, leaflets, website (simple low number of clicks), local newsletters, using partners email lists, tenant support advisors, using arrears letters to market money management courses.	LCDW	2013-14	Actions implemented	See above LCDW to continue to liaise with housing re how to market money management course.
7	Quality community venues with sustainable business plans	7.1	Continue to negotiate delivery at local venues, schools (have IT suites), vacant buildings, youth centre, Farm, Community Centres.	LCDW	ongoing	List of buildings With charging agreements in place.	Ongoing discussions have been taking place re suitable venues in the area, with LCT and City of Bristol College. LCDW to set up list of venues for ICT for 2013-14. Discussions with housing re creating a learning hub at Westcott Centre (with wifi); possible use of a shipping container (from Rolls Royce) for IT equipment; PCS from City of Bristol College may go to Youth Centre.

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1	Parks and Green spaces development and maintenance	1.1	Explore how to set up a group courses developed to include simple fund raising, bank accounts, constitutions, legal responsibility, for parks groups etc.	LCDW	ongoing	No of courses No of learners No of new parks groups set up	See 3.3
		1.2	Re visit the play in action opportunity which could be linked to people interested in the new parks developments	LCDW	ongoing	No of learners	See 3.3
2	Road Repairs	2.1	N/A				

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	/minor Traffic schemes						
3	Crime (Domestic abuse, ASB, Drugs/ Alcohol and General)	3.1	See above DVA				
4	Opportunities for employment and training	4.1	To work with employment brokers and jobs clubs to assess needs and work up appropriate training to address client needs.	LCDW Jobs clubs and JCP	ongoing		Work with Job Club at Avonmouth Community Centre and Job Centre Plus to provide IT for Work courses for unemployed residents. BCC Work Placement Project co-ordinator invited to visit the work club.
		4.2	Establish need and explore options for an Introduction to running your own business course – link up with current agencies to assess need and put together relevant training package.	LCDW Economy, Enterprise and Inclusion Team			Jobs and Skills working Group set up, this will investigate this at next meeting
		4.3	Work related learning needs to be identified that is relevant to employer's needs – Explore with employers to find out what learning, experience and qualifications are needed by local people to get local jobs	LCDW/AC		Training needs identified	Working with Severn Net to organise an event with employers to discuss their needs and offer Community Learning as an opportunity for their staff.
5	Public transport	5.1	Community Learning continued to be delivered locally	LCDW		Data	September 2012 – May 2013 - 211 enrolments on courses to date across the whole area.
6	Health	6.1	Negotiations with local practitioners to explore 1. Marketing at local surgeries 2. Prescribing community learning to patients	LCDW/AC		Evidence of joint course planning/marketing	Initial meetings held with 2 surgeries with the promise to discuss at area meetings. Lawrence Weston health centre have requested marketing information for their display board.
		6.2	Link into other health and social workers as part of the wider networks to ensure that they are aware and actively signposting clients to learning when appropriate.	LCDW/AC		Database of partners No of referrals	All partners have information about LCT, but this needs to be revisited/reviewed.