

social inclusion news

Welcome to Capital City Partnership's Social Inclusion News. We would encourage you to share your views, contribute information and articles to forthcoming editions. Details of how to do this are included on the last page.

Please note that due to the holiday period there will be no January issue of Social Inclusion News. The next issue will be available on Monday 1st February 2010.

2009 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

On the 29th October 2009 the Scottish Government published the most recent Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). The 2009 SIMD is the third in a series, 2004 and 2006 were its predecessors. All three indices are heavily based on the methodology developed by the Social Disadvantage Research Centre at the University of Oxford.

All three look at deprivation at the level of data zones (DZ). Each DZ contains between 500-1000 residents and in total there are 6,505 data zones in Scotland. In Edinburgh there are 549.

Previous SIMDs have been important to Edinburgh's regeneration objectives as it was based on what it presented as 'most deprived' that Community Regeneration Funds were allocated.

The SIMD is based on a range of data sources that are combined into 'domains' which are in turn combined into the overall index. The 2009 SIMD combines 38 indicators across seven domains, namely: income; employment; health; education, skills and training; housing; geographic access to services; and crime. The overall index is a weighted sum of the seven domain scores. The weighting for each domain is based on the relative importance of the domain in measuring multiple deprivation, the robustness of the data and the time lag between data collection and the production of the SIMD.

The three SIMDs published since devolution all differ slightly. Changes and additions are explained in full in the relevant sections of the supporting documentation available on the SIMD website.¹ One thing to bear in mind is that there will always be 976 data zones in the worst 15% and as data zones find their deprivation index has improved and move out of the index others will replace them, even if their score has stayed the same.

Situation in Edinburgh

Edinburgh as a whole has 549 data zones and in the 2009 SIMD 58 of them are in the most deprived 15% data zones in Scotland. In 2003 there were 61 and in 2006 there were 63.

In percentage terms there has been positive change. For instance, in 2004 11.1% of the city's data zones were ranked within the worst 15% and in 2006 this had increased slightly to 11.5%. Currently in 2009 10.6% of the city's data zones are classed as the most deprived. This has resulted in a reduction in the number of people that are seen

¹ Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2009 Technical Report, Office of the Chief Statistician, October 2009

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as living in deprived areas in the city. In 2004 the SIMD indicated that 50,530 people were living in deprived areas, in 2006 it was 51,504 people and in 2009 it was 47,951 people.

The table below presents the picture for Edinburgh compared with neighbouring authorities in Lothian and the three other large Scottish cities. It can be seen that the national share of deprived data zones in Edinburgh has fallen from 6.3% in 2004 to 5.9% in 2009. Glasgow still has both the highest actual number of deprived data zones and also contributes the largest proportion to the deprived data zones of Scotland as a whole.

Table 1: National share of deprived data zones by Local Authority - 15% most deprived

Local Authority	SIMD 2004		SIMD 2006		SIMD 2009	
	no. of data zones	national share (%)	no. of data zones	national share (%)	no. of data zones	national share (%)
Aberdeen City	18	1.8	27	2.8	27	2.8
Dundee City	51	5.2	53	5.4	55	5.6
East Lothian	0	0.0	1	0.1	3	0.3
Edinburgh, City of	61	6.3	63	6.5	58	5.9
Glasgow City	374	38.3	330	33.8	299	30.6
Midlothian	1	0.1	5	0.5	4	0.4
West Lothian	9	0.9	14	1.4	17	1.7

Table 2 below looks at Edinburgh data zones that have moved out of the worst 15%.

Table 2: Edinburgh data zones moving out of the 15% most deprived

Intermediate zone name	Data zone code	SIMD 2004 rank	SIMD 2006 rank	SIMD 2009 rank
Broomhouse and Sighthill	S01001923	659	507	1408
Broomhouse and Sighthill	S01001926	1061	815	1295
Muirhouse	S01002265	534	863	1012
Muirhouse	S01002275	477	811	1014
South Leith	S01002273	1751	529	1292
Stenhouse	S01001955	1356	788	1133
Stenhouse	S01001971	1032	929	1112
Waterfront and Granton	S01002309	934	908	1147

It can be seen that most of the movement tends to be from data zones that have been on the margins of the 15% most deprived, for instance S01001971 wasn't classed as deprived in 2004, was in 2006 and in 2009 is no longer classed as deprived. There has been no movement from data zones that featured in the 5% most deprived.

Due to the fact that the ranking is relative, it might be worthwhile looking at the scores recorded for S01002275 to see if this improvement is reflected in improved scores or due to other areas of the country worsening. Examining the data in more detail it can be seen that in 2004 the SIMD score for data zone S01002275 was 51.08 (note that the higher the score the more deprived the area), in 2006 this fell to 41.83 and in 2009 this fell to 38.31. It is worthwhile noting that the SIMD has evolved over the years and the methods used in 2004, 2006 and 2009 differ and changes in indicators may account for some of this change.

Table 3 below looks at data zones that have moved into the worst 15% of data zones. It can be seen that for the two in South Edinburgh the fall has been quite marked since the 2006 SIMD.

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Table 3: Data zones moving into the 15% most deprived

Intermediate zone name	Data zone code	SIMD 2004 rank	SIMD 2006 rank	SIMD 2009 rank
Ferniehill, South Moredun and Craigour	S01001847	1379	1241	843
Gracemount, Southhouse and Burdiehouse	S01001839	1308	1249	895
North Leith and Newhaven	S01002306	909	979	797

For the 2009 SIMD the statisticians at the Scottish Government have developed a very easy to use website that can be accessed at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD/> and there is a very useful interactive mapping tool that allows you to type in a location and the website provides a summary of what the SIMD means for that location. The interactive mapping tool can be accessed at <http://simd.scotland.gov.uk/>

Open Space Audit and Strategy

The Council has recently completed an audit of open spaces, as a first step in preparing an open space strategy for the city. It will be the first strategy of its kind since 1969. The strategy will ensure that a coordinated approach is taken to protecting and developing the network of open space within the urban area. Once completed, it will be used:

- to inform planning decisions on loss of open space and provision in new development
- to inform investment and site-management decisions by the Council and potentially other organisations for open spaces.

The open space audit is based on the mapping of all significant open spaces in the urban area, excluding most private gardens, and gathering basic information on them. This equates to some 1,400 individual pieces of open space. Key findings from the audit include:

- a total of 3,505 hectares of open space, of which 1,956 hectares is accessible
- almost half the urban area is open space - 23% is open space as identified in the audit and a further 26% is private gardens
- public parks and gardens account for 17% of open space
- there are 4.15 hectares of open space (equivalent to around four St. Andrew Squares) per 1,000 people
- 83.7% of houses and flats are within 400 metres walking distance of significant open space.

Consultation on the draft strategy and action plans is scheduled for March to May next year. As the strategy will set standards for the provision of open space and actions for meeting these standards, public and community involvement will be very important. A programme of public workshops is planned and information stands will be present at public events across the city.

For information about the open space audit and strategy, visit <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/openspacestrategy>

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Sharing Best Practice and Practical Solutions to Delivering Public Services in Scotland

Edinburgh and Edinburgh Napier Universities want to hear from Scottish organisations willing to participate in action research on delivering public services in employability, regeneration and social care.

Commissioned by the Scottish Government, the research will provide opportunities to share good practice and practical solutions in delivering services. As part of this study, the researchers are also keen to engage with organisations working specifically in rural areas.

For further information, please contact Colin Lindsay, Edinburgh Napier University on 0131 455 4315 or c.lindsay@napier.ac.uk

Find out how Volunteer Centre Edinburgh can help you

Wednesday 9th December or Wednesday 13th January from 3.00pm-4.30pm at Volunteer Centre Edinburgh

- Does your organisation involve volunteers in Edinburgh?
- Have you used the services of Volunteer Centre Edinburgh to help recruit volunteers?
- Did you know that the volunteer centre can help with training and advice on all things related to volunteer management?
- Not aware of how the volunteer centre can help you?

If you or any of your colleagues would benefit from knowing more about the services Volunteer Centre Edinburgh offer come along to one of the information sessions.

To book a free place please e-mail sarah.howard@volunteeredinburgh.org.uk with your preference of date, or call Sarah on 0131 243 9981.

Community Action gets Dalmeny Street Park a New Play Park

Within the auspices of Out of the Blue Arts and Education Trust's Park Life project, the Friends of Dalmeny Street Park group (FODSP) has worked with the City of Edinburgh Council and Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) to enable the playground in the park to be renovated and exciting new equipment to be installed.

Bryan Maughan, Manager, Pilmeny Youth Centre said: *"The final pieces of the Park Life Project jigsaw are now in place. Children and young people in the local community have spoken and hoped for such a development since the late 80's with hopes and dreams dashed for one reason or another. The forming of the FODSP group gave renewed hope and since 2005 the community has worked towards the park upgrade and it's finally here. The new Stop-Ball construction installed early this year is now a major resource for the young people and the play park renovation will further enhance the healthy lifestyle message the Pilmeny Youth Centre is developing among today's generation. On behalf of everyone concerned with Pilmeny Youth Centre, especially our young members, we extend our sincere thanks to all those involved with Park Life Community Project and very special thanks to the major funding partners, City of Edinburgh Council and WREN."*

Local children, from Lorne Primary School, were involved in researching play



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equipment and helping design the park, and their drawings will be incorporated into the rubber flooring of the playground areas. New equipment will include various climbing frames, swings for all ages and a cable way.

Rob Hoon, Co-ordinator of Out of the Blue (OOTB) and Chair of FODSP, said: *“It is a key milestone and has been achieved by the determination of local people through the vehicle of the FODSP to make change happen. This project has captured the imagination of many people in the area and over a number of years OOTB have used the arts as a catalyst for projects in the park which have connected with hundreds of people young and old.”*

Cllr Robert Aldridge, Environment Leader for the City of Edinburgh Council, said: *“I’m delighted that the Dalmeny Street play park is now finished. Everyone involved has worked extremely hard to see this project through to completion and I’m sure it will be a very popular spot for children in the community.”*

The FODSP group was founded in 2005 as a result of the Park Life Community Project, initiated by Out of the Blue. The park had become well-known as a much cherished space with dilapidated equipment. It is now flourishing under the stewardship of FODSP and has included project work with a range of partners including Lorne Primary School, Pilmeny Youth Centre, Out of the Blue, Port of Leith Housing Association, Streetwork Project, National Galleries of Scotland and the City of Edinburgh Council. Over 150 local people are now members of the FODSP, organising activities and campaigning for the improvement of the park, in order to generate social capital, connect to local networks and actively engage in the community. One of the main events is the Park Life Festival, a community and family day in the park organised every June by FODSP for the Leith Festival. In 2009 the Edinburgh City Council recognised the Park Life Project for excellence in community engagement.

The addition of high quality playground equipment will be much appreciated and well used by thousands of people, further increasing the social value of this important local resource and improving the lives of local residents.

On Thursday 19th November, appalling weather didn’t deter pupils from Lorne Primary School, who were involved in the research and design of the playground, from showing off their designs in the fabric of the play park, and declaring the play park open.

Further information is available on Out of the Blue’s website at <http://2outoftheblue.org.uk/page34.htm>

Edinburgh Equalities Network

The Edinburgh Equalities Network is supported by the City of Edinburgh Council and its partners in NHS Lothian, Lothian and Borders Police Service and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Edinburgh Equalities Network Aims

The Network arrangements will help the public authorities to work in partnership with groups and communities of interest across the “equalities domains” of age, caring role, disability, ethnicity, faith/belief, gender/gender identity, and/or sexual orientation to collect views and information. The Network aims to:

- give individuals and organisations opportunities to be involved in and influence policy development to tackle inequalities in Edinburgh
- gather information and viewpoints on strategic equalities issues
- promote equality of opportunity, reduce discrimination and harassment and promote positive attitudes towards and across equalities communities of interest
- foster good community relations by sharing information and improve awareness of equalities issues and publicise events.



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Who can join the Edinburgh Equalities Network?

Any group, partnership, forum, organisation, agency, company or individual interested in equalities issues can join the Network.

Further information, including an application form, is available at http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/internet/City_Living/Equal_opportunities/CEC_the_edinburgh_equality_forums or contact equalities@edinburgh.gov.uk

Supporting Children and Young People

A new Scottish approach to supporting children and young people, tested in Highland and supported by the Scottish Government, is delivering real results for local youngsters.

The project, which aims to transform the way services are delivered, has been found to improve outcomes for children and families, cut non-offence referrals to the children's reporter by 70 per cent and free up staff to spend more time supporting families, instead of writing reports.

Based on developments of the 'Getting It Right For Every Child' pathfinder project to date, an evaluation undertaken by Edinburgh University has found that:

- Two-thirds of reports, based on a random sample of 97, showed improvements for children
- Families feel 'one team' is supporting them and their children, rather than lots of different teams. They are more involved in finding solutions to their needs and have a better understanding of what is happening, when and why
- There is one multi-agency meeting to address all of a child's needs and one person is responsible for bringing the different strands of support together. This means a more focused and planned response to their needs
- Earlier and more appropriate intervention has meant that the rate of children being placed on the child protection register has fallen by half
- Better quality information is being collected, shared and understood across the various local agencies, creating better trust among staff. Less time is being spent writing reports on the same children and families no longer need to keep repeating their stories to different staff

Minister for Children and Early Years, Adam Ingram said: *"All children are precious and deserve the opportunity to get the best possible start. The Getting It Right project in Highland, launched with the support of the Scottish Government, has given staff and managers an opportunity to develop and test out a new way of supporting children. It is based on an approach which places children's needs first, ensures they are listened to and that they understand decisions which affect them. It also means they get more co-ordinated help for their health, well-being and development.*

"This report shows that this approach is delivering results for many children and that local agencies are working more effectively together to meet their needs. It will have a real impact on those facing the greatest social and health inequalities and encourage earlier intervention by professionals in a child's early years to allow small issues to be addressed before they develop into major problems and require crisis interventions.

"I want to thank everyone in Highland who worked hard to develop and implement Getting It Right. Based on initial findings, the Scottish Government has started to put this approach at the heart of all our policies for children, young people and families. Given the clear benefits, we would now encourage other areas to look carefully at this report and the findings emerging from the other pathfinder sites, to see how they too can improve support for children and young people. It would also be helpful for Community Planning Partnerships to begin thinking through the kinds of support that would best help them adopt this approach."

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Harriet Dempster, President of the Association of Directors of Social Work - which fully supports the principles of 'Getting It Right For Every Child', said: *"We are both interested and encouraged by the research findings. These are early days and these are only green shoot indicators but what is clear is that this approach is helping deliver the recommendations in the review of Social Work and 'Changing Lives' agenda. It is reducing bureaucracy and creating more time for direct work, which I know will be welcomed by front line social work staff. Furthermore, in recognising the importance of partnership working, it demonstrates that when universal services are truly universal the experience and skills of social workers can be effectively targeted to those in greatest need, and support early intervention to prevent family break up."*

'Getting It Right For Every Child' is a national programme that aims to improve outcomes for every child and young person in Scotland by providing a framework for services and agencies working with them to deliver a co-ordinated approach which is appropriate, proportionate and timely.

The Highland pathfinder project was launched in September 2006 to address all aspects of children's and young people's needs from birth through to 18. In addition to children's services, it also covered services and agencies whose work significantly affects the lives of children and their families. This report focuses on the development and implementation phases to date.

The second pathfinder became operational in 2007 and was designed to test implementation of the Getting It Right approach in response to a single issue or theme: meeting the needs of children and young people living with or affected by domestic abuse. This is now being taken forward in four local authorities: Dumfries and Galloway, Edinburgh City, Falkirk and West Dunbartonshire. One of the further briefings will focus on the development and implementation phases in the single issue pathfinder areas.

Further information on the Getting It Right For Every Child Programme is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Young-People/childrenservices/girfec>. The full report of the evaluation is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/20094407/0> and the executive summary is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/20094457/0>

The Risk Factory as Popular as Ever as More Schools Visit Centre

The amount of pupils attending the popular Risk Factory community safety centre in Edinburgh has increased from last year.

Once again, the centre has been extremely busy with 93% of Lothian Primary Schools attending in 2008/09 – an increase of 9% from the last academic year.

From August 2008 to June 2009, over 7,500 pupils visited the centre which is an increase from the last academic year when around 7,000 pupils attended.

The number of sessions booked at the centre has also increased by 12% from 227 in 2007/08 to 255 in 2008/09 and the total number of school booking sessions has increased by 15% from 201 in 2007/08 to 232 in 2008/09.

The Risk Factory has been a success story since it opened in February 2007. When it opened, it was Scotland's first interactive community safety centre with the aim of teaching young people how to stay safe and to help others do the same.

Inside the building, realistic settings are used to highlight safety messages. Scenarios are set up by a dedicated team of volunteers and sets include a house, road, bus, shops, railway line and a building site to name but a few.

Councillor Paul Edie, Community Safety Leader, said: *"It's fantastic to see the Risk Factory go from strength to strength. The centre is a great environment for children to learn about dangerous or anti-social behaviour, reducing incidents and dealing with*

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emergencies in the future. I would like to commend all the volunteers who help make the centre such a roaring success."

Thomas McGrath, Community Safety (Residential and Education) at Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service, said: *"Our Fire Education Advisor, seconded to the Risk Factory and responsible for running the house fire scenario, regularly receives excellent feedback from participants.*

"We know they take away valuable life lessons which remain memorable because of the stimulating learning environment. It's really good news that the number attending the centre is increasing as more children will benefit from the superb facilities and learn skills which can keep them and those they know safe from harm."

The Risk Factory is funded by the City of Edinburgh Council, East Lothian Council, Midlothian Council, West Lothian Council, Lothian and Borders Police and Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service. It is located in a purpose built unit in Chesser and is staffed by City of Edinburgh Council employees.

For further information, please contact the Risk Factory on 0131 455 8930 or riskfactory@edinburgh.gov.uk

Young People and Money Training Course

23rd February 2010

Hibernian Football Club, Easter Road Stadium, 12 Albion Place, Edinburgh

Young People and Money is a free one-day training course that has been designed to better equip organisations, who work with young people (16-25 yrs) who are covered by the More Choices, More Chances agenda, in providing them with a greater understanding along with supporting toolkits in order that they can help their young people make more sense of their money and hence increase their financial capability.

The core subject areas covered in the course are:

- the psychology of young people and money
- income, budgeting and banking
- costs of credit and comparing credit deals and options
- Debt Management including when, where and how to refer young people for money advice
- skills to engage young people in financial matters
- identifying practical ways to use and embed the exercises/materials in your existing work

To make a booking please visit the Young People and Money website at <http://www.a4emoney.co.uk>. Should this date not be suitable then please visit the website for a list of other courses in your area. If you would like to discuss any of the above further, please phone 0845 189 8081.

Omission from November 2009 Issue of Social Inclusion News

The article headed 'Enterprising Gardener Scoops Top Prize at National Awards Ceremony' that appeared in the November 2009 issue of Social Inclusion News, failed to mention the fact that Access to Industry had been working with Alastair Kirkhope and that, as a result of their case management, Alastair had made the necessary steps to progress to self employment. It was also Access to Industry that supported him and his wife to attend the ceremony where he was presented with his award. Capital City Partnership would like to apologise for any misinterpretation that has arisen from this omission.

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More Choices, More Chances: Creating Opportunities for those not in Employment, Education or Training

Tuesday 9th March 2010

Venue to be confirmed (Edinburgh)

There are currently in the region of 32,000 young people in Scotland not in education, employment or training (NEET). This major Holyrood conference will bring together policy makers, practitioners and partners to look at support mechanisms and opportunities for the current 'lost generation', along with positive interventions for children now to reduce the long term growth of this group.

In 2006 the Scottish Government launched More Choices, More Chances – a strategy aimed at reducing the estimated 13.5% of the youth population between the ages of 16 and 19 who fall into this NEET category.

The More Choices strategy identified the link between those not in education, employment and training and those living in disadvantaged communities with particularly vulnerable subgroups being: care leavers, young offenders, young parents, truants, those young people with physical/mental disabilities and young people with substance misuse problems.

The human cost of these lives in limbo is significant, as is the cost to Scotland's economy. Academics estimate that young jobless cost the Scottish economy £7 billion a year as a result of crime, lost productivity and educational under-achievement. Research in England this year suggests that those young people in this category run the risk of premature death and health risk factors such as alcohol and substance misuse. In order to reduce the numbers out-with employment, education or training in Scotland, a cross-policy approach will be necessary linking up the More Choices, More Chances strategy with other priorities in health, education and employment.

Despite investment and commitment to the More Choices agenda in Scotland and the rest of the UK, the issue remains unresolved and figures show the recession is impacting heavily on this group. Providing the right opportunities, support mechanisms and partnerships to help those out-with employment, education and training will require strategies for increased engagement and strong partnerships between public bodies, local authorities and third sector service providers.

This conference will be a vital opportunity to hear from policy makers and key partners looking at best practice examples and the shape of future policy.

Key topics:

- Progress on the 2006 More Choices, More Chances strategy
- Assessing the impact of recession and ways to tackle unemployment for this group
- Key interventions in the Skills Strategy and the Getting It Right For Every Child agenda to tackle high levels of young people not reaching their potential
- The role of Local Authorities in challenging increasing engagement and opportunities in schools
- UK government funded employment places and how they are being utilized
- Ways of enhancing engagement in education
- Creating tailored programmes for the hard to reach
- Projects working specifically with those in care
- Sustainable programmes for those who need them
- Improving partnerships between local authorities, third sector organisations and private companies working with excluded and marginalised young people
- Engaging with the at risk and vulnerable



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Conference chair

- Linda Dunion, Director, See~Change Consultancy

Keynote speakers

- Michael Russell MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Education, Scottish Government
- Dr Laurence Gruer, Director of Public Health Science, NHS Health Scotland

Further information and booking details are available at

<http://morechoices.holyrood.com/>

Launch of Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership

The launch of the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership (EADP) took place at an alcohol and drug recovery conference in Edinburgh on 10th November. The EADP will lead on the development and delivery of services to tackle alcohol and drug misuse in the city.

The EADP replaces the previous Alcohol and Drug Action Team in Edinburgh. One of the first tasks for the Partnership will be to develop and implement a local alcohol and drugs strategy. The strategy will focus on three key areas such as prevention and education, treatment and recovery and culture change and safer communities.

The launch and recovery event at the University of Edinburgh's Pollock Halls was attended by over 100 attendees, including patients, professionals and people affected by substance misuse. Participants focussed on a range of alcohol and drug recovery issues and heard from patients about their personal journeys.

Peter Gabbitas, Chair of Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership, said: *"The new organisation is an important development for the city. It is formed on strong partnerships between NHS Lothian, the City of Edinburgh Council, Lothian & Borders Police and the voluntary sector. Working together in the EADP will put us in a stronger position to address the issues caused by substance misuse."*

Councillor Paul Edie, Convener of the Health and Social Care Committee for the City of Edinburgh Council, said: *"Drug and alcohol misuse brings untold misery to families across the city and this partnership approach is a positive step forward in tackling the problem."*

Dr Fiona Watson, Clinical Director and Consultant Psychiatrist, Community Drug Problem Service, NHS Lothian said: *"The Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership will also be committed to delivering national waiting time drug treatment targets which are being introduced for the first time next year. This will improve access to local drug misuse services which will benefit the individual, their family and the wider community."*

Black Community Development Project becomes CORE

After having made a highly rated contribution to minority ethnic community life in Edinburgh for the past 14 years, the anti-racist organisation Black Community Development Project (BCDP) has changed its name to CORE - Community Organisation for Race Equality.

The change has come about because BCDP's membership decided to review the organisation's strategic direction and change the name of the organisation to more accurately reflect the full range of services that are used by the racially diverse community that have increasingly come to live in Scotland. The chosen name is

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believed to represent BCDP's history, values and changing purpose, as follows:

- **Community:** because the former organisation BCDP was born from within the local community base and remains committed to working in active partnership at grassroots level.
- **Organisation:** to signal that CORE is not just one small isolated community of few individuals but is set up to connect with many organised groups with similar goals.
- **Race:** to affirm that the former organisation's and CORE's focus will continue to be primarily on the issue of 'race/racism/anti-racism' in social life.
- **Equality:** to affirm that the goal of 'equality and social justice for all' will underpin CORE's strategic direction.

Tesfu Gessesse, Director-designate of CORE says *"BCDP's fight has never solely been about the rights of the visible minority ethnic people but also about all human beings who suffer from social injustice and discrimination. For example, because BCDP services have always been open to all in need, service users have included the local indigenous white people as well as recent white migrants from Poland, France, Spain and Venezuela"*.

Fernando Almeida Diniz, Chair of CORE adds *"CORE is being established when it has become quite respectable for politicians and media commentators to argue that 'racism' no longer exists and that we are now living in a 'post-race' era; they cite as evidence the election of Obama and the numbers of minority ethnic 'high-flyers' in UK politics and government. Trevor Phillips' (EHRC) leadership is in trouble, not least because of his view that the concept of 'institutional racism' has outgrown its purpose. The BNP is on the rise as communities, both white and black, see the reality of racial inequality in their neighbourhoods. Yes, organisations like CORE are certainly needed!"*

For further information on CORE please phone Caroline Wilson on 0131 467 7990 or e-mail administrator@bcdp.org.uk or visit their website at <http://community-organisation-for-race-equality.org.uk>

Scottish Assembly for Tackling Poverty

2010 and Beyond: Creating a Vision of a Better Scotland for All

**Friday 5th February 2010
Glasgow Royal Concert Hall**

This event will be the first in a series of annual National Assemblies, bringing together people from a wide range of backgrounds to discuss, debate and plan how we create a sustainable society for the future, where fundamental rights will be made a reality for everyone.

Creating a new economy based on sustainable production, providing jobs and a social security system that guarantee a decent standard of living, and ensuring that our welfare system tackles health and educational inequalities; these will be the challenges that this first Scottish Assembly for Tackling Poverty will confront.

For further information please contact sarah.welford@povertyalliance.org

Public Social Partnership Project Launched

Employment services for disabled people and a project aiming to reduce re-offending are among those which have been selected as pilots for a project to promote the design and delivery of public services through the third sector.

Specialists from PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), Forth Sector Development and the Scottish Government will provide advice and support to help 10 partnerships



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between the third and public sectors design and deliver a wide range of enhanced services to their communities. The Public Social Partnership (PSP) Project is designed to improve service delivery and maximise competition by ensuring that the third sector is involved appropriately in the design and commissioning of public services in Scotland and that procurement mechanisms are accessible to the third sector.

The project was launched at a reception and working session held at the Out of the Blue social enterprise in Edinburgh. The event was attended by Finance Secretary John Swinney as well as representatives from the project team and each of the pilot organisations. Welcoming the initiative, Mr Swinney said: *"The Scottish Government is supporting the development of an enterprising third sector in Scotland, which is able to connect with vulnerable people and create valuable employment opportunities."*

"We are keen to see the private and public sectors make greater use of third sector expertise and services. That's why the PSP project is such a welcome initiative. It will provide the pilot partnerships with support to enable the third sector organisations to increase their effectiveness in the procurement markets and help the public sector with their commissioning."

"We must do all we can to enable Scotland's third sector to make the maximum possible contribution to economic recovery."

The initiative, which runs until June 2011, will help spread knowledge of good service design and procurement practice within Scotland's third and public sectors, to enable the delivery of the best possible services for communities.

Frank Blin, executive chairman at PwC Scotland, commented: *"We can't ignore the fact that this recession has further highlighted the gap between the highest and lowest income levels. It is therefore even more imperative that we protect those front-line services that support the most vulnerable in our communities and it is important we exhaust all opportunities to ensure the union of private, public and third sector will result in improved outcomes for service users, clients and communities."*

"An unusual undertaking for a professional firm of consultants perhaps, but we are keen to try and make a positive difference to the quality and efficiency of public service delivery by encouraging the third sector to be more enterprising and effective in creating wealth in communities and working with the public sector to design and deliver more effective services based on people's needs."

"PricewaterhouseCoopers in Scotland is committed to supporting public and third sectors, particularly in these difficult economic times, and this project provides a great example of this commitment."

Partnerships were invited to apply for support from the PSP project as part of the Scottish Government's Enterprising Third Sector Action Plan. The type of support provided will include working on harmonising the cultures within the partnerships, helping with the design of public services and assisting the pilots with project planning.

Recruitment of BME Students onto the BA in Community Development

The Community Development Team at the University of Glasgow are working in partnership with Black & Ethnic Minorities Infrastructure in Scotland (BEMIS) to recruit BME students onto the BA in Community Development as part of the joint positive action and capacity building programmes.

Students are recruited through BEMIS networks from under-represented community groups and are jointly interviewed by staff from both organisations. The students then join the mainstream programme at the University but also receive additional support from BEMIS staff through direct support and supervision. Although this partnership is at an early stage, there has already been a very good increase in the number of students from diverse BME communities. This partnership is planned within

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a long term strategy and the facilitators are confident that this increase in the number of trained community workers will have an impact on communities across Scotland for many years to come.

Interested applicants should complete an application form, to be submitted by 18th December 2009.

For further information and an application form please contact the Community Learning and Development Programme Secretary, University of Aberdeen, on 01224 274629 or pgcld@abdn.ac.uk

European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010

The EU Commission has designated 2010 as the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. This reaffirms and strengthens the commitment for the EU, set out in the Lisbon Strategy, to make "a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty".

The European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010 aims to raise public awareness of the importance of combating poverty and social exclusion for personal, social and economic development. It will aim to give a voice to those who experience poverty and social exclusion.

The EU Commission is encouraging member states to raise awareness and promote debate on how to eradicate poverty and promote social inclusion. Activity will reflect four key priorities:

- recognition of the fundamental rights of people in a situation of poverty and social exclusion to live in dignity and to play a full part in society
- shared responsibility and participation through increased public ownership of social inclusion policies and actions
- promotion of a more cohesive society through sustainable development, solidarity and policy coherence
- reiteration of the strong commitment of the European Union and member states against poverty and promoting this commitment at all levels of governance.

In the UK, activities should contribute to one or more of the following objectives:

1. **Raise awareness** of the causes, prevalence and consequences of poverty and social exclusion, and of UK and European strategies and policies that aim to tackle these issues.
2. **Promote and facilitate the engagement** and participation of a broad range of actors who have a role to play in developing and delivering solutions to tackle poverty and social exclusion, including business and trade unions, voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises, people experiencing poverty, and the organisations that represent them at a local, regional and national level.
3. **Ensure a lasting legacy** from the Year, including the identification and sharing of good practice and knowledge, and the development of effective structures that facilitate ongoing dialogue between relevant actors.

The UK National programme for the 2010 European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/docs/ey2010-uk-national-programme.doc> and further information is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/european-year-2010/>



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Introduction to Learner Support Funding and Benefit Entitlement

The Scottish Government, together with Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG) in Scotland, are offering a few free places on a new half-day course, 'Introduction to learner support funding and benefit entitlement 2009/10'.

The course provides an overview of the learner support funding, benefits and tax credits that are available to people engaged in studying or training. This is a basic level course and is suitable for people with no or very little knowledge of benefits, tax credits and student funding.

Ten courses are being run over the next few months in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dundee, Inverness, Ayr and Aberdeen.

Course dates and locations:

Glasgow

Monday 7 December 2009, 9.30am - 1pm
 Thursday 10 December 2009, 9.30am - 1pm
 Tuesday 15 December 2009, 1pm - 4.30pm
 Friday 15 January 2010, 9.30am - 1pm
 Tuesday 2 March 2010, 9.30am - 1pm

Edinburgh

Monday 14 December 2009, 9.30am - 1pm

Dundee

Thursday 28 January 2010, 10.30am - 2pm

Aberdeen

Wednesday 20 January 2010, 10.30am - 2pm

Ayr

Wednesday 18 February 2010, 10.30am - 2pm

Inverness

Thursday 18 March 2010, 10.30am - 2pm

Further information and booking details are available at
http://www.aloscotland.com/alo/files/Intro_to_learner_support.pdf

Facilitation Training Day

Gain the tools and techniques to make your facilitation engaging and productive

10.00 – 16.30, 21st January 2010

The Melting Pot, 5 Rose St, Edinburgh

Local meetings and engagement processes can too often be un-involving, unproductive and even confrontational. Good facilitation can help tackle these problems and help people to make local discussion and planning an enjoyable and productive process.

Working effectively with local communities is an essential part of getting things done in any neighbourhood. It is also important for the development of better policy and practice, for understanding local needs and developing more sustainable communities.

People attending this course will learn how to:

- Facilitate confidently and sensitively
- Use appropriate tools and techniques
- Deal with problematic situations

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- How and when to hold meetings and when to use other approaches
- Develop facilitation work in ways appropriate to a range of diverse communities
- Build a working relationship with an existing organisation or group of individuals
- Evaluate facilitated processes

Who should attend this course?

The event will benefit anyone working with groups of people in formal or informal settings. Whether a novice starting out, or an experienced facilitator wishing to expand on their techniques, the course will be tailored to the participant's needs.

The interactive course will also look closely at the roles a facilitator may play and how and when a facilitator's role may link in to work on longer term community development. It will build the confidence of anyone keen to be a good facilitator and give them a solid basis on which to develop their own skills in the longer term.

For bookings and information please contact Talk Action on 0207 324 4774, e-mail jelliott@talkaction.org or visit <http://www.talkaction.org>

The Gathering 2010 comes to Edinburgh

18th & 19th February

For the first time in its six year history, the Gathering will come to Scotland's capital city. The UK's largest voluntary sector event will take over the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) for two days.

The 2010 Gathering will be like no other, being the first to be held in the midst of a global economic downturn. Despite these challenging times, Scotland's third sector will unite under one roof, to show their resilience and support for each other as well as the communities they serve.

Another reaction to the current turbulence in the financial and political arena is an increasing interest in the third sector and the activities of voluntary organisations, the 2010 Gathering promises its biggest footfall on record with over 5,500 people expected to attend over the two day event.

For more information on the event and how you can get involved visit The Gathering website at <http://www.gatherscotland.org.uk/Home/Home.aspx> or e-mail thegathering@scvo.org.uk

Now it's Personal: Citizen-centred Welfare New York City Learning Exchange

As part of the Institute for Public Policy Research's (IPPR) innovative project, Now it's Personal, IPPR are offering the opportunity for policy-makers and practitioners to visit New York City to facilitate learning and exchange of best practice between US and UK providers, advisers and policy makers.

This week-long learning exchange will provide the opportunity for delegates to learn from the City's experiences of contracting out services under a prime contractor model and to consider how lessons learned can be applied to the UK. Delegates will gain an understanding of the City's 'Back to Work' programme and the approaches of different organisations to supporting and retaining individuals in work.

About the visit:

- Visits will be made to prime contractors, to smaller delivery partners and community programmes in the private, public and voluntary sectors.

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- Meetings will be held with policy-makers including City Hall, the Mayor's Office and delivery organisations.
- The exchange will include networking dinners with key industry and government figures from the welfare-to-work sector in New York.

The full programme will be available shortly.

Dates and cost:

- Travel will be from Monday 19th April 2010 arriving back in London on the morning of Saturday 24th April 2010.
- The cost of the visit is being finalised, but will be in the region of £1750. Costs will include all programme costs, travel, accommodation and meals.

Places are limited. For more information and to express your interest, please contact Alice Sachrajda on a.sachrajda@ippr.org or 020 7470 6126. Further information on Now it's Personal is available at <http://www.ippr.org/research/teams/project.asp?id=3436>

TOiL Prospers at UK Awards

TOiL, Port of Leith Housing Association's Work Experience programme, was shortlisted as a finalist for a prestigious national award.

The Chartered Institute of Housing, the UK's professional association for businesses in housing, recognised the TOiL programme for its work in creating local job and education opportunities for young people.

TOiL Programme Coordinator, Emma Salisbury said, *"We were delighted and honoured to find that the TOiL programme had been shortlisted."*

"Our focus is on skills training and finding jobs for young people in Leith and Edinburgh so it's fantastic to see these efforts register at a UK level."

The UK Housing Awards are in their 13th year and the winners were presented at a ceremony in London in November. They recognise excellence for outstanding achievement in housing in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and for the UK as a whole. The TOiL programme was the only Scottish representative in the Housing and Education Category.

"To be nominated as a finalist offers real encouragement to everyone on the programme," explains Emma Salisbury, *"so we invited two trainees to the ceremony in recognition of their hard work and commitment,"* she added.

The TOiL Programme, funded by Capital City Partnership and Skills Development Scotland, offers six months paid work experience placements to young people leaving school with few or no qualifications. This is backed by in-house training and on-site support from the Port of Leith Housing Association. Work placements are arranged with local firms in a variety of trades to give trainees real experience and skills whilst also being paid a decent wage. Many TOiL trainees have gone on to secure apprenticeships or full time work after their placement.

Port of Leith Housing Association (POLHA) Chief Executive, Keith Anderson, explains:

"Housing Associations are keen to tackle unemployment as one of the key causes of poverty in the communities we support - and we bring considerable resources to the table to achieve this."

This point has been recognised by the Scottish Government which has identified the need to tackle unemployment as one of its lead priorities for the Wider Role Fund.

Mr Anderson continued, *"This Fund is available exclusively to Registered Social Landlords to support their community regeneration work and I am delighted that POLHA's TOiL employment programme has been recognised in this way."*



POLHA Chief Executive, Keith Anderson with the TOiL team (L to R) Susan Taylor, Emma Salisbury and Sharon Lawrie



TOiL Programme Manager, Emma Salisbury with BBC Apprentice Winner Tim Campbell and TOiL trainees, Paul Anderson and Robbie Duncan

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"This is a win:win for the individual and the housing association in creating sustainable communities."

Further information on the TOiL Programme is available at <http://www.polha.co.uk>

PUBLICATIONS

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation: 2009 General Report

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, which identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland in a fair way, has been updated. The index allows effective targeting of policies and funding where the aim is to wholly or partly tackle or take account of area concentrations of multiple deprivation. **The 2009 general report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/10/28104046/0>**

Informing Future Approaches to Tackling Multiple Deprivation in Communities: Beyond the Fairer Scotland Fund

This research was carried out to assess the development and implementation of the Fairer Scotland Fund and to provide a detailed picture of the continued support needs of Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) in tackling poverty and deprivation under an outcome based framework. Edinburgh is included in the case studies. **The report is available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/05142307/0>**

Equal Communities in a Fairer Scotland: A Joint Statement

A joint statement by the Scottish Government and COSLA has been published, which confirms the commitment of government at national and local level to tackling high levels of deprivation in geographical communities. **The statement is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/1031/0088727.pdf>**

Tackling Inequalities: Social Policy Frameworks

This Scottish Centre for Regeneration learning point was developed from an event held in Fife in June 2009. Hosted by Fife Community Planning Partnership and chaired by Councillor Fiona Grant, it brought together people who are involved in tackling inequality from across Scotland. The focus of the day was on tackling inequalities in a coordinated way, bringing together the three Scottish Government frameworks. **The learning point is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/18091502/0>**

Measuring What Matters

This illustrated report has been produced by Community Development Alliance Scotland and partners and is based on the proceedings of their 27th March 2009 conference. This was held to look at experience, in Atlantic Canada, in the UK in general and in Scotland, of developing approaches which incorporate fresh thinking about the measurement of progress; and to engage in a dialogue about how to base policies on what really affects the quality of life in communities and strengthens them, and to involve people in deciding what outcomes matter to them. The report is intended to be a starting point for discussion about how to improve practice in Scotland and elsewhere. **The report is available at <http://www.communitydevelopmentalliancescotland.org/documents/seminars/MWM%20Conference%20Final%20Report.pdf>**

Your Scotland, Your Voice: A National Conversation

This White Paper sets out the options for constitutional reform in Scotland. It continues the debate started by the National Conversation. **The paper is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/26155932/0>**

People and Communities: Taking forward our National Conversation

'Choosing Scotland's Future' began a National Conversation on the type of government which will best equip Scotland for the future. This paper continues that conversation, discussing health, children, housing, law and order, and the safety and

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social policy aspects of transport. These are areas where the devolved responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament and Government are extensive but are nevertheless constrained in some respects by the limitations of the current devolution scheme. **The paper is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/19092459/0>**

Employability and Skills: Taking forward our National Conversation

The paper is the eighth in a series of papers being published by the Scottish Government as contributions to the National Conversation. The aim of the National Conversation is to promote an inclusive, open and full debate about available constitutional options. The paper sets out what a future Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament could do under further devolution or independence. Examples considered include what could be done to help people seeking employment support and people facing redundancy. **The paper is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/24104121/0>**

Destinations of Leavers from Scottish Schools: 2008/09

These statistics relate to the destinations in September 2009 of young people who left school during the 2008-09 academic year. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/20112425/0>**

Location, Location, Location - The widening education gap in Britain and how where you live determines your chances

Where you live will determine your chances of educational success and the gap between people living in underachieving areas and those in traditionally strong educational areas is still huge, despite £100 million spent in Scotland on trying to widen university participation since 2005. This report by the University and College Union (UCU) reveals the full extent of the postcode lottery when it comes to educational achievement. **The report is available at <http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=4209>**

Prison Statistics Scotland: 2008-09

This statistical bulletin gives information which shows that Scotland's prison population continues to rise - underlining the urgent need to reduce reoffending. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/27092125/0>**

2008/09 Scottish Crime and Justice Survey: First Findings

The Scottish Crime and Justice Survey is a social survey which asks people about their experiences and perceptions of crime in Scotland. This is the first report of the survey since 2006 following a major redesign. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/10/26114015/0>**

People and Culture in Scotland 2008: Results from the Scottish Household Survey Culture and Sport Module 2007/2008

The Culture and Sport module of the Scottish Household Survey encompasses aspects such as the extent of cultural participation, attendance, reasons why people do and do not do cultural activities or attend cultural events, and perceived barriers. **The findings are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/24085939/0>**

Financial Inclusion - Can you afford not to?

This conference, held in Dundee on 18th November, was jointly hosted by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Financial Inclusion Champions, the Scottish Government and was supported by the Financial Services Authority (FSA). The agenda was designed to be thought provoking and to provide the delegates with examples of best practice from across the United Kingdom. **Presentations from the conference workshops are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/pir/learningnetworks/cr/recentevents/FinancialInclusionConf>**

Social Enterprise and the Healthy Working Lives Initiative

These 5 case studies have been commissioned by Senscot with support from the Scottish Centre for Healthy Working Lives to provide a snapshot of the involvement of social enterprises in the Healthy Working Lives (HWL) initiative. They demonstrate that there are considerable benefits for social enterprises in participating in the HWL initiative. These include improving the health and safety of their staff and volunteers;

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re-enforcing their health work with clients and customers; demonstrating their standing as good employers; and earning income from supplying products and services to other organisations engaged in the HWL initiative. This suggests that many more social enterprises should be involved in the HWL initiative than currently. **The report is available at [http://www.senscot.net/docs/HWL\(3\).pdf](http://www.senscot.net/docs/HWL(3).pdf)**

The Third Sector - Discussions around key public policy issues

Despite the recession, charities, social enterprises and voluntary organisations (the third sector) are still innovating, according to this publication from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). The report is the result of presentations and debates at a series of public policy seminars organised by the ESRC in collaboration with the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) and with support from the Scottish Government. **The report is available at http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/Images/ESRC_PP_Third_sector_tcm6-34453.pdf**

The Evidence Base for Third Sector Policy in Scotland: A review of selected recent literature

This report provides an overview of the evidence dealing with the third sector in Scotland. It focuses on the contribution of the third sector to the Scottish Government's five Strategic Objectives. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/publications/2009/10/16155044/0>**

Work and Worklessness in Deprived Neighbourhoods

This Joseph Rowntree Foundation study contrasts policy assumptions about work and worklessness with the personal experiences of residents living in deprived neighbourhoods. Recent policy debate has centred on a number of claims about why people do not have jobs and the benefits of employment for individual and family life. This report draws on detailed interviews with residents in deprived neighbourhoods across Britain to reflect on the validity of these assumptions at a time of recession and far-reaching welfare reform. Four key themes are explored: how workless residents perceive the availability of work in a recession; the experiences of work among residents and how this compares with official claims about the benefits of work; how workless parents feel about returning to work, and the impact of employment on family life for those in work; and the potential for training and education to help workless people enter the labour market or, once in work, to secure better jobs. **The report is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/work-worklessness-deprived-neighbourhoods>**

Children, Young People and Alcohol: How they learn and how to prevent excessive use

Two linked research reviews for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation examine: how young people acquire their knowledge, attitudes, expectations and intentions about alcohol; and what interventions work best to prevent excessive use of alcohol. 'Influences on how children and young people learn about and behave towards alcohol: A review of the literature for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (part one)' looks in detail at the influences on children, including family processes and structures, peers, marketing and cultural representations, and other major forces such as religion, school and community. 'Alcohol prevention programmes: A review of the literature for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (part two)' reviews what interventions have been attempted to try to prevent excessive use of alcohol by young people, summarises the findings and suggests how a universal prevention programme might be delivered. **The research reviews are available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/young-people-alcohol-excessive-prevention>**

Benefits that Work: The social value of the Community Allowance

In new research, the New Economics Foundation argues that the current system of unemployment benefits is too inflexible to actually help people get back to work. And even when it does manage to prepare people for employment, there aren't enough jobs to go around. This report sets out the case for a Community Allowance: an innovative scheme which will create paid work opportunities in trusted community organisations. The Community Allowance combines the objectives of bringing participants closer to employment with doing important work in the communities that they live in. **The report is available at http://www.neweconomics.org/sites/neweconomics.org/files/Benefits_that_work_0.pdf**

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Community Philosophy: A project report

This three-year experiment used an approach called 'Community Philosophy' to promote conversations and develop positive relationships between different groups of people within a community. The report draws on the examination and analysis that was part of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's New Earswick Community Philosophy Project's day-to-day activity; captures the reflections of the project director and participants in the project; describes the theory behind the project, along with its activities (in the form of a series of practice-based examples); and derives lessons of use to people who work in the community, especially youth and community workers, and those with responsibility for community involvement and organisational governance. **The report is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/community-philosophy-project-report>**

Housing and Neighbourhoods Monitor

The Housing and Neighbourhoods Monitor (HNM) brings together key spatial statistics to provide a longitudinal and cross-country overview of contemporary changes to the UK's housing and neighbourhoods and an assessment of progress against key Government policy objectives. Following political devolution in 1999, the relevant policy frameworks now vary across the different jurisdictions of the UK. The HNM focuses on how housing issues interact with wider neighbourhood characteristics; identifies major policy outcomes of housing and neighbourhood change by performing analysis of cross-cutting themes and highlighting key policy implications; and covers both the macro spatial level of the UK and the micro level of neighbourhood/local authority districts. **The website, www.hnm.org.uk, enables readers to access the maps and charts to support further analysis and the report is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/housing-neighbourhoods-monitor>**

Street Cleanliness in Deprived and Better-off Neighbourhoods

This Joseph Rowntree Foundation study brings together evidence from across England and Scotland on the relationships between street cleanliness, neighbourhood characteristics and local authority service provision and expenditure. It also includes three local authority case studies, which examine cleanliness in relation to different neighbourhood contexts and levels of public service. **The findings are available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/street-cleanliness-neighbourhoods>**

Youth Tracker, Issue 2, Autumn 2009

The aim of this quarterly newsletter from the Institute for Public Policy Research is to focus on what the recession – and the recovery when it comes – mean for the most disadvantaged young people, particularly those not in employment, education or training. This issue provides a wealth of examples of innovative practice – from the Young Foundation's 'Faking It' project to build confidence, to the Real Ideas Organisation, which is developing practical skills and experience for young people. **The newsletter is available at <http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=714>**

A Child's Portion: An analysis of public expenditure on children in the UK

This report, from Save the Children, examines public expenditure on children and the extent to which spending is directed towards the poorest children. Building on recommendations from the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child that more needs to be done to analyse spending on children in the UK, this report aims to make a contribution towards filling this gap. The report examines public expenditure on children in the UK in order to identify the extent to which it is directed towards the poorest children. It focuses on key sectors of public spending for children, including early years services, education and personal social services. **The report is available at http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/docs/A_Childs_Portion_FINAL_AMENDED.pdf and the Scotland Briefing is available at http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/en/docs/A_Childs_Portion_Scotland_briefing.pdf**

State of Social Enterprise Survey 2009

This report presents the findings of the State of Social Enterprise Survey 2009 – the largest survey of its kind of social enterprises in the UK. Its results are taken from 962 telephone interviews with senior figures within social enterprises. Its purpose is to shed light on the sector's size, structure, motivations, prospects, origins and future.

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This report has evidenced that social enterprise is an increasingly important part of the UK's economic and social landscape. The challenge ahead is to ensure that it is understood by educators, financiers, legal and accountancy professionals, policy-makers and politicians – all of whom can support its growth. **The report is available at <http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/pages/untitled.html>**



CAPITAL CITY PARTNERSHIP

Capital City Partnership

is a partnership of key statutory, voluntary and community agencies in the city working together to promote social inclusion and achieve social justice for the people of Edinburgh. We exist to find creative and sustainable solutions to overcome social exclusion and to promote joined up governance in the city. For further details about Capital City Partnership please go to the website at <http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org> or contact us at the address below.

Alternative Formats

The Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion e-zine is distributed monthly by e-mail in PDF and text-only Word formats. Large text, braille, audio copies and community language translations are available on request by contacting Gillian Baxter, Information Worker, on 0131 270 6040. The e-zine is also available either in PDF format or as a text-only Word file, on the Capital City Partnership website at <http://www.capitalcitypartnership.org>

Forthcoming Copy Deadline & Mailing List

The Capital City Partnership Social Inclusion e-zine is usually published on the first Monday of each month but, due to the holiday period, there will be no January issue. The next issue will, therefore, be available on **Monday 1st February 2010** and any information for inclusion, along with contact details, should be submitted to gillianbaxter@capitalcitypartnership.org under the heading 'CCP e-zine contribution' by **Friday 22nd January 2010** should be relevant to the publication date.

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