

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.

Get On Mobile Information Unit

A programme to boost the job prospects of thousands of unemployed people across Edinburgh is on the road again following the success of a pilot scheme. The Get On programme steered more than 500 people towards training, education and employment when it was first run by the City of Edinburgh Council five years ago.

Now re-launched, the Council expects to set around 2000 people on the road to employment between now and next March while its exhibition caravan tours Edinburgh's streets.

Get On is the brainchild of the Council's Economic Development Department and other key agencies. It has worked with the Capital City Partnership's Joined Up for Jobs strategy in order to address the predicament of those not in education, employment or training.

The outreach service has been redesigned to deliver a wider range of services, including debt, health and literacy advice, alongside volunteering opportunities. Such services have an impact on a person's employability, says Brian Robertson of the Council's Economic Development Department, who has helped manage the programme.

As Brian Robertson explains *"The new Get On will build on the success of the first initiative by leading people into employment, raise careers awareness and provide a package of services that are associated with unemployment and social exclusion."*

The exhibition unit will travel throughout the capital, acting as a mobile drop-in centre for people to seek help and guidance from onboard advisors. Get On has evolved into an information unit, registering, referring and promoting a range of local and city-wide services that people may require to help them progress in their lives. The main aim is that the services fit the varied needs of people, rather than individuals' needs fitting into various services.

We will promote an open door approach to service provision which people can access to discover more about employment and other resources."

The Get On programme is open to anyone who is unemployed and seeking advice on personal issues. Rather than shoehorn people into jobs, the Council claims the new programme is all about helping individuals to address issues that affect employment prospects, such as childcare, disability, alcohol and drug misuse, health issues and housing matters.

Working with a range of other parties, the project aims to signpost people to the best route to address these background issues.

Brian Robertson says: *"Our objective is to get back to the basics in preparing people for the world of work. This involves helping them with the fundamental aspects, such as confidence and organisational and team-building skills.*

Many employers take these skills for granted and it is often assumed that every new employee is equipped with them."

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The programme also helps individuals access services such as literacy, numeracy and language classes, putting them in touch with agencies who can advise them about how to seek work and how to get their CV in order.

Brian Robertson believes the mobile exhibition unit is much more engaging than an office as people feel less intimidated and more motivated to access the services. As a result, enthusiasm and attendance is expected to be high. He says: *"The mobile unit puts us more on the level with people. It is a much more neutral venue where we can impart advice which we believe will be better received than in an office."*

For more information, please phone 0800 917 4244 or e-mail geton@edinburgh.org.uk

Oatridge Students Rewarded for their Skills

Oatridge College and Access to Industry are proud to announce the recent Certificate Ceremony for students successfully completing its Rural Skills Academy course.

The Rural Skills Academy originates from a partnership forged in 2006, between Oatridge College – one of Scotland's principal land-based study centres – and Access to Industry, which exists to move people into education and employment in the South East of Scotland.

A total of nine students received recognition for completing the course, eight of whom have been offered places on various more advanced Oatridge College courses starting in September 2009. These courses include the Certificate in Land-based Studies, NC in Animal Care and Certificate in Horticulture & Garden Design.

In presenting the Certificates to the successful students, Adrian Kitchen, the College's Director of Curriculum Development and Commercialisation, praised the students for their hard work and efforts over the 10 weeks of the course. He also expressed his delight with the impressive number of students moving on to further study at the College, stating that *"the partnership with Access to Industry and the Rural Skills is really bearing fruit. I'm looking forward to seeing the students again when the Autumn courses commence"*.

One of the students receiving his Certificate, George, had entered the course with no previous experience of further education. George declared his pride in having completed the course, and in doing so earning a place on a further course at the College. He said *"I really enjoyed every bit of the ten weeks, and am now full of confidence and new skills to take into the future, and then into the workplace"*.

For more information on Oatridge College, go to <http://www.oatridge.ac.uk> and for more information on Access to Industry, go to <http://www.accesstoindustry.co.uk>

Working Capital - Latest Issue now Available

The July edition of 'Working Capital', the Joined Up For Jobs magazine, is available to view on the Joined Up For Jobs website at <http://www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk/employment/workingcapital.shtml> along with all back issues of the magazine.

The latest edition includes articles on:

- How the Social Care Academy is delivering skills for the social care sector
- Edinburgh's Housing Associations - helping tenants back into the workforce
- Community Renewal's work in Muirhouse
- Get On mobile unit hits the streets

To be on the mailing list for future editions please register at http://www.joinedupforjobs.org.uk/Join_our_network.shtml



Eight successful Rural Skills Academy students proudly showing off their 'Certificates of Completion'



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Jobcentre Plus seeks Partners' Premises

It is well documented that the numbers of customers seeking Jobcentre Plus (JCP) services has increased significantly this year and JCP have responded in a number of ways including the recruitment of additional staff. One effect of this has been to increase the demand on their existing estate. JCP are taking a number of actions to mitigate this with one proposal being that they look at the possibilities of delivering some of their services from partners' premises.

The type of services to be delivered would be considered depending on the type and availability of any accommodation offered. As a guideline JCP would be looking for the following:

- Space to accommodate a staff member including desk, access to a phone, power supply for IT equipment
- Suitable location to deliver customer interviews (desk or room)
- Restrictions on IT would necessitate in all likelihood the use of laptops and 3G service supplied by Jobcentre Plus
- Any accommodation offered would be subject to appropriate risk assessment by JCP

Locations

There are no preferred locations at present. Offers of accommodation would be considered on their own merits and aligned to possible service delivery and local demand for JCP services.

Timescales

Although this is likely to be a temporary arrangement no definitive timescales have been set for the delivery of any services from partner premises. There would be a review of activity levels in all probability on a monthly basis, including discussions with the host organisation.

For further information please contact Lorna Harvie, Customer Services Operations Manager for Edinburgh on 0131 555 8221 or Lindsay Geddes, External Relations Manager on 0131 555 8014 or Lindsay.Geddes@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk

Future Scotland Debates

The Scottish Government alongside the six Urban Regeneration Companies (URCs) and Architecture and Design Scotland is sponsoring a series of high profile national discussions - the Future Scotland Debates - aimed to stimulate broad discussion and get the Scottish public and key stakeholders talking about the spaces and places they would like to create for the future.

The debates cover topics including: public space, education, housing, regeneration, sustainable places and health. Speakers include well-known experts and pundits from Scotland and elsewhere. The debates are being organised by the Lighthouse, Scotland's National Architecture and Design Centre. Admission to the debates is free.

Thursday 9th July at 6pm – Regeneration

Sponsored by Inverclyde URC

Vitra Conference Suite, The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow

Chair: Alf Young, The Herald

Panel: Raymond Young – A+DS, Eleanor McAllister - Clydebank Rebuilt URC, Chris Brown - Igloo

Friday 21st August at 11.30am – Sustainability

Sponsored by Craigmillar URC

Debating Chamber, The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood Rd, Edinburgh

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Chair: Lesley Riddoch

Panel: Germaine Greer, Deyan Sudjic - Design Museum,
Peter Clegg - FCB Architects

Thursday 1st September at 6pm – Health

Sponsored by Clydebank re-built URC

Vitra Conference Suite, The Lighthouse, 11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow

Chair: Nick Barley - The Lighthouse

Panel: Hugh Barton - World Health Organisation, Mungo Smith - Medical
Architecture & Art Projects, Gareth Hoskins - Gareth Hoskins Architects

For more information about the debates or to book a place, visit the Lighthouse website at <http://www.thelighthouse.co.uk/content/thefuturescotlanddebates/161/> Tickets for the Sustainability debate on 21st August will be available via the Festival of Politics at <http://www.festivalofpolitics.org.uk/>

Grassroots Theatre Company comes to Scotland

Grassroots theatre group of Zimbabwe is coming to Scotland to work with community groups, schools and local organisations.

Grassroots is a theatre-for-development company that uses music, dance and drama to entertain and educate. In Zimbabwe, the group works to empower local people and to challenge taboos. As part of an exchange programme supported by a network of volunteers, Grassroots Zimbabwe will be available for workshops and performances in Edinburgh and surrounding areas on selected dates from 10th to 30th August 2009.

The group has experience in running workshops for both adults and children, on topics such as fairtrade and debt, racism, poverty, democracy and religion. Workshops can be tailored to suit age and group requirements, and prices are negotiable.

For more information about prices and booking, contact Jennifer at jennifer.ba2007@gmail.com or 07825 641022. For information about Grassroots Theatre, visit <http://www.grassrootstheatre.com/>

Healthier Lives, Wealthier Communities?

Economic Evidence of Community Health Improvement Impact - What is it? How might it be used? Why does it matter?

Wednesday 30th September 2009

Barceló Edinburgh Carlton Hotel, North Bridge, Edinburgh

In recognising the important contribution that community and voluntary sector health initiatives can make to improving health and tackling health inequalities, NHS Health Scotland invites you to register interest in this important national conference.

The conference will provide a timely opportunity for funders and commissioners of community health improvement and community and voluntary sector health initiatives to come together to learn more about, and take forward the agenda on economic evidence of community health improvement impact.

Key note speaker

- Shona Robison, MSP (Minister for Public Health and Sport)
- Other speakers to include leading Scottish and UK experts, policymakers and sectoral representatives

Programme includes

- Overview of national policy direction



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- Launch of preliminary case studies on potential for and use of economic evidence
- Presentations by leading Scottish and UK experts
- Workshops on Economic Evidence in practice, Social Enterprise, Social Return on Investment

Conference aims

- Increase knowledge and understanding of economic evidence of community and voluntary health improvement activities
- Enable dialogue and discussion on potential for and use of economic evidence
- Identify actions required to support use of economic evidence

Target audience

- National and local funders and commissioners from statutory and private sector organisations (eg NHS Boards, Local Authorities, Community Health Partnerships, Community Planning Partnerships, Scottish Funders Forums)
- Community and voluntary health initiative managers and board members

To register your interest in this conference, please e-mail hope.turner@health.scot.nhs.uk providing your name and e-mail address by Friday 24th July 2009. You will be advised by e-mail when registration opens. It is expected that there will be a high demand for this conference and places will be limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please note that registering interest does not guarantee you a place at the conference.

Scottish Community Development Centre – Appointments to Board of Directors

On 1st July 2009, the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) launched as an independent Company Ltd by Guarantee and charity in Scotland. SCDC are entering their most exciting phase to date and are seeking new appointments to their existing Board of Directors to help shape and direct the new organisation as they develop and build on their current strengths to make significant and long lasting improvements to communities in Scotland.

SCDC welcomes applications from individuals with a commitment to the values of social justice and community development. In particular SCDC are seeking applicants with skills in business and HR management, finance and social enterprise.

The post is unremunerated but all associated expenses are paid. The closing date for applications is Friday 17th July 2009.

If you are interested in joining and helping SCDC to achieve its strategic vision, please contact Victoria Muir on 0141 248 1924 for a recruitment pack or download from SCDC's website at <http://www.scdc.org.uk/>

PUBLICATIONS

Tackling Multiple Deprivation in Communities: Considering the Evidence

This Scottish Government research report reviews the current context for geographically focussed community regeneration in Scotland, the impact of previous interventions, and future challenges for area based regeneration. **The report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/01092951/0>**

The Role of the Third Sector in Health Improvement within Community Health Partnerships: a sector perspective

This enquiry seeks to clarify the planning and delivery contribution of the third sector to health improvement within CHPs and articulate the unique value brought

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to health improvement by the sector. In doing so, this paper also seeks to review the progress of CHPs in taking forward an integrative approach to health improvement, offer suggestions for good practice and identify action points to enable CHPs and the third sector working within them to improve their ability to deliver the health improvement services crucial for maintaining the health of the nation. **The report is available at http://www.vhscotland.org.uk/library/vhs/role_3rdsector_health_imp_chp.pdf**

Improving CHP Engagement with the Third Sector: A survey of CHP General Managers by Voluntary Health Scotland

This is the report of the survey of Community Health Partnerships' and Community Health and Care Partnerships' General Managers into ways to improve CHP engagement with the third sector which was carried out by Voluntary Health Scotland at the end of 2008. **The report is available at http://www.vhscotland.org.uk/library/vhs/improving_3rd_sector_engagement_Feb2009.pdf**

Talking about our Health - A participatory research project into the health needs of the Black and Minority Ethnic community in Greater Pilton

The Black Community Development Project (BCDP) and Pilton Community Health Project (PCHP) worked with a group of people from the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) community in Greater Pilton in 2008 to explore what participants felt affected their health and the community's experience of health related services. **The full report and an executive summary are available at <http://www.bcdp.org.uk/content/health-research-report-2009-0>**

Scottish Anti-Poverty Review

The Poverty Alliance has relaunched the Scottish Anti-Poverty Review. SAPR is published three times per year and the current issue is themed around tackling poverty during the recession. **It is available at [http://www.povertyalliance.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/SAPR_No9_Spring09%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.povertyalliance.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/SAPR_No9_Spring09%20(2).pdf)**

Disabled People and Poverty

This report outlines the proceedings of the joint Road Show organised by Inclusion Scotland working in partnership with The Poverty Alliance held on 19th May 2009, on the theme Poverty & Disabled People. **The report is available at [http://www.povertyalliance.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/events/IS%20-TPA%20Road%20Show%20report%201905092%20final%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.povertyalliance.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/events/IS%20-TPA%20Road%20Show%20report%201905092%20final%20(2).pdf)**

Europe: What does it mean for the fight against poverty in Scotland?

The European Union exerts a powerful influence over our lives, but few anti-poverty organisations take an active role in influencing what the EU does. This Poverty Alliance briefing highlights the role of the EU in relation to social policy, and how organisations can get involved. **The publication is available at http://www.povertyalliance.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/briefings/Briefing12_Europe_SocialPolicy_Scotlandv2.pdf**

Child Poverty in Scotland: taking the next steps

This Joseph Rowntree Foundation study discusses progress made in Scotland to end child poverty, and suggests what the Scottish Government needs to do to reach the 2020 target. **The summary is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/child-poverty-in-scotland>**

Evaluation of the Cultural Pathfinder Programme in Scotland

The Cultural Pathfinder Programme in Scotland was developed by the Scottish Government to support local authorities and their partners to explore ways of widening access to, and participation in, cultural activities across diverse communities. It supported 13 projects and was intended to generate useful learning that could be shared across the local authority, Community Planning Partnership and cultural sectors to inform future planning and delivery. **The evaluation report is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/17154541/0>**

Follow up Survey of Leavers from Scottish Schools: Leavers from School Year 2007/08

This Statistics Publication Notice presents national information on the follow-up destination status in March/April 2009 of those young people who left school in school

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year 2007/08. The publication also provides information on the change in status of these young people since information was published on them in the "Destinations of Leavers from Scottish Schools: 2007/08" publication in December 2008. The information in this publication is the basis for the Scottish Government's national indicator on positive and sustained destinations for leavers from Scottish publicly funded schools. **The survey results are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/follow>**

Review of the Scottish Drugs Forum

The overall aim of this review was to establish the effectiveness of SDF in delivering its aims and objectives, in particular the extent to which it provides value for money in respect of funding received from the Scottish Government; and to evaluate the current and future capacity of the organisation to deliver value for money in light of the new strategic approach to tackling drug use in Scotland. **The publication is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/25091254/0>**

Community Empowerment Case Study Research - Research Findings

The aim of this research was to explore examples of community empowerment practice in Scotland which allowed case studies to fully describe their experiences and tell their story of how their community empowerment activity worked, the challenges they faced and their successes. **The findings are available on the Scottish Government's website at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/11091515/0>**

How Well does the Public Sector Serve your Organisation?

Local People Leading asked EKOS to help gauge the views of supporters on how well local public bodies are serving the community and voluntary sector in Scotland. A total of 73 responses were received by way of an online survey. The responses came from community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises across Scotland. The survey provided a revealing snapshot of the ambitions and progress of organisations, their relationships with local public bodies and their ability to work with the public sector to make a difference locally. **The results are available at <http://www.localpeopleleading.co.uk/policy-talk/policy-articles/657/>**

Prevention of Homelessness Guidance - update

The Scottish Government has updated its Code of Guidance of Homelessness, which aims to help local authorities develop homelessness prevention services and embed an early intervention approach to their service. **The updated publication is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/08140713/0>**

Scottish Government Stakeholder Survey 2008

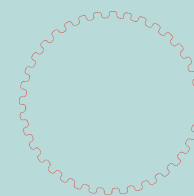
The findings of the third Scottish Government Stakeholder Survey have been published. The survey was conducted to assess and find better ways of working with and involving Scottish Government stakeholders. **The findings are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/01090429/0>**

Political Debate about Economic Inequality: an information resource

This study aims to increase understanding of how politicians think and talk about economic inequality, both in private and in public. It compares politicians' attitudes across and between five major political parties: the Conservatives, Labour, the Liberal Democrats, Plaid Cymru, and the Scottish National Party. The research is particularly relevant given the recent turbulence with the financial system, the correspondingly high levels of attention upon the City and bonus culture, and the recession. **The report is available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's website at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/economic-inequality-debate>**

Understanding Attitudes to Tackling Economic Inequality

Research on public attitudes to inequality has tended to focus more on revealing attitudes than exploring what motivates them. This study aims to fill some of the gaps in existing research to provide useful insights for practitioners and policy-makers. **The report is available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's website at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/attitudes-economic-inequality>**



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What are the Implications of Attitudes to Economic Inequality?

This collection of three Viewpoints responds to work by the Fabian Society and Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) that looks at attitudes towards economic inequality and how to tackle it, and the political debate around it.

These Viewpoints and the research they respond to form part of a Joseph Rowntree Foundation programme on public interest in UK poverty. In the three Viewpoints:

- Brendan Barber, General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress (TUC), argues that in order to persuade a large part of the public to tackle prejudice and discrimination against people in poverty we must appeal to egalitarian values.
- Eileen Devaney, National Co-ordinator of the UK Coalition Against Poverty (UKCAP), believes we need more effective communications to build greater support among the general public for reducing poverty and inequality.
- Philippa Stroud, Executive Director and co-founder of the Centre for Social Justice, argues for a new approach that looks beyond economic inequality to the social factors that prevent upward mobility.

The publication is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/implications-economic-inequality>

Review of Evidence on the Impact of Economic Downturn on Disadvantaged Groups

This Department for Work and Pensions working paper reviews the evidence on the impact of the last three economic recessions on the PSA 8 (indicator 2) disadvantaged groups (that is, disabled people, ethnic minorities, lone parents, people aged 50 and over, the 15 per cent lowest qualified, and those living in the most deprived local authority wards), as well as ex-offenders and the self-employed. **The paper is available at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/WP68.pdf>**

Monitoring the Impact of the Recession on Various Demographic Groups

In February, the Equality and Human Rights Commission announced a joint programme of work with the Department for Work and Pensions and the Government Equalities Office; the aim of which was to monitor the impact of the recession across their mandate groups of age, gender, race and disability. They wanted also to explore how this recession was affecting the lowest qualified and most deprived in our society. This first joint monitoring report covers the first quarter of 2009 and reveals a labour market that is suffering from rising unemployment rates, more redundancies and fewer available jobs. **The report is available at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/publications/dwp/2009/monitoring-impact-recession-demographic-groups.pdf>**

Rethinking Recession – needs and opportunities for sector change

Thousands of Britain's poorest youngsters will bear the brunt of the recession, warns a report published by The Prince's Trust and ESRC Centre for Giving and Philanthropy, Cass Business School. Young people will be hit hardest in deprived areas as unemployment rises and local youth services become vulnerable to cuts, according to the report. It warns that youth charities may be unable to keep up with demand, as their services face spiralling demands from disadvantaged young people. **The report is available at <http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/pdf/Princes%20Trust%20Rethinking%20Recession%20may09.pdf>**

The Impact of the Recession on the Labour Market

This Office for National Statistics publication looks at changes in the labour market since the onset of the recession in 2008. Each chapter looks at a different aspect of the labour market, beginning with an overview of aggregate indicators and comparisons with previous recessions. This is followed by chapters describing changes in indicators by region, sex, age groups, and types of household. **The publication is available at http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_labour/impact-of-recession-on-LM.pdf**

Youth Tracker

Youth Tracker is a quarterly newsletter, from the Institute for Public Policy Research, looking at how Britain's young people are faring in the recession, and what we can do to support them. Its aim is to focus on what the recession - and the recovery

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when it comes - mean for the most disadvantaged young people, particularly those not in employment, education or training. IPPR have gathered new insights and opinion from key academics and policy experts, and provide a round-up of new research, statistics and news about what is happening on the ground. **The first issue is available at <http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=674>**

Growing up in Social Housing in Britain: A profile of four generations from 1946 to the present day

This study shows that the gap between children growing up in social housing and those in other types of housing is now wider than it has ever been. Comparing the experiences of four generations, it is clear that those living in social housing have become more disadvantaged and that these disadvantages persist into adulthood. However, the research suggests that most of these disadvantages arise from the other characteristics of families, rather than being caused by living in social housing. Rather than focusing purely on housing policy, it is clear that wider policies to tackle poverty and support disadvantaged families are vital to improving the life chances of children growing up in social housing. The research was jointly funded by the Tenant Services Authority, Scottish Government and Joseph Rowntree Foundation. **The findings are available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/growing-up-social-housing>**

The Impact of Pathways to Work on Benefit Receipt for the under 25s

This Department for Work and Pensions report describes the impact of Pathways to Work on those aged between 18 and 24 at the start of their claim for Incapacity Benefit (IB) within the original seven pilot areas and the first two groups of expansion areas. The figures are based on a difference-in-differences analysis of administrative data and consider the impact of Pathways on claims for IB and Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). **The report is available at <http://research.dwp.gov.uk/asd/asd5/WP65.pdf>**

Now It's Personal: Personal advisers and the new public service workforce

This report, from the Institute for Public Policy Research, gives shape to the argument that the next focus of public sector reform should be on the relationship between the citizen and frontline staff in public services. It does so by focusing on what matters in the relationship between citizen and the state on the frontline of public services. **The report is available at <http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=672>**

Take up the Challenge

In November 2008 the Government created the Take Up Taskforce to advise on how local services can reduce child poverty through helping poor families to access the benefits and tax credits to which they are entitled. This report includes actions that local authorities and partners can take now to maximise families' incomes, case studies of successful approaches, and recommendations for Government on how to support local services to increase take-up. A cross-government delivery group will work to secure a more customer centred and co-ordinated approach to the delivery of benefits and tax credits, and to produce materials to support local services to take the action in the report. **The report is available at <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/strategy/parents/childpoverty/childpoverty/>**

Living with Social Evils – the Voices of Unheard Groups

In this contribution to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's 'social evils' series, Chris Creegan focuses on the social evils of British society experienced by people whose voices are not usually heard. The research used workshops/discussion groups with lone parents, ex-offenders, unemployed and other vulnerable and socially excluded people to explore their personal experiences of living and coping with social evils. Suggestions for overcoming them point to both individual and collective responsibility. **The summary is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/living-with-social-evils>**

'Social Evils' and 'Social Problems' in Britain, 1904–2008

In a contribution to the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's 'social evils' series, Jose Harris examines social problems and changing perceptions of them since 1904. Social evils, such as hunger and destitution, were seen by the Victorians as unavoidable. Joseph Rowntree's more positive philosophy promoted social research and intervention to transform 'social evils' into less malign 'social problems' that could be cured.

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However, some of these problems have subsequently reappeared. **The summary is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/social-evils-social-problems>**

Reflections on Social Evils and Human Nature

In an extract from the book 'Contemporary Social Evils', Matthew Taylor examines how cultural theory can help us to understand the slide into social pessimism and the credit crunch. **The extract is available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's website at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/reflections-social-evils-and-human-nature>**

Citizen Involvement in Local Governance

This Round-up from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation outlines the challenges and dilemmas that local partners, central government, councillors, staff and communities must resolve if citizens are to have more power and influence over local services and their neighbourhoods. Most of the research considered here refers to initiatives and structures in England and Wales. However, although the policy and practice context in all four countries will be different, the general principles should be relevant. **The publication is available at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/citizen-involvement-governance>**

BIG Thinking – Our Strategic Framework to 2015 and What You Told Us

BIG has produced 'BIG thinking – our Strategic Framework to 2015' and 'What You Told Us'. These two documents are the culmination of the biggest consultation exercise BIG has ever undertaken – with nearly 3,500 responses to their online survey between November 2008 to February 2009. 'BIG thinking' sets out the principles which will underpin BIG's approach to funding in the UK in the next six years. 'What You Told Us' is an in-depth analysis of the responses to BIG's consultation, drawing on material from the online survey and the regional and national meetings held during the three months of the consultation. **The publications are available at <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/bigthinking.htm?regioncode=-uk>**

A Minimum Income Standard for Britain in 2009

This study updates 2008's innovative research, based on what members of the public thought people need for an acceptable minimum standard of living. It shows what different family types need to earn to meet the minimum income standard and how much the cost of a minimum household budget has risen since the original research in 2008. **The report is available on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's website at <http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/minimum-income-2009>**

A Guide to Social Return on Investment

The SROI Network has this step-by-step guide for people who want to measure the social, environmental and economic value generated by their activities. The guide has been prepared as part of the three-year programme on measuring social value, which aims at standardising practice, developing methodology and providing more clarity on the use of SROI. **The guide is available at <http://www.sroiproject.org.uk/downloads/SROIGuide2009-single-pages.pdf>**

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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 published on the first Monday of each month. The next issue will, therefore, be available on Monday 3rd August 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 24th July and should be relevant to the publication date.

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