

StockwellUNITED

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The Newsletter of

The Stockwell Urban II Community Initiative

Who wants to spend three million pounds?

What do you think would make Stockwell a better place?

A: Employment & business support

B: New & improved community buildings

C: A more inclusive community

D: A greener & sustainable neighbourhood

Why not:



join the audience and get your views heard



phone a friend and ask them along to: **Stockwell Community Resource Centre, 1 Studley Road on Tuesday March 9th at 7pm for supper.**

Over half of the £6 million European Union Urban II fund awarded to Stockwell in 2002 is as yet unallocated. At an event on March 9th Stockwell residents are meeting to enjoy supper together and contribute to the process of making the area a better place to live and work. It is important to the development of Stockwell that the knowledge of local people is not lost in deciding how the remainder of the Urban II money should be spent. Come and join us if you are interested in finding out more and being involved in the future of your area.

Stockwell Community Resource Centre is on Studley Road behind Stockwell tube station. If you would like more information call Rebecca on 7735 5051 or email her at rebecca@stockwell.org.uk. If you have childcare difficulties or are unable to attend but have ideas to contribute we would love to hear from you.

See inside for some examples of what Urban II can and cannot fund.



What Urban II can and cannot fund...

To be eligible for Urban II funding your project must benefit Urban II residents, but groups who are promoting religious or political objectives and housing projects are ineligible. Below we list some examples of what Urban can fund, how much funding is still available and projects under development:

- **Community hubs** - refurbishment of run down community premises; development of new community premises; improved access for the disabled: associated landscaping and environmental works. £1,051,658 funding available. Projects at an early stage of development: Stockwell West Community Health Project; Rising Sun pub and Stockwell Community Resource Centre.
- **Developing a green and sustainable neighbourhood** - activities that increase or improve public or pedestrian space; promotion of the 'greening' of Stockwell; improvements to existing open green areas and parks; activities that reduce crime; promotion of healthier and environmentally aware lifestyles. £356,067 funding available.
- **Supporting local enterprise** - support for business start-ups and existing enterprises; assistance with business plans and marketing strategies; activities that encourage job creation. £1,334,552 funding available.
- **Supporting employability** - support for the provision of advice, learning, mentoring and ICT training to assist in finding employment. £444,804 funding available. Projects invited to work up full applications: Stockwell Green Community Services and South Lambeth Tate Library.
- **Developing an inclusive community** - activities that help to breakdown cultural and linguistic barriers to employment; the promotion of cultural experience and learning; support for multi media and ICT innovation that address exclusion; support for minority ethnic networks; support for people with disabilities; promotion of intergenerational and intercultural activities. £449,715 funding available. Projects invited to work up full applications: Lambeth Somali Community Association, Annie McCall Heritage Project and Bronze Woman Monument Project.

Bidding for Urban II funds

The Stockwell Urban II Board has re-opened the bidding round with a call for Expressions of Interest (EOI). If your group wishes to access Urban II funds, the first step is fill out an EOI form that asks for the following information:

- a brief description of the project and your contact details
- the total project cost including match funding
- who will benefit from the project
- which funding measure you are bidding for

At each meeting, the Urban II Board discuss the EOI's that have been received. If the project is eligible for funding and considered beneficial, the Board will invite the applicant to develop a full application for Urban II funding.

For more information and to receive an Expression of Interest form contact: Adam Platts, the new Urban II Programme Manager on 7926 2765.



Stockwell Refugee Women's Centre opens its doors

Over seventy women enrolled at the launch of the centre in October 2003

In October 2003, the Stockwell Partnership - in partnership with Lambeth Somali Community Association - opened the Stockwell Refugee Women's Centre. The centre aims to provide a space for women from Stockwell's large refugee and asylum seeker population to socialise and access training. It is supported with funding from Urban II, Larkhall & Stockwell Sure Start and Connecting Stockwell SRB.

Sewing classes have been running two days a week since December and English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes started in January. On Tuesday afternoons the centre - based at 13 Stockwell Road - operates its drop-in sessions.

The Centre management committee consists of 8 refugee women who have drafted a constitution and set up a bank account, so that the centre can raise its own funds to expand services. The committee also plans to invite different guest speakers - such as nutritionists, midwives and speech and language therapists - to the drop-in sessions.

Anyone interested in finding out more about Stockwell Refugee Women's Centre can contact: Radia Ahmed on 7820 9888 or radia@stockwell.org.uk

Plans for a Credit Union for Lambeth

A credit union is being developed by a group of local residents in Lambeth for launch later this year. Membership will be open to anyone who lives or works in the Borough.

A credit union is a financial co-operative that is owned and controlled by its individual members. It provides them with accessible savings, low costs loans and other financial services. If you are interested in supporting or joining the Lambeth Credit Union, can offer skills, experience or enthusiasm or if you just have a question, please contact:

Lambeth Credit Union
c/o 2 Mitcham Lane, Streatham SW16 6NN
Tel: 7708 8784
Email: lcu@lambethcreditunion.org



In memory of Yvonne

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, paid tribute to Yvonne Carr at the opening ceremony of a new community centre on Thessaly Road that was part funded by Urban II. Yvonne was the driving force behind the fundraising for the new centre and died unexpectedly in October 2003. The centre has been named the 'Yvonne Carr Community Centre' in her memory.

Stockwell Partnership brings London Planning Award to south London

The managing director of St. George plc presented the Stockwell Partnership with the Best Community Partnership Initiative award at the London Planning Awards in December 2003. The awards, run jointly by the Mayor of London, London First and the Royal Town Planning Institute, recognise outstanding planning achievements by individuals or organisations.

Lucy Annan, Chair of the Stockwell Partnership, said: "This award is a fantastic tribute to the people of Stockwell, the great deal of hard work done by our ever-increasing staff, and above all to the many

volunteers who have given their time since the Partnership started in 1996. The next few years are a very exciting time for Stockwell. Urban II has bedded down well and there is still over £3 million to allocate to projects in Stockwell."

The judges citation read,

"Partnership, energy and innovation in its truest form. The Stockwell Partnership is a charity which has brought about real improvement to Stockwell's public realm and provides services to local residents. This is planning outside traditional parameters, relating to what really matters to local communities while building up planning initiatives."



Chair of the Stockwell Partnership, Lucy Annan, receives the award from Tony Carey, managing director of St. George plc., along with Keziah Kenyon, John McCay and Mayor Ken Livingstone.

Are you getting all the right benefits?

Maria Marques has started work as an Advice Worker with the Stockwell Partnership. Maria is running a number of advice surgeries in the Urban II area and is there to help local people. Maria's speciality is welfare benefits but she can also assist with advice on other services.

To book an appointment with Maria, call 7735 5051 or email maria@stockwell.org.uk

Boost to Local Business and Social Enterprises in Stockwell

This is an opportunity for owner managers and employees working for micro (less than 10 employees) and small businesses, community groups and social enterprises to develop your skills and improve business performance.

The BizSkills projects offers a comprehensive and flexible management development package combined with business advice and counselling. It aims to enhance your business development, profitability, customer base, employees' potential and effectiveness, management techniques and financial controls.

For further information and to order your copy of the BizSkills programme please call 7501 5612. Email: ebizadmin@lambethcollege.ac.uk

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