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The Stockwell Urban II Community Initiative

Stockwell Gears up for the Summer Festival 2004

The 2004 Stockwell Festival will be held on 9/10/11 July and this year there will be even more ways for local people – of all ages – to get involved.

Every year the festival co-ordinates workshops in Stockwell schools and after-school clubs in the weeks running up to the festival weekend. The workshops cover activities like costume or banner-making for children to bring along on the festival's carnival parade. The expanded programme this year includes more schools and other community venues producing greater opportunities for adults.

This year children's workshops will be running at Wyvil, Larkhall & Stockwell Primary Schools, Stockwell Community Resource Centre, Oasis Nature Garden, Stockwell Park High School and with Sure Start client groups.

Open Circus Skills workshops will be held after school at Oasis Adventure Playground, teaching stilt-walking, poi-twirling etc. for any local children aged 10 years and older who would like to join the festival parade. Registration for workshops will take place on Tuesday 22nd June 4-7pm at Oasis Cycle project & Adventure Playground, Larkhall Lane, SW4.

For older children and adults - poetry writing and performance workshops with 'Adisa' have been initiated by the Friends of South Lambeth Library – with participants invited to perform at the festival launch event at the library. Two open archaeology days will also be held at the library prior to the festival, creating an archaeological 'lucky dip' for the funday in the park. The Refugee Women's Sewing Circle will be making bunting to decorate Larkhall Park on the funday.

Older people are invited to attend 'Memory Maker' storytelling workshops with local storyteller Inno Sorsy, with the option of telling their stories in the 'Talk Tent' at the funday.



Our Lady Pineapple

Places are still available for four lucky Stockwell grown-ups to help make this 'Pineapple' costume which has been designed exclusively for the Stockwell Festival Parade by Mandinga Arts... Contact Justine to secure one (details below)

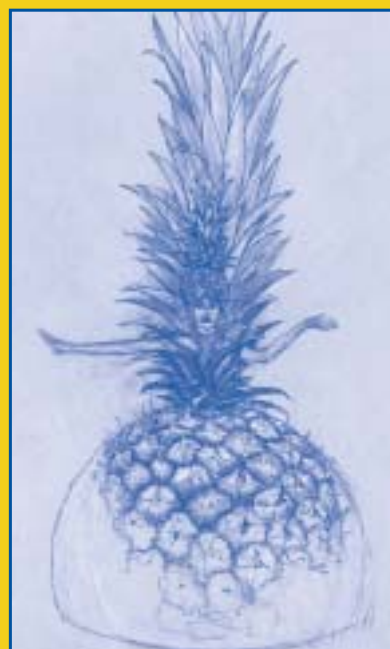
'Open Funk Mic'

Your chance to show us all your good-foot James Brown routine, or any other favourite, backed by a band of professional musicians onstage between 2 and 3pm at the festival funday.

Calling all Community Volunteers!

If you are over 18 and would like to help out and be a steward at the Funday we can offer you £25 for a 5 hour session.

For more information about the festival or any of the opportunities above please contact: Justine at Stockwell Partnership on 020 7735 5051 justine@stockwell.org.uk



A Sure Start: activities and services for parents and carers of young children

There are two Sure Start programmes operating in the local area: Larkhall & Stockwell. They are there to help any parent or carer – male and female – who has young children aged 0-4, including women who are pregnant.

Sure Start offers a wide range of activities and also aims to expand the number of affordable childcare places available in Stockwell. Here are some examples of what Sure Start has to offer:

- Post and antenatal care
- Baby massage classes
- Extra midwives and health visitors
- Fathers' support
- Help with training and returning to work
- Advocacy in English, Amharic, Arabic, Somali, Tigrania, French, Portuguese and Spanish
- Help with training and returning to work
- Day trips out of London

Many of Sure Start's services operate in local community venues so contact their office on 7737 2197 if you want to find out more.



Project update

Wandsworth Road: Final designs for the Wandsworth Road Safety Scheme will be displayed at the Stockwell Festival in Larkhall Park on Saturday 10 July. The designs will cover the stretch of road between Lansdowne Way and Brayburne Avenue and will include:

- wider and re-surfaced pavements
- new and improved street lighting
- major improvements to the entrance to Larkhall Park by Courland Road
- more pedestrian crossings along the length of the road
- improved street signage

Lambeth Highways has also secured funds to introduce some improvement works on the section of Wandsworth Road between Brayburne Avenue and Cedars Road.

Works should begin later this year and be completed sometime during 2005, with the overall aims of reducing the speed of traffic on the road, improving safety for pedestrians and cyclists and creating a better environment.

Paradise Gardens Memorial

The Urban II Board hopes to part fund the development of a Memorial Garden to commemorate the Stockwell residents who gave their lives in World War II. It will be sited at the Coffins by Surrige Court on the edge of Studley Estate.

The project was originally put forward in the Stockwell Masterplan – the community produced document that formed the basis of the Urban II bid. Hyde Southbank Homes and Trees for London have funded the concretisation of that concept by helping local people to develop designs. It is hoped that the Urban II programme will provide the balance of the funding to ensure a top quality scheme.

Trees for London will be taking the lead and are keen to hear from anyone who might like to be involved in the project's further development. **For more information: Contact Gavin Johnson on 7587 1330 or gavin@treesforlondon.org.uk.**

Stockwell: a hotbed of ideas Have you had your say?

Not only did those who were able to come on 9th March generate a wealth of good ideas for projects to improve Stockwell, but they seemed to have had a good time while they were about it! It was clear from the 70 that took part that many feel passionately about Stockwell's potential.

Over one hundred ideas materialised. A community café with training in ethnic food preparation; a meeting place; solar powered street lights; a fruit and vegetable market (like that formerly on Wilcox Road); and an inter-generational computer training course where older residents are taught by Stockwell young people. If you would like to receive a copy of the notes from the evening please contact Rebecca (see below).

Ideas Groups are now meeting to establish priorities from the array of suggestions, perhaps you would like to join us? Anyone who lives or works in Stockwell has a valuable contribution to make to the area's development. Have your ideas about how the Urban II money should be spent been included? We are particularly looking for new members in groups relating to new and improved community buildings; a more inclusive Stockwell community; and a green and sustainable area.

For more information and/or details of projects already underway please contact Rebecca at rebecca@stockwell.org.uk or call 7735 5051.



Adam Platts, Urban II Programme Manager, hosts the environment Ideas Group.



There was more than enough lovely grub for everybody.

Larkhall Park

A comprehensive regeneration plan has been produced for Larkhall Park. The plan proposes a range of initiatives that aim to improve the facilities available in the park as well as reducing crime and fear of crime. The total cost of all the proposed improvements is over £3million but the plan has been designed so that different measures can be phased in as and when funding become available.

The full plans will be displayed by the Friends of Larkhall Park at the Stockwell Festival in July. To join the Friends contact **Carl Kowsky on 7622 3838 or carlkowsky@hotmail.com** or log onto their web site: **www.larkhallparkfriends.org.uk**

Business support on the way

oneLondon are seeking Urban II funding to provide a programme of intensive support and outreach to new entrepreneurs, business start-ups and existing businesses within the Urban II area. New entrepreneurs will be given direct support and advice in establishing sustainable new businesses with a focus on the creative industries. There is also advice and management support for existing businesses. OneLondon will be finding a base in Stockwell from which to run their services and, in the longer term, they plan to offer incubator workspace for new Urban II area based businesses. See the next UII newsletter for further details.

Working out of the box

Jheni Arboine has joined the Stockwell Partnership as the Urban II Grants Advisor. We asked her to explain her role and a bit about herself.



Jheni is your first point of call if you want small grant funding advice"

Q. Jheni, tell us about your new job

"Can I start by saying that I am thrilled to be part of the award winning team at Stockwell Partnership working in an office so close to home. My job is here is to facilitate and encourage local groups, especially those hard-to-reach groups, to apply for funding for exciting and creative projects that will be of a lasting benefit to those living and working in the Urban II area."

Q. What is an Urban II grant?

"Urban II is a European Union fund awarded to eight regions in the UK and Stockwell is the Urban II area in the London region. There are two

Urban II funds to which groups can apply; one for small grants and one for larger grants. Primarily, I will be advising local groups on how to apply for small Urban II grants but I will also help groups to find other sources of funding.

Q. How much can groups apply for?

"£500 is the minimum and £15,000 is the maximum. On a first application a group can bid for up to £5,000 without the need to provide the 25% match funding required if they apply for more than £5,000.

A group putting in a subsequent application for funding below £1,000 does not have to find matched funding. But if a group, who had been funded before, were asking for more than £1,000 they would have to find 25% match funding."

Q. What do you mean by match-funding?

"For example if a group identifies a project costing £8,000 they would need to find at least £2,000 of funds from another source. That's their match-funding. The £2,000 match does not always have to be real cash. It could include in-kind funding

which can consist of things like the value of donated office space or volunteer time."

Q. The fund is only available to groups. What about an individual who has a great idea.

"It's public money and the rules don't allow it. I believe that Stockwell is full of people with lots of ideas, knowledge and talent. It's my job to get individuals to set up like minded groups to apply for funding.

Q. Finally, tell us a bit about your background.

"I have lived locally for over fifteen years and have a background in economic development and tenant participation. I am an artist, photographer and poet as well as a mother to three children and a school governor."

Jheni will be your first point of contact on the Urban II small grants fund and can also give advice on other funders. She will be arranging Urban II small grants training workshops later this summer.

To find out more contact Jheni on 7735 5051 or jheni@stockwell.org.uk

Bigger project ideas welcomed!

So the small grants fund is up and running, but the Stockwell Partnership are also keen for voluntary sector groups to access the main Ull programme. Several have already applied for funds ranging from £20,000 to over £500,000.

The application process is not easy but, having done it, any group is left in a great position with respect to future applications. Several local voluntary groups have expanded their services and secured a longer term

future as a result of Urban II...but you will need to find 50% match funding from elsewhere before you can consider bidding.

Your starting point is to contact Rebecca Gibbs, the Urban II Outreach & Development Worker, on 7735 5051 or rebecca@stockwell.org.uk

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