

### ADP UPDATE – SMALL GRANTS

In the summer 2009 the following small grant applications were approved:

#### **Leeds Irish Arts Foundation - £500**

1. The Leeds Gathering 2009 is a celebration of traditional Irish music, song and dance with a city wide programme of Irish artistic and cultural classes, training sessions, workshops and events across Otley & Yeadon, Hyde Park, Woodhouse, Headingley, Chapel Allerton, Gipton & Harehills, Armley, Beeston & Holbeck over a 10 day period.
2. The aim of the project is to introduce and actively encourage the understanding, playing, listening and celebration of traditional Irish music, arts and Irish cultural heritage and attempt to offset older Irish internationalism of anti-Irish racism, discrimination and oppression.
3. The small grant is to be used towards 4 workshop practitioners to work in our locality and complements funding received from other sources, incl. other area committees.

#### **People in Action Leeds - £500**

4. People in Action is an organisation working to create barrier-free communities for people with learning difficulties and disabilities. It is made up of approximately 25 young people at any one time and up to 50 different young people access it generally. They are aged 14-25. Activities are undertaken in the school/collage holidays for 2, 3 or 4 days at a time. Activities include team sports such as football basketball, cricket, hockey and tag rugby.
5. The aim of this project is to engage young people in a community setting to develop health awareness and improve participation in physical activities. It is to raise social skills, make new friends, see old friends and participate in positive activities which raise self esteem.
6. The group is open to new and existing members, including people with complex support needs.
7. Target areas are: Killingbeck/Seacroft, Gipton/Harehills, Burmantofts, Alwoodley, Harewood, Wetherby, Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay.

#### **APNA Youth Club - £500**

8. All Hassan Education Centre is a voluntary, non-profit organisation which provides out of school, supplementary classes which include maths, English

and cultural languages such as Arabic and Urdu. In addition to the above they hold aerobics session for women and an elderly luncheon club for vulnerable members of the community to meet together and socialise.

9. The grant will be used to augment the programme of activity; organise additional events, e.g. educational trips to places such as The Deep.
10. 50 young people will attend.

#### **Denis Healy Refurbishment - £500**

11. Groundwork Trust Leeds were commissioned to prepare a preliminary sketch of plans for the refurbishment of the centre, in particular, the outside space as well as the external fabric of the building. The scheme is to form the basis of funding applications to specialist grant providers who may seek to support environmental projects in areas of deprivation and disadvantage.
12. This work has been also used as a basis for consultation with local residents as well as children and young people from the community who will eventually benefit from the improvements.
13. This project is over and above the planned refurbishment of the Denis Healey Centre.

#### **Gipton Gala - £500**

14. Report from Gipton Gala was received by the Area Committee in July.

#### **Alston Lane Community Centre Steering Group - £500**

15. Alston Lane Community Centre is currently in the process of refurbishment and trying to recruit more groups/activities to run from the centre to encourage its greater use by the local community.
16. A newly established Alston Lane Steering Group meet on a monthly basis to discuss issues regarding the centre e.g. building repairs/work, activities, lettings, funding etc.
17. The centre does not have an up to date working computer for the steering group to access. The grant would enable the Steering Group to purchase the required equipment to type and distribute minutes from meetings, design and print publicity to promote the centre / activities and store information.

The following applications have been received recently:

**St. Philip's Hall - £482**

18. St. Philip's encourages and welcomes all communities to use the centre and facilities and is a well respected community facility in the area. The Area Committee have supported the group in the past, to repair the leaking roof of the hall.
19. The grant will be used to upgrade the basic facilities in the kitchen by replacing crockery, cutlery and other kitchen equipment. It will also replace a broken over sink water heater and a cupboard for storing these items, making them accessible to all users of the centre.

**Pac Can Do Youth Academy - £500**

20. The Academy was established in 1995 and works with children and young people between the ages of 8 – 20. It provides health related, active sessions and self-defence. It aims to divert young people into productive, active life style and away from drugs and anti-social behaviour.
21. The grant will be used to support the activity programme.