



BIG LOCAL TRUST – UPDATE October 2011



Round 2 'Getting People Involved' Application "Approved"!

On Monday 10th October 2011, ICVS was advised that the Community Development Foundation have granted our application for the next £20,000 of development funding to support the second stage of Big Local Trust activity. In addition, Suffolk County Councillors Mary Young and Robin Vickery, have also provided £4,100 from Locality Budgets to support the project. Further applications will be made to a variety of funding sources over the coming months, to lever in additional funding of around £6,000, taking the total value of the second stage to £30,000.

For further information on the activities that are planned as part of the BLT development work over the coming months, please see the September BLT Update, a copy which can be found on the ICVS website and can be accessed by following this link: http://ipswich-cvs.org/news/lip/11_09sept/big-local-trust-update-september-2011.html

Community Stars & Peoples Panel Update

In total, **28 Community Stars** registered to be members of the People's Panel. The first meeting was held on 28th September 2011 and 20 of our Stars were in attendance, with 16 formally 'signing up'. The meeting set out the background and context of the Big Local Trust and highlighted to our Community Stars, their role and responsibilities of being part of the Peoples Panel.

A further briefing was held for those who were unable to make the first meeting and a further 4 members signed up. The second Panel meeting was held on 12th October 2011 which encouraged 3 more Stars to sign up, **making a total of 23 people who have given their commitment to being involved.**



Several Community Stars are still to formally register their interest and as soon as the registration process has been completed, a definitive list of Panel Members will be added to the ICVS BLT web pages and will be made publicly available – link to the BLT web pages given below.

New Website Information

It is our intention over the coming weeks to publish copies of all presentations made to the Peoples Panel, Meeting Action Sheets, a map of the area of benefit for BLT, details of events and future meeting dates. Whilst meetings themselves are only open to Panel members, the information provided and details of any decisions will be made publicly available through the website.

Our aim is to be as open and transparent as possible, ensuring free access to all information by members of the public. The BLT pages can be accessed by following this link:

<http://www.ipswich-cvs.org/projects/biglocaltrustnw.html>

An Important Date for Your Diaries - Stars and Stakeholders Visioning/Networking Event – Tuesday, 6th December 2011

The main objective for the Peoples Panel over the coming months will be to produce a **Neighbourhood Community Plan (NCP)** which sets out the priorities for NW Ipswich. The Plan will be used as the guiding document when awarding grant funding from the Big Local Trust. The Peoples Panel will be kick-starting this process by holding a **Stars and Stakeholders Visioning & Networking Event on 6th December 2011, at Whitton Church Hall, Whitton Church Lane, between 6.30pm – 9.00pm.**



Members of the Peoples Panel will be in attendance and a wide range of key Stakeholders and partners will be invited to attend. It would help us greatly if you could **'Save the date'** in your diaries in anticipation of your formal invitation. This event will lay the foundations to the NCP and provide the framework for future actions. Further work will see the NCP being broadened out and following endorsement of the draft plan from the Peoples Panel, will go out to wider consultation over a 12 week period, in Spring 2012.

Big Local Representatives

The Community Development Foundation has appointed a number of **Big Local Representatives** to provide support, advice and guidance to the BLT projects located across the country.

Our representative is Nicky Stevenson, of the Guild, a social enterprise company based in Norwich, which provides support to Voluntary and Community sector groups and organisations.

On the 12th October, Nicky spent the day with the BLT Officer, Leah Douglas and had the chance to see for herself the neighbourhood of NW Ipswich. Nicky met a number of the Peoples Panel members throughout the day, together with some of the partners working in the area including officers from Ipswich Borough Council and the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Nicky also attended the second meeting of the Peoples Panel and met the remaining Community Stars, joining in and supporting discussions taking place. We will see more of Nicky over the coming months and she will be there to act as our 'critical friend' as and when the BLT needs her support.

Big Local Pages on the CDF Website

The Community Development Foundation is the Programme Manager for the Big Local. More information on the national programme, together with Big Local Newsletters can be found on the CDF website, on their own Big Local pages. Access the information by following this link: <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/biglocal>



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