



# Another successful event... The 2nd Year Celebration event

The South London Learning Consortium held their 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Celebration event on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at the Jurys Inn, Croydon. The Purpose of this event was to bring together members of the Consortium to share the Consortiums achievements to date and discuss future funding and support the Consortium can offer. There were a range of speakers including Mike Hensman from the LSC and Stephanie Noyce from AmicusHorizon one of the Consortiums current learning providers. Sue Robson the former Director of Sutton CVS and former Chair of the Consortiums Shadow Board Chaired the event. The presentations given at this event are available to download from the Consortiums website [www.sllc.org.uk](http://www.sllc.org.uk)

### An inspiring occasion by Sue Robson...

I had the pleasure of chairing the Consortium's celebration of its second year on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Those attending heard from a range of speakers all of whom reminded us about why the Consortium exists and should have a future.

Ellen Ryan who undertook an external evaluation of the Consortiums 'Sustaining Community Learning' ESF funded programme found that the Consortiums success was largely due to it being rooted in the voluntary and community sector, driven by a committed partnership and delivering lasting and tangible outcomes.

Mike Hensman Partnership Manager from the LSLSC told us that the voluntary and community sector has a trusted and respected track record for delivery. LSC commissioning will in future be more focussed, requiring higher quality delivery

and increased competition and that the Consortium provides the opportunity for the third sector to win larger and better contracts.

Stephanie Noyce, External Funding Manager for Amicus Horizon shared her experience as a member organisation of the Consortium. She felt that they had experienced tangible benefits from being part of it and in particular from the Consortium's role in facilitating an exchange of experience and expertise between organisations working for similar aims and facing similar difficulties.

Jacqui Finn SLCVS Partnership Manager reminded us about the long and challenging journey that led to the Consortiums establishment and the significance of it now setting up as a Community Interest Company and a trading arm of the South London CVS Partnership.

Finally Steve Jeffery the Consortium Development Manager entertained us with his reflections on the Consortium's achievements to date but reminded us all that there is no room for complacency in building on its strong foundation and delivering its vision of supporting and promoting the economic, social and educational prosperity of South London through community learning delivered through the voluntary and community sector.

I have little doubt that the South London Learning Consortium will go from strength to strength in enabling voluntary and community organisations to improve the opportunities and life chances for the communities and individuals they serve.

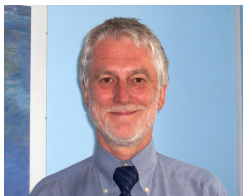
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# The South London Learning Consortium formally established as a Community Interest Company (C.I.C)

On 24<sup>th</sup> July 2007 the South London Learning Consortium was officially registered as a Community Interest Company (C.I.C). Community Interest Companies are designed specifically for those wishing to operate for the benefit of the community rather than for the benefit of the owners of the company. The South London Learning Consortium is a trading arm of the South London CVS Partnership (SLCVSP) which itself was formally established as a Charitable Company in November 2006.

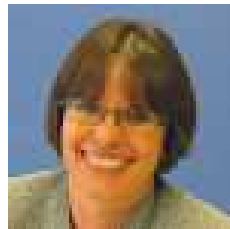
## Meet the Board of Directors



Andy Wilson - Chief Executive, Sutton CVS  
(Current Chair of South London Learning Consortium)



Lola Barrett – Trustee of South London CVS Partnership  
& Chief Executive of Grenfell Housing



Jacqui Finn - Partnership Manager, South London CVS  
Partnership



## MeWe launches Social Enterprise...

MeWe has been using Open Source software since its founding in 2001 and since then have employed Open Source in all of their projects and in the organisations IT infrastructure - from servers to desk-top.

Open source software is becoming increasingly popular as it allows significant cost savings and can be easily customised. Its ease of use and affordability is especially useful in the voluntary sector. It is widely used by NGO's and voluntary organisations throughout the world and businesses such as Google because of its Community - oriented philosophy.

MeWe has won the rights to be the only Linux Professional Institute (LPI) approved training partner in London and the South East. The national ICT hubs have recently created a partnership with LPI to certify voluntary sector IT staff in Open Source implementation.

MeWe offers training and certified exams to the public and also the voluntary and community sector in this rapidly growing (and virus free!) alternative to Microsoft Windows.

For more information call Werner on 0208 974 6641 / 077217 36538 or email [info@mewe.org.uk](mailto:info@mewe.org.uk)  
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## WANT TO LEARN British Sign Language?

Deaf Access is offering a choice of courses for beginners and for those who have finished level 1 and wish to progress to an intermediate level. Added benefits of studying with Deaf Access include a video library, BSL practice groups and volunteering opportunities with Deaf people. Deaf Access is an organisation at the heart of the Deaf community. Everyone is welcome and our courses offer a unique learning experience that is challenging, interesting, fulfilling and enjoyable!

To enrol on a course or for further information please contact:

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### Free Practice Sign Group

Every Monday  
Level 1 9.45am—10.45am  
Level 2 11.15am—12.15pm

### British Sign Language Intensive Level 1

This course will give you the ability to hold a basic conversation in British Sign Language. Subject areas include family, work, hobbies, food, transport, colours, numbers, directions and basic phrases.

Intensive course consisting of 1 Weekend Saturday/  
Sunday per Month 9am—5pm

**Starting January**

Running for 5 Months

### British Sign Language Level 2 Evening

The Level 2 British Sign Language course is for those people who have finished the Level 1 course, and wish to communicate at an intermediate level.

Intensive 1 year Evening Course  
Thursday 7pm—9.45pm

STARTING SOON  
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## New addition to the Consortium staff team... Muriel Peach—Information Advice & Guidance Officer

To support South London Learning Consortium's Information, Advice and guidance work and Matrix accreditation we are pleased to appointment of Muriel Peach as Information Advice and Guidance Officer for the South London Learning Consortium.

Muriel's background is in delivering guidance to a wide spectrum of clients from unemployed school leavers to undergraduates. For the last six and a half years, she has been working in the disability field with blind and partially sighted adult jobseekers. This involved developing employability skills, liaising with employers to promote work placement and changing attitudes, as well as co-coordinating assessments. She has therefore a good understanding of the barriers faced by marginalised groups.

Initially Muriel will be working for around 6-7 members of the Consortium delivering one to one guidance sessions with their clients/learners. The target group is people over 20 who have yet to achieve a level 2 qualification, but the contract does allow for some slight variation on this. Guidance can incorporate identifying further learning opportunities, looking at job ideas as well as basic job search activities. The idea is to signpost clients to relevant sources of help, but also to motivate people to have a clearer understanding of their future options.

If you would like to find out more about the service, please email Muriel on [muriel@suttoncvs.org.uk](mailto:muriel@suttoncvs.org.uk).

# Community Links Bromley

## Events Programme - Autumn 2007



### **Bromley Trustee Network**

The next Bromley Trustee Network meeting takes place on the evening of **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** and will look at "The Voluntary sector and partnership working" and "The trustee perspective on voluntary and community sector needs". The Network is for local trustees / committee members to meet – each meeting has a speaker on a topic of interest, with plenty of opportunity for discussion and networking.

### **Trustee inductions**

Did you or will you have some new trustees elected at your AGM? Are your trustees for a refresher or update on the essential duties of trusteeship? Our trustee induction evenings cover the key duties and responsibilities of the role. The first date is on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November** and the session will be repeated on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008** (both evening events at Community House, Bromley).

### **Have your say about Community Links Bromley's plans**

As a membership organisation, it is vital that Community Links Bromley has the input of local voluntary and community groups in shaping its plans. CLB are inviting all local voluntary organisations to a programme of workshops, facilitated by an external consultant, Fiona

Baird, to discuss your ideas on where Community Links Bromley could most make an impact in supporting frontline organisations in our next planning period 2008/11. Half day workshops take place during **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November** and are themed into different sector groupings.

### **Bromley Volunteer Co-ordinators Forum**

The next Forum, on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** 11 am-2 pm, will discuss the 'Investing in Volunteers' Award.

### **Bromley Finance Forum**

The next Finance Forum, on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**, 10am-12pm, will discuss the Full Cost Recovery toolkit.

### **Financial Management training**

The Accountability financial management project is offering training on a wide range of finance and accountancy topics during Autumn and Winter 2007-8, across South London. Topics include **Preparing Finance Reports** and **Financial Controls**.

Full details at [www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk](http://www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk)  
Or contact Sue Lee on 020 8315 1902 or email [suel@communitylinksbromley.org.uk](mailto:suel@communitylinksbromley.org.uk)

## SCVS PAYROLL SERVICE

*SCVS* has been delivering an excellent and affordable payroll service since **1991** and now serves **100** clients in the voluntary and community sector to a salary value of **£6million**.

*Our Aim* is to release organisations from the responsibility of payroll and enable them to utilise their time more productively. Paying employees accurately and on time has always been a very important part of any organisation.

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