

Bedford YMCA has been funded to deliver the **Prince's Trust Team Challenge**, a 12-week personal development programme for 16-25-year-olds who are not in education, employment or training and who may be known to the **Youth Offending Team or Leaving Care**. The programme includes a one-week residential at an outdoor activity centre, a two-week community project, a two-week work placement, a two-week Team Challenge and input from **Bedford College** and other organisations to enhance each team member's work and life skills.

As part of the recruitment process for each team, there is a taster day with a range of activities reflecting the content of the programme. There will also be individual interviews lasting about 20 minutes. The dates for the taster days and each team are below:

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| 4 January 2007 10.00-12.00 – taster day for Team 3 | 10 May 2007 10.00-12.00 – taster day for Team 4 |
| 15 Jan 2007 – Team 3 begins | 21 May 2007 – Team 4 begins |
| 6 April 2007 – Team 3 ends | 10 Aug 2007 – Team 4 ends |
| 12 Sept 2007 10.00-12.00 – taster day for Team 5 | |
| 24 Sept 2007 – Team 5 begins | |
| 14 Dec 2007 – Team 5 ends | |



If you have any queries and/or wish to make any referrals to the team, please contact **Tony Daniels**, Programme Manager, on **07960 398787** email tonyd.bedfordymca@ntlbusiness.com or **Anne Taylor**, Assistant Team Leader, on **01234 307040** email annet.bedfordymca@ntlbusiness.com

Sight Concern Bedfordshire

Registered Charity Number 1078157
Company number 5966120

Services Manager £20,000 -£22,000 p.a
37 hours a week

Sight Concern Bedfordshire (SCB) is an independent registered charity providing a wide range of services to blind and partially-sighted people throughout the county and the unitary authority of Luton. We need an effective, enthusiastic and skilled person to manage our Bedford Resource Centre and the Supporting People Programme.

The roleholder will report to the Chief Executive, based at the Bedford office, which hosts our Resource Centre and an award winning Low Vision Clinic. From here, SCB delivers a wide range of other services. The roleholder will also manage a small team of Community Support Workers who work with vulnerable people in their own homes to help them live independent lives. With strong people skills and a caring style, you will also have a practical and logical approach necessary for a charity with a range of contracts with statutory bodies observing sound governance, whilst always putting people first.

An application form and full details are available from Sight Concern Bedfordshire, 116 Bromham Rd, and Bedford, MK40 2QN.

Tel **01234 311555**

Email: office@sightconcern.org.uk

Closing date Friday 15th December. Interviews to be held in January 2007



**Raleigh Centre, Amptill Road,
Bedford MK42 9HE**

CO-ORDINATOR 18.5 hours
NJC Scale Points 21-30 (£17,985 -
£23,952 pro rata)

We are looking for an enterprising person to participate in promoting our work through training, supporting & enabling women from diverse communities to run support groups & crèches in areas of Bedford and Kempston. Ideally the successful applicant should have experience of working with people from different backgrounds, and a qualification in childcare, NVQ 3 or equivalent. Good communication and teamwork skills are essential, plus the ability to work flexibly.

(Core hours between 9am – 4.30pm, 3 days a week)

Application pack Tel. (01234) 316801
or e-mail: admin@familygroups.co.uk
(Previous applicants need not apply)

Family Groups, a Reg. Charity No. 1045275 and a Co. Ltd.
by Guarantee No. 2948661

Closing date for completed applications:
15th December 2006

This post is subject to a CRB Disclosure Check
We welcome applications from women from diverse communities

BEDS-SPREAD

December 2006

*Seasonal Greetings from
all the Trustees, Volunteers
and Staff at CVS*



**Community &
Voluntary Service**

Mid and North Bedfordshire
43 Bromham Road
Bedford
MK40 2AA

Tel: 01234 354366
Fax: 01234 347503

E-mail: info@cvsmidandnorthbeds.org.uk
Web: www.cvsmidandnorthbeds.org.uk

Charities Act 2006

The Charities Act 2006 became law on 8th November 2006. There are a number of important changes for both existing charities and those organisations who have been considering registering with the Charities Commission.

Key points include:

- The four 'heads' of Charity are replaced by 13 purposes
- All charities must exist for the public benefit
- A new legal structure - the Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- An increase in the registration threshold from £1,000 to £5,000
- Changes regarding the remuneration of trustees
- Changes to the thresholds regarding the preparation of annual accounts
- Changes regarding public collections

A timetable regarding when and how these changes are to be rolled out will be released, but for more information now, go to:

www.charitycommission.gov.uk/spr/ca2006prov.asp

or

www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm

**We will keep you up-to-date as more
details are released over the coming
months**



FUNDING FAYRE 2007

Thursday 14th June 2007

**Bedford Corn Exchange
Bedford**

**A mixture of stalls,
presentations and workshops**

**More details to follow in the
New Year**

Get the date in your diary!

Funding

Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund

The **Youth Opportunity** and **Youth Capital Funds** are provided by the government to empower young people and give them more choice and influence over provision and facilities in their area. The funding is available for young people aged 13 to 19, living in Bedfordshire, with a particular focus on disadvantaged young people. The aim of the funds is to involve young people, especially hard-to-reach young people, in improving the provision of positive activities through providing more places to go and things to do. Young people will have a central role as:

- Decision Makers
- Project Leaders
- Participants
- Grant Givers

There are no restrictions on the range of initiatives and activities provided they are supporting the outcomes from Every Child Matters (listed below) and comply with the monitoring and evaluation criteria.

- Be Healthy
- Stay Safe
- Enjoy and Achieve
- Make a Positive Contribution
- Achieve Economic Well Being

Applications for the funds must involve young people in deciding on initiatives and coming up with ideas of things to do.

For the second round of funding **Bedfordshire MYP's** (Members of the Youth Parliament) will meet in January 2007 to consider applications and decide how the money is to be spent. Youth workers will support young people in their role as grant givers e.g. by encouraging them to consider a range of needs across the county.

To find out more, email: Clare.Hanley@bedscc.gov.uk, or phone the Youth Service on **01234 228155**

ViRSA, Village CORE Programme - Funding for Village Shops

In an exciting new development, **ViRSA**, in partnership with the **Esmee Fairbairn Foundation** and **Co-operative and Community Finance** announce the launch of the **Village CORE Programme** through which financial start-up packages of up to £40,000 per shop are available. Grants will be awarded to villages of at least 200 people which are planning to set up a community-owned shop. Applications can be submitted at any time up to **30th July 2009**.

For more information visit their website at www.virsa.org/index.cfm/villageshop/Programme.Home

Awards for All - Eastern January briefings

Big Lottery are holding a series of briefings around the region on **Awards for All**, the Lottery small grants programme. A briefing is being held in Biggleswade on **Thursday 18th January (2pm to 3.30pm)**. **Awards for All** give grants from £300 to £10,000. They will fund projects that can be completed within twelve months and organisations can receive up to £10,000 in any two year period. Activities such as art, sport, heritage, education, environment, health and others that benefit the local community may be funded. **Awards for All** can fund not-for-profit groups, parish or town councils, schools and health bodies. Examples of funded projects may be found on the website www.awardsforall.org.uk. If you would like to attend the Biggleswade briefing please contact the **Big Lottery** directly on **01223 312628** or email enquiries.ea@biglotteryfund.org.uk Full event details will be sent with confirmation of booking.



Bedfordshire Teenage Pregnancy Small Grants

Does your activity promote and support the **Bedfordshire Teenage Pregnancy Strategy**, contributing to achieving **Every Child Matters** targets and outcomes, especially in relation to achieving economic wellbeing. You can apply for grants up to £250 at any time and a decision will be made within six weeks.

For further information on criteria and guidelines please contact: **Amy Parsons, Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator** on Tel: **08456 123300** or E-mail: amy.parsons@connx.org.uk

The Bedford Charity's Application Process Goes Online

The **Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust)** launched its online application system at the beginning of November.

A growing number of grant making trusts are offering applicants the chance to apply directly through their websites, a facility which makes the process simpler and more efficient for applicants and funders alike. However, the **Bedford Charity's** online form is unique as it has been specially designed to incorporate the existing two-stage application process. Previous applicants will be familiar with all the questions asked, although the layout is slightly different.

You can access the form by logging on to www.bedfordcharity.org.uk. You can see all the questions in advance before you begin filling in the form, and it's possible to return to the application and amend it as many times as you like before you finally complete it. Once you have completed the preliminary proposal form to your satisfaction, submit it to the **Bedford Charity** and you will receive an automatic email acknowledgement plus a copy of your application. Once the grants committee has met, a letter will advise applicants of the outcome and if the response is positive you can repeat the online process using the full application form. Many of the answers to simple questions such as name, address and title of the project will already have been uploaded from the preliminary proposal form, but applicants can amend details at this stage if they have changed.

Bedford Charity Grants Manager Lucy Bardner says: "We are very excited by the online application form and hope grant seekers will find it easy to use and helpful. We recognise that some people find IT a little clinical, so I should stress that it is still very important for all applicants to talk to us about their project ideas before they fill in the form. "

The **Bedford Charity** is still accepting paper applications and welcomes feedback from applicants who have used the online system. Please contact **Lucy Bardner** on **01234 369500** for more information about funding from the **Bedford Charity**.

Arts Council England – New Application Pack

Arts Council England is the national development agency for the arts in England, distributing public money from Government and the **National Lottery**. They fund arts activities that benefit people in England, or that help artists and arts organisations. If you have an idea for something you want to do with the arts, find out more about **Grants for the Arts**, their main open application funding programme. They updated the application pack in September 2006 - please use the appropriate application information which changes from 1 November 2006. **Regular funding for organisations** - they regularly fund over 1,100 arts organisations on a three-year basis, investing around £400 million in these organisations in 2006/07. Their support helps bring high-quality work to a wide range of people - as both audience and participants. **Cultural leadership programme** - They launched this two-year programme in May 2006 to promote excellence in management and leadership.

For further information contact The Information Department, 14 Great Peter Street, London SW1P 3NQ Telephone **020 797 36522** or visit Website: www.artscouncil.org.uk

