

## Essex Partnership News - keeping you in touch

### In Brief...

#### Dear Colleague

**Welcome** to this edition of EP News.

Firstly, congratulations are in order as the Essex Partnership recently achieved a finalist position in the 2010 LGA Awards 'Place of the Year' category. Thank you to everyone whose hard work made this possible.

**In this edition** you can read about the Review of Partnership Governance Arrangements project, see the write-up and photographs from the recent Total Place Event: Partnerships in Safeguarding conference, view a copy of the refreshed Supporting People five year strategy 'Helping to Rebuild Lives and Promote Independence' and read about the ExploreCulture: One World Festival.



### JSNA Impact Survey

Many thanks to partners who responded to the JSNA Impact Survey. We had a good response rate with generally very positive feedback on the JSNA which covers Essex, Southend and Thurrock.

A full analysis is now being carried out and recommendations have initially been discussed at the JSNA Steering Group which met on 13 April.

### Total Place



Total Place projects for NEETs and Safeguarding, including a report setting out how the grant from the RIEP has been used to support the project.

[Project Financial Report](#)

The recent Total Place event 'Partnerships in Safeguarding' was a great success, see the write-up, photographs and presentations from the day on the Partnership Portal [Total Place Safeguarding page](#)

The Partnership Portal now contains all key documents relating to the

### Local Area Agreement Refresh – Approval Letter

Last week we received confirmation of ministerial approval to the refreshed LAA. Please see the [LAA Approval Letter](#) for details. More details can be found on the [LAA Refresh page](#) of the Partnership Portal.

Thank you to all partners for working so hard to achieve a satisfactory conclusion to negotiations on the refreshed LAA.



### Review of Partnership Governance

The Partnership has successfully applied for a Local Improvement Advisor (LIA), with the support of Improvement East, to help review partnership governance arrangements. The key outcomes for the project are to recommend:

- options for new partnership governance structures and operating arrangements that will continue to enhance two-tier partnership working in Essex, to be in place from April 2011
- a plan for smooth migration from existing structures to any new model proposed
- a new set of operating principles, covering values and behaviours, and highlighting skills and development needs

Expressions of interest are currently being considered. The first action for the LIA is to propose and agree a methodology for delivery of the project, and further information on timescales and approach will be communicated when these are confirmed.

## The Supporting People Programme in Essex

The Supporting People Programme in Essex has recently produced a refresh of its Five Year Strategy. Entitled *Helping to Rebuild Lives and Promote Independence: The Essex Supporting People Strategy 2010-12*, the draft version is now available on the Essex SP website:

[www.supportingpeople.essexcc.gov.uk](http://www.supportingpeople.essexcc.gov.uk)

Next year sees the removal of the ring fence from the SP against a very challenging economic background. Essex SP is now formally linked to the Community Wellbeing and Older Peoples Board (CWOP) and will continue to play a key role in the provision of preventative and independence-building services for vulnerable adults, many of whom will have no access to other services. The new strategy sets out how we will meet the challenges ahead and continue to deliver good quality services for the people of Essex.

## The ExploreCulture: One World Festival

The ExploreCulture: One World Festival is now in full swing and going splendidly. The festival was launched in March at the Essex Book Festival, with a hugely entertaining evening featuring Germaine Greer, Sarfraz Manzoor and Professor Colin Riordan from Essex University. The chat was riotous, with panellists each having plenty to say as they debated culture in Essex, with Dave Monk from BBC Essex, keeping them under control.

The One World Festival runs from March to October this year and we're working with people all over the county and featuring events in as many places as possible. One of our big events is the Essex Global Gala on 3 May in Central Park in Chelmsford from 12-9.00pm. The day will be packed with music, dance, food and performances from all over. The main stage will include performances by Kayzar Dance and Essex Dance Theatre; Chinese dance and Shaolin monks; Chelmsford Gospel Choir and the 60 strong Quire from Colchester; La Roma dancers and musicians from Southend; Harlow Steel Band and Bangra. There will be a workshop tent where you can try different Belly Dance, Hip Hop or Bangra amongst other things, and cultural tents with crafts, food from around the world, music, storytelling and workshop activities.

Lots to keep the whole family amused for a day – and entry to the event in the park is entirely free! Keep an eye on [www.oneworldfestival.org.uk](http://www.oneworldfestival.org.uk) for details.

The Festival is funded by an LAA Performance Reward Grant and works across authorities in the county. Southend Council have bought into the Festival and are very much involved. Festival publicity is closely linked to the Explore Culture branding and a key objective of both Explore Culture and the Festival is to raise awareness of and participation in cultural activities by 3% - the NI11 target for Essex. [www.exploreculture.org.uk](http://www.exploreculture.org.uk)

The first brochure covers events from March to June and a second will cover July to October and will have masses of exciting stuff going on as July is festival month in Essex.

If you know of an event that you feel should be included, please email [belinda.farrell@essex.gov.uk](mailto:belinda.farrell@essex.gov.uk) by 10 May. We're also on the look out for strange and interesting facts about Essex to include in the brochure, so if you have any up your sleeve, let Belinda know.

## Partnership Calendar

Below are dates for the next 3 months, you can view the full [Partnership Calendar online](#)

Date	Meeting Title	Attended by
<b>APRIL</b>		
20 Apr 10	Thematic Partnership meeting - 2012 Olympic Games Partnership	TP Members
<b>MAY</b>		
10 May 10	Thematic Partnership meeting - Sustainable Essex	TP Members
11 May 10	Thematic Partnership meeting - CWOP	TP Members
28 May 10	Thematic Partnership meeting - Children's Trust Board	TP Members
<b>JUNE</b>		
17 June 10	<b>Essex Management Board (EMB)</b> 10.00 - 12.00, County Hall	EMB Members

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