

# Faith Focus

The Voice of the Faith Groups in Lambeth

Issue 3, November 2005

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Faith Focus.

Lambeth Council would like to thank all residents and organisations who participated in the Lambeth Peace Week. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed towards this edition of Faith Focus and hope you enjoy reading it.

The next edition will be in February/March. If you would like to contribute to it please send your articles in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2006.

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For any additional information on the articles featured in this newsletter or if you would like to highlight any projects you are involved with, contact Dinah-Mary Allotey on 020 7926 2664 or email [dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk).

## \* NEWSFLASH \* NEWSFLASH\*

### Faith Capacity Building Fund (5,000 - £50,000)

The Cohesion and Faith Unit of the Home Office is making funds available from January 2006 – March 2007. Small grants of up to £5,000 or large grants of up to £50,000, although larger grants will be considered. The purpose of the grant is to help faith communities promote understanding, respect and dialogue with the view to contributing to community cohesion, through partnership working between faith groups, and faith groups and the **wider society**.

**Eligibility:** Faith groups or organisations; inter-faith groups or organisations; multi-cultural community centres and voluntary & community organisations carrying out inter faith activities or working with faith groups. **Deadline: 2 December 2005.** Applications that have a significant focus on women and/or young people are particularly welcome. For more information please contact The Michael Young Centre at [fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk](mailto:fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk). Tel: 01223 400341 [www.cdf.org.uk](http://www.cdf.org.uk)

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### Celebrating Christmas in Lambeth

Many of you would undoubtedly have heard about the media furore over Lambeth Council not celebrating Christmas. Please note the Council's response to the misrepresentation of the borough.

Lambeth Council was also very saddened to read the reports. We can reassure the public that Lambeth Council will be celebrating Christmas (in the same way as previous years) by displaying the traditional Christmas tree in the Town Hall, organising carol singing and looking forward to the Christmas lights being switched on.

The Council has not, and never has determined a policy to adopt the words winter lights, as apposed to Christmas lights because of any potential cultural concerns. The term winter lights were used in one



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Council publication, although I stress there was no intention to offend and this matter has been rectified.

Lambeth Council can appreciate and understand people of all faiths being offended by the articles and regret this. We have good working relationships with our faith communities and they like us are disappointed by the coverage because it does not reflect the excellent work that takes place throughout the year.

The Council has been planning several events to celebrate Christmas, but for some reason the press decided not to publish this fact. All the five town centres in Lambeth will be holding events to celebrate the Christmas lights being switched on. For example in Streatham we are pleased to tell you that we will have at least one school choir and a local gospel choir to sing Christmas Carols and other songs at the switching on event on 19th November. The event takes place from 4.15 outside the Streatham Odeon and we do hope that you will be able to join us.

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### **Child Protection in Places of Worship**

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility. Under the Children Acts 1989 & 2004 organisations that work with children have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people. The Children Act 2004 defines anyone under the age of 19 as a child/young person. Lambeth Council is committed to promoting the well-being of children. It aims to create a safe and respectful environment for worship within which children and young people can thrive,

As good practice every place of worship should have a designated child protection officer who must undergo child protection training. Paid and volunteer staff need to be aware of their responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and how they should respond to child protection concerns in line with the government guidance "31553/What To Do If You're Worried a Child is Being Abused" \*

For more information about guidelines and child protection procedures please contact the Lambeth Safeguarding Children Board on 020 7926 4759 or try the website [www.lambethacpc.org.uk](http://www.lambethacpc.org.uk). Please make sure your organisation has a copy of these guidelines.

\* Available on the above website or from the Department of Health on 08701 555 455. If you are worried about a child and wish to make a referral contact one of the following:

CYPS Referral and Assessment Team 020 7926 6508  
Out of Hours Duty Worker 020 7926 1000  
Police Child Abuse Investigation Team 020 7232 6384

Look out for training opportunities in 2006

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### **Race/Faith Hate Co-ordinator**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all as the newly appointed Anti Race/Faith Hate Coordinator for London Borough of Lambeth. In my new role I will be working towards improving support services to victims and witnesses and develop and support a Lambeth-wide Race Hate Crime Forum. As part of my role I will also implement a wide-ranging work programme in partnership with statutory and non-statutory agencies such as yourselves to increase the reporting of race/faith hate crimes. As you may well be aware incidents of these kind are vastly under reported. I look forward to working in collaboration with you all in working towards reducing the fear of faith hate crime, raising awareness around it and increasing the reporting of faith hate crimes in the Borough.

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Anti Race/Faith Hate Crime Coordinator  
Lambeth Crime Prevention Trust ,2-6 Atlantic Road,  
London SW9 8HY  
Tel: 020 7326 2689 Email: [Yvonne@lcpt.org.uk](mailto:Yvonne@lcpt.org.uk)

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### **Youth Matters**

The Youth Council held a general meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October where once again matters of faith were at the forefront of discussions. Present at this meeting were the Mayor of Lambeth and the Councillor for Education, amongst others. The big debate of the day was about Gang Culture and Islamophobia. One of the key outcomes of the meeting was raising awareness about the fact that even though many young people may be converting to Islam, they were not being forced into gangs by other Muslim followers. From young people's perspective this is just a trend which will soon pass when something else comes along and becomes the "next big thing". Another important point made was the need to overcome stereotypical views. We all need to begin to make a conscious effort to educate ourselves about other people's cultures, beliefs and religions.

Attendees were also introduced to the term "street families" for groups of young people who liked hanging out together to move away from the word "gang" which almost always evokes the notion of criminal activity. Young people said they preferred moving in groups and gangs because it makes them feel safer and less vulnerable to certain dangers of the world today, as opposed to being on their own. For more information about the Youth Council please contact Brendon Read on 07931 967 497.

## Feedback From Faith Events



### **Lambeth Week of Peace September 11 – 18<sup>th</sup> 2005 - Celebrating families and friendships**

The London Week of Peace is an annual event celebrating and promoting initiatives and values that positively impact on community safety. Developed in Haringey in 2001, the event is now celebrated across London. The Week of Peace is a hugely successful initiative with identified impact on crime in the local community. It is a catalyst for effective community safety work and partnerships between the identified sector.

The theme for this year's celebration was on community relationships particularly, focusing on families and young people. The Week's activities demonstrated the various ways we can contribute to a safer London and safer Lambeth. The event highlighted projects and events that are already contributing to this across the borough.

Many local residents, community, voluntary, faith and statutory organisations across London and Lambeth were invited to join in and host their own celebration events profiling their work, communities and activities.

### **What you had to say about the Peace Week**

#### **Women Interfaith Dialogue, 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Sister Nima comments that this was a successful day, which in her opinion would have been even more successful if the women's event had been held late afternoon into early evening. This event aimed to create a common space for women of all faiths to meet and learn about each other. Two different perspectives were given about *The role of Women in Islam*. It was very encouraging to receive positive feedback from the non-Muslim women who participated on the day. This was particularly welcomed as it fed into one of the key objectives for the week – togetherness and community safety. The event has aroused much interest such that a non-attendee has phoned the organisers to request another such event be held. Well done ladies!


### **Stockwell Faith Forum, Peace Tent 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Throughout the day a wide range of people engaged in various lively discussions on topics about young people and how to lessen their confusion in the current political climate; how to engage the Media through the faith communities before stories go to press; and how to handle multi-culturalism and social cohesion, given that Lambeth is a very diverse society. Various members of the Lambeth community discussed these topics amongst others. Amidst the hustle and bustle of everyday life in Central Brixton 25 messages of peace were added to the Rope Peace Mala on the day. This is what the Chairperson reports below.

Stockwell Faith Forum brought a Peace Tent to the heart of Brixton for Lambeth Peace Week. A beautiful yurt was put up opposite the Town Hall in St Matthew's Peace Garden with the support of a grant from Lambeth Council. The circular, carpeted yurt itself attracted the curious and the programme of activities and talks brought around 90 – 100 people from around the borough during the day.

Members of the Baha'i, Jewish, Rastafarian, Christian & Muslim faiths, local Police officers, members of the newly formed Latin Front, Lambeth Councillors, invited speakers and passers-by took part in various activities. Others simply had a cup of delicious spiced tea, browsed through the Peace Library (which includes material for all ages on non-violence, anti-bullying, inter faith understanding, mediation and restorative justice). A good number went to attach a message to the rope Peace Mala – a symbol of our different communities working together to support each other and promote peace.

There were workshops and discussions on Non-Violent Communication, Peace Within, Meditation and the aftermath of the London bombs and the Stockwell shooting. Key issues raised included young people's disengagement with the democratic process, media coverage, UK foreign policy, the importance of nurturing peace within ourselves, religious education in secondary schools, the multi-culturalism debate and the need to provide opportunities for our diverse communities to meet together, share experiences and be able to support each other. Here are a few quotes from members of the public.



Our differences are  
to be valued. Our  
interactions will take  
us forward

I wish peace for all the distressed and lonely people on the streets of Brixton

Peace can be a reality if we work together to find out the root cause of the problem and then respond proportionately

There can be peace in the midst of chaos

The day ended at dusk with a shared meal by candlelight with a speaker from the Islamic Human Rights Commission and a very lively discussion amongst people of different faiths.

If you would like to use the Peace Mala for your event, or if you would like to borrow books and videos from the Peace Library, please contact the Forum on [faith.forum@btinternet.com](mailto:faith.forum@btinternet.com) or ring 020-8674 4610.

Catriona Robertson, Chairperson, Stockwell Faith Forum  
<http://uk.geocities.com/faith.forum@btinternet.com>



Peace Tent after dark

### Christ Church in Streatham, 18<sup>th</sup> September

Christ Church held a Flower Festival and Church Trail as part of Lambeth Peace Week on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 4.30-6pm. The church was decorated with flowers to illuminate key Christian teachings, with members of the congregation arriving early to welcome visitors from different faith groups.

There were people from the Hindu Caribbean Temple, Muslims, Jews, Roman Catholics, Pentecostals, Quakers and United Reformists. Solemn moments were also observed, where each of a dozen representatives from different religions remembered victims of violence. People were able to visit the Peace tent which had started its journey in July during the Stockwell festival and has been moving around the borough ever since, making its way to St Matthew's Peace Garden in Brixton.

The benefits have continued to be felt after the event with people popping into the church, young and old, to view the floral display and the information about local inter faith groups. On the Wednesday following the event children from Christ Church met with children from Orchard Muslim School and did the church trail together. Many members of the congregation volunteered their time and services throughout the week with the church open from 9am-5pm for a whole week.

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## Grass-Roots Commitment and Great Music – “No Blahblah and No Bigwigs”

Contributors representing 5 different religions shared their "faith sounds" at South London Liberal Synagogue (SLLS) at the end of October in the "concert which the bombs couldn't stop" - and helped raise nearly £400 for earthquake relief in south Asia. Originally scheduled for 7 July as part of the local Streatham Festival, the event had to be called off because of the terrorist bomb attacks across London that day. The original July event had been planned to focus on "Make Poverty History".

However, the contributors - along with many South London people of different faiths who'd been looking forward to the evening - urged the Rabbi of SLLS, Rabbi James Baaden, to see what could be done to reschedule the event. He enlisted the aid of the Lambeth Multi-Faith Action Group (LAMAG) and a new date was found in late October. The rescheduled event (20 October) retained the "Make Poverty History" motto, as this was also the theme of One World Week, a nationwide churches' initiative at the end of October.

However, the new date in late October meant that the event also took place during both the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and the week-long Jewish festival of Sukkot ("Tabernacles") - and these were both reflected in the programme, as special attention was given to the meaning of Ramadan, and all present were also given an opportunity to visit the synagogue's "Sukkah", a temporary outdoor structure decorated with foliage and fruits.

The event itself began with a short introduction to Ramadan by a representative from the local council of mosques - and this led into an innovative Qur'an (Koran) recitation in both Arabic and English, all the more remarkable for the fact that it took place not in a mosque but in a Jewish synagogue.



Koran Reciters

Three singers from the local Bahai Faith community were next, singing prayers and religious songs from their tradition in English and Arabic. Hymns and prayers were also offered by the fourth set of contributors, a Hindu husband-and-wife team who accompanied themselves on traditional Indian instruments (harmonium and tabla).



Hindu singers

The evening came to a rousing conclusion with an impressive selection of Eastern European Jewish "klezmer" folk melodies and dances.



Jewish Klezmer musicians (two of three)

All of the different contributors offered an explanatory commentary, setting the different recitations, hymns and tunes in context and outlining their religious significance. Many who attended said they found this particularly valuable - "we weren't just listening to what's normally called music", said one, "we were given an opportunity through sound to experience dimensions of other people's faiths". Commenting on the success of the event, Rabbi Baaden said: "In July, I thought the bombs meant the end of this project. But ordinary people of all faiths here in south London - plus the contributors, made it absolutely clear that they wanted it to go ahead. That's noteworthy - as all too often, interfaith events are worthy blahblahblah aimed exclusively at high-level religious bigwigs. This, instead, was a brilliant example of grass-roots interfaith commitment, plus it was great music. I had to throw everyone out an hour after we were due to be finished".

**Rabbi James Baaden, [rabbi@southlondon.org](mailto:rabbi@southlondon.org)**



Armenian Musicians

## Notice Board

### Street Pastors

Ascension Trust was established in 1993 by Rev. Les Isaac, who wanted to see individuals working effectively within their church, community, city, and nation. The Street Pastors initiative was started by Ascension Trust to provide a means of tackling social ills in our communities by training, educating, nurturing, developing and empowering individuals to engage with people on the Lambeth's streets. Lambeth's Street Pastors provide an invaluable late night outreach service within Lambeth, to reduce, defuse and prevent crime and anti social behaviour by engaging with socially excluded people who are involved in or are at risk of criminal activity and substance abuse. They build relationships with their contacts and impart information to them to enable them to make informed positive life choices and progress towards reintegration into mainstream society.

The Street Pastors project is unique in that it is staffed by teams of locally recruited volunteers who share a common concern for the social ills prevalent in the communities in which they live. All volunteers undergo a 12 day training programme, and upon successful training, will patrol one night in a given month i.e. 12 times in a given year.

If you would like further information about this project for your church, please contact Enoch Amoah by emailing [Ascensionswjp@yahoo.com](mailto:Ascensionswjp@yahoo.com) or write to:

Ascension Trust,  
Unit 7, Warwick House,  
Angel Town Estate,  
Overton Road,  
Brixton, SW9 7JP.

## Celebrating Christmas in Lambeth

It's Christmas time and the Christmas lights will soon be on

The town centres will be switching on their Christmas lights in November and December and you are all invited to join your town centre for some spectacular sights.

### Brixton Town Centre, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

"Calling on all choirs, singers, dancers, entertainers, jugglers, stilt walkers and others with similar skills!

The Brixton Town Centre team are helping a variety of partners including the Brixton Area Forum, the Friends of Tate Library and Gardens, traders from the Brixton Market, Brixton Society, Lambeth parks, Brixton Library and Mundo Nuevo to arrange a Winter lights event to celebrate the switching on of the lights in Brixton Town Centre on the **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2005**. Starting at 4.00 pm with a school choir from two local primary schools proceeding from the Brixton Market, to the Tate Gardens in front of the Brixton Library from 4.30 onwards, and then further performances. There will be a mystery celebrity carrying out the switch-on and performance by a well-known singer who needs some back up! Do any local faith communities have choirs (or other entertainers as listed above) who might be interested in donating their services to support this worthwhile event? We also have slots from 5.30 - 7.00 which need to be filled so suggestions for short performances by a variety of different entertainers would be welcomed. The main aim of this event, as established by the Friends of Tate Library & Gardens is to encourage the use of the space in front of the library as a safe public space belonging to the local community. Please contact Elaine Evans at the Town Centre office on 020 7926 1077 if you would like to be involved".

### Clapham & Stockwell Town Centre

Be part of Clapham's spectacular Christmas lights night on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 6-7pm at Clapham Common** by the Pavement (close to Clapham Common tube station).

You are invited to this spectacular open-air happening, coinciding with the turning on of the lights on Clapham High Street and the Old Town. This exciting family event is followed by a Chinese lantern procession and an amazing fire display on Clapham Common near Clapham Common tube. The event will be a colourful contrast to a winter's night.

Local young people from Stockwell and Clapham with winter lanterns will lead a procession from Clapham High Street to the Common. There will be a

spectacular light sculpture and fire jugglers will perform for 20 minutes. Volunteers will provide mince pies and hot drinks for a donation in support of local charity Trinity Hospice.

For six weeks leading up to the event professional artists are working with 120 young people from local schools to make the Chinese fire lanterns. The organisers of Festival of Lights also produce the highly successful annual Colourscape festival on Clapham Common. Straight after the event, for adults, will be the annual MyClapham award ceremony of the best of Clapham at Infernos nightclub from 7-9pm. For more information please contact Tim Boxall at the Clapham & Stockwell Town Centre on 020 7926 0765 [tboxall@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:tboxall@lambeth.gov.uk).

### North Lambeth Town Centre

Calling all residents in North Lambeth. There will be two special Christmas events in November and December. On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at 6pm outside the **Lavender Restaurant**, 24 Clapham Road SW9, there will be a celebrity guest cricketer to switch on the lights.

A week later on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December** there will be a variety of events all afternoon. At **5.30pm in Lower Marsh, Waterloo outside The Cubana Bar / Restaurant 48 Lower Marsh SE1**, there will be an event. This event will be held in partnership with the Old Vic theatre, Waterloo Green Trust, Lower Marsh People, Waterloo Quarter Business Alliance. Through out the day there will be drama workshops on the Aladdin theme for local schools, then at **3.15** a children's disco and a party, with community group stalls, tombola and decoration making on Millennium Green. This will be followed by a carol singing procession from **Emma Cons Gardens to the Piazza** and venue for light switching on at 5.30. For more information please contact Jacqueline Christie at North Lambeth Town Centre on 020 7926 8295.

### Streatham Town Centre, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Calling all residents in Streatham. Come to the **Odeon on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm** and watch the Christmas lights light up the longest high road in Europe – Streatham High Road. There will also be activities in the Library nearby and you never know, Santa might deliver a special guest for the occasion. For more information please contact Yasmin Begum at the Streatham Town Centre on 020 7926 5905.

### Norwood Town Centre, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Calling all residents in Norwood. Come to the **Old Library on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 4-6pm** and watch the Christmas lights brighten up your streets.

There will be activities for under 5s like face painting, musical acts and arts & crafts. For more information please contact Glennette Bowles-Dove on 020 7926 7990.

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### Dates for your Diary

Civic Reception hosted by the Mayor of Lambeth for Faith Communities to be held **on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006 in the Town Hall**. For more information please contact Avonne Foulkes on 020 7926 2758.

Holocaust Memorial Day in Lambeth. This event will be held on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006** in the Town Hall. The theme for 2006 is **One Person Can Make a Difference**. For more information about the event please contact Dinah-Mary Allotey on 020 7926 2664.

The UK 2006 event will take place in Cardiff. In 2006 Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) 27<sup>th</sup> January falls on a Friday. Events commemorating HMD will thus be held on Thursday out of respect for the Jewish Sabbath which starts on Friday evenings. We are also delighted to learn that the United Nations has passed a resolution designating 27<sup>th</sup> January as the annual International Holocaust Memorial Day.

10 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Eid-ul-Adha (Islam)
13 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Maghi (Sikh)
14 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Mahayanna Buddhist New Year (Buddhist)
	Makar Sankrant (Hindu)
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
27 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Holocaust Memorial Day (will be observed on 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2006)

ODPM – Office of the Deputy Prime Minister is planning faith-related fire safety engagement activity connected to the 2005 festivals of Diwali, the Muslim festival of Eid al-Fitr (both November) and the Chinese New Year (January 2006). For more information please contact Mike Larking at the National Community fire Safety Centre.

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### Funding and Freebies

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### Holy Days and Festivals during Winter (November 2005 – January 2006)

#### November 2005

1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	All Saints Day (Christian)
	Diwali or Deepvali, Hindu festival of lights (also celebrated by Sikhs)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassie (Rastafarianism)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Eid-ul-fitr/End of Ramadan (Islam)
12 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)
15 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Birthday of Guru Nanak (Sikh)
24 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadar (Sikh)
27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Advent (Christian)

#### December 2005

8 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Immaculate Conception (Catholic)
24 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Christmas Eve (Christian)
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Christmas Day (Christian)
26 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Boxing Day (Christian)
	Hanukah (26 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 2 Jan 2006) (Jewish)

#### January 2006

5 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)
6 <sup>th</sup> Friday	The Epiphany (Christian)
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Waqf al Arafa (Islam)

### Home Office Connecting Communities Plus Grant (up to 6,000) early 2006

This funding is for voluntary and community organisations in England to **support activities that improve access and outcomes for black and ethnic minority (BME) communities** in education, employment, health, housing and the criminal justice system; increase BME confidence in public services; tackle racism and extremism; bring together communities from different races and faiths and promote a sense of shared belonging. Full details of the HO Community Grants will be available in the New Year please visit the website details below early 2006.

A4e Fund Grant Distribution  
 St James House  
 Vicar Lane  
 Sheffield S1 2EX

Tel: 0845 121 5195 E-mail: [a4egrants@a4e.co.uk](mailto:a4egrants@a4e.co.uk)  
 Website: <http://www.a4e.co.uk/connectingcommunitiesplus>

**Kings Fund:** The Kings Fund provides support for a wide range of health community-based initiatives, designed by people living & working in London. It is an independent charitable foundation that works to improve health and health care for all, with a special focus on London. The fund is seeking partners with a focus on Mental Health advocacy; promoting better sexual health; improving end-of-life care and supporting work in integrated health. **The deadline for**

**Round 2 proposals is 24<sup>th</sup> February 2006.**  
**[www.kingsfund.org.uk/grants](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/grants)**

**Lloyds TSB Foundations: One of the largest grant-making trusts in the UK.** The policy is to support **underfunded charities** so people, especially **disadvantaged or disabled people**, can play a fuller role in the community. We support a wide range of activities which fall within the broad areas of Social and Community Needs, and Education and Training. The Trustees regularly review changing social needs and will from time to time identify and support specific areas to focus on within their overall aims. In 2005 we continue to have a particular interest in supporting charities working in the three areas of: **Family Support, Challenging Disadvantage and Discrimination and Helping to make the voluntary sector more effective.** For more information please visit website [www.lloydtsbfoundations.org.uk](http://www.lloydtsbfoundations.org.uk) or call 0870 411 1223.

**Mercer's Company:** Projects of £50K or more that cover **Welfare** (youth, community & older), **Education, Heritage & Arts** and **Advancement of the Christian Religion.** Send written details of your planned work and funding needs on **no more than two sides of A4 paper.** You must also enclose your most recent statutory report and accounts. If your organisation is not required to produce full accounts, you must include a summary of your financial position. The only exception to this requirement is where the applicant is a school in the maintained sector. Most of the four committees meet on a 2/3-month basis to review funding applications. Some meet as frequently as 6-weeks. For more information and the various committee meeting dates please visit the website at [www.mercers.co.uk](http://www.mercers.co.uk)

Your initial application should be sent to:

Head of Charity Services  
The Mercers' Company  
Mercers' Hall  
Ironmonger Lane  
London, EC2V 8HE

**SPAN UK Link-Up Grants £1,000 for single parent self-help projects from SPAN UK**

SPAN UK supports one-parent families in the UK through advice, guidance, online training and publications. Grants up to £1,000 for information services, Internet access, exchange days or training events. Get info from Jacquie on 0117 9514231 or [info@spanuk.org.uk](mailto:info@spanuk.org.uk).

**Sutton Trust:** The main objective of the Sutton Trust is to support innovative projects that provide educational opportunities for young people from non-privileged backgrounds. Your innovative start-up project should have the scope to benefit large numbers in the future. The Sutton Trust will fund projects across

the UK, in any area where there is need, including rural and inner city areas. The only exception is for specialist schools – only specialist schools in London are funded. The Sutton Trust tends to fund projects in a formal education setting, working primarily with organisations such as schools, universities, community groups, charities and research bodies. We do not fund individuals. Our work with the secondary school age group is focused on gifted and talented students. **There is no deadline for applications as Trustees meet regularly throughout the year.** For more information please visit [www.suttontrust.com](http://www.suttontrust.com)

**Young People's Fund: £200 million to promote well-being and development**

Groups supporting young people aged 11-18 (up to 25 with special needs) in areas such as physical and mental health, staying safe, developing skills for adulthood, making positive contributions to society, & overcoming disadvantage should apply for up to £150,000 for up to 3 year projects. It will be extremely competitive. Consultation & involvement of young people will be critical to success so come to the workshop on 15th December. Call 020 7211 1800 or visit [www.biglottery.org.uk](http://www.biglottery.org.uk) for pack.

**Cyril W Black Charitable Trust Limited** awards grants for evangelical Christian work and for the benefit of young people and the elderly. Contact Mr. M B Pilcher, 6 Leopold Road, London SW19 7BD or phone 0208 947 1040.

**The Carneige UK Trust gives grants to projects that use creativity to benefit communities.**

Preference is given to new projects. For further information, please contact Comely Park House, Dunfermline, Fife KY12 7EJ or telephone 01383 721445 or [www.carnegietrust.org.uk](http://www.carnegietrust.org.uk).

**Trust for London** supports new and emerging small voluntary organisations that benefit people and communities in London. The funding may be used to cover general cost of running an organisation, but the Trust does not cover full time staff salaries in full or part time. They are especially keen to receive applications from Black Asian and ethnic minority organisations. For further information, phone 0207 606 6145 or write to [info@cityparochial.org.uk](mailto:info@cityparochial.org.uk).

**If you would like this information in large print, braille, audio tape or another language, please contact us on 020 7926 1180.**

**Spanish**

Si desea esta información en otro idioma, rogamos nos llame al

**Portuguese**

Se desejar esta informação noutro idioma é favor telefonar para

**French**

Si vous souhaitez ces informations dans une autre langue veuillez nous contacter au

**Bengali**

এই তথ্য অন্য কোনো ভাষায় আপনার প্রয়োজন হলে অনুগ্রহ করে ফোন করুন

**Twi**

Se woƆe saa nkaeboy yi wo kasa foforo mu a fre

**Yoruba**

Tí ẹ ba ẹ̀ ̀moràn yíí, ní èdè Òmíràn, ẹ̀jọ̀, ẹ̀ kàn wà l'ágogo