



## Cohesion Grant Scheme

### A NEW SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITIES ACROSS PETERBOROUGH

## Guidance Notes

### Introduction:

The Cohesion Board of the Greater Peterborough Partnership is making small grants available to local community, faith and voluntary groups across Peterborough to encourage and support positive community interaction and create good community relations.

**Aim:** The key aim of the Cohesion Board grant scheme is to facilitate community groups to develop positive community interaction activities which bring different communities together and promote better understandings.

Cohesion Board has identified the following areas as priorities for 2009-2010:

- Tackling socio-economic impact on communities arising from migration; economic downturn; homelessness, etc.
- Promoting inter-faith; inter-cultural and inter-communities dialogue
- Working closely on young people and cohesion issues including promoting inter-generational initiatives.
- Empowerment of communities and neighbourhood.

Applications will be assessed on how well the proposed projects would bring together people from different background and support the priorities of the Cohesion Board on behalf of Greater Peterborough Partnership. Funding is available from October 2009 until March, 2010.

The type of events or activities for which funding can be applied for are community driven, providing a wider variety of opportunities to bring people together. These range from fun days and street parties to cultural festivals, sport, dance, coffee mornings, newsletters, story-telling and open days; spread right across the year.

### For example, you may be:

-a local football club wanting to run a community football tournament that will bring young people from different cultures and areas together.

-a parents and toddlers group wanting publicity material to promote themselves to new members and encourage under-represented groups to participate.

-a local faith group wanting to run a coffee morning for the community or an open day at a Place of Worship to promote wider community access and the sharing of knowledge/understanding.

- a senior citizens' group wanting to run an event to share experiences with local school children or younger members of the community.
- a celebration event that will promote an understanding of different culture groups.
- a street party that will help neighbours get to know each other better.
- a Parents & Teachers Association wanting to establish an activity that will connect the school with the wider community
- a women's group wanting to exchange cultural experience with other women's groups
- a drama production including a positive message about life in Peterborough

**The list is endless, but is likely to involve arts, food, heritage, sports or community benefits and is aimed at promoting a sense of community.**

**The criteria we are looking for is that the event or activity:**

- is open to anyone from Peterborough
- will bring together new and existing residents from your community
- will make a difference to your community's well being
- will involve partner agencies (where possible)
- will require a grant of anything from £100 to £2,000
- only one application per organisation can be submitted
- Applications will be considered fortnightly up to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009

**Funding will not be granted for the following if :**

- it benefits an individual
- a group does not intend to include wider communities/groups
- it is used to promote any single faith or political belief system – for example, recruiting a wider congregation

**If you are interested in applying for a grant you will be required to complete a simple application form and provide the following information on:**

- how the project will bring people from outside your group or community together and promote cohesion
- when and where the activity will take place
- the total cost of the project being applied for
- bank account details of your organisation

**An application form can be downloaded from:**

**[www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/cohesion/grantscheme.php](http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/cohesion/grantscheme.php)**

**If you require any assistance please contact:**

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