

Protecting Community Cohesion: Preventing Violent Extremism - a Plymouth Response, Friday 15 May, 9am - 4pm.

Key city conference with local and national speakers, including a Government Minister, on the Prevent agenda (the Government's plans to keep us safe from violent extremists and terrorism).

For more information or to book a place, please contact Rhian Edwards on 01752 304321 or email rhian.edwards@plymouth.gov.uk

A refreshing Local Area Agreement (LAA)

Plymouth's LAA was received and approved by the Secretary of State, Hazel Blears. You can view our refreshed LAA by visiting www.plymouth2020.co.uk/lsp/laa or contact Jon Stevens for further information on 01752 304026.

Our Vision

"One of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone."

Shaping Plymouth's response to beating the recession - LSP Forum, Friday 22 May, Duke of Cornwall Hotel

The LSPs Wealthy Theme Group is organising the next LSP Forum on how the partnership and city are responding to the recession. Over the past few months there have been a number of events and meetings held for both private and public sector bodies in Plymouth and the surrounding region to discuss responses to the recession and ensure they match the needs of citizens.

The LSPs Wealthy Theme Group has led the LSP response by meeting with other Theme Groups to gain a clear picture of the effects of the recession on Plymouth and identify what various partners are doing to combat these effects.

This comprehensive assessment will form the focus of the LSP forum. We will explore what actions are being undertaken by LSP partners across the city and ensure a coordinated approach in our response. We will be tasking each of the theme groups to develop clear actions over the coming months.

For further information or to register contact Jo Deering, 01752 304026 joanne.deering@plymouth.gov.uk by the 15 May.

Plymouth Improving Reach

On March 20 2009 Plymouth Guild and Fata He along with their partner organisations facilitated the Community Vision Symposium 2009, where over 100 individuals from different organisations and communities attended. There has been much positive feedback especially about the inclusion of moving performances by the Barbican Theatre.

This event has highlighted significant opportunities for different communities, organisations, projects and faith groups to interact and share information. One speaker, Sunder Braganza (pictured right) who is one of the ten Community Development Work (CDW) trainees in the Improving Reach programme talked of his own personal journey through life with his achievements and aspirations for the future.

All ten of the training participants on this course are in the same position as Sunder, as they all wish to work in community development roles in Plymouth, Improving Reach would gladly welcome any help or even working roles within any organisations to help them develop further and share their own valuable insights and experience within organisations.

If you are currently looking for volunteers or would like to advertise your job vacancies, we can promote all your opportunities to our CDW participants. To do this contact Poppy Ayele on 01752 201766 or email: poppy@plymouthguild.org.uk.



Helping to safeguard the city

Newly formed Plymouth Security Partnership is helping to safeguard the city and local economy. Plymouth City Council has awarded four new five-year security contracts to firms based in the South West worth around £7 million. The partnership will be working closely with the Blue Light Services in the city alongside projects such as Club Watch, PARC, City Safe and the Plymouth Community Safety Partnership to address crime and the fear of crime. For more information contact Darren Denslow, Plymouth City Council, Strategic Procurement Unit 01752 304306 or e-mail darren.denslow@plymouth.gov.uk

Be a “mystery shopper”

As part of Devon and Cornwall Constabulary's drive towards improving local service delivery the Police have produced a new “Neighbourhood Policing Website” accessible via www.devon-cornwall.police.uk This includes a post code search facility and details of the local policing teams and their priorities in every neighbourhood in the city (and across Devon and Cornwall). These neighbourhoods all fit within our shared localities.

Why not check your own post code and see what is happening in your area, or become a “mystery shopper”? We want to know what you think of the data in your neighbourhood, if you have a reason to contact your local team through our website and how you feel about the quality of our response. If having looked at it, you see any improvements we should make, or links to your own sites or work, just let us know. I would be grateful if you would send your responses via Jo Deering at the LSP office joanne.deering@plymouth.gov.uk who will collate your feedback.

Chief Superintendent Jim Webster, committed to bringing down crime and the fear of crime in the City of Plymouth.

LSP Executive Update

LSP Review – Executive members were updated on progress made against the recommendations from the review. Jon Stevens gave members a presentation on proposed arrangements to benchmark progress toward our long term vision.

Migration Impact Fund – Executive members approved in principle a bid for Migration Impact funding with delegated authority given to the Safe and Strong Theme Group. The bid must be submitted through LSPs to Government Office by the end of April 2009.

Update on Pump Priming Grant allocation – Executive members agreed to reallocate some partnership resources against our priorities. Savings were identified from the back office function and reinvested in front line service delivery. Interdependencies between domestic abuse and worklessness priorities have allowed us to increase support to a domestic abuse advocacy project while continuing to tackle the causes of worklessness.

Using our resources more effectively as a partnership will help us to maximise our opportunities to meet our stretch targets and unlock more Performance Reward Grant from government. This has been a good example of partnership working in action with close working between the Council, Jobcentre Plus, the Police, and Health.

Comprehensive Area Assessment – the CAA is now underway and Steven Frank from the Audit Commission will be attending various partnership meetings. Feedback received so far is very positive and encouraging.

The LSP takes a fresh look...

The LSP is taking a fresh look at its working arrangements and the framework within which it does business to ensure we keep improving. The proposed changes aim to make clearer:

- how the LSP is set up and what each LSP group does,
- who needs to be involved and what is expected of LSP members
- how we make decisions and manage performance and
- how we will make sure that more people know about the work the partnership is doing to tackle the city priorities.
- If you would like to view our proposals visit www.plymouth2020.co.uk/lspconsultation and send your comments to lsp@plymouth.gov.uk by 8 May 2009.

Please contact 01752 304026 if you would like this document in another language or format.



Dates for the diary

- Safe and Strong Theme Group 14 May
- Healthy Theme Group 18 May
- Wealthy Theme Group 18 May
- Wise Theme Group 21 May
- LSP Forum 22 May
- Compact Launch 28 May
- LSP Executive 3 June
- LSP Board 19 June

A move for Amelia, but not too far...

Amelia Boulter will be leaving the LSP Support Team in May following her decision to move to Plymouth City Council's Democratic Support Team. Over the past six years Amelia has helped the LSP go from strength to strength.



Plymouth Employment and Skills Board recession support website launched

A website with links to other sites and programmes offering support for individuals and businesses in the Plymouth area during the recession has been established. The site can be accessed at www.workinplymouth.com

How can we improve this newsletter? We are currently updating our communications plan and would like to hear your suggestions, please email lsp@plymouth.gov.uk with your comments.

Cut off for submission of articles for the next newsletter is 15 May please send any articles to lsp@plymouth.gov.uk

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