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Dear All

Please see the below information which may be relevant to GreenSpace East Midlands contacts. The following items are included:

Fair Play consultation
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GreenSpace Conference - Parks For Life

Best wishes
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Fair Play consultation

Play England has warmly welcomed Fair Play, the government's consultation on a national play strategy.

The strategy, backed by funding of £235m, signifies the biggest ever policy commitment and investment in children's play that England has ever seen.

This is an open consultation and anyone is able to respond directly. You can respond on-line at:
<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1543>

Please feel free to pass this on to any of your networks.



31 May to 8th June 2008, Birmingham

The first-ever climate change festival takes place in Birmingham from Saturday 31 May - Sunday 8 June. Led by CABE and Birmingham City Council, the nine-day festival is about creativity and challenges. Its focus is on reinventing the city, through design. Please tell your friends and colleagues about it. And come along.

Every age has its challenge. Ours is climate change. We need to scrap the talk of gloom and sacrifice, and find new ways to create a greener, smarter, fairer and more beautiful city. That's why we're starting with a festival.

Birmingham, pioneer of the industrial revolution, will help lead a low-carbon revolution by hosting the UK's first climate change festival. What will this revolution lead to? Beautiful squares and attractive liveable streets. Cleaner air. Easy walking and cycling. Large trees, shading streets and buildings. New markets, investment and jobs in green technologies.

Energy efficient homes and offices that are much cheaper to run. Easy access to local networks and services. Life sounds pretty good in a well-designed, sustainable city.

The festival is organised by Birmingham City Council and CABE, the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment - the government's champion of well-designed buildings and spaces. It is supported by BeBirmingham, Advantage West Midlands, Crest Nicholson and E.On, with additional support from The Green Bus Company and Amey.

For more information see <http://climatechange festival.cmail3.com/e/413051/21yilfj/>

BIG lottery update

Programme Launches:

BIG's second non-lottery programme, **myplace** launched on 6th May 2008. myplace will deliver £190m of Government capital investment for young people's facilities over the next three years through grants of between £1m and £5m. myplace aims to deliver world class facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs.

BASIS Round 2 launched on 7th May 2008. The BASIS Programme aims to ensure that voluntary and community organisations throughout England have access to high quality support that will help them be more effective. We will fund projects run by voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisations to do this.

Young People's Fund 2 (Local Grants) launches on 19th May 2008. Young People's Fund 2 will offer up to £38million through the Local Grants strand to improve the lives of young people all over England. Our focus is on changing the lives of young people by putting them in charge of projects and services.

Open Programmes:

England:

Awards for All
Basis Round 2
Family Learning
myplace
Parks for People
Reaching Communities
YPF2 Local Grants (opens 19th May)

Wales:

Awards for All
Healthy Families - Child's Play
People and Places

Scotland:

Awards for All
Growing Community Assets
Supporting 21st Century Life
Life Transitions
Investing in Ideas

Northern Ireland:

Awards for All
Reaching Communities: Northern Ireland
Live and Learn
Young People's Fund: The Big Deal
Safe and Well

For further information on all BIG programmes please visit <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk> or contact the Big Advice Line on 0845 4 10 20 30.

Parks For Life



Parks for Life

18.06.2008, Bristol

A conference focusing on maximising the impact parks can have on health and wellbeing

The context

After years of attempting to convince the government and healthcare professionals of the benefits parks can provide for health and wellbeing, time and funding are finally being invested in this valuable resource. As more public attention is given to mental health, obesity and exercise, the conference will consider how this renewed interest can be capitalised on in order to improve the quality of health provision in parks, and will provide delegates with practical advice and suggestions for their own green spaces.

The objectives

- To look at how to attract support and investment for improving health in green spaces.
- To consider how to encourage people to view parks as a viable alternative to gyms and leisure centres.
- To investigate the importance of working with healthcare professionals and creating lasting partnerships
- To examine how to make the most of green space for mental and physical health.

Parks for Life, which is organised in partnership with IPGS and Bristol City Council and supported by Silvanus Services Ltd, will consider these questions and more. This one-day conference takes place during Love Parks Week and will feature a packed programme of presentations and site visits.

Booking information

By post: Complete and return the attached booking form to the address provided.

By fax: Complete and fax the attached booking form to 0118 946 9061.

By telephone: Call the events team on 0118 946 9068 to book your place, or to make a provisional booking.

Online: Complete the online booking form at www.green-space.org.uk

Please note that all bookings must be accompanied by an official purchase order number or booking reference.

The Programme

0900: Coffee and registration

0945: Chair's introduction and welcome: Michael Rowan

0950: Welcome from Bristol City Council: TBC

0955: Healthy Parks, Healthy People: Annie Volkering, Deputy General Manager Parks, Parks Victoria
Rhonda Macdonald will start the day by providing an international perspective on wellbeing in green space, focusing on a highly successful national scheme which places health at the forefront of park management.

1020: Making the case: William Bird, Strategic Health Advisor, Natural England
As an advisor to both the Department of Health and Natural England, William Bird has a unique outlook on wellbeing and green space. In this presentation he will provide an overview of work currently being undertaken to improve health in parks and, in particular, explore how funding from the NHS and local authorities can be obtained to deliver such schemes.

1045: 2012 Olympic Park: tbc

1110: Q&A followed by coffee

1140: From strategy to practice: Sid Sullivan, Managing Director, SGS Environmental & Management Consultancy

Sid Sullivan will look at how to plan strategically in order to turn parks into centres for health and wellbeing. This presentation will provide delegates with practical ideas to apply in their own parks and green spaces.

1205: Active Bristol: Natalie Field, Associate Director of Public Health, Bristol PCT
By discussing a new programme that aims to bring about sustainable increases in physical activity in Bristol,

Natalie Field will provide a view on how active travel and the use of parks and green spaces can best be utilised to improve health.

1230: Q&A followed by lunch

1330: Afternoon session. Delegates will have the choice of attending a practical, active workshop or site tour, or stay to listen to the speaker sessions in the main auditorium. Details of workshops and site tours will be released soon.

Speaker session in main auditorium

1330: Finding headspace in green space: Rosemary Wilson, Mental Health Trainer, Solihull MIND
Rosemary Wilson will highlight the role of green space as a tool to improve mental health; exploring the work of a ground-breaking ecotherapy project in Solihull and providing practical advice on how this approach may be adopted elsewhere.

1400: Multi-agency partnerships: Graham Bayliss, Leisure Services Director, Sefton Council
Litherland Sports Park was once an under-utilised area prone to antisocial behaviour, but has now been transformed into a hub for sports and recreation with over £5m in funding from a variety of sources. Graham Bayliss will use this as a case study to examine how by forging partnerships the best can be made of our open spaces.

1430: Horticulture & health: Anne Jepson, Project Manager, Bridgend Community Allotment Project
How can we make the most of a renewed interest in allotments and healthy eating? Anne Jepson will discuss a collaboration between a local authority and Primary Care Trust that adopts a holistic approach to health for all.

1500: Coffee

1530: Panel discussion

1600: Summary and close: Michael Rowan

Who should attend?

Parks for Life will be of interest to park managers, heads of service, policy makers, councillors, healthcare professionals and all other public, private and voluntary sector professionals who are currently working with, or have an interest in, parks and green spaces or the health agenda.

Cost

Attendance is £180.00 for IPGS and GreenSpace members and £230.00 for non-members (prices include VAT). A limited number of subsidised places, priced at £90.00, are available to registered community groups and those in full-time education. Please phone 0118 946 9066 to apply for these places.

Hotels and accommodation

Accommodation is not included in the delegate rate. Details of a range of nearby hotels are available from the events team.

Exhibition and sponsorship

A range of cost-effective exhibition and sponsorship packages are available at this event. For more information please call Jon Cornwell on 0118 946 9062, email jonc@green-space.org.uk

Due to the popularity of previous events you are advised to book early to avoid disappointment. GreenSpace reserves the right to alter the programme without notice. Cancellations must be supplied in writing and cannot be accepted later than 11.06.2008. Please see [cancellation procedure](#) for full terms and conditions.

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