

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **LIST OF ORGANISATIONS RECOMMENDED TO CONTINUE RECEIVING GRANT THROUGH SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

Harrow Association of Disabled People (HAD) - £46,722

Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations (HASVO) - £10,200 (no inflationary increase)

Harrow Association of Voluntary Service (HAVS) - £94,439

Harrow Citizens Advice Bureau - £104,349

Harrow Council for Racial Equality - £59,765 (no inflationary increase)

Harrow Shopmobility Scheme - £15,121

Harrow Sports Council - £27,540 (no inflationary increase)

Harrow Weald Common Conservators - £28,500 (no inflationary increase)

Harrow Women's Centre - £59,045

Hestia Housing & Support - £31,136

Ignite Trust - £10,379

Relate - £24,063

Victim Support Harrow - £16,740

Welldon Activity Group - £22,988

### **APPENDIX 3**

#### **LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE GRANT IN 2009/10**

ADHD Support Group  
Age Concern Harrow (new applicant)  
Angolan Civic Communities Alliance  
Ashiana  
Asian Elderly Group  
Association of Senior Muslim Citizens  
Bentley Priory Nature Reserve  
Carramea  
Community Link Up Limited  
Harrow African-Caribbean Association  
Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum  
Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance (HARA)  
Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations (HASVO) – (in addition to SLA)  
Harrow Bengalee Association  
Harrow Bereavement Care  
Harrow Community Radio (new applicant)  
Harrow Community Transport  
Harrow Gingerbread  
Harrow Heritage Trust  
Harrow in Europe Association  
Harrow Inter Faith Council (new applicant)  
Harrow Iranian Community Association  
Harrow Mencap  
Harrow Over 50's Club  
Harrow Pensioners Action Association  
Harrow Public Transport Users' Association  
Harrow Refugee Forum  
Harrow Somali Women's Action Group  
Harrow Talking Newspaper (new applicant)  
Harrow Tamil Association  
Headway Harrow  
Hestia Housing & Support (in addition to SLA)  
Home Start Harrow  
Kids Can Achieve  
Middlesex Association for the Blind  
Mind in Harrow  
Multiple Sclerosis Society – Harrow Branch  
National Autistic Society – Harrow Branch  
Pakistan Society of Harrow  
Parkinson's Disease Society  
Russian Immigrants Association

Sangat Advice Centre  
Special Connection  
St. Luke's Hospice (new applicant)  
United Somali League Trust (new applicant)  
U.K. Asian Women's Conference  
Wealdstone Active Community  
Whittlesea Life Skills Association

**APPENDIX 3a**

**REPORT SUMMARIES OF APPLICATIONS  
RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE GRANT IN 2009/10**

## **ADHD SUPPORT GROUP HARROW**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£24,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£8,910</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£10,080</b>

### **Background**

The ADHD Support Group Harrow provides support, information, respite and parenting education to all parents, carers and sufferers of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and related conditions within the London Borough of Harrow. The aim of the organisation is to work with ADHD sufferers to help build their self-esteem, self-awareness and self-respect, as well as respect for others and to build on their goal setting skills and strategies to empower them to fit into society.

Services provided include advice and information through twice-weekly coffee mornings and one to one parent support/surgery time held 4 times per week, drama therapy once a week, various parenting and anger management courses, educational support within schools, Whytry programme (a 10-week course specifically designed for teenagers), a life coaching service working with young people and adults who have been diagnosed with ADHD or autism, respite through play schemes and a lending library. The Group also provides a service at a monthly clinic at Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) at Northwick Park Hospital where CAMHS refers families to enable them to access support in areas that they are unable to provide. In addition, a workshop for young female sufferers of ADHD and related conditions has recently been developed to help with all aspects of sexual health to alleviate unwanted sexual advances, teenage pregnancies and STDs. The Group does not charge for its services but asks for one-off donations for the parenting and drama therapy courses.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting funding to increase the current Project Manager's hours from 15 to 30 per week for 48 weeks per year. The organisation has stated that the Project Manager is expected to manager volunteers, co-ordinate services, manage projects and provide outreach to families, sufferers and outside agencies both over the telephone and face-to-face. As the organisation is developing new services, which need to be managed and co-coordinated, the Project Manager's workload is expected to increase.

The organisation is also requesting funding to enable the Group to complete Level 2 of the PQASSO Quality Mark. The organisation has been working towards Level 2 but is unable to fund the peer review required.

In addition to the above, the organisation is requesting funding to enable them to carry out CRB checks on any new members of staff and volunteers they employ during 2009/10. It has estimated that they will require 10 new volunteers and 5 new members of staff during 2009/10.

**Salary costs**

Full time Project Manager for 30 hours per week @ £12.50 per hour x 48 weeks per year	£18,000
12% National Insurance contribution/holiday and sick pay	£2,160
<b>Total salary</b>	<b>£20,160</b>

**Other costs**

PQASSO Quality Assurance Level 2	£1,355
CRB checks for 2009/10 based on new volunteers/ staff (babysitters/playscheme/youth workers)	
Employees – 5 @ £45.95 each	£229.75
Volunteers – 10 @ £9.95 each	£99.50
<b>Total other costs</b>	<b>£1,684.25</b>

10% management fee for central costs (Management, supervision, monitoring & evaluation, overheads)	£2,184
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<b>Total</b>	<b>£24,028.25</b>
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**Funding Priorities Met**

**Safer Harrow** – The organisation receives referrals from the YOT and the YISP and it believes that, by working with these young people, their services help to improve their quality of life and thus reduce the chance of them committing further offences.

**Young Harrow** – The organisation states that it supports schools in developing their provisions for young people suffering from ADHD and related conditions. It offers behaviour management strategies, increases awareness and a better understanding of the impact of ADHD on a young person’s personal and social development. Some of the services provided, such as the workshop for young female sufferers mentioned above, promote the health of children and young people.

**Evidence of Need**

The Group has stated that it is the only service in Harrow that offers support, information, respite and training to sufferers and carers of people affected by ADHD, and partnership working enables the group to provide a service, which has been highlighted by ADDISS (Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Services), in being unique as it is a life-span service (an email has been received from ADDISS to confirm this statement).

The organisation has stated that it works closely with and receives referrals from the Youth Offending Team (YOT) and the Youth Inclusion Support Panel (YISP), and long-term criminology studies show that 90% of those with early pre-pubertal conduct disorder, which increases the chance of anti-social behaviour, have associated ADHD. It has also stated that recent studies by the Youth Justice Board have shown that up to 50% of young offenders have ADHD and other related conditions.

During 2007/08, the Group had an overall 436 service users across all projects.

#### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£18,898 from Harrow Carers Grant for coffee mornings, babysitting, playscheme places and parenting/anger management courses  
£10,921 from BBC Children in Need for drama therapy  
£9,648 from Awards for All for 16-25 year olds project  
£1,500 from West Harrow Cluster for the WhyTry programme  
£9,635 from Harrow PCT for one-to-one support, surgery time and CAMHS clinic  
£13,183 from Connexions to support young people in education

#### **Comments and Recommendations**

Officers from Special Needs Services, Children's Services state that they are aware of the contribution that the organisation makes to this area of work.

It is recommended that funding of £10,080 is awarded to the ADHD Support Group Harrow for 2009/10 for the Project Manager's salary and on-costs to enable the work of this post continue at 15 hours per week.

## **AGE CONCERN HARROW (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HARROW HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE)**

**Grant requested: £20,469**  
**Current grant: Not currently funded**  
**Grant recommended: £12,663**

### **Background**

The aim of Age Concern Harrow is to promote the wellbeing of older residents in the borough of Harrow and help make later life a fulfilling and enjoyable experience. It provides direct services and support to older people, public education and advocacy, innovation and research and works in partnership with all sectors and older people to improve the quality of life for older people.

Harrow Healthy Living Centre (HHLC), located at the Wealdstone Centre, aims to provide a range of services to enhance the physical and mental well being of users and educate local people on improving their health. A number of healthy living activities take place at the Centre, and its centrepiece is the Red Brick Café, which is open to the public. The café provides opportunities for young people with learning disabilities to gain work experience.

Age Concern Harrow is the lead organisation for this application, which is for the Harrow Lunch and Leisure Clubs Project, an existing project that is currently held at the Red Brick Café.

### **Grant Request**

The Harrow Lunch and Leisure Clubs Project provides a luncheon club 5 days per week (Monday to Friday) and a social club one day per week (2 sessions on Tuesdays) for elderly people living in the Borough. As part of the social club, a weekly keep fit session takes place with a representative from the PCT who teaches chair exercises. This also includes talks on healthy eating and health promotion. Other activities that take place as part of the social club are singing and handicrafts and games such as bingo, sudoku, cards and board games. In addition to these activities, day trips and outings take place approximately three times per year. Users make a daily contribution of £3.50 to the lunch club and £1 to the social club for each session. One paid member of staff and several volunteers assist with the lunch and social clubs and feedback to other Age Concern Harrow services any concerns or issues that a user may have discussed with them. This could be anything from a client being subdued due to a friend passing away or a concern that their smoke alarm is not working. The issue is then taken up by the relevant service, e.g. handyperson scheme, or the client is signposted to another agency.



For the past five years, this project has been funded as part of a large grant awarded to the Harrow Healthy Living Centre by the Big Lottery. This funding comes to an end in February 2009. Both Age Concern Harrow and HHLC will make their own contributions to the total cost of the project, a full breakdown of which is given below:

	Total Cost	Age Concern Contribution	HHLC Contribution	User Contribution	Grant Request
Salaries for lunch club & activities	£18,059	£6,590	0	0	<b>£11,469</b>
Room hire: 6 hrs p.w. @£20/hr x 50 wks p.a.	£6,000	0	£3,000	0	<b>£3,000</b>
Lunch: £6.50 x 80 p.w. x 50 wks p.a.	£26,000	0	£6,000	£14,000	<b>£6,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,059</b>	<b>£6,590</b>	<b>£9,000</b>	<b>£15,500</b>	<b><u>£20,469</u></b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – the social club and lunch club give users an opportunity to socialise and make friends and bond. The clubs are open to all members of the community, although the majority of users are white elders. However, users from different ethnic backgrounds attend on certain days (depending on the lunch menu) and this therefore brings people from different walks of life together.

**Healthier Harrow** – keep fit activities are held as part of the weekly social club where users participate in chair exercises. The menu that is served at the lunch club is devised in consultation with users and, wherever possible, dishes are made using low salt and fat. The activities help to reduce isolation amongst the users of the project and for some it is the only time they go out of their homes.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that currently approximately 15-25 people attend the lunch club each day and up to 30 people attend the weekly social club. Different users attend on different days and come from all over Harrow, some are in residential care and for some it is their only outing. Some users prefer to attend the lunch club rather than having meals on wheels as it gets them out of their houses and goes some way to relieving their isolation. The organisation believes that there is a reduction in social exclusion for the people attending as they have the opportunity to hold conversations, take part in discussions and make new friends. Age Concern Harrow have stated that they receive verbal communication from users of the two clubs, one of which was quoted as saying 'the lunch club is what makes him get up in the morning' and many of them have stated that they were lonely before they attended but now they have friends to socialise with.

## **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

### Age Concern Harrow

£216,738 from Harrow Council from Adults & Housing Contracts & Brokerage

£11,500 from the Wates Foundation for Volunteer Co-ordinator salary

£27,500 from the Bridge House City Trust for Black Minority Ethnic Project

### Harrow Healthy Living Centre

£92,000 from Big Lottery for HHLC costs

## **Comments and Recommendations**

As the Big Lottery funding will be coming to an end, there is a risk that this service may not continue. The Economic Develop and Enterprise and Research team have suggested that, if Age Concern and the Healthy Living Centre could not be awarded the full cost of the service (£20,469), as a minimum consideration could be given to making a contribution to the cost of hiring the Healthy Living Centre. With this in mind, it is recommended that £12,663 be awarded to this project for 2009/10 to cover the costs of room hire (£3000) and lunch (£6,000) and a contribution towards salaries (£3663).

## **ANGOLAN CIVIC COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE (ACCA)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£14,708</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£4,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

### **Background**

The Angolan Civic Communities Alliance (ACCA) was formed in 1998 in response to identified gaps in the service provision to the Angolan and other Portuguese-speaking communities' migrants, refugees and asylum seekers living in Harrow. The main aims of ACCA are to relieve the need, hardship and distress of these people by providing a translation service and advice regarding matters such as immigration, social and welfare rights, housing, community integration, education, training and employment and to provide counselling and advice on health issues such as health promotion, sexual health and HIV/AIDS awareness. ACCA also aims to promote the advancement of the socio-economic conditions of these people, and other people, regarding matters such as language and literature, culture, faith, social enterprise and business initiatives, good and better race relations and the understanding of the UK, its people and cultures.

ACCA is regulated by the Office of Immigration Services Commission (OISC) to provide free Immigration Advice and Legal Representations. ACCA is also an Advice UK and Immigration Law Practitioners Association (ILPA) regulated member organisation to provide specialised services in advice work, including legal immigration and representation.

### **Grant Request**

The total cost of running the Information Advice and Guidance and Legal Immigration Advice Services is £40,759 and ACCA is requesting £14,708 as a contribution to these overall costs. ACCA states that it has seen a significant increase in casework for the Legal Immigration Advice Service and they therefore require a paid member of staff to initially catalogue and record all of the files for different advisers to deal with. The breakdown of the grant request is as follows:

Capital costs*	£2,550
Insurance	£2,500
Running Costs (contribution)	£2,575
Salaries (contribution)	£7,083
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,708</b>

\*The request for capital costs cannot be considered under the Council's Grants to Voluntary Organisations programme.

ACCA is proposing to hold various activities in addition to the advice and immigration services, including football and sporting activities, an elderly club, ESOL classes, ICT training and advice and support in job seeking.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** – ACCA is proposing to offer support to job-seekers, which could assist the long-term unemployed. It is also proposing to promote social enterprise and business initiatives.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – some of the activities and services that ACCA is proposing, e.g. sporting activities and elderly club, could provide opportunities for those involved to form friendships with other members of their communities.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that it collects feedback from its users at a focus group and carries out a biennial community-led needs analysis, which has systematically pointed out the need for community-led initiatives involving information and advice and access to services. However, no evidence has been provided to support this.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£2,000 from the Edward Harvist Trust for computer equipment.

ACCA currently occupies an individual office at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Due to the restricted budget, it is recommended ACCA is awarded £4,000 for 2009/10, of which £2,550 is to be used for insurance and £1,500 is to be used as a contribution towards running costs.

## **ASHIANA**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£15,454</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£3,060</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,920</b>

### **Background**

Ashiana supports children and young adults who have special needs such as learning, mental physical and sensory disabilities, and their carers. The organisation has stated that it is one of the largest in London specialising in services for the South Asian communities living in Harrow, with 80 members and 60 carers registered. The organisation holds a monthly entertainment/leisure evening at Claremont High School in Kenton (Brent) where social activities are provided for its members, e.g. singing, drama, dancing, arts and crafts and occasional outings and day trips. It also organises sporting activities including yoga and keep fit classes but this is restricted due to the availability of professional tutors. The organisation has stated that it's membership is open to all communities but as the majority of its members and carers are from the South Asian Community who have not been able to access appropriate services, its activities mainly relate to Asian arts and culture. Ashiana reports that 40-50 service users and 60 carers attend each monthly session.

In addition to the monthly activities, Ashiana members participate in community events including Under One Sky and religious and festival days including Navratri celebrations.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting funding to enable it to hold weekly activity sessions to provide professional training in music, dance, drama and arts and crafts as well as yoga for parents/carers. It would like to employ a Volunteer Co-ordinator and an Activity Co-ordinator to organise the volunteers and activities on a weekly basis. The Volunteer Co-ordinator will work for both the current monthly session and the new weekly sessions and will be paid £14 per hour. The Activity Co-ordinator will work for only the weekly sessions and will also be paid £14 per hour. The funding is also requested for the continuation of the monthly activity club. The organisation plans to make a charge of £1 per person for the weekly sessions but does not currently charge for the monthly club. A breakdown of the grant request is as follows:

Venue hire for monthly entertainment/leisure evening (£150 p.m.)	£1,800
*Venue hire for weekly activity sessions – 3 classrooms	£5,400
Office rent and services (£50 p.w. x 52 weeks)	£2,600
Salary of new of volunteer co-ordinator	£2,604
Salary of new activity co-ordinator	£2,100
Volunteers expenses	£1,600
Printing, postage and stationery	£750

Telephone	£600
Insurance	£500
Sundry costs	£500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£18,454</b>
<b>Less income expected to receive from charges to members</b>	<b>£3,000</b>
<b>Total grant request</b>	<b>£15,454</b>

\* The organisation has since stated that it has now agreed this letting with Stanmore College – 4 classrooms for 2 hours will cost £90 per week x 40 weeks = £3,600.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – Ashiana has reported that it integrates with the wider community by partaking in community events and functions organised in Harrow. The activities provided help children and young people with different types of disabilities and their parents/carers to bond.

**Healthier Harrow** – the organisation is proposing to hold weekly yoga sessions for parents/carers. It would also like to offer more regular sports and keep fit workshops with professional tutors.

**Young Harrow** – Ashiana has reported that its current membership is based on 25% children and 75% young adults. The primary aim of the organisation is to enhance the quality of life by allowing people with learning and physical difficulties and their carers to participate in extra activities in a less formal and more friendly environment.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that it has carried out a recent evaluation exercise and has received feedback from service users, carers and volunteers. It also states that volunteers have identified potential new members and feedback has been received from the various community performances held by Ashiana several times a year, e.g. at Under One Sky. It expects 30-35 services users and 30 carers and volunteers to attend each weekly session. At present, about 40-50 services users and 50 carers and volunteers attend the monthly entertainment evenings.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Ashiana has stated that it has agreed lettings with Stanmore College for the weekly activity sessions (4 classrooms for 2 hours will cost £90 per week x 40 weeks = £3,600). However, under the Council's current Community Lettings system the organisation would be eligible to hire out classrooms at a participating

local school at a rate of £6 per hour per classroom (4 classrooms for 2 hours per week x 40 weeks = £1,920). It is therefore recommended that Ashiana be awarded funding of £1,920 for 2009/10 solely to pay for the hire of classrooms for the new weekly activity sessions.

This would enable them to either make a contribution to the cost of hiring classrooms at Stanmore College or meet the full cost of hiring the equivalent space through community lettings.



## **ASIAN ELDERLY GROUP HARROW**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£8,600</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£5,500</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£2,400</b>

### **Background**

The Asian Elderly Group provides social, cultural and physical activities for the elderly Asian community living in Harrow. It currently meets at the Gateway House Hall, North Harrow 5 days per week between the hours of 1 and 4 pm. The group has stated that it currently has 320 female members, who meet once a week and participate in various activities and 110 male members who meet four days a week to play cards. Activities provided include help and advice, keep fit, games, music, meditation, debates and discussions around issues affecting Asian people, seminars on health, help with translations and matters relating to social services. Members pay an annual £5 membership fee.

### **Grant Request**

Currently, the Council's funding pays for the post of Development Officer, which is covered by two part-time officers who work on different days for a total of 15 hours per week. From 2009/10, it intends to employ the Development Officer for only 1 day per week (3 hours) to organise different events and develop the potential of female members. It also wishes to employ a Care Assistant for 4 days (12 hours) per week for the male members of the group to assist them with use of equipment, provide refreshments, help them with translating and form filling and arrange transportation to and from the venue.

A breakdown of the funding request is as follows:

Rental of Gateway House Hall	£2,000
Administrative costs	£600
Development Officer salary 1 day (3 hours) p.w.	£1,600
Care Assistant salary 4 days (12 hours) p.w.	£4,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,600</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - the Group gives users an opportunity to socialise and form friendships with other members of the Asian community.

**Healthier Harrow** – the Group has stated that activities include keep fit sessions and seminars on health (although it has not stated how often these are held) and believes that the activities provide a better quality of life for elderly Asian residents of Harrow as attendance at the sessions relieve isolation.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that it has 446 members who are elderly, frail, disabled and in absence of a meeting place. They have also stated that these people would be spending time home alone during weekdays, which is detrimental to mental health. However, it has not stated how many elderly people attend each session on average. The organisation believes that it reduces the burden on social services in providing similar services to the elderly Asian population. In addition, the supporting information received with the application states that membership of the group has increased considerably and new members may have to be restricted as the maximum capacity of Gateway House Hall is 100.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The organisation has confirmed that it estimates £1,800 of the current year's grant will be unspent at the end of 2008/09 as one of the current Development Officer post holders will not be available for the remainder of the financial year. It is therefore recommended that the organisation carry this funding forward into 2009/10 to fund the Development Officer's salary of £1,600 and a £200 contribution towards administrative costs. In addition, it is recommended that funding of £2,400 be awarded to the organisation for 2009/10 to cover the rental costs of Gateway House Hall (£2,000) and the remainder of the administrative costs (£400).

## **ASSOCIATION OF SENIOR MUSLIM CITIZENS**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£6,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£2,040</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,885</b>

### **Background**

The organisation aims to strengthen resources to improve the quality of life for elderly Muslim people living within and around the London Borough of Harrow. It currently has 222 members and provides support to them with various services including home/social visits and hospital visits in liaison with their families. It also arranges seminars, discussions and social get-togethers with the emphasis on health and general welfare. It also distributes information to members on matters relating to safety, access to services, environmental issues and ways of reducing isolation.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation has provided the following breakdown of the grant request:

Stationery and postage	£525
Telephone (reimbursement)	£260
Volunteers expenses	£1,350*
Hire of venues	£400
Community transport	£600
Administrative assistance	£2,400
Refreshments at seminars/social gatherings	£240
Public liability insurance	£225
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,000</b>

\* Based on intention to increase the number of volunteers if funds become available.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - the organisation gives users an opportunity to socialise and form friendships with other members of their community when it holds the social get-togethers (every other month) and outings (twice a year).

**Healthier Harrow** – the organisation has stated that activities include medical and health-related seminars (although it has not stated how often these are held) that attract between 50 and 70 users. It also carries out hospital and home visits to members that are unwell, it intends to carry out around 110 visits per year.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation states that it was set up in response to an identified need amongst members of the community that were reaching 55-60 years of age. It was felt that these members needed a platform where they could present their matters requiring assistance in the areas of benefits, health, travel and housing needs. The application states that recent feedback from members and from other organisations suggests that the elderly members of the community benefit from the scope of the service being provided by the Association. It also adds that the feedback further indicates the need for an increase in the number of volunteers and an expansion in the scope of the assistance provided. No evidence has been provided to support these statements.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

The Association of Senior Muslim Citizens currently occupies a designated desk at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that £1,885 be awarded to the Association of Senior Muslims Citizens for 2009/10, to cover the cost of the same items they were funded for last year; volunteer expenses (£1,100), telephone costs (£260) and Stationery costs (£525). Please note that the volunteer expenses are based on last years figures.

## **BENTLEY PRIORY NATURE RESERVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£7,650</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£3,500</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£3,500</b>

### **Background**

Bentley Priory Nature Reserve is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The Management Committee through its use of the voluntary sector, including British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) and specialist contractors assists the Council in maintaining the open space in accordance with a Management Plan set by Natural England. The Management Plan sets out the work required to manage and maintain the various elements of the open space including grassland, woodland and marshland so that their condition is maintained and improved and to retain the SSSI status. The work carried out includes flailing of scrubland, coppicing of trees, woodland management and marshland maintenance.

The Nature Reserve is a high quality open space of more than 60 hectares for educational or leisure pursuits for all sectors of the community and is used by schools in Harrow and surrounding boroughs for field trips to assist their education in the natural environment. At the last review by Natural England they found that 30% of the site was in 'favourable' condition and the remaining 70% of the SSSI is in 'unfavourable recovering condition', this is a positive change since the last survey in 2005. 'Unfavourable recovering condition' means that the SSSI is not yet fully conserved but all the necessary management measures are in place and provided that the work programme is sustained the SSSI will reach favourable condition.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation has stated that grant will be use mainly to fund BTCV Workdays and the use of a contractor for scrub clearance and other works as prescribed in the Management Plan. The increase in the grant is requested so that the current programme of works to improve 70% of the site, which is designated as 'recovering', can be enhanced so that recovery will be sooner. Funding will also be used to prepare leaflets and promotional literature for distribution to schools with the aim of increasing the organisation's activities with them. The expenses of the Voluntary Warden and Secretary will also be paid from the grant.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - Bentley Priory Nature Reserve is a large area of natural open space with areas of open grassland, woodland, a lake and a pond. It provides habitats for a large number of bird species, invertebrates and

vertebrates as well as plant and tree life. The continued structured management of the site helps to maintain and improve these habitats.

**Young Harrow** – the organisation has stated that several times a year groups of young volunteers work with the voluntary warden to help maintain the site and that local schools and colleges use the Reserve for educational field trips. It has also stated that it will be working with local schools to encourage them to 'adopt BPNR as their own'.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation reports that Harrow Council has a statutory obligation to maintain Bentley Priory Nature Reserve as a SSSI to the standard required by Natural England. The organisation has stated that the work carried out is complimentary to the Councils own works, which are mainly the maintenance of the hard landscape features, and the use of volunteer groups is a cost effective way of achieving this.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Public Realm Maintenance, Community & Environment Services are aware of this organisation and state that it provides an important function and has a proven track record of delivering quality conservation work and education.

A breakdown of costing was requested, but this was not provided.

Due to restricted the restricted budget, It is recommended that funding of £3,500 be awarded to the Bentley Priory Nature Reserve Management Committee for 2009/10, which would be at the same level as last year.

## **CARRAMEA (Consortium of Anti-Racist, Refugee and Minority Ethnic Associations)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£2,400</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£2,400</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£2,200</b>

### **Background**

CARRAMEA aims to promote the social inclusion of people from minority-ethnic backgrounds by offering ICT training and educational opportunities and by promoting healthy living. The consortium currently consists of 9 member organisations, namely Somali Cultural and Educational Association, Indian Association of Harrow, Iwanaaji Somali Disabled Association, Harrow Iranian Community Association, Harrow African Caribbean Association, Russian Immigrants Association, Harrow Bengalee Association, Pakistan Society of Harrow and Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance.

CARRAMEA has use of part of the Resources Room at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road, which it uses to run its own range of IT workshops at 6 different levels on a half-termly basis. These workshops are held 5 days per week, often twice per day, and consist of one or two hour sessions. Workshops include Getting Started (complete beginners), Word for Work, Excel and Internet for Work, Desktop Publishing, 'Refresher' courses and customised workshops for specific I.T. skills for volunteers/workers. CARRAMEA also provides 'QuickBooks' computerised accounts courses in partnership with C.A.S.H. (Community Accountancy Self Help) for Harrow voluntary sector organisations. The workshops are primarily aimed at volunteers/workers from voluntary organisations, job seekers and ESOL learners.

### **Grant Request**

CARRAMEA is requesting funding of £2,400 to:

- 1 Maintain and develop the networked system of 8 computers in the Resources Room at Community Premises in order to continue to provide its wide range of workshops;
- 2 Deliver other training courses in partnership with external agencies such as CASH;
- 3 Maintain the computer system that it has made available for 'casual user' groups in Room 10 at the Community Premises.

The breakdown provided on the application form states that £200 is for capital expenditure\*, £1,000 is for running costs and £1,200 is for salaries.

The request for capital expenditure cannot be funding from this programme.

## **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** – the organisation has stated that by offering ICT training to people from diverse backgrounds CARRAMEA helps to promote their inclusion in the economic life of the country and increase equality of opportunity for job seekers. It has also stated that the most disadvantaged are valued and encouraged to progress to higher levels of training and to seek work experience placements with member organisations. CARRAMEA reports that workshop facilitators are recruited through the groups at the Community Premises and are mainly job-seekers with IT qualifications and training experience from outside the UK who are looking for work experience in this country as a step towards employment in IT teaching or training.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - CARRAMEA has stated that it welcomes people of all ages and heritage including students, the unemployed, people with special needs, with disabilities and refugees. It also welcomes those who have not been able to read or write in their mother tongue. By promoting a sense of belonging through involving people from these diverse backgrounds to train together it encourages social inclusion between communities.

## **Evidence of Need**

CARRAMEA has stated that ICT skills have consistently been identified as a priority by CARRAMEA member organisations and Management Committee members. It also states that it has had a constant demand for ICT skills from people from ethnic minority backgrounds and in particular from job seekers (including refugees) and volunteers in voluntary organisations and from the different associations which represent them. The organisation reports that in 2007/08 58 trainees started their first computer course, 3 went on to find employment and 5 found work experience placements within the Community Premises.

## **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£298 from Edward Harvist Trust as a contribution towards a high-speed printer and scanner to enhance the computer network in the Resource Room at the Community Premises (agreed February 2009).

They are also working in partnership with Community Learning to ESOL training for people on benefits as part of the City Challenge Pathfinder.

## **Comments and Recommendations**



It is recommended that CARRAMEA be awarded funding of £2,200 for 2009/10 to cover the cost of running this project, as stated in their application. This would include: £1,000 for running costs and £1,200 for salaries.

## **COMMUNITY LINK UP LIMITED**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£15,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£5,650</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£5,650</b>

### **Background**

Community Link Up Limited was established in 1982 to support adults and children with learning disabilities in the borough through a number of projects. Community Link Up has 250 volunteers supporting 480 people who have a learning disability.

Services include:

- 1 training and supporting of volunteers
- 2 setting up and supporting self regulating groups to provide a variety of one-one and group friendships for people living in families, residential homes and other settings.
- 3 Organising integrated activities such as special dances, outings, educational and cultural activities.
- 4 Production of recruitment and training videos, course syllabi and literature, guidelines for friends, carers and volunteers.
- 5 Arranging exhibitions and talks to promote a greater awareness and a deeper understanding of people with a learning disability and their place in the community.
- 6 Support to Changes Night Club, which is run and supported by people with learning difficulties

The organisation states that it delivers the following projects:

**Transitions Project** For clients aged 16-26 the end of statutory education is a life defining time. Research has shown that this is a very challenging time for all concerned. Harrow Council has appointed Transitions staff and intimated that they wish to work on this project.

**Inclusions Project** For educational and vocational placements as well as project enterprise support. This award winning project has been running for more than 7 years and has more than 1150 members all ages who are helped to access mainstream activities and equip them with skills that enable them to access voluntary and paid employment. Where employment is not possible due to their disability the project endeavours to make their lives more fulfilling.

Volunteer Training Screening and CRB checks of all volunteers and then training to a high standard including disability awareness.

Junior 1:1 A monthly club for 45 local children with learning disabilities where they can meet socially as an integrated group to access activities and guidance which are supplemental to that gained at school. This supported by a volunteer base of children, adolescents and young adults.

Performing Arts Project This is a new project driven by demand from service users aimed at providing learning and participation in Contemporary Dance and Arts

Volunteers enjoy friendship with people with learning disabilities, which is equal, natural and reciprocal. These friendships make a big difference and enable people with learning disabilities to enjoy better access and integration into mainstream community activities and to participate more fully in the community. The volunteers assist with transport and with travelling on public transport, some also act as advocates for their friends. These activities help to relieve the isolation which people who live independently can suffer, particularly those without experience of living independently.

### **Grant Request**

The total cost of Link Up Limited's activities is £185,072 and to date has secured £57,463, however applications to other funding bodies are pending. This grant request of £15,000 will be used as follows:

Transitions Project (staff time to support service users)	£4,000
Inclusions Project (staff time to support service users)	£4,000
Volunteer Training:	
Training for 50 volunteers over 12 months	£1,500
Volunteer screening administration costs (references, interviews, home visits)	£1,200
Volunteer Expenses	£300
Volunteer Co-ordinator (contribution to staff time) to run and manage 1:1 clubs	£4,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£15,000</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The activities and services are designed to increase the opportunities for people with learning disabilities regardless of race or religion to integrate into the community.

**Healthier Harrow** - The help that the 'Friends' provide enables people with learning difficulties to discuss any changes in their health so that conditions which might otherwise be missed or ignored are dealt with and their health and social care is enhanced. People with learning difficulties often have difficulty

accessing health services and are not given sufficient time to be understood and treated appropriately. The organisation states that 'Friends' assist them to overcome these problems.

**Young Harrow** - Link Up provides transition from mainstream services and education for young people with learning difficulties and helps to provide the necessary tools and skills to enable them to access further education, work experience, sports, the arts and social activities, that they might otherwise be excluded from. The organisation believe that without this assistance they might otherwise be excluded from the community.

## **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that the Government's Valuing People White Paper emphasises the need for friendship and community inclusion and the Harrow Learning Disability Partnership Board recognises the need for this work. Community Link Up has stated that it has a waiting list, which provides evidence of this need. They also state that there are many referrers including Harrow Social Services and over 50% of people with learning disabilities are not currently accessing services or support.

## **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£992 from Help a London Child for Junior 1:1 Club  
£20,000 from Opportunities for Volunteering for Keep Fit Project  
£4,427 from SF Group for Changes Night Club equipment  
£2,500 from Zurich Trust for travel and training  
£800 from Starbucks for Media project  
£8,750 from Sobell Foundation for various expenditure  
£800 from Enid Blyton Trust for Literacy project  
£500 from Three Valleys Water for Literacy project  
£5,000 from Triangle Trust for various expenditure  
£935 from Edward Harvist Trust towards Creative Dance Project (agreed February 2009).

## **Comments and Recommendations**

Although Community Link-up have not stated that they receive other funds from the council, Adult and Housing confirm that they are well used by local service users and are working in partnership with Harrow Council.

The organisation has received £11,500 from the Learning Disability Development Fund to work in partnership with the Personalisation Team to develop an information DVD.

Due to restricted the restricted budget, It is recommended that Community link-up is awarded £5650 for 2009/10 to enable to continue to provide this service at the same level as last year. It is recommended that the funding should be used in the following way:

£2,000 towards Transitions Project  
£2,000 towards Inclusions Project  
£1,500 volunteer training  
£150 volunteers expenses (at current level)  
**Total £5,650**

## **HARROW AFRICAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION (HACAS)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£9,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£6,732</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£4,500</b>

### **Background**

HACAS was formed in 1991 with the main aim of uniting primarily the African Caribbean people living in the London Borough of Harrow. The main objective is to actively encourage a thriving membership of all age groups regardless of gender, religious or political beliefs and to provide a meeting place and foster friendship, solidarity and good social relationships. Activities of the Association include a luncheon club/day activity centre for the elderly one day per week and a dance school for children aged 5 to 16 years old.

### **Grant Request**

The funding of £9,000 is requested as a contribution towards running the luncheon club/activity day centre and the dance school. The luncheon club runs every Friday between 11am and 4 pm at the Methodist Church Hall in Locket Road, Wealdstone and HACAS has stated that approximately 25-35 elderly people attend each week. A charge of £3 per person per week is made as a contribution towards the cooked lunch each person receives. Activities that take place at the club include keep fit sessions, craftwork, flower arranging and other activities following consultation with the clients. Various speakers on health-related topics are invited to the club periodically and day trips are also held several times per year. The dance school runs every Thursday evening for one hour at the Holy Trinity Church in Headstone Drive, Wealdstone and HACAS has stated that on average 15 young people attend each week. A charge of £2 per person per session is made.

A full breakdown of the grant request has not been provided but HACAS has stated that the total cost of running the activities mentioned above is £25,000 as listed below:

Capital	£2,000
Running costs	£12,500
Salaries	£10,500

Of this, £2,000 has been secured so far from fundraising.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - the organisation gives users an opportunity to socialise and form friendships with other members of their community at the

weekly luncheon club/activity centre for the elderly and also at the weekly dance school for young people.

**Healthier Harrow** – HACAS has reported that 50 keep fit sessions were held last year as part of the weekly club for the elderly and has also stated that various speakers on health-related topics attend the club to give information to the elderly.

**Young Harrow** – the weekly dance school is targeted at primarily African Caribbean children between the ages of 15-16 years. HACAS reports that the weekly sessions raise the young peoples' self esteem and confidence.

### **Evidence of Need**

HACAS has stated that it has been running the luncheon clubs/activity day centre for 15 years to fill a gap in service provision as there is no other similar service available in Harrow that cater primarily for the needs of this group of disadvantaged African Caribbean people. It states that 25-35 people attend each week and 8 new clients were attracted last year.

HACAS has also stated that 15 young people, on average, attend the dance school each week and these young people cannot find these provisions elsewhere in the Borough.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£150 from Age Concern to provide a mini library on Black Historians/Heroes.  
£1,000 from Edward Harvist Trust towards the costs of the Dance School (agreed February 2009).

HACAS currently occupies an individual office at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

A meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 to monitor the funding that HACAS had received for 2007/08 and it came to light that the Day Centre Cook was being paid a set weekly rate of £45 but this was being recorded as volunteer's expenses, which should only cover out-of-pocket expenses. The monitoring report strongly suggested that the management committee reviewed the way in which it paid expenses to volunteers and if it wished to continue paying a set rate rather than reimbursing out-of-pocket expenses, it should consider setting up more formal arrangements with the individuals. This application for funding for 2009/10 states that the Cook and a new post of Dance School Teacher are both 'self employed on contract'.

Despite request for evidence to confirm that they have amended their procedures for payment to volunteers, no satisfactory evidence has been provided. Therefore it is recommended that £4,500 be awarded to this organisation to cover room hire costs. This is based on information provided in their application form as a costing breakdown for this project was not provided.



## **HARROW AGENDA 21 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£7,030</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£5,730</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£5,730</b>

### **Background**

The aim of Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum (HA21) is to increase the environmental sustainability of Harrow for those that live, work and visit the borough. It aims to develop local policies and projects, and campaigns for sustainable development and builds partnerships to implement them. This is done by influencing Harrow Council to introduce more sustainable policies and procedures, by encouraging and informing residents to help them engage in the local community and leading more sustainable lifestyles, through direct contact, through schools, community groups and employers. Issues in which they have an interest include climate change, transport, ethical consumerism, waste and recycling, town planning, biodiversity and environmental education.

### **Grant Request**

The grant is requested is to meet the costs to formally create a Residents' Association Network in Harrow and capacity building programme for residents who want to set up an association and will join the network. This will include holding a number of networking evenings, production and distribution of leaflets, posters and press releases about the network to encourage more associations to join. Through the network it is aimed to build a positive and constructive approach to local residents contributing to local planning issues and policy work. The development of the network will entail the recruitment and training of 17 additional volunteers to help organise a central network meeting, conduct facilitated local meetings with Residents' Associations and conduct capacity building training for newly- forming Residents Associations.

Funding is also requested to pay for ongoing running costs of HA21 including membership scheme, project and campaign related printing costs, website charges, volunteers expenses and training and to pay for the costs of printing the Education Action Group Schools Newsletter and prize money for the annual Anne Swaine Sustainable Youth Award which was started in memory of a local Councillor who championed environmentalism in Harrow. It is intended that prize money for this award be increased from £200 to £500.

### **Costing breakdown**

Running costs:	£6,900
Capital:	£130
<b>Total:</b>	<b>7030</b>

No further information provided.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - HA21 works with individuals, community organisations, schools businesses and local public bodies to inform and influence the local sustainable development agenda. HA21 has members and active volunteers who have expertise in sustainability fields and provides opportunities for other members to learn from expert members at action group meetings and events.

The group disseminates information to members about the latest developments in sustainability through events such as debates, film nights, teachers' workshops, action group meetings and by contributing to events organised by Harrow Council and local community associations. HA21 is well networked with local, regional and national organisations that work to build the capacity of citizens and agencies to develop sustainable lifestyles and environments to live and work in.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - HA21 has been developing relationships with local Residents Associations in order to set up a Residents Association Network to help local people engage in creating a stronger community. HA21 works to increase local people's understanding of how to create a strong and cohesive community through community participation.

**Healthier Harrow** - HA21'S Education Action Group and Transport and Air Pollution Group work with local schools and Harrow Council Travel Plan Officer to campaign to encourage children and parents to walk to school.

HA21 campaigns on local development issues to safeguard green and open spaces for recreational activities and to reduce pollution related illnesses.

HA21's Consumer Action Group has worked with local BME organisations to promote Fair Trade and organic food as a healthy alternative and in July 2008 piloted Harrow's first Fair Trade Food Festival.

**Young Harrow** - HA21'S Education Action Group works with teachers in Harrow schools to support them in setting up environmental after school and lunch clubs. This gives young people an understanding of nature and helps develop personal and social skills outside of the classroom.

### **Evidence of Need**

HA21 reports that it has 92 individual members and has developed a new organisational membership scheme with 23 groups joining since starting it in April 2008. Environmentalism, climate change and sustainability become more important on the local, national and international agendas. There is a national movement towards creating greener and more sustainable communities. It is recognised by local national and international organisations that to develop a sustainable community it is vital to have local people involved in the process of

change and development. The local HA21 enables the process of promoting and developing this participation.

**Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

HA21 currently occupies designated desk accommodation at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The Project and Design Team state that they are aware of the work that Harrow Agenda 21 Environmental Forum do, but receive no direct funding from the Planning Service. They state that the forum participates in Greener Harrow ( a sub group of the Sustainable Development Management Group on the Harrow HSP ) and regularly engages with the service on the preparation of Planning strategy documents.

Local Agenda 21 groups are recognised nationally for the promotion of Sustainable Development.

Due to the restricted budget, it is recommended that the organisation be awarded £5,730 for 2009/10 to continue their work at the same level as last year.

## **HARROW ANTI RACIST ALLIANCE**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£9,500</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£3,750</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£5,000</b>

### **Background**

Formed in 1993, Harrow Anti Racist Alliance (HARA) is a multi-ethnic organisation, which supports people who have been subjected to racial discrimination/harassment. They run anti-racist training courses, offer work experience and volunteering opportunities and organise youth, arts and media events and projects.

Services provided include:

- 1 Casework on racial harassment/discrimination and crime reduction.
- 2 Guidance and support to people and families experiencing social exclusion and racial harassment/discrimination.
- 3 Participation in existing crime reduction initiatives such as third party reporting, CASWORKS and MAF.
- 4 Encouraging the inclusion of people of minority- ethnic heritage, refugees, the elderly and young people in a range of Harrow Council initiatives including the Arts Festival and Black History Month.
- 5 Drama sessions held weekly during term time.

### **Grant Request**

The grant will be used to expand the part time Community Support Coordinator's (CSC) post from 2 mornings to 5 mornings per week. The post holder will coordinate services provided by HARA supporting individuals who are subject to racial and religious discrimination and/or hate crime by undertaking frontline casework 5 days a week and inputting hate crime cases into the caseworks database. The organisation states that the CSC effectively liaises with other frontline statutory or voluntary agencies within the Harrow Strategic Partnership, Community Cohesion Management Group and Safer Harrow Management Group, as well as other agencies as appropriate to provide a cohesive standardised, effective response to victims of Hate Crime and provide victim support.

A breakdown of the grant request is as follows:

Running costs	£2,000
Community Support Co-ordinator salary	£7,500

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities** - HARA state that they meet this priority by promoting inclusion, helping to create a safer environment, and by increasing equality of opportunity through increased access to services.

**Safer Harrow** - The organisation states that they meet this priority by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and by addressing the fear of crime. HARA also states that they are represented on the Harrow Police and Community Consultative Group and the Harrow Health and Race Forum.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The organisation states that they meet this priority by providing refugees and BME community a voice and channel of communication to Harrow Council and other agencies. They state that they work to provide an environment where the most disadvantaged are valued and where people from different cultures and backgrounds get on well together.

**Healthier Harrow** - The organisation states that they meet this priority by helping people to overcome the barriers to accessing services through advocacy.

**Young Harrow** - The organisation states that they meet this priority by offering a range of arts initiatives that young people can participate in. This has included the organisations involvement in Black History Month, Words Live, Under One Sky, Words Live and Refugee Week.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that in 2007/08 it dealt with 105 cases and provided consultancy 2 mornings a week in term time to people subject to racial and religious harassment or discrimination. HARA states that it had an overwhelming demand for all its frontline services, which resulted in many cases being turned away or referred elsewhere. It further reports that between April – July 2008 it dealt with 67 cases compared with 42 cases during the same period of the previous year.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£885	Edward Harvist Trust	Laptop computer for casework and presentations
£500	HPCCG	Strengthening communities event

HARA currently occupies an individual office at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Although sufficient evidence has been provided by the organization to expand the service, however due to the restricted budget, it is recommended that funding

of £5,000 be awarded to Harrow Anti-Racist Alliance for 2009/10 to enable the organisation to increase the salary cost by approximately 33%.

## **HARROW ASSOCIATION OF SOMALI VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (HASVO)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£12,000 (in addition to current SLA funding)</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£10,200 SLA</b>
	<b>£3,000 (additional one-off funding)</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£6,500</b>

### **Background**

HASVO was set up to help build the capacity of Somali community organisations in Harrow, reduce duplication, increase the uptake of services and enhance community cohesion by promoting diversity and opportunities for all. HASVO is an umbrella organisation and currently has 11 member organisations. HASVO co-ordinates and allocates responsibility to member organisations for a specific service area or client group, i.e., disabled, women and mental health.

HASVO provides an open access and surgery to all members of the Somali community in Harrow from 2 venues: the Community Premises and its office in St. John's Road. Advice and guidance is given on a variety of issues including social and welfare benefits, housing, education and health. Practical assistance is also provided with interpreting, translation, completing forms and letter writing. Often, volunteers accompany clients to the relevant services to interpret for them and liaise on the client's behalf. Volunteers also visit some clients in their own homes and provide outreach work.

### **Grant Request**

The grant will be used to recruit a Somali-speaking advice worker on a part time basis. At present, advice and guidance is given by volunteers who aim to cover the service on a full-time basis at St. John's Road and drop-in sessions 4 days per week at the Community Premises building in Northolt Road. HASVO has stated that it wants to recruit this part-time worker to ease the pressure on the volunteers and fill the gap where volunteers are not available. The breakdown of the funding request is as follows:

*Capital expenditure	£4,000
Running costs	£1,500
Salary	£6,500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£12,000</b>

\* The request for capital funding cannot be met from this programme.

### **Funding Priorities Met**



The organisation has provided evidence of how they meet the Council's old priorities. This information has been inserted under the headings of the new priorities where relevant.

**Sustainable Communities** - HASVO states that they meet this priority by providing advice, information surgeries and practical assistance they are able to address the communication barriers and lack of awareness of mainstream services that exists within the Somalian community. They also claim that the service empowers the community and helps them to access services with confidence.

**Safer Harrow** - They state that they meet this priority by working in partnership with Harrow Strategic Partnership, the Drug Action Team, Children's Services and the Directorate of Learning and Community Development and the police on a number of different projects.

**Stronger Communities** - The organisation does not provide evidence of how they met this priority. However it is possible to see that the organisation activities do not foster community integration as they work for the benefit of one community.

**Healthier Harrow** - The organisation does not provide evidence of how they this priority. However it is possible to see how the support and advice that is offered to members of the Somalian community can assist them in access health and other related services and facilities.

**Young Harrow** - The organisation states that they meet this priority by supporting parents to understand the British educational system and to improve their children's performance. They also state that they provide career and education advice and activities for young people.

### **Evidence of Need**

HASVO claim that Somalians are one of the largest new communities in Harrow with a population of approximately 10,000. They state that this project is addressing some of the recommendations made by Somalian Community Needs Assessment Research, which was conducted by HASVO in partnership with Harrow Council in 2007 that highlighted many of the problems experienced by the community.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£5,000 from LAA

£24,560 from Drug Action Team

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The Joint Commissioning Manager, Harrow Drug Action Team state that since 2005, the Council's Drug Action Team and Harrow Stronger and Safer Community Fund have supported HASVO to run various project on drug education and awareness for substance misuse among Somalis and other BME groups in Harrow. The project has made significant contributions in the provision of a range of services for this community particularly in the areas of drug education and awareness of substance misuse and increased awareness among the frontline staff and borough leadership of the BME substance misuse. In 2008 they supported the service with a budget of £10,000 for BMEG drug education, advocacy and volunteer training.

They confirm that HASVO will not be receiving funding during 2009/10 due to funding constraints, but would support their application for funding to continue good work that they do within their community. She is also aware that the PCT will be receiving funding through the PCT to provide community service to reduce ill health caused by poverty, social isolation and substance misuse. The contract will run for three years. However, HASVO needs the community grant to run the volunteering scheme and advocacy work.

The Service Manager for Targeted Youth Support Services states that they work in partnership with HASVO but they do not fund their activities. The Youth Offending Team has been working with HASVO on a mentoring project for young people. They have been very pleased with the results of this project and are aware that that the organisation has provided volunteers and goodwill from their community.

It is recommended that funding of £6,500 be awarded to HASVO to cover the salary costs of employing a part-time advice worker. This would support the current SLA activities, which is used to pay for volunteer expenses across member organizations.

## **HARROW BENGALEE ASSOCIATION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£4,210</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£2,729</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£2,100</b>

### **Background**

The Harrow Bengalee Association is a registered charity set up in 1989. The aim of the organisation is to promote and foster educational, cultural and social activities and to provide a focal point for the Bengalee community. They achieve this by ensuring that the Bengalee community advance their music, language and culture. They provide social and recreational activities, mother tongue classes, singing and dance and social activities and health awareness sessions for parents and children. They also run information sessions and meetings on various issues relating to housing income support, debt management and health issues.

They maintain liaison and co-operation with the local statutory authority and other voluntary organisations. They work in partnership with Harrow Council and have participated in a number of events promoted by the Council including Under One Sky and Black History Month.

### **Grant Request**

The grant requested is for the hire of accommodation, teachers' expenses, and office expenses and for the various activities, events and trips, which are organised. The organisation will use this to run:

- 1 Bengalee classes/supplementary lessons for 18 students for 2 hours termly on Saturday afternoons
- 2 Singing/dancing classes for 22 students for 2 hours termly on Saturday afternoons.
- 3 Medical/health promotion lectures for approximately 40 for 2 hours every 6-8 weeks on Saturday afternoons
- 4 Yoga classes for approximately 20 people on Saturday mornings for 3x10 weekly sessions
- 5 A monthly family get together for 40-50 people usually held on the last Thursday of the month
- 6 Various information sessions for 12-14 people by appointment
- 7 Various cultural activities for 200-250 people

### **Breakdown of funding**

Hire of hall for three main cultural events and weekly classes	£1,650
Hire of hall for over 50 group plus snacks and tea	£450

Cost for cultural events (entertainers, sound system, etc)	£1,800
Printing, postage, stationery	£310
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,210</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The organisation states that it will meet this priority by networking with other voluntary service providers and sharing views. They will also ensure representation on various committees so that they can ensure that the views of their community are heard. However these activities do not lead to stronger communities as they are only for the benefit of one community.

**Young Harrow** - The organisation states that it will meet this priority by providing supplementary lessons to young people in English and Maths as well as Bengali language, music and dance. They also promote sport and physical activities.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation provided limited evidence of need. They state that their own monitoring, which is gathered from face-to-face feedback, confirms that there is a demand for activities. They also state that users look forward to the events, which have been provided for a long time.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£1,790 from Edward Harvist Trust for computer equipment/projector

Harrow Bengalee Association currently occupies a designated desk at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that the organisation be awarded £2,100 to cover the cost of hall hire for cultural events and weekly classes and for Over 50s activities and the cost of printing, postage and stationery. This is based on costings provided by the organisation.

## **HARROW BEREAVEMENT CARE**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£9,800</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£9,500</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£9,800</b>

### **Background**

Harrow Bereavement Care (formerly Harrow Churches Bereavement Visiting Scheme) was set up in 1981 to relieve the suffering and distress caused by bereavement amongst the residents of Harrow and surrounding area.

Services provided include:

- 1 Support through the grieving process
- 2 Raising public awareness of the need for effective bereavement support to be available in the community
- 3 Training and supervising suitable volunteers in visiting and listening skills for working with the bereaved
- 4 Support to bereaved children
- 5 Cooperating with and offering training to other agencies engaged in similar work

These are offered on a totally voluntary basis to all residents and are for as long and often as each recipient needs.

The organisation consists of a number of groups each with a leader, the office coordinates the work. Calls for help are received either through the office or within the groups and includes referrals from GPs, Northwick Park Hospital, Palliative Care Team and the Probation Service.

In effort to improve diversity they have volunteers who speak different languages and leaflets include translations into Hindi, Urdu, and Gujarati. Training now includes a session on how different faith groups approach death.

CRB checks are made for those visitors who visit children.

### **Grant Request**

The grant is to be used to fund the core activities of the Charity including primarily the salary of the Office Manager and the costs of maintaining the office. This includes normal office expenses and rent.

The total cost of the project is £26,678.

Equipment, premises	£ 3,378
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Running costs	£ 2,800
Salaries	£20,500

### **Funding Priorities Met**

#### **Stronger Communities**

The organisation states that they meet this priority by empowering individuals to resume participation activities.

#### **Healthier Harrow**

The organisation states that it meets this priority by training volunteers in listening skills. They also state that this service is particularly important their elderly clients. The drop-in centres also offer a source of companionship for users of the service.

#### **Young Harrow**

The organisation states that it meets this priority by providing specialist support to children and young people, as it recognises that bereavement affects children differently to adults. Some volunteers are specially trained to visit children and a development manager has a remit to extend bereavement work to schools across the borough.

### **Evidence of Need**

Harrow Bereavement Care state that they receive frequent daily phone calls and referrals from the community, usually a place of worship.

The latest figures available are for 2007.

Visits to bereaved	487
Conference participants	90
Volunteers trained	
Initial training	90
2 <sup>nd</sup> tier	71

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£500 from Fellowship of St. John's Trust for children's visitor training

£200 from Hillside Trust for office equipment

£11000 - The Development Manager is currently funded by Emmanuel Church, Northwood

### **Comments and Recommendations**

A requirement of the grant for 2008/09 was that all visitors have appropriate CRB checks and that the service be more inclusive to diverse communities. There is evidence that these CRB checks have been made and the organisation states that it has made attempts towards making its service more inclusive.

It is recommended that the organisation be awarded £9,800 for 2009/10 to cover 50% of the services salary costs.

## **HARROW COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£53,341</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£8,840</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£8,840</b>

### **Background**

Harrow Community Transport (Harrow CT) was formed in 1980 to provide a community transport service for the most vulnerable residents in Harrow who were unable to use mainstream transport due to age, sickness or disability (mental or physical).

The organisation provides the following services:

<b>Group Transport Services</b>	Four vehicles with Passenger Lifts. 1 x 16 seater, 2 x 13 seater plus 2 wheelchair users, 1 x 8 seater plus 4 wheelchair users, 1 x 4 seater plus 3 wheelchair users. The service operates 7 days a week.
<b>Individual Chairman Service</b>	Two vehicles that carry 1 wheelchair user plus carer. The service operates 7 days a week.
<b>Community Car Scheme</b>	Volunteer car drivers using their own vehicles The service operates 5 days a week.

The organisation provides a low cost community transport service, with a driver, to voluntary organisations, groups and individuals based in Harrow. For example, the organisation provides the wheelchair-access bus on a weekly basis to six sheltered housing sites in Harrow, and the Community Car Scheme is available to provide transport to individuals for medical and other appointments.

They are also registered with The Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MIDAS) as a Driver Assessment and Training Centre and for a small charge they will train drivers from voluntary organisations so that they can drive any of the Harrow CT vehicles.

In June 2006 a new Director of Harrow CT was appointed June 2006 to review the fleet of vehicles, to measure vehicle usage and to promote the service. The organisation states that as a result the passenger movements have increased from 750 in year-end April 2006 to 4904 in year-end April 2008.

### **Grant Request**



The total cost of the service is forecasted at £192,293 of which £42000 is for capital. The grant requested is to cover part of the employment costs the of the following staff:

Director	£29,483
Administrator and Community Car Coordinator	£15,201
Part-time Driver	£ 8,657
<b>Total</b>	<b>£53,341</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - The organisation states that it would meet this priority by providing transport to enable the most vulnerable residents to gain access to the community. This would increase the independence of older people by enabling them to go shopping, visit places of worship and other places of interest. It would also reduce inequality by providing vehicles, which are adapted for wheelchair users. They also state that 'Community Car Scheme' also encourages volunteering.

**Safer Harrow** - The organisation states that it would meet this priority by working in partnership with a range of voluntary organisations to provide safer travel routes in order to encourage positive feelings of safety and security. They also state that as the service provided on a 'door to door' basis safety is given the highest consideration.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The organisation states that it would meet this priority by enabling voluntary groups and individuals including the young, old and disabled to access a range of services thereby enhancing their quality of life. The transport service enables users to participate in social activities and maintain social relationships.

**Healthier Harrow** - The organisation states that it would meet this priority by enabling the elderly and disabled to visit leisure facilities and health services which encourages a healthier lifestyle.

**Young Harrow** - The organisation states that it would meet this priority, as the service is also available to children and young people with disabilities.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation states that this services was established in 1980 to address the findings in a survey that identified a gap in transport provision for the most vulnerable individual and voluntary groups who were unable to access public transport due to poverty sickness or a disability. They also state that in the past two years passenger movements have increased from 750 in year-end April 2006 to 4904 in year-end April 2008.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

Fees and charges	£83,048
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Grant from Harrow PCT (pending)	£40,000
National Lottery or City Bridge (pending)	£42,000 (for replacement of 1 vehicle)
Donation from Lions Club	£ 5,000

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Harrow Community Transport provide transportation for individuals and groups across all races, religions and physical capabilities at a reasonable cost and enables them to interact with the wider community.

The grant request for £53,341 is substantially more than has been awarded in previous years. In 2008/09 a grant of £8,840 was given to cover costs of employing a part time Coordinator/Admin Assistant. Due to the restricted budget, it is recommended that the organisation be awarded the same level of funding for another year to contribute to the employment costs of the Administrator and Community Car Coordinator.

## **HARROW GINGERBREAD**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£6,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,530</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,400</b>

### **Background**

Harrow Gingerbread provides support and self-help for lone parent families regardless of religion, culture, age or background. The organisation states that a large majority of families within the group are from low-incomes, have experienced domestic violence, have disabilities/special needs, have been recently bereaved or have unsettled ways of living and have no other support. The group meets once a month at Pinner Youth Centre (Chapel Lane) and members are encouraged to participate in activities to promote life skills, boost confidence and gain independence by socialising and making new friends. Activities and trips including both the parents and children are often held during school holidays and at other times of the year, funding permitting.

### **Grant Request**

Funding of £6,000 is requested to run a Healthy Living and Cultural Awareness Project. The young people would be involved in the planning and organising of the project as well as participating. The project would involve various pre-booked sporting activities held at Harrow Leisure Centre in small groups of 4-6. These activities would include table tennis, badminton, tennis, swimming and squash. Each young person would be asked to keep a diary of each activity they have participated in and what they think they have achieved and enjoyed. Evidence would be recorded using a camera and a CD of photographs would be compiled as a keepsake for the young people.

The project would also give the opportunity for young people to learn to play 'multi-cultural' instruments and learn the history of different music and arts by visiting museums and other places of cultural/historical interest and participating in multi-cultural events and festivals. Each young person would be encouraged and supported into creating foods from around the world and celebrating and sharing festivals, gaining knowledge and learning about the history of other members' cultures and experiences.

### **A breakdown of the grant request is as follows:**

*Equipment	£1,128.64
Harrow Leisure Centre hire	£2,053.60
Food	£1,000
Rent	£420
Travel costs	£600

Visits/entry fees	£797.76
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£6,000</b>

\*To run this project, Harrow Gingerbread would like to purchase a number of items of sports and musical equipment totalling £1,128.64. The equipment would be used during the Harrow Leisure Centre sessions as well as during visits to the park in the school holidays and a planned 'Mini-Olympics' day. This equipment cannot be funded through this grants programme as it is deemed as capital expenditure.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - the project aims to bring young people, and their parents, of different backgrounds together and experience each others cultures by celebrating festivals and preparing foods together, working as part of a team.

**Healthier Harrow** - the overall aim of the project is to create healthier lifestyles for the young people involved by encouraging them to participate in sports activities and promoting exercise on a regular basis.

**Young Harrow** - the project would provide an opportunity for young people to engage in activities that promote a healthy lifestyle, e.g. physical activity, and develop new skills. It would also encourage them to experience different cultures and make new friends, leading to raised self-esteem and confidence.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation state that children and young people need to experience and be able to enjoy physical activities as part of living a healthier lifestyle. However no evidence of need is given.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£1,000 from Jack Petchey for a holiday for families  
£800 from Jack Petchey for 'Young People's Wish List'  
£2,000 from Help A London Child for summer activities/cultural project 2008  
£470 from Edward Harvist Trust Fund for equipment for Healthy Eating project

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The Early Years and Community Service support this application, as they believe that this compliments the work of the statutory sector and fulfils a role that no other organisation provides, particularly as it operates at the weekend. As the organisation receives funding from other sources to fund similar activities, it is

recommended that a contribution of £1,400 be made for 2009/10 to cover the cost of visits/entry fees and travel costs.

## **HARROW HERITAGE TRUST**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£9,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£8,100</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£8,100</b>

### **Background**

Harrow Heritage Trust was formed by a former Mayor in 1985. The aims and objectives of the Trust are to secure the protection, preservation, restoration and improvement of the character and amenities of Harrow. They also promote the preservation of land and buildings of beauty or historic interest as well areas of ecological or scientific importance.

The Trust operates through a number of sub committees, each with its own specific role. These include the Harrow Nature Conservation Forum through which works to maintain and improve wildlife habitats in the countryside areas of Harrow including Stanmore Common, Stanmore Country Park and Roxbourne Park Rough are carried out. These sub committees are coordinated by the executive committee. The Trust also supports the restoration of Headstone Manor through fundraising and advice.

### **Grant Request**

The grant requested will be used as detailed below. Half of the grant will be used to fund the Harrow Nature Conservation Forum, who work with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) to carry out the work. Harrow Heritage Trust suggest that this is the more cost effective way to undertake this work.

### **The grant will be allocated as follows:**

Harrow Nature Conservation Forum	£4500
Work with Young People	£1600
Plaque Scheme	£ 400
Graffiti Cleaning Materials	£ 100
Administration	£2000
Additional special requests	£ 400
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9000</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities** - The organisation states that they would meet this priority, as its activities are beneficial to the community at large. They also state that they work to enhance and improve the Borough's historic buildings and the biodiversity of the open spaces.



**Safer Harrow** - The organisation states that they would meet this priority by improving the maintenance of green spaces. They believe that this would encourage young people off the street and into healthier open-air activities and as a result reduce street crime. They also suggest that by removing graffiti, a better sense of security could be achieved.

**Stronger Communities** – The organisation states that they would meet this priority by working with schools to encourage children to take an interest in Harrow's heritage. The Trust also involves itself in events for example the St Georges Day celebrations normally held in Pinner.

**Healthier Harrow** - The organisation states that they would meet this priority by encouraging volunteers from Harrow to maintain open spaces.

**Young Harrow** - The organisation states that they would meet this priority by working through the Young Peoples Committee, they are able to fund and encourage activities in schools. They would also like to continue to National Curriculum through joint projects.

### **Evidence of Need**

Harrow Heritage Trust believe that their activities are appreciated and welcome by the community and state that they have received verbal thanks and praise to support that.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

None

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Public Realm Maintenance, Community & Environment Services state that they are aware of the work of Harrow Heritage Trust. They have close links with Public Realm Services in delivering a range of value added activities and focuses on a variety of environmental and heritage projects. They believe that the trust has consistently provided an excellent support network for the enhancement of the environment and The Harrow Nature Conservation Forum has proved to be an effective volunteer network delivering quality conservation work and an excellent joint partnering facility with the Council.

Due to the restricted budget, it is recommended that Harrow Heritage Trust be awarded £8,100 for 2009/10, which would be at the same level as last year.

## **HARROW IN EUROPE**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£7,500</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£5,100</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£5,100</b>

### **Background**

The Harrow in Europe Association was formed in 1979 when the London Borough of Harrow twinned with the town of Douai in North Eastern France.

The previous Chair of the organisation established links with Douai in order to improve links between Harrow and Europe. Since the twinning ceremony launch in 1979 the Harrow in Europe Association has acted on behalf of the Borough in promoting and encouraging links between Harrow and Douai.

The Association assists many schools in the organisation of their visits to Europe. They assist them with their travel and accommodation arrangements, by providing contacts and financial assistance where possible.

The Association has also arranged visits and exchanges for schools and various groups in the community. This has included, an exchange of librarians from Harrow to Douai, Air Cadets taking part in November 11th memorials, sporting events, Harrow churches exchange, a visit to a centre in Harrow of disabled French women and a visit to the European Parliament.

The Association also sponsors students as part of its involvement with the Vimy Foundation which was set up in 2006 to raise awareness of the importance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The Foundation believes that Vimy Ridge Day should be celebrated as enthusiastically as any other national celebration. Foundation initiatives include the prestigious Vimy Prize Youth Scholarship, distributing books to school libraries, organising history presentations and commemorative events. In 2007/08 the Association donated 3500 to the Foundation.

### **Grant Request**

The grant will be used to develop the twinning relationship between Douai and other countries. It will also be used to fund special activities relating to the 30th Anniversary of Twinning celebrations.

#### **Cost breakdown**

Sponsored visits by schools, etc	£3,500
Hosting visitors from Douai	£3,000
30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration	£1300
Sponsored trip by Nower Hill (to take part in Gayants Festival in Douai – July 2009)	£750

Youth football Tournament – Douai	£750
Youth Parliament Festival	£450
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>£9750</b>

The Association plans to raise £2,250 through fund raising and is therefore requesting a grant of £7500.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - The Association states that they aim to encourage and facilitate the interaction between diverse groups in Harrow and Douai for sport, education, leisure, cultural and remembrance activities.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The Association states that they promote stronger communities by adding an international dimension to its links with communities in Harrow.

**Healthier Harrow** – The Association states that they organize sporting exchanges, including disabled athletics, which promote exercise and improved health.

**Young Harrow** – The Association states that they meet this priority by facilitating school and sports exchange visits for young people to Douai and its associated twin towns.

### **Evidence of Need**

The Association believes that the twinning of the two towns require some level of exchange visits and joint events to sustain it and that Harrow In Europe provides this service to local groups and to civic representatives.

They state that they have received letters of appreciation from schools and pupils and those who participated in sport and cultural exchanges. They also state that the demand from schools for funding and projects continues, especially for disabled sport. Visits of the Mayor and other civic dignitaries continue.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

None

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Due to the restricted budget, it is recommended that they be awarded funding at the same level as last year.

## **HARROW INTER FAITH COUNCIL**

**Grant requested:** £2,710  
**Current grant:** Not currently funded  
**Grant recommended:** £2710

### **Background**

Harrow Inter faith Council was formed in 1983 in order to promote educational projects and events. This enables participants to appreciate each others philosophical traditions in the wider community. They encourage respect for the beliefs and traditions of others, while fostering friendship and understanding between people of all faiths. They work towards harmony and peaceful co existence in the community and oppose prejudice wherever it exists. Harrow Inter Faith Council works with the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education and makes a contribution towards religious education and worship in schools. They encourage young people to participate in inter faith activities and also encourage all sectors in the community to work together for a solution to problems experienced by local faith communities in their everyday practices and co-operate with other groups and networks with similar aims.

### **Grant Request**

The grant is to sustain the running costs of Harrow Inter Faith Council and carry out at least one major activity in a given year. This may be in the form of a lecture on a topic of concern requiring paid speakers or a School Conference as was held in 2007. Events such as this enable many cultures both adult and children to meet and exchange knowledge on matters of relevance and importance.

### **Cost breakdown**

Paid Admin Assistant for approx 4 hours per week.	£2000
Other expenses	£710
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2700</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** – the organisation states that they meet this priority by promoting good practices and entering into dialogue, fostering friendships and respect towards unity among the residents of Harrow. They also state that they encourage integration between all cultures.

**Safer Harrow** – the organisation states that they meet this priority by listening and sharing the belief of all faith groups. They also state that they encourage the development of respect for the religious beliefs and customs of all nationalities

and believe that the educating of virtues and understanding is paramount to safer stronger communities.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – The statement that the organisation has provided for the Sustainable Communities priority is more relevant to this priority. However they state that they meet this priority by being patient and aware of the needs of others, Harrow Inter Faith Council lets people know that all knowledge has its place and is worth knowing regardless of where it came from.

**Young Harrow** - Harrow Inter Faith Council supports schools in their activities, to educate all children in the borough through offering advice and support. For example, the organisation provides teachers with information, on behaviour, dress, religious law and practices, when teaching a specific belief system.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation believes that the diverse cultures and belief systems need to meet to discuss topics of concern for educational and informational purposes. They also state that schools rely on faith representatives for guidance. They also believe that Harrow's faith representatives have a role to play in informing and leading their communities towards dialogue in community cohesion and inclusion. They also believe that Harrow Inter Faith Council exists because all faiths send representatives who are willing to communicate with each other in a human spirit of fellowship.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

None

### **Comments and Recommendations**

This organisation is not currently funded by the Council, however they are currently working closely with schools and the Council to address issues around community cohesion. Therefore, it is recommended that the organisation be awarded £2,710 as requested.

## **HARROW IRANIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested:           £24,000**  
**Current grant:             £5,500**  
**Grant recommended:     £5,500**

### **Background**

The Harrow Iranian Community Association (HICA) was set up in 1991 to assist Persian-speaking residents of Harrow and its neighboring boroughs with issues around education, health, settlement, family problems, benefits and housing. Currently the organisation runs the following main services:

- 1 Drop-in advice/assistance service from Monday to Friday at Community Premises, 27 Northolt Road (where HICA occupies an individual office) and on Saturdays at Belmont First School
- 2 Supplementary and Mother tongue language school (Iran School) every Saturday at Belmont First School, offering Persian and English languages and Maths tuition for 5-16 year olds
- 3 Senior Citizens Lunch Club once a week
- 4 ESOL classes in collaboration with Harrow College twice a week at Community Premises (open to all communities)

HICA also organises occasional seminars and workshops on child psychology and family matters and also organises various social events to celebrate dates in the Iranian calendar.

HICA have obtained the Community Legal Services Quality Mark for general advice with casework.

### **Grant Request**

HICA is requesting funding of £24,000 for the following:

Venue hire	£8,000
Administration	£2,000
Telephone, web maintenance, postage	£2,500
Volunteer's expenses/seminal fees	£3,500
Refreshments	£500
Part-time office worker	£8,000

The organisation has been running without any paid staff since the end of 2006/07 when funding from the Big Lottery for 3 workers (Coordinator and 2 Outreach Workers) came to an end.

## **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – the organisation states that it meets this priority by providing ESOL classes that are open to all communities. This brings together different groups of people from different backgrounds and assists with breaking down barriers.

**Young Harrow** – the organisation states that it meets this priority by providing additional educational support to young people in Maths, English, Science and mother tongue through the weekly supplementary school. HICA reports that it also organises youth training sessions and sporting activities throughout the year.

## **Evidence of Need**

HICA has reported that it receives approximately 5-10 visitors per day for its drop-in service, 12-14 people attend each ESOL class and 20-25 elderly people attend the lunch club each week. It has also stated that between 120-140 young people attend the weekly supplementary/mother tongue school. HICA has stated that to implement a project it must feel that it is deemed as necessary and addresses a genuine need within the community, it is not available elsewhere within the London Borough of Harrow and it must be within the capability of HICA to run it successfully. HICA has also stated that its projects are initially proposed by service users and they are involved in all aspects of such activities.

## **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£1,665 from Sport Relief  
£3,000 from Youth Opportunities Fund  
£1,694 from Family Learning

HICA currently occupies an individual office at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

## **Comments and Recommendations**

A meeting was held on 22nd July 2008 to monitor the funding that HICA had received for 2007/08 and it came to light that volunteers, including the teachers who ran the supplementary school, had written conditions of employment, which they were asked to sign. They were paid a set rate of £15 per day (7 hours) and were asked to complete timesheets. However, they were classed as volunteers and no formal contracts were in place.

It is recommended that HICA is awarded £5,500 for 2009/10 to enable them to deliver services at the same level as last year. It is also noted that no evidence was provided to suggest that there is a need to increase the level of service

currently provided. It is also recommended that this funding be released on condition that the organization provides evidence that volunteer expenses are paid appropriately.



## **HARROW MENCAP**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£25,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£8,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£8,080</b>

### **Background**

Harrow Mencap works with and represents people with learning disabilities within the Borough, to ensure their needs; rights and aspirations are met, as well as providing advice and support to families and carers. Current services include housing and supported living services, advocacy, person centered planning, leisure, sports and social club activities, an Asian outreach service, and a forum for people with learning disabilities. All of their work is focused on user involvement and takes a person centered approach.

### **Grant Request**

Harrow Mencap has requested £25,000 requested to run after school clubs at Shaftsbury, Woodlands and Kingsley Schools and holiday activities at Kingsley and Shaftsbury Schools for children with learning and physical disabilities in the Borough. These children are often excluded from the type of after school and holiday clubs enjoyed by other children because their disabilities mean that they require a high ratio of staff and volunteer support as well as specialised transport.

### **Costing breakdown**

Woodlands After School Club	£8,080
Woodlands School Holiday Club	£12,297
Kingsley After School Club	£8,080
Kingsley School Holiday Club	£12,297
Shaftsbury After School Club	£8,265

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - the organisation states that access to specialised childcare is a key limiting factor in allowing parents and carers the respite needed when caring for a child with special needs as well as allowing them to gain decent paid employment in the locality. Harrow Mencap ensure that families from all of Harrow's diverse communities are encouraged to use these services through their BME and Community Outreach Workers.

**Safer Harrow** - The Government's Youth Crime Action Plan published in June 2008 places more responsibility on Councils to reduce the number of young

people entering custody and increasing education and training. They cite research that shows that many people serving custodial sentences in prisons have a learning disability of some kind and the annual cost of keeping a young person in prison is £40,000. By working in partnership with local special needs schools, the organisation is able to tackle bullying offer mentoring support.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow:** - Parents and carers of children with learning disabilities receive little or no respite, and in some cultural groups a disability is often hidden away for fear of rejection in the community. They state that the After School and Holiday Clubs provide valuable respite for carers and siblings. They state that they provide opportunities for families and carers to: - establish relationships and develop support networks.

**Healthier Harrow** - Harrow Mencap promotes healthy living through the clubs to improve the health outcomes for children with learning disabilities. They state that the clubs provide an opportunity for children to socialise in a safe environment, developing their confidence, co-ordination and their social and communication skills. Children take part in physical activities such as football, bowling and activities centered around topics like healthy eating, dental care and stress management which will have a direct effect upon their health.

**Young Harrow** – They state that there are 52,000 children and young people living in the Borough of Harrow of which approximately 2,768 have a learning disability/difficulty. Harrow Mencap ensure that play areas are safe and secure and that staff have the necessary skills and knowledge to meet the individual needs of each child. The After School and Holiday Clubs allows children with learning disabilities the chance to take part in a wide range of extra curricular, craft, social and leisure activities, which will enable them to develop their confidence, increase their self-esteem and foster essential life skills.

### **Evidence of Need**

There is evidence provided by Harrow Children's Services that there has been a significant increase in number of children with special educational needs over the last 4 years, and there is a clear need for such specialised services that can meet their individual needs. They state that After School and Holiday Clubs meets the key objectives of the Sustainable Community Plan for Harrow in identifying and addressing the difficulties that children with learning disabilities.

### **Funding from other sources in 2008/09**

£36,000	Harrow Connexions Service
£3,616	Play Partnership (Harrow Council)
£1,788	Young People Services (Harrow Council)
£26,770	Volunteer Service (Harrow Council)
£18,959	Asian Outreach (Harrow Council)

£8,000	After School & Holiday Clubs (Harrow Council)
£27,000	Job Seekers (Learning Skills Council)
£97,865	Harrow Activity Centre (Harrow Council)
£8,384	Children's Counselling (Harrow Council)
£10,422	Core Support (Harrow Council)
£93,413	Volunteers Community Team Leader, Chief Executive, Core Support (Harrow PCT)
£588,752	Residential supported living housing (Harrow Support for Living)
£2,000	User Involvement (Workbridge – RLSB)
£18,000	Family & Carers (Bridge House Trust)
£13,000	Young People (John Lyon Trust)

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Adults & Housing state that Harrow Mencap receives a large amount of funding via LBH and the PCT for various projects as well as management costs. They also identify the need for more suitable school and holiday play schemes for children with disabilities within the local area.

It is recommended that Harrow Mencap be awarded £8,080 to cover the cost of one of the After School Clubs (Woodlands or Kingsley).

## **HARROW OVER 50'S CLUB**

**Grant requested:           £6,085**  
**Current grant:             £2,000**  
**Grant recommended:    £960**

### **Background**

The Harrow over 50's Club was established in 2007 for the older residents of Harrow and surrounding areas. There are currently 60 members, who are predominately from the Asian community. The main aim of the Club is to provide a social forum for the older residents of Harrow, many of whom feel isolated and lonely to exchange views and share their problems and worries. It also aims to assist in areas of health and welfare.

The Club holds monthly meetings in Pinner Hill Community Centre to help promote and foster educational, cultural and physical activities. Seminars are arranged with guest speakers to explain and guide the members about healthy life style and medical issues. The Club carries out home visits to provide comfort and consolations to families suffering illness, tragedies and bereavement. The Club also helps members keep abreast of national and local issues by providing its members with local newspapers, journals and magazines and also assists the members to keep abreast of technological developments via regular seminars in the use of IT. The Club holds Keep Fit classes and runs an annual day trip to a place of interest for which a small charge is made.

The organisation states that a significant proportion of Harrow's older residents are from Asian communities. It is the Clubs intention to increase awareness amongst these communities about the considerable support and advice already offered by Harrow Council.

### **Grant Request**

The Harrow over 50's Club has requested £6,085 to cover the cost of hiring Pinner Hill Community Centre for the monthly meetings, fees for experts for the information seminars, keep fit Instructors, home support visits, provision of journals and the printing of newsletters and local advertising materials.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Safer Harrow** - The Club aims to contribute to a safer Harrow by providing a secure and welcoming forum whereby the older residents of Harrow can meet to discuss issues of personal safety and fear of crime, as well as health and welfare issues. The club also states that is proposing to run a series of seminars whereby the issues raised in the forums can be addressed by experts and practical advice given to improve the safety of members.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The Club organises various community functions, including cultural, social and musical events which they believe generate and encourage a sense of belonging to Harrow.

**Healthier Harrow** - As well as regular seminars on health issues the Club runs weekly Yoga classes and actively encourages members to take regular exercise.  
**Evidence of Need**

Since the Club opened in August 2007 95% of member's have attended the monthly meetings. A successful day trip to Blenheim Palace was over subscribed. The fitness classes are also well attended.

**Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

None

Harrow Over 50's Club currently has casual use accommodation at the Community Premises.

**Comments and Recommendations**

As the organisation provides very little evidence of the need for this service, it is recommended that they be awarded £960 to meet the hall hire costs. It is advised that they should explore other sources of funding for their activities.

## **HARROW PENSIONERS ACTION ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested:           £500**  
**Current grant:             £500**  
**Grant recommended:    £500**

### **Background**

The Harrow Pensioners Action Association was established in 1975 and aims to facilitate people who are over 60 years of age to meet, discuss any difficulties they may have and to jointly seek possible solutions. The group meets on a monthly basis at the Baptist Hall in Wealdstone. They also arrange outings to places of interest and social activities.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting funding of £500 towards the cost of hiring the hall, printing, postage, delegate's fees, journals and expenses.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

Stronger Communities in Harrow - the group meets once a month and the organisation states that it is open to all older Harrow residents. The monthly meetings can provide opportunities for older residents to form friendships and share matters that concern themselves and older people in general

### **Evidence of Need**

No details provided on how many people attend each monthly session.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Funding of £500 is recommended to Harrow Pensioners Action Association for 2009/10 to be used for the rental of the hall for the monthly meetings and running costs.

## **HARROW PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS' ASSOCIATION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£400</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£360</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£360</b>

### **Background**

Harrow Public Transport Users' Association (HPTUA) was established in 1963 exists to look after the interests of the public transport users who live, work or travel through the London Borough of Harrow and to campaign for new services and improvements to existing services. HPTUA acts as an advisor to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel and to the Council generally on matters relating to public transport.

HPTUA organises 5 public meetings each year and is responsible for the running costs of these meetings.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation has requested £400 to contribute towards the costs of 5 public meetings, administration and organisational costs relating to Harrow Council's Rail Liaison and Bus and Highway Liaison meetings and general administration costs.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** – HPTUA states that they encourage the use of public transport generally and campaigns for improvements and extensions of service.

**Safer Harrow** – They state that they also campaign for a safer environment for public transport users.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - HPTUA states that they strengthens the position of transport users by raising their concerns and opinions with the appropriate organisation.

**Healthier Harrow** – they also state that improvements to public transport encourages people to leave their cars at home and generally increased use.

**Young Harrow** – they also promote the use of public transport amongst young people and lobby for improvements to service.

### **Evidence of Need**

The Association has been an advisor to the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel and its predecessor bodies for many years.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

None

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that HPTUA be awarded £360 for 2009/10. This will enable them to continue their activities at the same level as last year.

### **HARROW REFUGEE FORUM**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£26,418</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£7,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£7,000</b>

### **Background**

The Forum is a local umbrella agency for Refugee and Minority Ethnic Community Organisations and acts as a unified voice for the sector at local, sub-regional and regional levels and feeds into national strategies through participation in national policy and infrastructure organisations. The Forum reports that at local and sub-regional levels it provides support and capacity building initiatives to the sector. This is achieved through the provision of information on new sources of funding and income generation, funding fairs, seminars and surgeries, mentoring and coaching for new and emerging organisations, training and development. They address the following issues: governance, financial management, Trustees' responsibilities, project management and organise events to celebrate Refugee Week, Black History Month and other cultural events.

The Forum has stated that it is being reconstituted (as 'Harrow Refugee and Minorities Forum') to serve as a local strategic body that feeds into the mainstream statutory and the local Primary Care Trust initiatives aimed primarily at refugees, immigrants and minority ethnic.

### **Grant Request**

The Forum is requesting funding of £26,418 for the following:

Administrator salary (21 hours per week)	£12,339
Running costs	£3,500
Rent (office at The Lodge, 64 Pinner Road)	£7,000
Needs Analysis & Demographics	£3,579
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£26,418</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**



**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - the Forum states that it provides support to voluntary organisation in order to build the capacity of the voluntary sector in Harrow.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – It is possible to see from the information provided, that the Forum provides opportunities for local Refugee and Minority Ethnic Community Organisations to work together on various events and capacity building initiatives.

### **Evidence of Need**

The Forum has states that it would like to carry out a local voluntary and community sector needs analysis and profiling and new arrivals and refugee communities' demographics mapping exercise to establish evidence that would be more up to date than Harrow's Quality of Life survey.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

The Forum has stated that it is the lead organisation in a partnership project (worth £60,000) with 5 other boroughs, to provide infrastructure support for North West London as part of Capacity Builders.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

As the Forum does not clearly identify what the additional funding requested would provide, it is recommended that the organisation be awarded £7000 to cover the cost of rent at The Lodge, 64 Pinner Road.

## **HARROW SOMALI WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP (HSWAG)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£21,300</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£5,100</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£5,100</b>

### **Background**

Harrow Somali Women's Acton Group (HSWAG) was established in 1997 to provide a wide range of activities and services to support Somali children and their parents living in the London Borough of Harrow.

The group states that it aims are to break the barriers affecting Somali women and their families and to encourage them to mix with communities so that they can learn from other cultures and become more confident to contribute to society. They also assist female-headed families and the Somali community in general with integration.

A Supplementary School, which provides support to 7 – 16 year olds in maths, English and science, is run twice a week at Wealdstone Youth and Community Centre. They also run a weekly youth club. At 333a Station Road there are Saturday and Sunday classes and at the Beacon Centre there are classes on Friday evenings for girls preparing for GCSE. Every Wednesday morning at the Hillview Children's Centre they run a drop in session for children under 5 and at the Community Premises they provide general advice on benefits, domestic violence issues, housing and education. All services are provided at no cost to users.

### **Grant Request**

HSWAG have requested £21,300 to run the following:

- 5 Twice weekly Supplementary School and weekly Youth Club
- 6 A weekly morning session for parents of under 5's to encourage their registration at children's centres and to provide information and advice
- 7 Weekly session to provide advice and guidance for young people. As necessary, problem solving and mediation between Somali children and parents and their schools.
- 8 Advice and information to Somali women in terms of welfare benefits, health , housing, utility bills and domestic violence.

The funding will be allocated to:

Salary	£13,800
Running Costs	£ 5,500
Capital	£ 2,000

## **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - HSWAG states that their activities are designed to help the Somali community to improve the quality of their life and their integration into mainstream society. They claim that they champion community interaction and cohesion in Harrow and West London and help raise the capacity of the Somali community to articulate and consolidate their needs and concerns in relation to statutory and voluntary sector provided services.

**Safer Harrow** - HSWAG state that they are closely involved with Harrow Police, Harrow Racial Equality, the Anti Racist Alliance and Multi Agency Forum in the promotion of community safety. They organise workshops and community consultation processes where Somali young people, families and parents are provided with relevant information.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – HSWAG state that they work to empower the Somali community to become stronger and to take an active role in the local economic and social development. To this end HSWAG is developing stronger partnerships with other community and voluntary sector organisations to develop social enterprises and small business initiatives aimed at creating stronger and resourceful communities.

**Healthier Harrow** - The organisation runs health awareness sessions on child immunisation, family wellbeing, breast-feeding, diet, and contraception.

**Young Harrow** - HSWAG works with children and young people by providing out of school activities.

## **Evidence of Need**

HSWAG states that they have organised and delivered numerous projects, activities, and events with the help of the beneficiaries. They have also carried out many consultations with users through meetings, seminars, workshops, and social events and continuously assessed the needs. They state that the supplementary school was borne out of a need identified by the community.

## **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

None

HSWAG currently occupies a designated desk at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

## **Comments and Recommendations**

As no evidence has been provided to support the requested for increased funding, it is recommended that £5,100 be awarded to HSWAG for 2009/10. This will enable them to continue to provide services at the same level as last year.

## **HARROW TALKING NEWSPAPER (HTN)**

**Grant requested: £5,000**  
**Current grant: New applicant**  
**Grant recommended: £5,000**

### **Background**

Harrow Talking Newspaper (HTN) provides a local news resource to residents who may be deprived by a sight disability from obtaining information available through conventional media. The organisation provides a weekly 60 minute audio tape of local news, gathered principally from the local press to some 150 registered blind and sight-impaired residents of Harrow, together with a bi-monthly 90 minute general interest magazine tape ("Hear-Abouts"). The news tape is issued every week of the year with the exception of a short Christmas break of 2 weeks. It is recorded on a Thursday evening and reaches listeners by Saturday. It is compiled and presented by a group of unpaid volunteers, some of who have been involved since the Newspaper's inception. The organisation recently re-located to Central Depot from a portakabin at Anmer Lodge.

### **Grant Request**

The total on-going operational costs of the project (based on expenditure for 2007/08) is approximately £7,300. Harrow Talking Newspaper are requesting a grant of £5,000 as a contribution towards their operational costs, principally to off-set the premises rent which was raised significantly by the Council from their previous location at Anmer Lodge. They pay a full commercial rate and the rent of £5,750 p.a. is in the form of a 'service charge' as stipulated in their lease, and this is liable to annual uplift in line with increase in costs.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – HTN state that the talking media helps to increase the degree of integration of the blind and partially sighted sector of the Borough into the community as a whole. They also state that sight impairment can have a significant impact on feelings of vulnerability, therefore receiving contact with everyday news and activities in the borough can help to reduce the risk of this happening and also diminishes feelings of isolation through their disability.

### **Evidence of Need**

Based on information provided by the organisation, the Council's Physical Disabilities team and Middlesex Association for the Blind, there are currently no real local broadcast media within Harrow, therefore HTN is the only specialised medium providing awareness of local community issues to blind and sight-

impaired residents. The organisation have stated that they have client feedback evidence that the weekly audio tape adds a degree of confidence in everyday living and diminishing feelings of isolation through their disability. On a weekly basis, the Harrow Observer newspaper is read out onto tape and sent by post to nearly 200 people in the borough, who otherwise would not be able to access the local news and information that the newspaper provides.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

HTN received a one-off grant of £2,000 from the Edward Harvist Trust at the beginning of 2008/09, as a contribution towards the cost of relocation. They do not receive any funding from the National Talking Newspapers organisation.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

HTN's grant application is supported by the Council's Physical and Sensory Disabilities team, where a majority of the referrals come from. The organisation is active in their fundraising efforts, specifically from regular collection days. Evidence of this is highlighted in their accounts.

It is recommended that HTN be awarded £5,000 for 2009/10 to enable them to provide this service.

## **HARROW TAMIL ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested:           £5,000**  
**Current grant:             £2,040**  
**Grant recommended:   £2,040**

### **Background**

Harrow Tamil Association has been established since 1996 and is one of the main points of contact for the Tamil community in Harrow.

Their aims include promoting the advancement of socio-economic conditions of the Tamil community, other Sri Lankan communities and other people regarding matters such as the Tamil language, literature, culture, faith, social enterprises, race relations.

Their main objective is to relieve need, hardship and distress of the Tamil people, particularly newly arrived refugees, through provision of a translation service and advice regarding matters such as immigration, social and welfare rights, housing, community integration, education, training and employment.

The Association runs a day centre, luncheon and Senior Citizens Club for the elderly at the pavilion tearoom in Roxeth Recreation Ground for 3 hours a day, 3 days a week. Current usage is 25-35 members per session. They currently organise regular lectures and seminars on healthy eating and health issues. Other activities include keep fit, yoga and English classes. They also organise day trips for members every 3 months. It is for these activities that the grant application is made.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation has requested £5,000 to cover the costs of hiring Roxeth Recreation Ground tearoom for 3 hours on 3 days a week; the employment of Yoga and Keep Fit instructors and quarterly day trips to places of interest.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – They state that they provide information and discussions on community cohesion and convey the views of the community to the Council and other bodies in building stronger communities.

**Healthier Harrow** - As well as holding regular Yoga and Keep Fit exercise sessions the Association also provides information on and raises awareness of diseases, conducts seminars on health issues and invites speakers to talk on health and disability.

**Young Harrow** - The Association states that they organise events that include young people.



### **Evidence of Need**

The Association has a waiting list but is unable to accommodate at present due to lack of space. They state that feedback from members has been positive and there have been requests for additional seminars.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£1,000 from Edward Harvist Trust for digital projector, DVD and screen (agreed February 2009).

Harrow Tamil Association currently holds 'casual use' status at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

As the organisation provides very little evidence to support their application of increased funding, it is recommended that Harrow Tamil Association be awarded £2,040 for 2009/10. This will enable the project to operate at the same level.

## **HEADWAY NORTH WEST LONDON ("THE LINK" PROJECT)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£10,312</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£5,200</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£3,487</b>

### **Background**

Headway North West London is affiliated to Headway UK - the brain injury association. Headway NW London is an independent charity and limited company with its own Board and management committee. The organisation has developed from a support group for brain injury survivors, originally known as Headway Harrow, which started in 1994. This was run by volunteers and met at the Lodge in Pinner Road one evening every month. Now known as the Harrow Support Group, this remains one of the facilities run by Headway North West London. They also run a support group in Brent. The organisation has established a day service (named "The Link") at Wealdstone Baptist Church currently operating one day a week. Office space is provided at Bentley Day Centre free of charge.

### **Grant Request**

The total cost of the Project is £33,264. The organisation has requested £10,312, which represents 31% of the cost of providing the service, reflecting 31% of their service users who are Harrow residents. Plans to extend the service to 2 days a week would mean an increase in the Co-ordinator's contracted hours, recruitment of a second part-time employee, recruitment and training of additional volunteers, and the rental of premises for the Project for an additional day.

### **Costing breakdown**

Salaries	£6,675
Premises rental	£1538
Equipment	£150
Running costs	£1949

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – The organisation states that it helps service users that have physical disabilities overcome barriers that prevent them from accessing services. They also provide respite for carers, who they believe may be subjected to depression due to the high demands made on them by the person they are caring for. They also encourage service users to consider becoming volunteers with the joint benefits of contributing to the community and developing a sense of self-worth.

### **Evidence of Need**

Headway NW London have stated that their organisation is the only local source of support, information and services for people with a brain injury, many of whom feel stigmatised, socially isolated and depressed. They suggest that there is limited support available for survivor of trauma once they have been discharged from hospital. They have also stated that although there are other organisations which exist to support carers, none specialise in the effects of brain injury on the individual and the family. In response to the need for this service, Headway NW London plan to extend the Project's opening hours in 2009/10, from 1 to 2 days each week. The session held every Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm is attended by 10-12 service users on a regular basis. The new session to be held one other weekday plans to accommodate 6-8 service users by end of 2009/2010. There are currently 5 referrals awaiting assessment.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£6,500	The Ajahma Charitable Trust (funding ended September 2008);
£5,200	London Catalyst (funding ends March 2009
£725	Harley Riders (donation);
£1,796	Donations.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Headway NW London have requested an increase in funding to support the expansion of this service. However, as limited evidence has been provided to support this expansion, it is recommended that £3,487 be awarded to the organisation to cover their premises and rental costs.

## **HESTIA HOUSING & SUPPORT**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£26,756 (in addition to current SLA funding)</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£30,600 SLA</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£11,830</b>

### **Background**

Hestia provides housing, support, protection and care services for vulnerable and socially excluded people in the local community. Their aim is to help service users, whatever their circumstances, to gain as much independence and control of their lives as possible.

The organisation currently works across 17 London boroughs including Harrow, but is not a branch or subsidiary of a larger national organisation. They support over 2,000 people a year with a range of vulnerabilities, including adults with severe and enduring mental health needs, women and children who have experienced domestic violence, adults and children with HIV/AIDS, people with drug and alcohol issues and young men at risk of offending.

In Harrow, they support over 500 women and 30 children experiencing the traumatic effects of domestic violence through refuge accommodation, outreach, floating support and children's services. They also support 12 people with HIV/AIDS to live independently.

### **Grant Requested**

The organisation is requesting £26,756 to contribute to the Harrow Refuge Children and Family Project, but have already secured £7,494 towards the total cost of the project. The grant will be used to fund a Children and Family Support Service based at Harrow Women's Refuge to support the wellbeing and recovery of children who have recently experienced domestic violence. A part-time Child Worker will support both children and mothers living at the refuge and families who have recently moved on to more long-term accommodation in the borough. It will provide intensive practical and emotional support to children and their mothers, enabling them to recover from the trauma of domestic violence and to build a new safer life.

### **Costing breakdown**

Revenue (running costs):	£10,590
Revenue (salaries):	£23,660
Total	£34,250

### **Funding Priorities**

**Sustainable Communities** -the organisation states that teaching children about the environment would be a feature of the project. Their awareness will be raised through various activities, which will include: visits to city farms, nature trails and trips to the seaside. They will explore biodiversity, the origins and carbon footprint of the food they eat, and how they can contribute to a sustainable future. They will also use public transport where possible and consider the impact of other modes of transport on the environment.

**Safer Harrow** - the organisation also states that this project would meet the 'Safer Harrow' priority, as they recognise that Domestic violence has the highest incidence of repeat victimization in Harrow, and is a key LAA target. They state that the refuge provides a place of safety for those families whose safety is at risk. The project will help prevent the families from experiencing or perpetuating violence in the future, whilst also supporting their recovery of the trauma of previous experiences.

**Strong Communities** -they also state that this project would meet the 'Strong Communities' priority by enabling service users to have their say in shaping the project and services they receive. This is particularly important for those who have been isolated from their friends and family by their perpetrator. Therefore, they believe that this project will help families to build their skills and confidence and enable them to consider their options in life and to express their options in a healthy and respectful way.

**Healthier Harrow** -they also state that this project would meet the 'Healthier Harrow' priority by safeguarding the health and wellbeing of children is one of the key aims of this project. This includes facilitating access to physical and mental health care services both for children and mothers, as well as teaching them how to protect their physical safety and giving them information on how to maintain good health long-term.

**Young Harrow** - they state that this project would also meet the 'Young Harrow' priority as the refuge helps pregnant women who have experienced domestic violence in accessing pre and post natal care. They also facilitate regular visits from the local health visitor. The refuge also supports children in gaining access to education; provides after school study support; and offers a regular programme of activities during the school holidays. They also work with parents to assist them in improving their parenting skills.

### **Evidence of Need**

Hestia suggests that there is significant evidence of the impact of domestic violence on children and the need to provide specialist support in order to minimise the long -term implications. They provide evidence of need in their application and state the benefit that this service can provide these families.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£5,081,855	HIV/Housing and Support (14 London Boroughs) - On-going
£294,526	Housing and Support (Harrow Council) - On-going
£1,110,500	Bail Hotels (Home Office) - On-going
4,100,000	Housing costs (Housing benefit and charges) - On-going

Hestia Housing Support currently holds a 'postal box address for correspondence' status at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road, Harrow.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The organisation is currently being commissioned by Supporting People in Harrow to provide housing related support within a refuge and through floating support service to women fleeing domestic violence. This support is limited to housing related support. Their contract to provide support through a refuge and floating support expires on 31 May 2009, and the resettlement support expires on 31 May 2009. The decision to extend the service after these dates will be determined by a contract monitoring visit which is due to take place during February and March 2009. The Support People Service confirms that this application would not be a duplication of existing funding, as it would provide intensive support for children. However the need for more intensive support would be identified through a needs assessment and support plan and as a result the assistant worker would support the families and children to access specialist support.

Hestia has received a total of £37,800 from the Children's Fund grant since 2007/08 to employ a part-time children's worker to provide support and a range of activities for children between the age of 5 and 13 and their mothers residing at Harrow's refuge. This contract is due to expire in March 2009. The Children's Fund programme manager states that this organisation is well placed to provide this unique service in Harrow as they have a track record of delivering a similar service through the Children's Fund.

It is recommended that Hestia be awarded £11,830 to cover 50% of the salary costs as they have declared that they have already secured £7,494 of the funding for this project.

## **HOMESTART HARROW (First Time Mothers Group)**

**Grant requested:           £5,000**  
**Current grant:             £5,000**  
**Grant recommended:    £5,000**

### **Background**

Homestart Harrow is part of a national voluntary organisation, Homestart UK, committed to promoting the welfare of families with at least one child under 5 years of age. Volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to young families under stress to prevent family crisis and breakdown. Help is provided by home visits and/or attending groups. The groups meet at the Wealdstone Centre, Hillview Centre and Whitefriars Centre and include a Family Group, Drop In Group, Young Parents and First Time Mothers Group.

Mothers attending the groups are usually referred by Health Visitors. Typically referrals are made when the babies are around 2-3 months and continue to attend until the baby starts to crawl at about 8 months. The mothers are identified as being particularly vulnerable in that they may have no extended family nearby, have close family members affecting their ability to function well in their new role, are suffering from post natal depression, have difficulty bonding with their baby or have inappropriate anxiety.

Within the group sessions a variety of areas are discussed including the following:

The birth experience, breast feeding, diet, coping with a new baby and the change in lifestyle, dealing with change in relationships with their partners and family members, baby development including behaviour and stimulation, return to work and childcare and exploring the implications of future pregnancy.

Mothers are offered the opportunity of an aromatherapy massage and value this as an opportunity to relax.

Three times a year baby massage is taught and this frequency ensures that those attending are able to receive this service which is an invaluable assistance to mother and baby bonding.

A summer scheme runs for 4 weeks and includes provision for children up to 10 years old.

They work in partnership with Connexions to deliver the Young Parents Group and closely with other organisations such as EACH, HCRE, HOPE and Women's Aid to support the families that access their services.

All services are provided at no cost to users.

## **Grant Request**

The organisation has requested £5000 to continue the First Time Mothers' Group. The total cost is £12,078, and it is hoped that the remainder will be funded by a grant application to Harrow PCT.

The First Time Mother and Babies Group runs weekly for 50 weeks with 36 mothers and their child attending, It will also be used towards weekly aromatherapy massage sessions for 3 mothers and 5 baby massage sessions per term for 10 mothers and up to 12 babies.

## **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The organisation states that the service is open to all regardless of race or religion. Through attendance at the groups mothers make friendships that often continue outside the group.

**Healthier Harrow** - Many mothers who attend have been referred by health visitors who have identified that the mother is suffering some degree of post natal depression, attendance at the group helps alleviate the symptoms. The organisation state that the mothers often come to the group in a stressed state and noticeably relax having had the opportunity to talk with other people and receive guidance from trained staff.

**Young Harrow** - The lives of the babies are improved because mothers become less anxious and consequently able give their infants appropriate care.

## **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has been operating successfully for 7 years and during that time has supported over 186 mothers. They have stated that Health Visitors value the service for their mothers and regularly refer families to the group. Other groups supporting young mothers have closed during the year and this group is now one of very few that are left.

## **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£66,823	Early Years Children's Centre Programme for home visiting
£10,421	Harrow PCT for home visiting
£22,000	John Lyon Trust for 3 morning groups
£18,000	Charles Heyward Foundation for the Preparation Course for volunteers



In Oct 08 it was expecting £84,403 from Harrow PCT for the morning groups and the Coordinator's hours and in April 2009 they are expecting £18,719.00 from Harrow PCT for the First Time Mothers Group.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Home Start Harrow has a 2 year service level agreement with the Integrated Early Years and Community Services for the delivery of key services in line with the National Children's Centre Agenda. They believe that Home Start application will enable them to provide three much needed supportive services to families who need additional support to care for their very young children.

It is recommended that Home Start Harrow be awarded £5000 for 2009/10 to continue to deliver this service.

## **KIDS CAN ACHIEVE**

<b>Grant requested</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£10,000</b>

### **Background**

Kids Can Achieve is a charity that supports and provides services for children and young people with special needs and their carers and families. They operate from a centre at 29 and 35 Pinner Green. They also use Shaftesbury School for their youth group and some holiday activities. Their objectives are to develop self-esteem, social skills and education and to prepare them for integration into mainstream activities and independent young adulthood as far as possible.

They provide a range of services including Ofsted registered Education Inclusion Service, term-time day care for those unable to go or are excluded from school, after school clubs, youth group, holiday schemes, outings, outreach in schools and family homes, sports and creative activities, family support and complementary therapies. The young people and children attending have a range of emotional, social, behavioural and learning difficulties, including Autism and ADHD.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation have requested £10,000 to provide 1 year's funding to help maintain the school based Youth Group and continue to provide 26 places for 12 - 19 year olds. The Group meets 1 evening per week and the grant will assist towards the salaries of 1 Youth Co-ordinator and 3 youth workers who will run the Youth Group and mentor volunteers. The total cost of the scheme is £23758.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - Kids Can Achieve state that their activities provide access to social situations and activities not normally available to these children, it also provides respite for their carers who are often isolated in the community. Service users come from a wide range of socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds reflecting the demographics of Harrow.

**Safer Harrow** – They state that through the improvement in the emotional health of the young people they help them avoid some of the worst potential effects of their condition, e.g. involvement in crime, drug and alcohol abuse. Work is also carried out to improve personal safety awareness when out and avoiding unhealthy attachments and relationships.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – They state that the Youth Group has a long-term commitment to helping young people with complex needs gain the skills to engage with the wider community.

**Healthier Harrow** – They state that research has shown that ADHD children are vulnerable to depression and anxiety disorders and are more likely than others to self-harm and offend. By developing social skills and self-esteem and by improving their life skills and access to education it is hoped that the children will benefit and be less likely to engage in risk taking behaviour and poor sexual health.

Young Harrow - Kids Can Achieve aims are to develop the self- esteem, social skills and education of its young people and prepare them for integration into mainstream activities and independent young adulthood as far as possible.

### **Evidence of Need**

They state that the Youth Group continues to be successful and although the number of places was increased last year it continues to be oversubscribed. There are constant referrals from carers and the Youth Service.

### **Funding from other sources in 2008/09**

No information provided but historically have been allocated substantial funding from other sources.

A fee of £3.00 is charged for the Youth Club sessions.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that they be awarded £10,000 for 2009/10. This would enable them to deliver this service at the same as last year.

## **MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£21,640</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£6,800</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£6,800</b>

### **Background**

Middlesex Association for the Blind (MAB) is a locally based organisation that aims to support people who are blind, partially sighted and deaf-blind to lead independent lives. The Association provides a range of services, advice and information to people across nine London boroughs.

In Harrow the Association provides a weekly home visiting service to clients, weekly computer training at Bentley Day Centre, a resource equipment centre at Bentley Day Centre, with a trained Optometrist. There are also form filling advice services, a telephone helpline and weekly Braille training sessions. It also provides information in alternative forms, e.g. Braille, large print, CD and various languages.

The resource centre has a large stock of daily living aids and low vision equipment available on display, from magnifiers to talking microwave ovens, can openers to talking clocks, CCTVs and adaptive computer technology.

The Association aims are to improve peoples access to information and benefits, give improved control over their own lives with more financial stability so they can continue to be part of the community.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation has requested £21,640 to continue running the Resource Centre, produce information, including a new information booklet. They are hoping to develop a new form filing and advisory service to assist clients in accessing grants or other financial support, which has been identified by clients/carers and Rehabilitation Officer.

The total cost of the project is £60,140, of which £2,000 has been raised by donations and £34,500 will be funded by the Association.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - The Association provides access to services through information, peer support, equipment displays and demonstrations and by providing information in alternative formats for its clients.

**Safer Harrow** – The organisation trains clients to use specialised equipment for use in and outside their homes to help reduce accidents and improves the well being of the client.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The Association provided a Sensory Garden for use by visually impaired, as the general public, in Harrow Recreation Ground. The Association also helps their users to access mainstream services and facilities and maintain an independent life.

**Healthier Harrow** – Through the Home Visiting scheme and by providing advice, training, information and support, the Association helps to monitor their clients health and ensures that they do not become isolated.

**Young Harrow** - The Association runs a Children and Younger People's Support Network and has assisted both children and parents to meet with other visually impaired children in Harrow, this provides mutual support along with the parents/carer. The Association also provides outings and computer training.

### **Evidence of Need**

They state that the Resource Centre receives on average 200 visits a year, the computer training has benefited 60 clients, the telephone helpline receives 120 callers a day, and fifty home visits are made each week. The proposed weekly form filling session is a new initiative but feedback indicates that 300 clients per week are likely to make use of it.

### **Funding from other sources in 2008/09**

£323,633 – Local Authorities (9 Boroughs);  
£10,000 – Grants Will Charitable;  
£3,500 – Bosier;  
£34,000 – fundraising;  
£145,500 - Grants/Fundraising (expected);  
£15,000 – donations;  
£14,000 – dividends/investments;  
£11,000 – rents;  
£10,393 – partnership with RNIB.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Adult and Housing confirm that they service Supporting People funding, but no funding towards their core costs. Harrow also fund the Rehabilitation Officer through a SLA. They state that there are limited services for adults and children who have a sensory disability. However they believe that about a third of their users are from neighbouring boroughs and suggest that this should be considered in their funding allocation.

The application represents an increase in grant of more than 300%. Although the organisation has evidenced the need for this service they have not demonstrated an increase in demand for the service. Therefore it is recommended that the organisation be awarded £6,800 for 2009/10. This would enable them to maintain the same level of service.

## **MIND IN HARROW**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£7,722</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£7,722</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£7,722</b>

### **Background**

Mind in Harrow was established in 1967 and works to improve the quality of life for people experiencing mental health problems. It provides a range of services including a Befriending Scheme and a Stepping Stones Project. The service users are often housebound and severely disabled by their mental illness.

Mind in Harrow's objectives include assisting in relieving and rehabilitating persons suffering from mental distress or mental ill health, requiring advice or treatment in the London Borough of Harrow.

It supports people by providing services, campaigning to improve services, education to challenge stigma and ensuring the views of those with mental health difficulties are heard and acted upon by decision makers.

### **Grant Request**

£4000 of the grant will be to continue the part funding of the Befriending Outings Group Worker to run 20 trips and outings over the year to a range of local and London wide places of interest. The work will support 20 Harrow residents with serious and long-term mental health problems.

£3722 will continue to pay for publicising and running 9 courses over 3 terms in local colleges, sports clubs or other mainstream community venues, to improve the physical health and well being of 135 people. These will include Stepping Stones English+ interpreting support, Stepping Stones Body Balance (gym class) and Stepping Stone Walking Group.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - Through group activities and physical activity courses, people with serious and enduring mental health problems are more able to engage in the wider community and gain or regain skills to participate in other mainstream activities such as voluntary work and eventually paid employment.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - By engaging in mainstream activities, the users mix with the general public, and this contributes to a reduction in prejudice and discrimination against mental illness. The organisation has stated that over 50% of users are from black and minority ethnic groups.

**Healthier Harrow** – The organisation has stated that through the physical activity courses participants' health is improved. The Befriending Outings Groups allow participants to go out together helping to reduce anxiety and depression as well as increasing confidence and self-esteem through re engaging with the outside world.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that every year it targets over 1000 people in Harrow with long term and disabling mental health problems. Over half of these are either in residential supported accommodation or had been inpatients within the previous 6 months. MIND states that these individuals are among the most marginalized in society. At the beginning of each term staff at the enrolment days are overwhelmed by the number of applicants for courses and frequently they are over subscribed. On average 20% of applicants are not able to take up their first choice. The Outings Group also has a waiting list due to the numbers of users who wish to join.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£171,850 from Harrow Primary Care Trust for part funding for core activities and services

£104,000 from Harrow Primary Care Trust for BME mental health promotion

£127,935 from Harrow Council (novated to CNWL NHS Foundations Trust) for part funding for core activities and services.

£ 5,000 from CNWL Foundation Trust for Patients Council at Northwick Pk Hospital

£25,000 from Harrow Council (Lifelong Learning) for mental health education project

£21,500 from Harrow Council (Carers Grant) for respite support for carers

£23,300 from Opportunities for Volunteers for user-led training project

£50,000 from King's Fund for Somali Advocacy and Research Project

£40,906 from Comic Relief for physical activity courses

£9,167 from Sport England for physical activity courses

£35,000 from Equality & Human Rights Commission for user led training project

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The following comments have been received from Adult and Community Learning:

The Stepping Stones project receives £25000 of LSC funding via the ACL service as indicated in the application form. This is to secure the delivery of a number of learning programmes through Stepping Stones. This does not conflict with the funding being requested here, as the £3,722 in the application identified for courses is for publicising the courses, printing of brochures and the running of



enrolment days. This application, therefore, is for the necessary complementary funding to support the work funded through the LSC funding

The following comments have been received from Adults and Housing, Contracts and Brokerage:

MIND is funded from the Carers grant for the Stepping Stones project to give support to carers of mental health clients and then to provide respite breaks total 21,500 per year.

It is recommended that Mind in Harrow receives funding of £7,722 for 2009/10 for the activities listed in the grant request above.

## **MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY – HARROW BRANCH**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,000</b>

### **Background**

The Harrow Branch of the MS Society was established in 1963, and is part of the national MS organisation. The main aim of the group is to promote awareness of people with MS and to offer information and support for people with MS and their carers. There are currently 200 members of the Society in Harrow, some of whom are housebound.

### **Grant Request**

The total cost of printing and distributing the MS society bi-monthly newsletter is £3,400. MS Society – Harrow Branch are requesting a contribution of £1,000 towards the overall cost. The balance will be met through donations from local businesses and subscriptions.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Healthier Harrow** – the organisation has a helpline and MS Support Officer to give help and advice to make their lives a little easier. The organisation has stated that it liaises with Social Services on matters relating to members' welfare when appropriate.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that the newsletter is sent to approximately 200 members in the Borough, some of whom are housebound. The Society also provides a taped version for the blind and partially sighted members. The Newsletter is also sent to all the relevant support agencies within the Borough to help and promote understanding of the needs of the MS sufferer.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that funding of £1,000 be awarded to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Harrow Branch for 2009/10 to be used as a contribution towards printing and distributing the bi-monthly newsletter.



## **NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY HARROW BRANCH**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£5,690</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,683</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£4,040</b>

### **Background**

National Autistic Society, Harrow Branch (NASH) is a formally constructed branch consisting of members of the National Autistic Society charity organisation, but do not receive any financial assistance from the charity. The aims of the Harrow branch are to give information, training, provide support groups and practical help to families, carers and people with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), and support children with ASD through playschemes and special events. They have a lending library and helpline, and aim to raise awareness of the needs of Autistic families and provide input to planning processes when required, within the Borough.

Services currently provided include counselling, Saturday morning respite group offering music and drama therapy, a training programme for parents and carers called SCATT, free phone helpline, summer playscheme, adult Asperger social and support group, twice weekly coffee morning, quarterly newsletter and telephone, in person and email support to families and professionals with specific enquiries.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting total funding of £5,690, which includes an amount of £4,040 for the NASH School-Link Pilot Project, and £1,650 to fund ad-hoc children's activities such as a Christmas party, bowling trips and enhanced activities on the summer playscheme, and the branch costs for running the parent support groups and the quarterly newsletter. NASH is intending to run the School-Link Pilot Project by one or two trained NASH volunteers in the first year. The volunteers will use a multi-spoke strategy to work with school, staff and families to improve outcomes for the child with ASD. The Project would work with 10 Harrow schools and if successful, would be rolled out across all Harrow schools using paid staff. They will establish links with the SENCO in every Harrow school, work with the school to promote autism-friendly environments and best practice, use of effective behaviour management strategies to reduce exclusions and work with the families of these children through coffee mornings etc to improve awareness and understanding of ASD.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Young Harrow** - The proposed project is aimed at improving the inclusion of children and young people with autism within mainstream education and leisure provision. This will be done by creating an autism friendly environment and reduce exclusions by embedding best practice for dealing with children with ASDs. The organisation has stated that children and young people with ASDs are particularly vulnerable to mental health conditions and the proposed project would alleviate some of the challenges that they face by providing preventative strategies at school where these conditions are often triggered.

### **Evidence of Need**

NASH has stated that it currently has approximately 350 members with ASD in Harrow. It also states that the Sensory and Communication Team in Harrow had 130 children in 2006 who were in mainstream schools, had a statement of special educational needs and were diagnosed as having autism. It further states that the Speech and Language Therapy Service in Harrow had 170 children on their register in 2006 and all of these numbers have since grown. NASH has stated that making the Borough's schools more autism-friendly is one of the key corporate priorities for Harrow Council, therefore this is one of the targets for education included in their plan.

The organisation reports that evidence of need for this project also comes from a study commissioned by Harrow Council in 2006 and carried out by NASH regarding service provision for children and young people with autistic spectrum disorders that identified significant difficulties in including children with ASD in mainstream environments.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

Harrow Council Carers Grant funding:  
£10,000 (playscheme);  
£13,135 (respite for parents/carers);  
£19,586 (support/training for parents/carers);  
£3,290 (one-off additional support to provide 60 breaks for parents/carers during the summer holiday).

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The following comments have been received from the Wellbeing and Carers Strategy Team:

From the carers grant 2008/09 we fund NASH to run projects to support carers/parents of children with autism. The organisation has been known to us for 5 years and we have funded NASH to do similar work over this period. The projects we fund are targeted at the carers. They provide training for parents to understand autism and breaks for parents through holiday playschemes and

Saturday morning respite. These projects do not duplicate the project, which NASH is applying for - the NASH School link pilot project, which is targeting schools and training for staff to work with children with autism. Through our monitoring visits with NASH, support with schools and transition have been discussed. It is not in the remit of the carers grant to fund this type of work. We carry out regular monitoring of the projects with the contracts team in Adults and Housing, Contracts and Brokerage. They have always met their outcomes and performance measures and have proved to provide excellent services to their client group.

It is recommended that funding of £4,040 is awarded to NASH for 2009/10 to be used for the School Links Pilot Project.

## **PAKISTAN SOCIETY OF HARROW**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£11,985</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£6,775</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£6,775</b>

### **Background**

The Pakistan Society of Harrow was set up in 2002 with the main aims of promoting the interests of the Pakistani community living in Harrow in order to improve their health, education and access to employment, to enable them to make a positive contribution to Harrow.

The application states that it organises social events, health awareness programmes, newsletters on health issues, sewing classes, English for beginners, computer classes for beginners and a Sunday elderly club. It has also stated that organises several cultural events per year.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting a grant of £11,985 to be mainly used to cover the salary of a Co-ordinator who would be responsible for the day-to-day running of the organisation and the organising of the activities. The grant request also includes overheads and running costs. A full breakdown of the grant request has not been provided.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – the activities provided by the organisation could give users an opportunity to bond with other members of the community.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that the evidence of need is the lower educational attainment, poor health and lack of information of opportunities for youth, elderly and women. However, it has not provided any evidence of this.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

The Pakistan Society of Harrow currently occupies a designated desk at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road. The organisation also receives a 50% discount under the Community Lettings Scheme for the hire of venues for its cultural events several times per year.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that funding of £6,775 is awarded for 2009/10 to be used as a contribution towards the Co-ordinator's salary to enable the organisation to continue the service at the current level.



## **PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY – HARROW BRANCH**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£2,500</b>

### **Background**

The Harrow Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society was set up in 1976 to help people with Parkinson's and their carers, family and friends with the problems arising from Parkinson's disease; to collect and share information on PD; to encourage and provide funds for research into PD. The overall objective of the Parkinson's Disease Society is to be one of the leading neurological charities in the UK serving all people with PD. All the activities, including those of the branch, focus on achieving its aims, including education and professional development, research, information and support.

Services provided by the organisation are as listed below:

- 1 Monthly Branch meetings at the Methodist Church in Wealdstone;
- 2 Bi-Monthly newsletters;
- 3 Monthly yoga classes at Edgware Day Hospital;
- 4 Monthly carer support meetings at Edgware Day Hospital or in Pinner;
- 5 Booklets and leaflets;
- 6 Services of an Information Support Worker;
- 7 Public awareness raising sessions (at NPH, Wealdstone Centre, and St. Ann's Shopping Centre);
- 8 Quarterly social outings.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting a grant of £5,000 to continue to part-fund the Information Support Worker, who works 10 hours a week (rising to 15 hours from 2009/10). The worker provides support, information and advice to all existing and newly diagnosed people with Parkinson's Disease as well as their carers and families. The role ranges from advice on how to manage the physical and mental aspects of the illness, ways in which day to day tasks can be undertaken, how to access professional help which may be needed to manage the illness and to ensure access to any benefits to which they may be entitled. The organisation has stated that people living with Parkinson's Disease, their carers and families may be confused or in denial and therefore unable to access the help they need or have the ability to complete the required forms. It states that the worker provides contacts and often makes the first contact for the people with

Parkinson's Disease and assists them in completing forms as they often have very poor handwriting and speech impairment so practical help is necessary.

In addition the organisation has stated that the worker liaises with health and social care professionals to improve access to services and the quality of services provided in the area through appropriate information on Parkinson's Disease, arranging training or information packs, raising awareness of the services she offers and signposting to other relevant services for the individual.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Healthier Harrow** - Parkinson's Disease is a condition affecting mainly older people with a majority of their members being aged over 65. The organisation has stated that it provides information on the disease and maintaining independence in the community and shares information from the National Office and other relevant sources. The organisation has also stated that it runs free yoga classes for its members to help maintain and improve their mobility.

### **Evidence of Need**

The Harrow Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society has stated that they recently carried out a survey of their members who indicated that they valued the services currently provided and wanted them all to continue. There was also a request for more social outings (currently funded through other sources).

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£1,000 – Prospect Masonic Lodge (to support Branch activities);  
£200 – London Oratory School (to fund social outings).

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The organisation has stated that it is increasing the Information Support Worker's hours from 10 to 15 per week from 2009/10, however it has not provided any evidence to support the need for the increase in hours. It is therefore recommended that funding of £2,500 be awarded to the Parkinson's Disease Society, Harrow Branch for 2009/10 as a contribution towards the salary costs of the worker.

## **RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS ASSOCIATION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£4,600</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,800</b>

### **Background**

The Russian Immigrants Association was set up in 1999. It's main aims and objectives are:

- 1 To assist in the integration process for refugees and new residents including the provision of information and advice, job seekers' training, assistance in further education and sporting activities;
- 2 To support community involvement, particularly among Russian-speaking people who are at greatest disadvantage and fully excluded, such as minority ethnic community, asylum seekers, refugees, people on low income, unemployed people and lone parents;
- 3 To provide services for Russian-speaking refugees and asylum seekers;
- 4 To develop strong relationships with other ethnic communities;
- 5 To provide necessary information about British law, culture, traditions, health service, and education system among Russian-speaking people.

The Association has stated that provides information, advice and support to Russian speaking people in their native language and accompany and represent them to different institutions. It also provides a club for over 50s, work experience for volunteers, job seekers' support, assistance with the English language and I.T. training. It has also stated that it provides sporting activities, children's music studio, environmental activities and children's holiday activities.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting a grant of £4,600 as a contribution towards the overall running costs of the Association as follows:

Volunteer's expenses (30-40 volunteers)	£1,800
Telephone/fax/internet	£400
Stationery & postage	£200
Meetings/seminars/training/refreshments	£600
Advertising	£500
*Office equipment	£1,100

\* This equipment cannot be funded through this grants programme as it is deemed as capital expenditure.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** – the job seekers' support provided could assist the long-term unemployed with funding employment within the Borough.

**Young Harrow** – the organisation has stated that it provides children's activities including art lessons and music concerts.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that there is no other organisation in Harrow, which specifically assists the Russian speaking community. It states that the majority of Russian-speaking people do not speak English very well and are unable to access services directly. The organisation has further stated that it collects information on its community's needs by a number of different methods.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£15,500 from City Parochial Foundation for salaries  
£12,000 from BBC Children in Need for children's activities  
£5,840 from Awards for All for Drama Club  
£4,400 from Comic Relief for Club 50+ (expected)  
£1,800 from Sports Relief for sports activities (expected)  
£5,000 from Bridge House Estates for work with elderly people (expected)  
£878.50 from Edward Harvist Trust towards Heritage Club for the Elderly (agreed February 2009)

The Russian Immigrants Association currently occupies an individual office at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that funding of £1,800 be awarded to the Russian Immigrants Association for 2009/10 to be used for volunteers' expenses.

## **SANGAT ADVICE CENTRE**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£30,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£10,000</b>

### **Background**

The Sangat Advice Centre was set up in 1996 to provide advisory, consultancy, advocacy and any other related services to individuals, companies, societies, organisations and businesses. The support provided relates to welfare benefits, housing, race relations, immigration, childcare, matrimonial matters and general poverty. They provide free legal advice and casework and free appeals representations and also runs a children's project, disabled children's activities and IT training on a weekly basis.

The Centre is a company limited by guarantee. The Centre was the first BME organisation to be awarded the Community Legal Services Quality Mark. It has also attained accreditation in Investors in People and Matrix, and is authorised by the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner to practice immigration work.

The Centre provides an advice service in other languages including Gujarati, Punjabi and Hindi.

### **Grant Request**

The Sangat Advice Centre is seeking funding of £30,000 to provide free legal advice and casework on a range of welfare, housing, immigration, debt and other issues to prevent and reduce poverty, social exclusion, discrimination, family unity, settlement difficulties, debt, housing and other areas of benefits. This funding will be used to fund salary costs.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - Sangat states that they assist and empower communities to meet their needs, requirements and entitlements by acting as an advocate, and by providing advice and guidance.

**Safer Harrow** - Sangat states that they support clients who are suffering from domestic violence, racial discrimination, honour crimes, forced marriages, auto crimes and street crimes. They also report crimes on behalf of their clients and act as an arbitrator for neighbour boundary disputes.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - Sangat states that they provide facilities and an environment for all communities to come together. They empower the

community to express their voice and make decisions on how to improve their neighbourhood.

**Healthier Harrow** - Sangat states that they provide activities for children and young people with disabilities, such as Indian dancing. Sangat's BME Carers' project also encourages good health.

**Young Harrow** - Sangat states that it helps young people between the age of 8 – 13 develop and maintain emotional well being. This is achieved by delivering workshops in schools.

### **Evidence of Need**

The Sangat Advice Centre work over the last 9 years has highlighted the need for this type of work. Recently there has been an increase in the demand for this type of service. The centre states that they are the only Asian organisation that provides legal advice in the area. The Association of London Government's assessment of the Sangat Advice Centre in October 2001 and stated that there was great need for this type of services. North-West London Community Trust's Needs Assessment also identified the need for the provision of information and advice on local services.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

The organisation receives £10,000 from the council to cover salary costs and £12,000 from Children's Fund to cover salary and running costs of the Empower workshop project in schools. The Children's Fund programme manager stated that they received positive feedback from children and their school about the Empower workshops in school, however the organisation struggled to submit monitoring reports in on time.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The service will be aimed at the elderly, people with disabilities and mental health problems within the Asian community and newly arrived refugees and immigrants and those who are unable to communicate in English.

Sangat estimates that 95% of the service users will be Harrow residents. They project that 500 individuals will benefit from the advice and advocacy service a year; 200 clients will be enabled to exercise their rights to British Citizenship; 175 will be supported in accessing Job Centre Plus, Housing Benefits, Disability Living Allowance, Social Services Department and 125 will be provided support to address their housing needs.

Not clear whether the priorities stated relate to this project or other activities of the organisation.

Sangat received funding from the Children's Fund from 2003 – 2008 to deliver empowerment workshops in middle schools to raise children self-esteem and confidence levels. The project was de-commissioned in 2008/09 as the Children's Fund was disbanded.

It is recommended that Sangat Advice Centre be awarded £10,000 for 2009/10 to continue their services at the current level.

## **SPECIAL CONNECTION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£4,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,000</b>

### **Background**

Special Connection was established in 1994 and aims to break down the barrier that exists between those with special educational needs of all kinds and their peers in mainstream education. This is done through the medium of drama where young people work together on equal terms. The organisation promotes social inclusion across the whole of the spectrum of the Borough and aims to change any preconceived negative perception of disability to a positive one.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting £4,000 as a contribution towards total costs of £5,550 to hold drama workshops in the Borough. The complete programme involves two 2-day workshops – one for 9-12 year olds and one for 13-19 year olds involving approximately 60 young people from one mainstream and 2 or 3 special needs schools in Harrow. The young people will work together on equal terms in integrated groups to script and rehearse a play. The organisation also aims to hold two 1-day workshops with those with profound disabilities (approximately 50) using a sensory drama theme. The organisation has stated that it has also started to work with small groups of autistic children and hopes to hold a one-day special workshop with approximately 20 of them.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – the main aim of the organisation is to break down the barriers and provide drama workshops that involve young people of all abilities and backgrounds.

**Young Harrow** – the organisation provides an opportunity for young people of all abilities to develop their full potential and extend their understanding of each others qualities, which will extend into their adult lives.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that during the 13 years it has been working in Harrow it has seen it's prime objective of 'Breaking Down Barriers' developing as there has been a growth of understanding between the young people.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**



£1,000 from Edward Harvist Trust towards additional drama workshops (agreed February 2009)

At the time of application, the organisation had applied to the London Boroughs of Hillingdon, Barnet, Ealing and Hounslow and Three Rivers District Council to hold drama workshops in those areas. It had also made applications totalling £14,000 to other charitable trusts, including Awards for All.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The following comments have been received from the Arts & Events Service:

Special Connection is not receiving funding from Arts & Events for this or any other project. However, it is currently carrying out work for Community Development, for the Community Connects project. In October 2008 Special Connection provided a drama workshop & performance at the Beacon Centre, Rayners Lane, for the half term activities organised by Community Connects. It is also scheduled to deliver a second drama workshop & performance for February 2009 half term. It appears that there are no service users on the Management Committee. It would be good practice if Special Connections could start to involve their users in the management of the project.

It is recommended that Special Connection is awarded funding of £1,000 for 2009/10 as a contribution towards the running of the drama workshops in the borough.

## **ST. LUKE'S HOSPICE (HOSPICE AT HOME IN HARROW PROJECT)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>Not currently funded</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£5,000</b>

### **Background**

St. Luke's is the local hospice serving the population of Harrow (and North Brent). The organisation provides hospice care, supporting patients and their families regardless of their circumstances or background. St. Luke's looks after people with cancer and other serious progressive illnesses such as motor neuron disease and heart, lung and kidney failure. The team at the Hospice help people live life to the full, for whatever time they have, at what is often an exceptionally difficult time. Care is provided at St. Luke's either in out-patients clinics or day care unit, or within their 12-bed in-patient unit.

### **Grant Request**

The total cost of the Hospice at Home Project is £82,207 (for the Harrow element of service). A contribution of £10,000 has been requested to be used specifically for the care of Harrow patients. The organisation has stated that the project will concentrate mainly on the following developments:

- 1 Expand the model of rapid response care to patients who are at the end stage of life, to facilitate co-ordinated discharge from the hospital/hospice setting to enable patients to die at home;
- 2 Dedicate a new clinical professional post of Hospice at Home Sister/Manager who will work alongside the Coordinator/Facilitator of the Hospice at Home Service, and ensure that care provided to patients is of a high clinical standard.

The organisation as a whole has designated funds of over £5 million. As most of their income comes from fundraising, supported by service level agreements with Harrow & Brent Primary Care Trusts, it needs to ensure that it has a sufficient reserve of funds available to meet unexpected shortfalls in such funding, through external events beyond its control.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Healthier Harrow** - St. Luke's Hospice clinical strategy is to continue to develop and implement a rapid response Hospice at Home service for terminally ill patients who wish to be cared for and given the opportunity to die at home. The organisation has stated that the project will improve the quality of life and

independence of older people in Harrow by enabling them to remain in their own homes and remove barriers to information and services.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that as a result of feedback from local people, for the last 2 years, St. Luke's has provided hospice care to patients in their own homes, enabling them to remain in familiar surroundings rather than being admitted to hospital or to their in-patient unit, thus enabling them to have a comfortable death at home. They have stated that this is one of the key themes in the Department of Health's End of Life Strategy published in July 2008 and focus groups conducted as part of the Palliative Care Pathways Project indicated that regardless of socio-economic group, the vast majority of patients would prefer to die at home. St. Luke's Hospice has stated that 20% more people with cancer died at home in Harrow in 2005 compared with in 2003, achieved by having a rapid response system of Hospice at Home. The organisation states that between April 2008 and August 2008, the Hospice at Home service provided 541 episodes of care for 49 patients in Harrow. Its aim is to achieve a greater number of visits over the next 3 years to meet the gap in services to patients who wish to die at home cared for by their family and health care professionals. In 2009/10, it expects a 15-20% increase in the number of beneficiaries compared with in 2007/08.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

For Harrow services:

£50,000 from the City Bridge Trust for the Hospice at Home Project. It should be noted that this includes funding for both the Harrow and Brent elements of the service.

£35,000 from Harrow Primary Care Trust for direct care packages in Harrow.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that funding of £5,000 be awarded to St. Luke's Hospice for 2009/10 to be used specifically for the Harrow element of the Hospice at Home Service. It is also recommended that this organization apply to the Harrow PCT for the specialist element of this service.

## **UK ASIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£2,500</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,200</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,200</b>

### **Background**

The UK Asian Women's Conference is a North London Branch formed in 1977 of a national Body also known as UK Asian Women's Conference and independent of it. The organisation is based at the Brember Centre which is provided free of charge and operates the 'SEWA' Drop-in Centre. This service has been running since 1991 and provides services and support to Asian women of all ages. Activities include weekly reflexology, head massage and yoga/relaxation sessions, monthly activities including cooking demonstrations and talks on different topics, annual cultural festivals and a sports day for children with special needs and occasional day trips and outings. A charge is made for some of these activities. UKAWC also run a translation and interpretation service.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting funding of £2,500 to pay for rental of halls and other venues that it hires to provide its weekly and monthly activities (it is currently using North Harrow Methodist Church Hall). UKAWC has stated that this will enable the programme of activities to continue and if possible enable mixed yoga classes to be resumed having been temporarily stopped due to a suitable venue being unavailable. It has also stated that part of the request would be used to pay for running costs.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – by providing group activities, the services proposed provides an opportunity for Asian women to meet other members of the community and increase their confidence by participating in these activities alongside other women.

**Healthier Harrow** – UKAWC has stated that it provides yoga and exercise classes to aid mobility as well as health talks, seminars and workshops on health, food and diet.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that the Drop-in Centre has been running successfully since 1991 and most members have been attending regularly and some have become volunteers and help at the Centre.

### **Funding from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that funding of £1,200 is awarded to UK Asian Women's Conference for 2009/10 to be used for venue hire for the different activities it provides.

## **WEALDSTONE ACTIVE COMMUNITY**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£1,500</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,200</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£1,200</b>

### **Background**

Wealdstone Active Community (WAC) was set up in 2000 to support local people and businesses by building a sense of community, aid communication and enhance community safety through police contact and liaison with other services from the public and voluntary sector. Members are active on the Safer Neighbourhood Panel and Panel for Older People, Harrow Police Community Consultative Group and monitor planning applications and anything that could be detrimental to the community and environment of Wealdstone. Members of the organisation are active in public consultations with the Council and miscellaneous other projects on an 'as and when' basis.

The organisation holds 10 open meetings per year plus events including the Wealdstone Festival, St. George's Day celebrations and fundraising events for charities. The open meetings aim to address various issues affecting the community and the environment of Wealdstone, e.g. crime, graffiti etc. By holding the events, the organisation aims to entertain, involve and inform local residents about initiatives in Harrow and it encourages participation and aims to strengthen the local community.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is seeking funding of £1,500 as a contribution towards the running and associated costs of organising 10 open meetings per year, the St. George's Day event, Wealdstone Festival and an Autumn fundraising event for Children in Need plus Christmas tree planting.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** – the activities provided support local businesses, voluntary organisations and residents and the events aim to attract people from other parts of the Borough to Wealdstone.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – the activities of the organisation aim to involve the whole local community. The events that it organises involve local businesses, voluntary organisations and individuals and aim to bring people from different communities living and/or working in Wealdstone together.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that the events bring the community together and showcase the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Wealdstone Centre and Red Brick Café, Indian Dancing, Henna Hand Painting, local musicians, local council information, local Councillors, and local charities, e.g. the Shaw Trust who hold plant stalls at the events.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The following comments have been received from the Town Centre Liaison Team:

The Team has worked with WAC informally for a long time on community events such as those listed in the application. WAC has carried out similar activities in the past and has supported and advised us on other events, such as the recent volunteering fair that we held. This group is good for the area, and probably the only real driving force behind any potential change in Wealdstone; replacing negative images of crime and deprivation with a welcoming sense of community pride and spirit. It's a worthy application to say the least.

Due to the restricted budget, it is recommended that Wealdstone Active Community is awarded funding of £1,200 for 2009/10 to be used as a contribution towards the events it has planned.

## **WHITTLESEA LIFE SKILLS ASSOCIATION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£5,925</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£3,900</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£3,920</b>

### **Background**

The Whittlesea Life Skills Association (WLSA) was established as a charitable company in 1985. WLSA provides and maintains a chalet style bungalow known as the Whittlesea Lodge (or The Lodge), in the grounds of Shaftesbury High School in Headstone Lane, Harrow. The Lodge enables Harrow students, up to the age of 19 with moderate, severe and complex learning difficulties, to receive life skills education in a home-like environment. The objective is that students should be better able to integrate into the life of the general community and better able to look after themselves when their formal education ends. Use of the Lodge is shared between participating schools – Kinglsey High, Shaftesbury High and Woodlands First & Middle school. Membership of the WLSA is open to parents and guardians of students at the participating schools, staff of these schools and any other people interested in the education of young people with learning difficulties.

### **Grant Request**

Funding of £5,925 requested is to support the running costs of the Lodge as set out below:

Ground Rent (payable to Harrow Council)	-	£1,000
Insurance (fabric, contents & public liability)	-	£1,850
Utility & Security costs (paid to Shaftesbury High)	-	£750
Telephone (line rental and call costs)	-	£220
Central heating boiler annual service	-	£100
Legionella testing service	-	£400
Photocopying, postage, stationery, etc.	-	£75
Companies House Annual Return	-	£30
Provision for non-routine expenditure items – (plumbing and heating system repairs, internal and external redecoration)	-	£1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£5,925</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Young Harrow** - The Lodge is provided specifically for school children and young adult students aged from 5-19 years. It provides an opportunity for all



Harrow students with moderate, severe and/or complex learning difficulties to receive life skills education in a home like environment.

### **Evidence of Need**

WLSA have stated that there is no alternative provision in Harrow combining all the Lodge's facilities under one roof, for students with moderate, severe and/or complex learning difficulties. They have also stated that the use of the Lodge by Harrow College as part of their "Skills for Life" course is confirmation of this. Many of these students are ex Shaftsbury and Kingsley students. WLSA are confident that the Lodge will continue to be an essential part of the Life Skills educational experience of Harrow students who have learning disabilities.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that funding of £3,920 be awarded to Whittlesea Life Skills Association for 2009/10 to be used for ground rent (£1,000), insurance (£1,850), utility and security costs (£750), telephone costs (£220) and central heating boiler annual service (£100).

## **APPENDIX 4**

### **LIST OF APPLICATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR GRANT FUNDING IN 2009/10**

Harrow Bangladeshi Association

Harrow Community Radio

Harrow Crossroads with Outreach

Harrow Kuwaiti Community Association

Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance

Harrow Tamil School Association

Ignite Trust (in addition to SLA)

Indian Association of Harrow

KSIM Senior Citizens Association

London Kalibari

National Council of Vanik Association (UK)

Navalar Tamil School

Royal Mencap Society, Harrow Pathway

United Somali League Trust

WISH Centre

Youth United

**APPENDIX 4a**

**REPORT SUMMARIES OF APPLICATIONS NOT  
RECOMMENDED FOR GRANT FUNDING IN  
2009/10**

## **HARROW BANGLADESHI ASSOCIATION**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£3,535</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,900</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### **Background**

The organisation was set up in 2004 to provide Bangladeshi cultural, intellectual and social welfare to young people of Harrow and promote good will and understanding of Bangladeshi culture to people of all ethnic origins. It currently runs a Bengali school at Whitmore High School on a Sunday to teach the Bengali language to GCSE level including reading, writing, speaking and listening and Bengali culture. The organisation has stated that between 35-43 young people, aged 6–16 years old, attend each week. No charge is made to users.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is seeking a grant of £3,535 as a 50% contribution towards the total cost of running the Sunday school. This includes classroom hire (2 rooms) and the payment of teachers for 2 hours per week for 40 weeks of the year. This will enable the organisation to continue to provide the service free of charge to users. The remainder would be funded by donations.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - the organisation gives the students an opportunity to socialise and form friendships with other members of their community at the weekly Sunday school.

**Young Harrow** – The Sunday school enables young people to work towards gaining a GCSE in Bengali language.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation states that Harrow's Bengali community support the teaching of Bengali language to GCSE level and Harrow schools do not currently offer this opportunity although it is available in at least one other London Borough. The organisation reports that 43 students currently attend the classes.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Funding to this organization is not recommended for this project for 2009/10 as there is insufficient evidence that it meets the funding priorities and whether there

is a need for this service. The evidence provided suggests that the organisation could continue to provide this service to the community by fundraising and the fees it collects from its users. The organization is advised to take advantage of the Council's Community Lettings scheme for concessionary rates.

### **HARROW COMMUNITY RADIO**

**Grant requested:** £5,237  
**Current grant:** Not currently funded  
**Grant recommended:** £Nil

#### **Background**

Harrow Community Radio (HCR) station was formed in 2008 and is proposing to start broadcasting in 2009. Transmissions will be from St Mary's Church and cover a 5 km radius. The management Committee has over 40 years experience in community radio and community development either professionally or personally. Broadcasts will include news and sports, reports, residents' information and residents' consultation.

They aim to create partnerships with the LBH Youth Service, 6th Form Colleges, Westminster University, Schools and the 2 local radio stations. They are members of Harrow Association of Voluntary Service and the Community Media Association.

The project will be targeted at young people, particularly those with disabilities, those seeking employment and those from BME groups.

#### **The objectives of the station are:**

- 1 To entertain, inspire and enrich the local community
- 2 To provide an outlet for the local arts
- 3 To promote local business, services, tourism and community groups
- 4 To raise awareness of issues, which affect the community
- 5 To give people the chance to access training in radio and gain qualifications in radio production
- 6 To bring communities together and promote equality to everyone regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities or religious beliefs.
- 7 To publicise their activities by building relationships with the local press and attend local shows and events.

#### **Grant Request**

The grant will be used to cover the costs OFCOM and music licences for both the FM and Internet broadcasting for one year.

JFMG Licence	£ 224.00
OFCOM Licences	£1960.00
MCPS/PRS	£1217.67
PPL	£1210.25

MCPS/PRS (Internet)	£205.00
PPL(Internet)	£120.00
Annual Streaming costs	£ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,236.92</b>

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** -The organisation states that it will meet this priority by providing Harrow's diverse community with a tool that would enable different communities to share and celebrate differences. They also state that they will assist the socio economic well-being of the borough by offering affordable advertising to the local business community.

**Safer Harrow** - The organisation states that it will meet this priority by developing partnerships with the local Police, Safer Neighbourhood Teams, the Anti Social Behaviour Unit and drug and alcohol agencies. Listeners will be updated on a regular basis on up and coming initiatives. HCR aim to make the station a place that young people, especially the most vulnerable, can obtain new skills and experiences. They also hope that by involving young people in the radio station they can be diverted away from anti social activity and as a result reduce crime.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - The organisation states that this project is in a unique position to meet this priority, as it is able to draw communities together. They also state that HCR can promote and raise awareness of what is happening in the borough and offer local people a voice, particularly those who are underrepresented in the community.

**Healthier Harrow** - The organisation states that this project will meet this priority by liaising with the PCT to explore the possibility of health promotion within the community. It will also promote the local drug, alcohol and substance misuse services.

**Young Harrow** - The organisation states that this project will meet this priority by offering young people access to education, training and employment advice, especially for those who are 'Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET)'. They plan to work in partnership with Harrow Youth Service, 6th Form colleges, schools and Westminster University Media Studies Department.

### **Evidence of Need**

Very little evidence has been provided to support the need for this project. The organisation suggests that there are a number of young people who are NEET that require training, but do not provide any further information or evidence. They also suggest that there is a need to create a more cohesive community. They also state there is a growth in the community radio sector across the borough.

**Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

Donations from businesses	£26,619
Grants from trusts (Pinner Lions?)	£500
Other sources	£450
Rent, sales and charges	£3,050
<b>Total</b>	<b>£31,669</b>

**Comments and Recommendations**

Although the Harrow Community Radio project appears to be broadcasting in Harrow, no evidence of need was identified in their application. As their projected accounts for 2008/09 show that £26,619 was raised in donations from businesses, this suggests that they could finance themselves through funding raising activities and advertising, and therefore they will not be recommended for funding for 2009/10.

## **HARROW CROSSROADS WITH OUTREACH**

**Grant requested:** £166,400  
**Current grant:** Not current funded  
**Grant recommended:** £Nil

### **Background**

The Commission has rated Harrow Crossroads as "Excellent" for Social Care Inspection for the last two years. Harrow Crossroads is a 'not-for-profit' organisation, a registered Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee that was established in 1994 to meet an identified need for the service in Harrow. The organisation has provided care for the council for the last 14 years. Harrow Crossroads provides frequent, regular and flexible respite breaks to carers, whilst engaging the person who is being cared-for in (therapeutic) activities. The aim is to help the carer to maintain good health and to enable them to provide care for longer and to keep the person who is cared-for out of hospital or nursing home.

### **Grant Requested**

Harrow Crossroads are requesting £166,400 to expand their services to meet the needs of people who live on their own and people who live with their carer. However, they state that the total cost of this project is £158,000.

They state that 95% of the grant will be used to deliver services.

### **Costing breakdown:**

Capital (equipment, premises, etc)	£2,400
Revenue (running costs)	£19,000
Revenue (salaries)	£136,000
Total	£158,000

### **Funding Priorities**

**Sustainable Communities** - The organisation has provided no evidence of how they would meet this priority.

**Safer Harrow** - The organisation has provided no evidence of how they would meet this priority.

**Stronger Communities** - Although the organisation has provided no evidence how they would meet this priority, it is possible to see how this project could ensure that vulnerable members of the community needs may be met.



**Healthier Harrow** - The organisation claims that by providing regular and frequent visits, by a Health Support Worker, users can be encouraged to participate in activities that promote better physical and cognitive health and become more independent. The Health Support Worker will compliment the work of health professionals by providing regular health enhancing (therapeutic) contact with the individual. They will also support individuals by encouraging compliance with medication, introducing healthier eating and exercise and encouraging individuals to become aware of the benefits of good self care.

**Young Harrow** -The organisation has provided no evidence of how they would meet this priority.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation's experience indicates that there will always be a need for a service for those who are too frail or unwell or those who choose not to access Individual Budgets and Direct Payments.

The organisation interviewed the Manager of the Milmans Centre and found that there had been an increased number of elderly people in Harrow requiring support. They found that 200 elderly people attend Milmans Day Centre and that approximately 12 new clients are referred to the centre each week. Many users of the centre have an identified need for support in the community for an array of different problems. Crossroads also stated that they receive an average of four telephone calls every month from relatives who are concerned about an elderly relative who lives alone. They also found that Age Concern had a waiting list for similar services. They also state that this service would be an enormous benefit to the elderly as it would enable them to remain in their own home for longer and would reduce the likelihood of depression and isolation. A needs assessment carried out by Crossroads at Milmans clearly identifies the supports needs of the elderly as those stated in the application.

They have also spoken to a range of professionals who provide services for the elderly or refer clients to Crossroads, such as social workers, health professionals at the PCT, the Heights and Northwick Park Hospital, who all believe that this would be an invaluable service.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

The organisation received £195,668 from Harrow Council, £112,026 from the Harrow's Carers Grant and £30,000 from the PCT for 1 year to provide respite care to carers.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Crossroad has provided evidence of need to support this application and have clearly identified the funding priorities that this project would meet. However they receive a total of £307,694 from the council and £30,000 from the PCT to provide respite care to carers until March 2009. Officers from Adult and Housing suggest that this project would duplicate work that they are already being funded to do. They are also requesting significantly large amount of funding, of which this grant has insufficient funds to support. Therefore, this project will not be recommended for funding for 2009/10.

## **HARROW KUWAITI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested:** £2,990  
**Current grant:** Not currently funded  
**Grant recommended:** £Nil

### **Background**

The aims and objectives of the Kuwaiti Community Association are to relieve need, hardship and distress in the Kuwaiti Bidoon community and Arabic speaking communities, particularly newly arrived refugees, especially by the provision of translation services and advice regarding matters such as social and welfare rights, housing, community integration, education, training and employment.

The organisation has a designated desk at the Community Premises. Its main services include offering advice on benefits, housing, education and employment and accompanying clients to meetings with the Council, benefits agencies and health agencies and act as interpreters and assist them with completing paperwork and forms and writing supporting letters. The Association has recently set up a football team, which meets once a week.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation have requested £2,990 to promote volunteering and to distribute leaflets about the project advertising the support and services it offers. It has also stated that it will establish Arabic classes, football teams, newsletters and will build a website in English. The grant is also required to purchase stationery, postage, telephone costs and legal and professional fees. A full breakdown of this grant request has not been supplied.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - the organisation has listed a football team, Arabic classes and elderly club amongst the services it will provide. These could bring people from Kuwaiti and Arabic-speaking communities together creating opportunities for them to bond and form friendships.

**Young Harrow** - the football team could provide an opportunity for young people from Kuwaiti and Arabic-speaking communities to participate in a form of exercise and could promote a healthier lifestyle as well as providing an extra-curricular activity. The Arabic classes could provide additional education for young people.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that they have found there is a lot of demand for these services through meeting with members and users of the Association.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£1,422 from Edward Harvist Trust for computer equipment  
£854.50 from Edward Harvist Trust for football kits and equipment (agreed February 2009).

HKCA currently occupies a designated desk at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

There is insufficient evidence from the organization of the need for this service. Funding to Harrow Kuwaiti Community Association is not recommended for 2009/10, and the organization is advised to take up offers of support from officers to enable them to research and plan their activities, produce more accurate budgets and ultimately make applications to other funding bodies.

## **HARROW PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING ALLIANCE (HPSLA)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£10,724</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£5,000</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£Nil</b>

### **Background**

The Pre-School Learning Alliance is a leading educational charity specialising in the early years. They provide practical support to over 15,000 early years settings and make a positive contribution to the care and education of over 800,000 children and their families nationally every year. They also support more than 40,000 volunteers.

The Alliance aims to enhance the development of education of children primarily under statutory school age, by encouraging parents to understand and provide for the needs of their children through community groups. The Alliance provides support to pre-school playgroups and toddler groups that are members of the Harrow Pre-School Learning Alliance within the Borough. This Harrow branch is currently based at the Glebe First and Middle School.

### **Grant Request**

Funding requested will pay for the rent of the office at Glebe School, and salaries of the Administrator and Finance Officer posts. The Administrator's post is part-time of 12 hours per week for 36 weeks. This post supports families that call the office for help and advice and are signposted to other agencies or to staff in the office. The Finance Officer post is also part-time, working 6 hours per week over 36 weeks. A breakdown of the grant request is outlined below :

*Capital (equipment, premises, etc)	-	£1,000
Running costs	-	£1,808
Salaries	-	£7,916

\*This cannot be funded through the main grants programme.

### **Funding Priorities**

#### **Sustainable Communities**

The organisation states that they offer families the opportunity to be involved in their children's care and education and support in access to local services. They also encourage adults to participate in education in order to increase their chance of economic well-being. They provide support and guidance to pre-school settings on good practice and resources on achieving an inclusive

environment. They work in partnership with the statutory sector to ensure that a consistent approach to pre-school settings.

### **Safer Communities**

The organisation is dedicated to support government targets that relate to a reduction in child poverty and believe that if well-being is achieved in turn crime can be reduced.

### **Stronger Communities**

The organisation also helps to settings to develop their voluntary management committees. Committee members are given the opportunities to develop and acquire new skills.

### **Healthier Harrow**

The organisation encourages settings to provide healthy snacks to children and signposts staff to training on healthy eating. They also advise settings to provide opportunities for outdoor play and to encourage families to be more active.

### **Evidence of Need**

Settings are often overwhelmed by office systems and the statutory requirements for pre-schools settings and therefore the office staff will have a key role to play in providing centralised support for the pre-school settings by assisting them with payroll and financial queries, bulk ordering and IT support.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

The organisation has use of Council premises at a cost of £1000 a year. They were awarded £70,401 for 3 years in 2008/09 from Early Years to fund a team of Development Workers to support pre-school settings and a grant of £5000 for 1 year to cover the salary cost of the Administrator and the Finance Officer.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

HPSLA has a 3-year service level agreement with the Integrated Early Years and Community Services for the delivery of support and advice services to the 85 private and voluntary settings that provide care and education to children under the age of five. The alliance supports settings to provide high quality care in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage and to meet the requirements of Ofsted. This SLA does not appear to meet the full costs of the service and therefore HPSLA is not recommended for funding for 2009/10 as it is advised that they liaise with Early Years and Community Services to meet their core costs.

## **HARROW TAMIL SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

**Grant requested:           £12,000**  
**Current grant:             Not currently funded**  
**Grant recommended:     £Nil**

### **Background**

Harrow Tamil School Association was established in 1987 to advance the education of the general public through the provision and management of a Tamil School; teaching Dravidian oriented culture, music and drama as well as the Tamil language. They also to provide facilities for sports and social activities, which take place at Whitmore High School every Saturday during term time as listed below:

- 1 Teaching Tamil language - 12.30 to 2.00 pm at a charge of £18 per student per term (120 students)
- 2 Teaching Fine Arts subjects - 2.00 to 4.30 pm at a charge of £25 per student per term (200 students)
- 3 Yoga classes for adults - at a charge of £3 per class (18 people)
- 4 Football training - every Sunday during term time (30 participants) - no charge
- 5 Netball training - every Sunday during term time (32 participants) - no charge.

### **Grant Request**

The total cost of the above activities amounts to £39,600, of which £27,600 has been secured through fees from service users. Harrow Tamil School Association are requesting funding of £12,000 as a contribution towards the running costs and tutors' fees for all their activities. It should be noted that the organisation is currently in receipt of 50% concession from the Council for the hire of main hall, 11 classrooms and dining hall at Whitmore High School.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Healthier Harrow** - Yoga classes are held regularly for the adults to lead a healthier life. The organisation stresses the importance of regular exercise to parents and children. Regular football and netball practices are held to keep the children fit.

**Young Harrow** - The main focus of the organisation is to improve the lives of young people particularly from deprived, disadvantaged and newly arrived people to this country. They state that they help young people to increase their confidence by enabling them to perform speeches, play musical instruments and organise events.



### **Evidence of Need**

Harrow Tamil School Association have stated that there is a need for the Tamil community in Harrow to have a meeting place for the adults and children to share their cultural values. They also feel that it is important to teach Tamil language and Fine Arts subjects to their young people so that they understand their roots, thus enabling them to become good citizens of this country.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

None

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The organisation's accounts suggest that they raise a substantial amount of funds through memberships and charges. They also receive a 50% concessions on lettings for the use of Whitmore High School. Therefore, it is recommended that this organisation is not awarded funding for 2009/10.

## **IGNITE TRUST**

**Grant requested:** £9,525 (in addition to current SLA funding)  
**Current grant:** £10,200 SLA  
**Grant recommended:** £Nil

### **Background**

Ignite was set up in 2001 to provide a number of innovative and focused projects. These include Elevate Academy; Hype Open Dance Group; Drugs Road Show; Club 2000 (educational package); Expression (open youth group); dance and sports workshops for schools and one-to-one mentoring for young people.

Ignite has been working in Harrow for 7 years and as a result they have established contact with a growing number of young parents through the projects that they run.

### **Grant Request**

Ignite have requested £9,525 to develop an existing Parent and Toddler group held weekly at the Holy Trinity Wealdstone. This would provide a forum and support for young parents. This would include training in parenting skills, cooking courses, one to one support from more mature parents using the group.

### **Costing breakdown**

Revenue (running costs)	£3,150
Revenue (salaries)	£6,375
Total	£9,525

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - Ignite claim that they meet this priority through a number of projects they deliver through the organisation. These include, the Drug Road show, Club 2000 and Elevate Academy. However, there is no evidence of how the project in question would meet this priority.

**Safer Harrow** - Ignite states that the organisation provides a safe community centre where up to 200 young people visit each week, therefore diverting them away from crime and anti-social behaviour. However there is no evidence of how the project in question would meet this priority.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - Ignite state that they run a peer mentoring projects between younger and older young people and that they also invite middle-aged volunteers to cook hot meals once a week for their drop in session. They also state that they assist vulnerable young people in accessing support

and work with diversity and therefore are able to encourage young people to work with others from different backgrounds. Although they have provided no evidence to suggest that this project would meet these priorities, it could be argued that this project would meet this priority.

**Healthier Harrow** - Ignite states that they provide drugs and sexual health information and support for young people. They also ensure that young people have access to relevant health-related services. It is possible to see how this priority will be delivered through the delivery of the project.

**Young Harrow** - As Ignite's entire programme delivers services to young people, it is possible to see how this priority would be addressed through the delivery of this project.

### **Evidence of Need**

Ignite state that schools recognise the need for this project and have indicated that they would refer young people who are pregnant or young parents to the service. They believe that this would compliment the service provided by the council to support young mothers, as it would offer long-term support. They also state that young people felt that many services for pregnant women and parents were for adults and therefore did not meet their needs.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£18,500	Dance academy for young people (Safer Harrow)
£18,000	Open dance group and sessions in schools (John Lyons)
16,500	Drug road show (Drug Action Team)
£10,000	Schools project (Harrow Council)
£25,000	Youth group and mentoring support (Bishop of London Mission Fund)

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Officers have raised concerns about this service duplicating an existing service for young mothers that is run the same area at Wealdstone Youth and Community Centre, particularly as the borough has very low teenage pregnancy rates.

In order to avoid duplication, it is recommended that Ignite does not receive funding for this project for 2009/10.

## **INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF HARROW**

**Grant requested:** £5,300  
**Current grant:** Not currently funded  
**Grant recommended:** £Nil

### **Background**

Indian Association of Harrow was established in 1977 with the following aims and objectives:

- 6 To create a forum where the Indian community can pool resources and skills and form strategies to enrich the social and cultural aspects of the community they live in
- 7 To promote the social and economic welfare for Indians to enable them to contribute fully to the economic regeneration of UK
- 8 To establish strategic alliances with other minority and mainstream organisations to create better understanding between communities
- 9 To provide support and leisure facilities for young people, including facilities for young people to learn Indian dance, music and languages
- 10 To provide information and advisory services to people in need, e.g. the elderly.

### **Grant Request**

The Indian Association of Harrow has requested £5,300 to contribute towards the total project costs of £13,800. The organisation has reported that £8,500 has already been secured. The grant will be used to arrange outings, cultural events and meals for the elderly, sports activities, dance classes and mother tongue teaching for young people and health seminars, first aid workshops, blood pressure testing and information/testing for diabetes. A full breakdown of the grant request has not been received.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - some of the activities the organisation is proposing could be seen as opportunities for people to bond, e.g. trips for the elderly, youth activities and cultural events.

**Healthier Harrow** - the organisation is proposing to hold quarterly health seminars for approximately 100 people and blood pressure/diabetes testing with a qualified nurse/doctor. It is also proposing to hold first aid workshops.

**Young Harrow** - the organisation has stated that sports activities, dance classes and mother tongue teaching will be held for young people.

### **Evidence of Need**

The Association has made reference to the published research that highlights severe health problems (i.e. coronary heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure) being 30% more prevalent amongst the Indian community. It has also highlighted the inadequacy of services currently being provided to the growing number of elderly people of Indian origin. It stated that the Council's own statistics show that well over 20% of Harrow population is of Indian origin and that statutory services provided by Harrow Council are inadequate.

### **Funding from other sources in 2008/09**

No funding is received from other sources during this period.

The Indian Association of Harrow currently occupies a designated desk at the Community Premises building, 27 Northolt Road.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Additional information provided states that CRB checks are not made for the volunteers assisting with youth activities as they are 'long time members of the Association'.

Funding to Indian Association of Harrow is not recommended for 2009/10 as there is insufficient evidence provided by the organization that there is a need for these activities.

## **KSIM SENIOR CITIZEN ASSOCIATION**

<b>Grant requested</b>	<b>£4,950</b>
<b>Current grant</b>	<b>£2,387</b>
<b>Grant recommended</b>	<b>£Nil</b>

### **Background**

KSIM Senior Citizen Association is a community based voluntary organisation operated by the Husaini Shia Islamic Centre. The aims and objectives of the organisation are to protect the moral, social and cultural pursuits, to work for the upliftment and assistance of the aged, the sick and disabled members, to assist the elderly, the poor and the invalids and to visit the sick in hospitals and homes. They also arrange visits to various establishments within and outside the United Kingdom.

They provide weekly gatherings at the Islamic Centre for approximately 160 people. These include religious, moral and educational lectures geared to the needs of Senior Citizens as well as lunch. Transport is provided for disabled members. Each year they also arrange 4 day trips to places of interest, an annual Zainabbiya Day celebration and visits to other Senior Citizen Associations outside of London.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation has requested £4,950 to subsidise the funding of the weekly gatherings for approximately 160 people. It would also be used to fund 4 day trips, transport for the disabled and lunch (for which a contribution is made by the attendees).

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - They state that the association's activities are geared to integration and promote the social, economic and environmental components within their community by bringing awareness to these issues.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - Although the organisation provides no supporting information they state that they attempt to instill the awareness of the spirit of neighbourhood to encourage sense of belonging thereby fostering a closer relationship between people of different backgrounds who live together in a community.

**Healthier Harrow** – They state that they organise talks from on health issues on a regular basis.

**Young Harrow** - The organisation encourages young people to participate in the organisation.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has a high percentage of membership attendance each week. Most of their members are lonely and some are disabled and all look forward to attending the weekly programmes and other activities.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

The total cost of the scheme is £19,500. The additional cost will be met from other sources available to the Centre.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

There remains a query whether 80% of their members are Harrow residents. A current register of membership provided by the organization clearly shows that the actual percentage falls below the eligibility threshold. For example, a membership list that was provided shows that out of the 84 male members listed, 35 of them had addresses outside of the Borough (42%). This was also the case for women as the membership list of 138 female members provided showed that 53 did not live in the Borough (38%).

## **LONDON KALIBARI**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£4,700</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>£1,530</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£Nil</b>

### **Background**

The objective of London Kalibari is to establish a permanent community centre for the benefit of Hindu Bengalees, but open to people of all faiths and cultures, in Harrow and neighbouring areas to meet the social, cultural and spiritual needs of the community. The organisation has stated that these needs are not being met at present due to the lack of permanent accommodation. The organisation has stated that it meets regularly and holds activities including music, dance, plays and historical talks, a senior citizens club, Bengali language tuition, yoga, bereavement services and children's activities.

### **Grant Request**

Funding of £4,700 is requested as a contribution towards the 'Kalibari Action for Community 2009' project. The total cost of this project is £6,500 and the organisation has already secured £1,800 from donations and fundraising. The grant will be used for transport, postage and out-of-pocket expenses, fees for performers and artists and hall hire. A full breakdown of the grant request has not been provided.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - the organisation has stated that for many years it has been holding social, cultural and spiritual/religious functions where people of all ages, backgrounds and cultures participate actively, thus providing community cohesion.

**Healthier Harrow** - the organisation has stated that it holds regular yoga sessions and organises short-term outings for senior people to promote physical and mental health. It has also stated that it encourages all people, particularly senior citizens, to keep in contact with their GP and develop a balanced diet. Details of where these activities are held and how many people attend them have not been provided.

**Young Harrow** - the organisation has stated that it provides children's activities and invites young people to develop their learning potential by providing targeted information and advice on education and training available in Harrow and elsewhere. Details of where these activities are held and how many people attend them have not been provided.



### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that around 25,000 Bengali Hindus of Indian/Bangladeshi origin are estimated to live in Harrow and surrounding areas. It states that the social and cultural needs of this community are different from those of other Indian and Bangladeshi communities.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£600 from Edward Harvist Trust Fund for arts/cultural function to be held in October 2009 (agreed February 2009)

### **Comments and Recommendations**

From the monitoring information received in 2008, the organisation's constitution and accounts indicate that there is a religious element to their services. It is therefore recommended that London Kalibari is not awarded funding for 2009/10.

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VANIK ASSOCIATIONS (UK)**

**Grant requested:** £8,000  
**Current grant:** Not currently funded  
**Grant Recommended:** £Nil

### **Background**

The National Council of Vanik Associations (UK) is a national organisation which was established in 1978 with the aim of promoting, in both the Vanik and wider communities, programmes that:

- 1 Target the relief of poverty, sickness and family distress;
- 2 Raise awareness of the importance of education and good citizenship;
- 3 Aid the understanding of, and respect for, the cultural and religious heritage of members of all communities.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation would like to run a 'Community Health Project' with the aim of raising awareness of, and providing expert information/guidance about the key health issues facing members of their community. They are proposing to hold six health seminars per year on various health issues such as diet, obesity, cancer, diabetes, coronary disease, mental health, etc. The organisation has stated that it has many consultants/specialist doctors who are willing to participate in these events.

The organisation is requesting funding of £8,000 towards the total proposed cost of £12,000 for this project. It has stated that approximately 250-300 members of the Vanik community in Harrow will benefit from these seminars. The funding is to be used for hiring halls for the seminars, administrative work, renting of office premises, publicity and payment of honoraria to presenters delivering the seminars and volunteers as necessary.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Healthier Harrow** – the proposed project could help to promote the health of the beneficiaries depending on the advice and guidance given.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that it conducted a survey in 2005/06, with funding provided by the Council, that identified 1,200 households (nearly 4,000 members) of the Vanik community within the Borough. It stated that the survey identified health issues as one of the primary concerns of the community. The

organisation has reported that it organised a couple of talks on health matters as a result of the survey, including the most recent seminar June 2008 which attracted 300 people, and those present expressed a desire for more such events.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

The organisation has stated 'None for the Community Health Project'.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

A copy of the outcomes of the survey referred to by the organisation was provided as part of the organisation's application for 2008/09, however it provided only basic information and did not demonstrate sufficient evidence of need. It is recommended that this organisation does not receive funding for this project because there is very little evidence that it meets the funding priorities and that there is a need for this service.

## **NAVALAR TAMIL SCHOOL**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£14,000</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>Not currently funded</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£Nil</b>

### **Background**

Navalar Tamil School is a registered charity established in November 2006 primarily for the benefit of the Tamil speaking community to:

- 1 Advance the education of the public in Tamil language, English, mathematics, science, dance, music and culture by operating a supplementary school and promoting cultural performances and other social events;
- 2 Provide facilities for cultural, social and religious development, recreation or other leisure time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.

The organisation has stated that the activities it provides take place Rooks Heath College every Saturday during term time between 11 am to 3 pm, and benefit approximately 300 young people from the Tamil community in Harrow.

### **Grant Request**

Navalar Tamil School are requesting funding of £14,000 to pay letting costs of 9 classrooms at Rooks Heath College, purchase of essential study materials and equipment, and travel expenses of volunteer teachers. The organisation makes a charge to users of the school.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - the organisation gives the students an opportunity to socialise and form friendships with other members of their community at the school.

**Young Harrow** - the organisation has stated that various projects are aimed at developing IT skills, sports facilities, safer neighbourhoods, fine arts and cultural development for young people.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that the school started with 8 children on the register in November 2006 and it currently has 300 children enrolled in the school, with some still on the waiting list. It has also stated that it has registration forms, video and photographs as evidence of their activities.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£3,000 from Harrow Council sports activities (this funding was not from the main grants programme).

### **Comments and Recommendations**

It is recommended that this organisation does not receive funding for this project in 2009/10 as there is very little evidence that it meets the funding priorities and whether there is a need for this service. The evidence provided suggests that the organisation could continue to provide this service to the community from fundraising and the fees it collects from its users.



## **ROYAL MENCAP SOCIETY, HARROW PATHWAY**

**Grant requested:** £10,000  
**Current grant:** New applicant  
**Grant Recommended:** £Nil

### **Background**

The Royal Mencap is a charity that works with people with learning disabilities and their families and carers. The organisation campaigns and provides information, direct services, such as housing, education and employment and community support.

### **Grant Requested**

The grant request of £10,000 will be contribution to the total cost of the Harrow Pathway's Preparing for Work project. The project will support 10 people with learning disabilities to explore their own talents and skills and will provide specialist training, job search and work placements. The organisation has managed to secure £64,600 from other sources to meet the full cost of this £79,214 project.

### **Funding Priorities**

**Sustainable Communities in Harrow** - Royal Mencap believe that this project "contributes to sustainable communities and equality of opportunity" as it works with some of the most deprived and economically disadvantaged members of society. They state that this project aims to increase the financial independence of those they support and increases their choices through access to paid work.

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** - Although the organisation provides no evidence of how their service would meet this priority, it is possible to see that as a result of this project this group would be less isolated and excluded from mainstream activities.

**Healthier Harrow** - The organisation state that the meet this objective as the project contributes to improvements in health and to a reduction in health inequality. They believe that as the project helps its users to understand their 'rights as citizens' they will realise that they can access health services. They also state that the project can address loneliness and isolation, which is often experienced by many disabled people, by offering the programme and assisting them in finding work.

### **Evidence of Need**

They recognise the barriers that people with learning disabilities experience when trying to obtain work and have developed a programme of support to address this. They are already providing employment support for this group in Harrow through JobCentrePlus and LDA funding, but need additional resources to meet the demands of those who are currently on their waiting list.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£45,000 from Job Centre Plus to provide pre-work training and skills development: to support people with learning disabilities into and at work.  
£29,600 from LDA Progress to Work Project for same as above.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The following comments have been received from Adults & Housing, Contracts and Brokerage:

The organisation has been previously funded via LDDF funding. LDDF funding this year has been allocated to Mencap Pathways Workright Project (linked to Harrow Council HR Dept) for 1 year, with a possibility of extending for a further two years if it meets its targets and outcomes. As well as the Mencap Pathway scheme, Harrow will be funding Choices 4 All Job Broker project for 1 year, with a possibility of extending for a further two years if it meets its targets and outcomes. Harrow is also going to provide funding via the LDDF grant for a social enterprise project with the NRCs to create work opportunities. There are 3 projects being funded this year for employment and there is not enough service users who have the potential or ability to find and keep employment in the current financial climate.

As Adults and Housing, Contracts and Brokerage have provided information on similar projects that are already being funded, this application from Royal Mencap Society for the Harrow Pathway Project is not recommended for funding for 2009/10.

## **UNITED SOMALI LEAGUE TRUST**

**Grant requested:** £20,000  
**Current grant:** Not currently funded  
**Grant recommended:** £Nil

### **Background**

The United Somali League Trust (USLT) has stated that it was set up in June 2008 with the aim of reducing crime and promoting community cohesion through the provision of education and raising awareness. The main services of the organisation are assisting young disadvantaged children in primary and secondary school with basic skills in maths and literature and providing adult education and training. The USLT states that it runs a Resource Centre (the 'Daryel Education and Integration Centre') in Queensbury where older Somali people integrate with other communities including Romanian, British and Polish. It also states that approximately 30 children between the ages of 4 and 19 years of age use the Resource Centre for weekly homework support.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is requesting funding of £20,000 towards total costs of £30,000 to run the Resource Centre. It reports that £10,000 of the total cost has already been secured through fundraising (£300) and fees, rents, sales and charges (£7,000). The organisation states that it makes a charge of £2.50 per child for homework support, £3 per adult for adult education and £3 per adult for 'job search'.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Stronger Communities in Harrow** – the organisation states that older Somali people integrate with other communities at the Resource Centre.

**Young Harrow** – the organisation states that it provides additional education support for young people.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation states that its service users are mainly unemployed Somalis who are mainly unskilled and their children are low performers in Harrow schools. It states that other community users include people from Romanian, Polish and Arabic communities.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The organisation has stated on its application form that two Council officers from the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service are members of the management committee. However, both officers have confirmed that the United Somali League Trust is not known to them and they are not members of the organisation. In light of this and the lack of evidence to support this application, funding is not recommended for 2009/10.

## **WISH CENTRE (THE)**

<b>Grant requested:</b>	<b>£6,680</b>
<b>Current grant:</b>	<b>Not currently funded</b>
<b>Grant recommended:</b>	<b>£Nil</b>

### **Background**

The aim of the WISH Centre is to relieve the distress and suffering of youth, women and children who have been victims of abuse, violence and neglect and of those who self harm by providing support services, advice, information and counselling. The organisation's strategic aims for 2007-2010 are:

1. To strengthen support for youth, women and children in our target group by identifying gaps in local and pan-London service provision and developing new programmes.
2. To research, develop and share models of best practice for new and cutting edge services.
3. To campaign and work on rights based issues with the target group in the UK and internationally.
4. To move towards financial and organisational sustainability.

WISH states that it has won several national and international awards for mental health youth support work and was recognised by the National Inquiry into Self Harm 2006 as a Model of Best Practice. It also states that it has been profiled in the media, local and national press and magazines.

### **Grant Request**

The organisation is seeking funding to pay for a part-time fully qualified young person's counsellor who will work weekly in several local high schools in the Borough providing specialist counselling support and advice for children ages 11-17 who are experiencing violence or neglect at home or self harming. The organisation has reported that the counsellor will help children to stay safe, making referrals to wider statutory agencies such as Children's Service, Police and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) where needed.

It should be noted that part of the funding request (£1,000) is for capital costs, which cannot be funded through this grants programme. The remainder of the request, £5,680, will be used to pay for the salary of the young persons counsellor.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Young Harrow** - The service is focused on supporting young people between the ages of 12-17 through counselling, peer group support, online and text support and creative and developmental activities. The organisation has stated that it also provides accredited work experience and volunteering opportunities for a range of young people in Harrow. One of WISH's aims is to ensure that young people at risk learn to manage their behaviours and health, including self-harming, drug taking, alcohol abuse and sexual health.

### **Evidence of Need**

The organisation has stated that they currently have one full-time counsellor and this project is a response to local demand and need from schools in Harrow. WISH has stated that national statistics confirm that 1 in 5 teenagers self-harm (NHS 2008) and this is a dangerous and growing trend. It has also stated that young people who self-harm are desperately trying to cope with pressures that are often linked to violence at home or child abuse, or bullying and they benefit from advice and support in a safe environment.

The organisation has stated that young people in Harrow also suffer from a range of mental health disorders such as depression and personality disorders, and there is a gap in service provision by Children and Adolescents Mental Health Service (CAMHS) that needs to be met (PCT Operating Plan 2008-10). The organisation states that the closure of Harrow Young Persons Centre and the over stretched capacity of CAMHS has meant that many young people are unable to access appropriate support.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

£19,375 from Children's Fund for domestic violence support group for children and their mothers  
£1,932 from Help a London Child for creative work with young men with mental health issues  
£30,000 from Comic Relief for support work with young self harmers  
£33,000 from BBC Children in Need for counselling and online support  
£10,550 from Connexions to provide an anti-gang and knife crime programme and campaign.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

The following comments have been received from the Connexions & Youth Service:

Connexions PAYP grant currently fund £13,000 towards a worker who focuses on young people who are already or at risk of becoming involved in gang culture and knife crime. We have always enjoyed a good working relationship with WISH. The services the organisation provides to support young people at risk of

self-harm are very effective and highly acclaimed. We received a similar application to this one for counselling, which we declined. We are currently commissioning generic counselling services for the Connexions One Stop Shop in Harrow. This will mainly target 16-19 year olds, but will also provide a referral route for under 16's.

It is recommended that funding to the WISH Centre is not awarded for 2009/10 as the service would duplicate generic counselling services that are being commissioned for the Connexions One Stop Shop, and services provided through Harrow's Extended Services.



## **YOUTH UNITED**

**Grant requested:** £2,000  
**Current grant:** Not currently funded  
**Grant recommended:** £Nil

### **Background**

Youth United is a youth club that meets fortnightly during term time at the Cedars Youth and Community Centre for three hours a session. The organisation states that 25-40 young people attend each session and positively interact with a variety of professional trainers and each other to improve their social skills and their own sense of self-value. The organisation has stated that activities include a co-ordinated course of public speaking training, media training, public performances, specialised quizzes, games and challenges, self-defence and first aid. These are in addition to regular participation in local and international service projects including Understanding the Aged, World Vision 24 Hour Famine and Help the Homeless.

### **Grant Request**

Youth United has stated that it is requesting funding of £2,000 for rental costs the Cedars Youth and Community Centre. The organisation has stated that its current rental costs are £105 (plus insurance) per session for a total of 21 sessions a year. The club charges £1.20 per young person per session, raising approximately £580 per annum.

### **Funding Priorities Met**

**Young Harrow** - The youth club provides a meeting place for young people aged up to 12-13 years of age and they have stated that they are currently working with children from seven different ethnic groups. The activities that take place aim to improve the social skills of the young people that attend and raise their confidence.

### **Evidence of Need**

Youth United have stated that they feel there is a real need to teach pro-active citizenship to children.

### **Funding received from other sources in 2008/09**

No other funding received.

### **Comments and Recommendations**

Youth United has stated that the rental costs for the Cedars Youth and Community Centre have increased to £105 (plus insurance) for each three-hour session. It has stated that it used to get a 85% concessionary discount on the rental charges but has not applied for this on time this year. The organisation would be able to re-apply under the Community Lettings scheme to receive a

50% discount on the rental charges of Cedars for 2009/10, which would mean that it would pay £24 per hour plus insurance at 7%, e.g. approximately £77 per session. In light of this and the fact that the organisation is expecting to receive £580 per annum from the charges it makes. There is also an outstanding debt to the Council's Community Lettings, therefore it is recommended that funding is not awarded to Youth United for 2009/10.

## Appendix 5

### **Brief summaries of applications rejected (not meeting grants qualifying criteria)**

#### **GIRLGUIDING MIDDLESEX NORTH WEST (Currently Funded):**

##### **Grant Request: £10,000**

Girlguiding Middlesex North West is an autonomous part of Girlguiding UK. The organisation, working in small groups and with commitment to a common standard, provides a varied programme of activities which teaches the girls values, life long skills, self confidence and the opportunity to reach their full potential and be aware of their local community and the wider world. Activities are provided in a safe environment at Willow Tree Centre, and includes archery, fencing, arts and crafts, music, dancing, camping and recycling activities. The application has been rejected for grant funding, as they do not meet the following grant qualifying condition:

- 1 "The applicant must be a voluntary group based in Harrow, with 80% of its beneficiaries either living or working in Harrow".

The Willow Tree Centre is based in the Borough of Hillingdon, and approximately 50% (4,000 users per year) of the young people attending the Centre are from Harrow.

This group has been previously funded although it does not meet the grant qualifying conditions. To ensure strict adherence to grant qualifying conditions as agreed at the Grants Advisory Panel meeting of 6th July 2006 the organisation is considered ineligible and therefore not recommended for funding.

#### **HARROW SPECIAL OLYMPICS (New Applicant):**

##### **Grant Request: £2,000**

This organisation was established in 1999 and is affiliated to Special Olympics GB. They provide sporting opportunities for young people with learning disabilities, all of whom are registered disabled. This includes track and field athletics, table tennis, physical training, etc. Their application for grant funding has been rejected as they do not meet the following grant qualifying condition:

- 2 "The Council will not support Sports organisations seeking match funding".

Officers have forwarded Harrow Special Olympics grant application to Harrow Sports Council for possible funding, and have recommended that the organisation liaise with them directly.

### **HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION (New Applicant):**

**Grant Request: £3,800**

This Organisation is a national charity established in 1971 with specialist experience in providing support to people seriously affected by Huntington's Disease. The charity pursues the best possible care; provides training and advice to families and professionals; raises awareness; and promotes research towards better treatment and the ultimate aim of a cure for Huntington's Disease. The core activity of this organisation is their network of 24 Regional Care Advisors (RCA's). The service they provide is available 5 days a week, 52 weeks of the year. They have a RCA covering Harrow, therefore the funding requested is towards the cost of her post. The application has been rejected for grant funding, as they do not meet the following grant qualifying condition:

- 3 "The applicant must be a voluntary group based in Harrow, with 80% of its beneficiaries either living or working in Harrow".

The Head Office of the national Huntington's Disease Association is based in Liverpool. The Regional Care Advisory Service provides a service to approximately 100 people in Harrow affected both directly and indirectly by Huntington's Disease. To ensure strict adherence to grant qualifying conditions as agreed at the Grants Advisory Panel meeting of 6th July 2006 the organisation is considered ineligible and therefore not recommended for funding.

### **HILLPLAYERS (New Applicant):**

**Grant Request: £1,000**

Hillplayers is an amateur dramatic group established in November 2007. Their aim is to produce good quality drama for the residents of Harrow and surrounding areas at least twice a year. The group consists of nearly 30 people who come from different backgrounds and the ages vary between early 20's and late 60's. They are currently using Roxeth Pavillion for rehearsals, but have used a variety of other venues including church halls, schoolrooms, and private houses. The funding requested will be used for the hire of the theatre and technicians, and for the purchase of props, costumes, material for building sets, etc. Their application for grant funding in 2009/10 has been rejected for the following reasons:

- 4 They do not have an adequate constitution (one side of A4 paper with no signatures of management committee members);
- 5 Part of their grant request is for equipment, which is a capital cost and therefore cannot be funded through the Main Grants Programme.

**PINNER ROAD LEARNING CENTRE (New Applicant);**

**Grant Request: £10,000**

Pinner Road Learning Centre is a recently established organisation providing a wide range of high quality local and accessible part-time learning opportunities in ICT and Skills for Life, and is accredited by NCFE. Their application for grant funding in 2009/10 has been rejected for the following reasons:

- 1 Their grant request is for equipment, which is a capital cost and therefore cannot be funded through the Main Grants Programme;
- 2 Full list of management committee members' home addresses not submitted (only the Chairperson);
- 3 Bank account in the name of the organisation not set up.

**RAYNERS LANE ISLAMIC WELFARE & CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**  
**(Previously Funded):**

**Grant Request: £5,000**

Rayners Lane Islamic Welfare and Cultural Association was established in 2006 and it's aims and objectives are to assist children to grow up as good, valuable and educated citizens, assimilating into the host society along with learning the values of their birth religion and culture.

Many of the children are from poor educational and socio-economic backgrounds, and are children of recent immigrants.

Services provided are as follows:

- 1 Teach life skills and personal development
- 2 Mother tongue classes
- 3 Good citizenship and family values
- 4 Home working classes, cultural education
- 5 Health and hygiene classes
- 6 Social events (funds permitting)
- 7 IT, cooking, sewing and drapery skills

The above activities which benefit approximately 50 young people from Harrow, take place at Rooks Heath College from 4.30 pm to 6 pm Monday to Friday during term time. The organisation has been previously funded in 2007/08. Their application for grant funding in 2009/10 has been rejected for the following reasons:

- 1 The organisation did not submit the monitoring and assessment form in 2008/09 for the grant received in 2007/08 despite a reminder letter sent on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008;
- 2 The organisation have not submitted the required documents despite a reminder letter sent on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008, i.e. constitution, equal opportunities policy, list of management committee members' home addresses, and the accounts for 2008/09.