

GREENWICH BME FORUM – BULLETIN September 09

Sector News

- **BME Participation in local decision making structures:** The Black Neighbourhood Renewal & Regeneration Network are offering 10 BME groups in Greenwich one to one support to become more actively engaged in local decision-making partnerships and initiatives. Support will include volunteers, mentoring and training. If your organisation is interested, please see the attached and contact Jo at GAVS, jo.deverson@gavs.biz
- **Equality and inclusion for people with Learning Disabilities from BME communities:** Advocacy in Greenwich is looking to work in partnership with BME community groups, to raise awareness and promote inclusion and equality for people with Learning Disabilities within Greenwich's ethnic minority groups. 3-4 workshops will be held during Sept & Oct. For further information, please see the attached or, contact Leila Ntege on 020 8293 3720 or leila@advocacyingreenwich.org.uk if your organisation would like to offer its services in a more inclusive way, providing an opportunity for equality to really be equal, in a fun and innovative way.
- **BME Social Enterprises:** The Ethnic Minority Foundation are looking for BME social enterprises in Greenwich to take part in research on how the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games will impact on them. If you are willing to take part in the research, please email Sara Calvo at Sara.Calvo@EMFoundation.org.uk .
- **Calling organisations working with BME children, young people or their families:** Race On the Agenda (ROTA) is sending out a call for evidence to all organisations working with BME children, youth and their families in order to respond to a consultation by the Department for Children, Schools and Families on how to improve their Children, Young People and Families Grants Programme. For further information and to take part in the consultation, contact Carlene on 020 7902 1134 or carlene@rota.org.uk
- **Talk on History of the Black Community in Greenwich:** On Saturday 3rd Oct, 2pm, the Greenwich Heritage Centre will be holding a talk to celebrate Black History Month, drawing on years of research and expertise. Places are free, but limited, so to book your place call the Heritage Centre on 020 8854 2452.
- **BME Mental Health Steering Group:** The next meeting will be held on 10th Sept, please let Elizabeth Oyewole know in advance of this if you would like to attend. elizabethisis@hotmail.co.uk

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- **Free Training and £700 bursary for BAME groups - Community Leaders Development Programme:** Individuals who would like to learn more about setting up a voluntary organisation, or would like to develop a newly formed organisation further and receive a £700 bursary for another training course can now register for a place on Community Leaders Development Programme. The Community Leaders Development Programme aims to provide individuals from Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee communities who live in London, with a flexible and tailored range of leadership development opportunities. For more information click [Community Leaders Development Programme](#) or contact anthony@rota.org.uk

Training

- **Advocacy Training:** Advocacy for Older People in Greenwich are holding two training days on **16th September and 12th October**. For more information, please see the attached flyer and booking form.
- **Free specialised courses for Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee third sector organisations and individuals:** Courses will look at: setting up a sustainable organisation, project development, governance and fundraising. Options include taster sessions, entry level training and a mixture of longer programmes to develop professional and personal skills. These courses are offered by MiNet in partnership with [LVSC](#), MODA and [School for Social Entrepreneurs](#). Ready Steady Start will commence 4th Nov 09. For more information click [Ready Steady Start](#)
- **GAVS Accountancy Courses from 22nd Sept – 3rd Nov**, from 10am – 1pm. For more information, see the attached training schedule or contact Yaw at GAVS info@gavs.biz
- **GAVS Training Courses:** Writing Funding Applications - 9th September; Costing your Projects - 15th September; Meetings and Minutes - 24th September. See attached for more courses! FREE to GAVS members. To book a place email Di West at consultantdw-capacitybuilding@yahoo.co.uk.

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Resources and Reports

- **BME Recession Report:** The recession will have a specific impact on London's BAME third sector, largely because the vast majority of BAME organisations across London are small and locally based, with very few being medium sized. Click the [report](#) by MiNet for further details.

Information

- **GAVS Annual Sector Awards:** Nominations are now open for the 2009 GAVS Sector Awards, sponsored by Unity Trust bank. Categories are: Community Cohesion; Positive Impact on Young People; Significant Contribution to the Community; and Positive Impact on Health and Well-Being. Nomination forms and criteria are attached. Winners will be announced at GAVS AGM on 23rd September. **Deadline for nominations is 9th Sept.**

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