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## Training Opportunities

Asian Resource Centre of Croydon (ARCC) is offering the following training opportunities during March and April 2014: -

- *Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation*
- *New to Fundraising*
- *How to Develop a Fundraising Strategy*
- *Good Governance*

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Joseph to register your interest via email to: [joseph.jeffers@arccltd.com](mailto:joseph.jeffers@arccltd.com)

## Community Leadership

Why should you be a community leader?

Leadership can be good for you. In fact, many people enjoy leading. You don't have to lead out of obligation. You can choose to lead and participate in ways that energize you and help you grow, instead of leading in ways that drain you. You can choose to work on issues that you care about. You can take on challenges that are fun, rewarding, or interesting. It's up to you. ARCC is planning to once again deliver its accredited OCN Leadership Course in March 2014.

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## Capacity Building

ARCC starts 2014 with optimism whilst the current economic climate, government decentralisation and the public sector cuts are testing Third Sector agencies. We are encouraging groups to continue to take advantage of our Capacity Building Services funded by Croydon Council.

We are able to support groups in researching of funding opportunities, partnership working, organisational health checks, policy development and a host of other areas.

ARCC commissioned a range of research in 2014 and a key area for development work is looking at

## Heritage Project

Funded by the Heritage Lottery ARCC's "Search for the Sari" Project was completed towards the end of December 2013.

As part of the delivery a range of workshops and 1-to-1 interviews took place to explore the history of the Sari in Croydon. An educational booklet was produced for teachers/community groups.

potential collaboration between groups working in similar areas or groups wishing to explore new ways of working.

ARCC has been very successful in supporting groups in applying for funding over the last five years and we anticipate this work is needed now more than ever before.

ARCC hosted in 2013 a workshop delivered by Croydon Council on the commissioning process. The workshop outlined the wide range of opportunities that commissioning could offer the third sector Asian groups as well as opportunities for smaller groups to form partnerships to bid for contract work both in and out of the Borough.

To mark the end of the project a celebratory event was held showcasing the different styles of Sari with a fashion show involving people of all ages and backgrounds.

ARCC would like to take this opportunity to thank the Heritage Lottery for funding the project as well as all the individuals that participated in the project.



## Monitoring & Evaluation



Funded by Trust for London, ARCC has been delivering a Monitoring & Evaluation project to help organisations to measure, demonstrate and evaluate the impact of their community projects. The project focuses on: -

- *Helping organisations to identify through self assessment what the organisation is doing well, and also to explore areas where there is a need to invest more time in development.*
- *Organisations are trained in tools and techniques to draw up action plans and strategies for improvement.*

We have delivered a range of monitoring and evaluation training and support. This has included 1-to-1, group training and outreach work to ensure accessibility and inclusiveness to our members.

To date, we have worked with a range of agencies and individuals who have responsibility or an interest for monitoring and evaluation work within an Asian Community Group or Charity in the Borough of Croydon.

Our work included;

- *Development and reviewing of organisations policies procedures, self assessment against recognised Quality Assurance Standard (PQASSO).*
- *Raising awareness through M&E presentations and publicity material.*
- *Delivering OCN level 2 accredited Community development monitoring and evaluation Training.*
- *Creation of an online hub of useful resources.*

The project will be ending at the end of February 2014.

## Farewells

The Board of Directors would like to say thank you to Nicky Torode who after four years working on firstly the BASIS Capacity Building Project and secondly the TLI Project is leaving ARCC. Nicky's input was invaluable to the Asian third sector in Croydon. We all wish Nicky best of luck for the future.

Malti Patel has taken the decision to step down from the Board of ARCC. Malti served as a Director for a number of years and was the Chair for the past year. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution and wish her all the best for the future.

## Social Enterprise Toolkit

The online Social Enterprise Toolkit, commissioned by the Croydon Council and written by ARCC, aims to bring together on one handy website a range of tools and resources to support individuals and charitable organisations who are contemplating social enterprise as a way to generate income. It is most suitable for those entrepreneurs at the pre and early start up stage.

Whether you just want to know more information on what a social enterprise is, who and where social enterprises are in Croydon or are looking for tools to help you get your social enterprise idea off the ground then this toolkit is for you. It also contains case studies of social enterprises currently working in Croydon. Those chosen represent the various legal structures available to a social enterprise as well as the diverse communities they serve.

The toolkit is written in an easy-to-read way, simplifying theoretical business jargon to enable you to be clear and confident about what is involved when setting up a social business.



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