

Funding awarded 2008/09

The Bristol Legacy Commission has funded projects in financial year 2008/2009 that have attracted match funding of over £300,000 with the aim of increasing community cohesion in Bristol.

All community commissioners are volunteers and have contributed over 152 hours of their free time in their first year to attend meetings and events.

In the first year of existence the commission has funded projects that have a direct impact on BME communities and are highlighted below in alignment with the commissions mandated priority areas.

Priority - Cultural Representation:

African and Caribbean Chamber of Commerce and Centre of Excellence (ACCCE)

Mission Statement: To economically empower and business growth opportunities for communities in Bristol through entrepreneurship, supply information, and delivery of appropriate demand led business support services.

Amount Awarded £26,000

Website: www.accce.co.uk

Arts Council - Meeting the Challenge

The programme's long-term aim will be to increase the diversity of the cultural sector's leadership and increase the existing leadership's knowledge, experience and appreciation of a more diverse culture.

Amount Awarded £10,000

Website: www.Artscouncil.org.uk

Shenhk Eternity – Educational Trip to Gambia

Contribution for the educational aspect of the trip to Gambia for young people aged between 18 to 25 years of age, the visit enables young adults to explore and gain a better understanding of the enslavement process and how slaves contributed to the wealth of Bristol.

Amount Awarded £3,600

Pierian Centre – Administrator for City of Sanctuary

City of Sanctuary is a movement to build a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. The goal is to create a network of towns and cities throughout the country which are proud to be places of safety, and

which include people seeking sanctuary fully in the life of their communities.

Amount Awarded £8,500

Website: www.pierian-centre.com

St Stephens Church - The Bristol Reconciliation

Contribution towards community events and school materials. To create four relief and painted panels for the reredos, [the central artistic focus of the building] to become known as "The Reconciliation Reredos", This will connect the slave trade story of the City of Bristol with current experience and stimulate the materials and potential for reconciliation and community cohesion work.

Amount Awarded £3,120

Website: www.saint-stephens.com

Carrib Theatre – Looking for Obama

A new play that will look at the legacy which led to this American reality, and compare and contrast it with the possibilities of the United Kingdom. The play will take place at the Bristol Old Victoria from 28 to 31 October 09.

Amount Awarded £8,030

Harbour Festival

Harbour Festival - Taking place around Bristol's beautiful historic city centre harbour, it's a showcase of the wealth of the city's finest talent in the performing arts and a platform for visiting performers from around the globe, attracting more than 200,000 visitors over three days and was aimed at increasing attendance from BME communities across Bristol.

Amount Awarded £15,000

Website: www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk

Breathing Fire Playback Theatre

Breathing Fire - Breathing Fire Playback (improvisational theatre) enables audiences to share their stories and see them being recreated using movement, dance, music and song. This will be done by bringing together specific audiences in various venues around Bristol focusing on key issues of health and well being, education, women and culture.

Amount Awarded - £5,220

Website: www.playbacktheatre.co.uk

Priority - Education And Young People:

St Pauls Afrikan and Caribbean Carnival - St Pauls Carnival

Contribution to St Pauls carnival education programme in 2008.

Amount Awarded £20,000

Website: www.stpaulscarnival.co.uk

UWE - Refugee and Migrant Support (RMS) into Education

The UWE Refugee & Migrant Support Hub (RMS) will increase the representation of students and staff from diverse backgrounds by providing BME communities and migrant workers support to access direct Higher Education opportunities at UWE.

Amount Awarded £10,000

Website: www.uwe.ac.uk

Story Tree – Caribbean story telling in Bristol Schools

Educational and informative daylong storytelling experience in schools involving the whole school.

Amount Awarded £3,600

Website: www.storytree.co.uk

UWE - Positive Action Training Hub

PATH will provide pathways and access into courses and professions, providing appropriate training to eligible candidates using positive action. There is a social necessity and a political will to rebalance staff representation in the education system where BME staff are currently heavily underrepresented or employed in low paid positions

Amount Awarded £15,000

Website: www.uwe.ac.uk

Priority - Health and Well Being:

Imago Events - Together Football Championship

Annual sporting tournament pulling together Bristol Primary Schools from across the city, school children included are from culturally different backgrounds across the city.

Amount Awarded £10,000

Impact of funding awarded in 2008/09

Since the Bristol Legacy Commission was formed in June 2008 it has supported a number of organisations based in Bristol both financially, and in an advisory capacity. Its vision - to encourage and empower individuals and organisations to be a catalyst for positive change within their own communities.

The Commission's role has many different facets but primarily aims to; embrace Bristol's diversity, create an awareness of the many different cultures living and working in the city, encourage the education system to critically challenge conventional ways of teaching its children, and enable underrepresented groups to take ownership of their own lives and breakthrough barriers to entry in all sectors.

Set out below in running order, a brief synopsis of each presentation.

Positive Action Training Hub (PATH)

Organisation: University West of England (UWE)

- **Aim:** To increase Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) workforce serving Bristol and the South West. Working with various partners to update their skills and professional qualifications which include; traineeships, work shadowing, credit top ups, supplementary school modules, academic writing and many more soft skills in order to elevate this change.
- **Achievements/Outcome 2008/2009:**
Key Stage 4 students achieved English, Maths and Science, 23 students gained; certificates in higher education, foundation degrees in higher education, higher level teaching assistants (HLTA) qualifications, postgraduate certificates, Bachelor of Arts (BA) Honours degrees (Hons), and a Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE).

City of Sanctuary (CoS) - Part time administrator

Organisation: Refugee Action C/o The Pierian Centre, Portland Square, St Paul's

- **Aim:** CoS is an informal partnership of community, voluntary, public sector organisations and individuals, whose objectives are to; enable Bristol- once known as a city of slavery- to grow now into a city of sanctuary which welcomes and provide safety for people seeking sanctuary from war and persecution, and to celebrate the contribution of the many people who have come to Bristol for safety. Sheffield was the first city to be recognised as CoS.
- **Achievements / Outcome 2008/2009 - 2009/2010:**
Mobilise support for Bristol to be recognised as a CoS, to work towards a launch on May 20 2010 at Council House, College Green, contribute

to further development of the existing strategy plan on how the city can continue to work together for greater inclusion of refugees and unrepresented communities.

African & Caribbean Chamber of Commerce & Enterprise (ACCCE)

Organisation: African & Caribbean Chamber of Commerce & Enterprise

- **Aim:** “Developing strong communities through enterprise”.
- The chamber provides formal representation for BAME led businesses in Bristol and the South West; it was launched in July 2009. It provides a range of services such as training, mentoring, and networking. Its success is derived from its membership base, supporters and partners. A ‘Needs Assessment’ into this sector indicated a real, current need for black led businesses to have support from an organisation that could emphasise and understand them.
- **Achievements / Outcome 2008/2009 – 2009/2010:**
- 150 members have joined since launch in July 2009
- Positive dialogues with key strategic education and training organisations in Bristol such as the West of England Partnership, Regional Skills Partnership, Business West Link, and the Bristol Chamber of Commerce
- Provided support and advice to new business this year including; (a care home, catering, pharmaceuticals export and the internet)
- Delivery of bi monthly breakfast and evening meetings, and a panel of experts who deliver assistance to members
- Development of young people with the African & Caribbean Young Enterprise (ACYE) to run alongside the chambers core business model

2008/2009 St Paul’s Carnival Education Programme

Organisation: St Paul’s Carnival Ltd

- **Aim:** “To promote and advance the education, appreciation and practice of Afrikan and Caribbean arts, culture and history through the delivery of an annual carnival”. The carnival takes place in St Paul’s (central Bristol) every year and annual attendance increases year upon year.
- **Achievements / Outcome 2008/2009:**
12 schools in Bristol took part, the learning included six hours of dance and costume workshops taught by experienced carnival artists followed by a procession and stage presentation on the day of carnival. The poignant effect of this initiative is to showcase a different cultural experience, young people having a platform to be proud of their heritage and the vital component - to encourage children from all cultures to engage with each other in an exciting and explorative setting.

Storytree - Cultural Workshop

Organisation: Storytree

- **Aim:** To promote a sense of inclusion for BAME young people and to use as a mechanism for community cohesion. This initiative encompasses a one-day storytelling workshop involving the whole school, it is an interactive workshop and includes a fruit stall with native caribbean fruit, music and concludes with performances from children incorporating the above. The workshop is designed to create awareness of different cultures challenging negative stereotypes and provides a sense of pride for BAME children who attend the school.
- **Achievements / Outcome 2008/2009:**
- 5 schools in Bristol were piloted in this scheme and specifically targeted schools where some racial incidents occurred, and has low BAME representation.
- “The blend of music, story telling and factual information engaged all the children. They particularly enjoyed the live music that went throughout the whole day. If we ever have the chance to work with a workshop similar to this again we would be very interested” – Burnbush Primary School
- “The sessions were vibrant and inclusive, moreover, involved, teachers and children in story, music and song. The visual aspect of a Caribbean fruit stall was inspiring and engaging for adults and children alike, with Story Tree exploring the different food on the stall, encouraging children to share their knowledge of traditional recipes, relating this to the Caribbean, but moreover, to other cultures and ethnicities” – Sefton Park Primary School

Football Together Championship

Organisation: Imago Events

- **Aim:** 16 schools across Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset were asked to twin with each other varying in size, race, class, geography and/or faith background to enter a football competition. This event is in its second year and aims to help schools fulfil their duty to promote community cohesion; it has clear health benefits and encourages children, teachers and parents to engage in physical activity and healthy eating.
- **Achievements / Outcome 2008/2009:**
Crossing boundaries using universal language of football, giving Bristol schools a clear opportunity to take the first step toward fulfilling their duty to promote community cohesion, and sowing the seeds for future ongoing relationships between twinned schools. Pictures from this event were used to promote Bristol’s bid to host the world cup in 2018.
- “You can’t just judge people by the way they look” - Teacher 2009
- “People from different cultures/backgrounds are not that different”- Teacher 2009

- “We thought that we wasn’t going to be similar but Jade and me had a lot in common. I thought I wasn’t going to get on with Asmo either, but we were both liked football and we both liked pizza” – Courtney, Pupil 2009.

Initiative: Trip to Juffery Island in Gambia

Organisation: Shenh Eternity/As It Is TV

- **Aim:** “You need to know your history before you know where you are going to.” Clive Smith 2009
- “People of African descent should be proud of who they are and their connections to Africa, a visit to Juffery and James Island will enable young people to explore their heritage and how the enslavement of African people contributed to the wealth of Bristol.” Clive Smith 2009.
- Africa is portrayed negatively in the media with images of Africa being desolate, with starving children and war torn. The trip aims to dispel myths and use positive information about Africa e.g ‘Africa was the world’s first ever-trading nation’. The trip highlighted the need for young people and adults to learn about their history (not specifically taught in schools), be proud of who they are, where they’re from realising their own culture identity.
- **Achievements / Outcome 2008/2009:**
- Over 88 young adults went to Gambia from Bristol and London, its success was showcased in a video that encapsulated; the lack of awareness of the transatlantic slave trade by young black people (their ancestors history), deprivation and poverty of some African people, and enlightened them to what is really important in life, as well as some young adults deciding after the trip that they needed to make a significant changes to their lives, and one they could be proud of.
- **Ongoing issue:** - how to mainstream this initiative so that more young adults benefit from history being told in this way? This initiative should get ongoing support, and Shenh willing to work with Legacy Commission to develop annual programme.

Refugee and Migrant Support Hub (RMS)

Organisation: University West of England (UWE)

- **Aim:** To target asylum-seekers, refugees and others from under represented communities and to provide a signal point of access to support academic and educational opportunities to scholars at risk. Working closely with Sanctuary Education Fund (SEF) and Council for Assisting Refugees and Academics (CARA).
- **Achievements / Outcome 2008/2009:**
- 6 refugees students studying English, 5 postgraduate students have been offered help and support, and the hub has 10 referral partners including Refugee Action based in Bristol.

- **Ongoing issue:** Asylum-seeker subscription issues include their status, financial support and non-EU qualifications.

African Voices in school (AVF)

Organisation: African Voices Forum

- **Aim:** A pilot project to explore the impact of teaching African history, arts and culture in schools and to put to flight negative views of Africa through delivering workshops on the continents history.
- AVF engaged with 29 schools and selected 4 for the delivery of 12 workshops and the project has also helped support non – african teachers develop confidence in handling subject matters relating to African history, culture and arts.
- **Achievements / Outcome 2008/2009:**
- Schools have developed a relationship with the African community in Bristol; teachers have applauded the project, as much needed complementary work to their own programmes. The workshops have provided a much greater insight into significant contributions made by African people in all aspects of life, peace, inventions and medicine.

Please note:

Some projects funded in 2008/2009 were not able to attend the presentation day, or their projects had not been completed in time for the presentation event, therefore they will be present their outcomes on a different date.