## London Voluntary Sector Training Consortium



# Instruments Towards Social Inclusion

~ some reflections on the NGO experience in the UK of Technical Assistance and global (small) grants under the EU Structural Funds

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#### **LVSTC**

- Charitable company ~ est. 1989
- Financed from Technical Assistance (ESF & ERDF)
- Supports voluntary/community sector
- Targets training providers and community economic developers
- Focus on EU Structural Funds















## Who are we?

Members : voluntary/community (150)

Board : voluntary/community (10)

Staff : full-time paid (<30)</li>

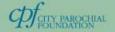
Associates: institutional (100)

Network : micro community groups (3000)

Contacts: voluntary groups (5000)















## **Aims & Objectives**

- Delivery
- Partnership
- Policy
- Governance













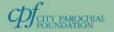


## **LVSTC Offer**

- Helpline
- Group workshops
- One-to-one surgeries
- Project visits
- Briefings
- Publications
- □ Website & e-bulletins ~ www.lvstc.org.uk







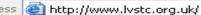








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Established 1989

London's voluntary and community sector in partnership with Europe to promote social inclusion

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#### KEIN >

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<u>ls for Economic</u> <u>lusion Network</u>

#### NEWS >

<u>Current EU funding opportunities</u>
ESF Pan-London, Connexions, URBAN II, ALG, and ESF Olympics Programme!

#### UK IN EUROPE >

#### **LVSTC** report

How EU funds have assisted community projects in the area of skills development.

LVSTC is funded by the European Social Fund, European Regional Development Fund, Association of London Government, Learning and Skills Councils, and City Parochial Foundation.





## Helpline

- telephone calls
- e-mails
- **10000**

















Workshops ~ 200+















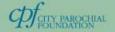


## Workshops

- Theory
- Practice
- Interactive
- Practical
- Friendly

















## **Surgeries**

**300**+















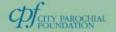


## **Project Visits**

**1000**+















## Regional

- London Skills Commission
- London Development Agency ~ Basic Skills Forum
- Greater London Assembly ~ European Forum
- London European Programmes Committee

#### National

- England National Monitoring Committee (ESF)
- EAPN (England, Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland & UK)
- Third Sector European Network
- UK Coalition Against Poverty

## European

European Anti-Poverty Network (Brussels)















# **Brussels Study Visits**

- 3 days
- 30 delegates
- 8 sessions
- 3 themes
- 1 hour shopping!



















## **Study Visit**

- London House
- Parliament
- Commission
- EAPN













## **Brussels Study Visit ~ 2005**











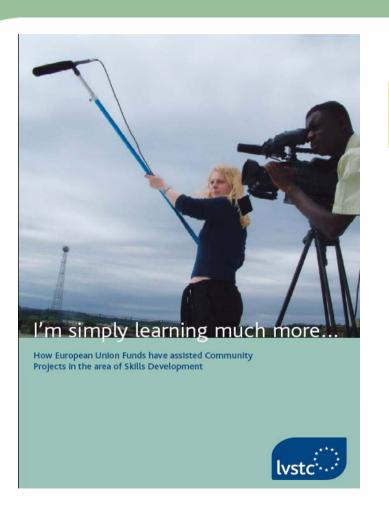






## **Beneficiary Report**





"local people are given expert advice and support"

"I feel I'm treated more equally here"

"...feeling much more confider about future prospects"











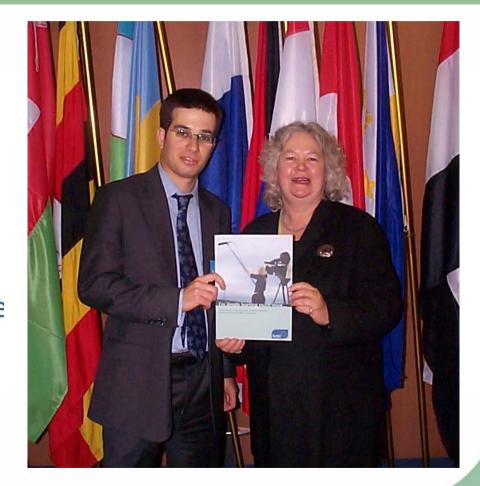


## **Beneficiary Report**



"A free course has aided my skills and education. If it was not free I could not have afforded to take part"

"I am continuing on the course and feeling much more confident about the future"

















## **UK Global (Small Community) Grants**

- Voluntary & community organisations (NGOs)
- □ Annual turnover < €120k or <3 paid staff</p>
- Furthest from labour market/hardest to reach
- Employment and poverty agenda
- Active inclusion ~ 'soft' indicators
- 100% finance ~ paid up-front
- Minimal paperwork ~ simple application form
- London Fast Forward Programme















## London Fast Forward Programme

- Regional intermediary funding body (GLE)
- Stakeholder advisory group (including NGOs)
- **2002 2007**
- □ Total ~ €15m
- Annual bidding rounds
- Peak: 2003-2004 ~ 310 projects @ €5m
- □ 2004-2005: 171 projects, 1943 individual beneficiaries















## **London Fast Forward Programme**

## Beneficiaries (2004-2005)

□ Black, Asian & minority ethnic groups ~ 47%

Refugees & Asylum seekers

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~ 31%

Lone parents

~ 19%

People with disabilities

2%

Ex-offenders

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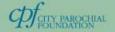
## **London Fast Forward Programme**

### **Progression Outcomes (2004-2005)**

Further education or training	~	22%
Actively seeking employment	~	22%
Actively seeking further training	~	20%
Voluntary work	~	14%
Part-time employment	~	10%
Full-time employment	~	8%
Self-employment	~	4%















## **London Fast Forward Programme**

## **Soft Outcomes (2004-2005)**

Confidence	~ 30%
Actively seeking work	~ 29%
ICT skills	~ 13%
Basic skills	~ 12%
Work routine	~ 7%
Teamwork	~ 5%
Certificate of achievement	~ 2%
Other skills	~ 2%















## **London Fast Forward Programme**

### **Project Issues (2004-2005)**

Late payment of cheque	~	42%
Oversubscription of project	~	32%
Problems finding training premises	~	16%
Childcare costs inadequate	~	5%
Training began late	~	5%

Greater London Enterprise: www.gle.co.uk















# UK National Strategic Reference Framework

## EU Structural Funds Programmes 2007 -2013

"The Government will continue to use its technical assistance budget to support partners in the non-governmental sector t participate in and deliver Programmes" (p.33)











