

Vote

Ellen Newham was born in 1903. She can still remember when the vast majority of women had no right to vote as well as the first time when she went to vote after the right was won in 1928. Ellen attends the Radford Care Project and we asked her to be on our poster campaign which you may have seen around the area. She could not remember exact dates but can remember the events of the twenties including the Suffragettes marching through Nottingham and also, with her friends, going to vote for the first time - the Polling Station was the front room of a house at the bottom of her street.



“In 1927 I wasn't allowed to vote. What's your excuse today?”

1 Vote for a party

You may agree with the views of one of the Political Parties who are putting forward a candidate. You may feel that they will most likely run things in a way that benefits you or the community. Why not get in touch with the local party office or party candidate and ask them for information about their policies.

2 Vote for a candidate

You may know or agree with one of the Candidates who is standing for election. You may feel that they will best represent your views and meet the needs of the area. Why not ask your local candidates about their views. The electoral office on 915 4523 can tell you where to contact candidates.

3 Reject your vote

You may believe that local voting changes nothing or the candidates and parties standing don't represent your views. So express that opinion - go to the polling station and 'reject' your vote. All rejected votes are recorded. You can reject your vote by leaving it blank or by writing 'none of the above' on it.

If you stay at home during the elections & do nothing, you are in effect saying that you do not care. Vote for a party, vote for a candidate or reject your vote... but whatever you do vote!

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This is what some believe

Voluntary groups are disorganised.

Residents are apathetic.

Public Sector don't care.

Business only cares about money.

Politicians are only into power.

Nothing will ever change.

We think differently

Local Question Time

The local 'question time' was held on 27th April at the Bridge Centre. The evening was organised with a panel of Party and Independent candidates for the local area plus a non political speaker. All Parties standing locally were represented except one who declined the invitation to attend. The meeting was politely but firmly chaired and questions from the audience covered issues such as the Leisure Complex on the Forest, the new Tram, student grants, as well as broader issues such as issues of personal safety related to the Tony Martin case. The meeting had over 35 attending and the organisers felt it was a successful evening of discussion.

SRB 6 Funding

Unique opportunity to influence SRB 6: INSIDE

Community partnerships in Nottingham are holding a consultation day looking at a new funding opportunity for learning in the area.

RADFORD AND HYSON GREEN FORES HILLS NEW BASFORD

The Partnership Council is a very simple idea - to address the serious challenges which face our community we have to work together. We think this can only happen if we bring residents, business people, voluntary & public sector representatives and local City councillors together to make and influence decisions which affect our area. The challenge is that this is easier to say than do. Some take it to mean 'power to the people' and others see it as creating another layer of 'bureaucracy'. The fact is we are an organisation made up of very different people who are trying to find a new way of working together.

We believe that there is no other way forward but for people to work together. The only way to regenerate our community is to bring those with professional knowledge and skills together with those who live locally and who know what the real problems are. This requires us all to change.

We need to move away from a 'them and us' blame orientated culture to one in which people take responsibility for trying to work together. It means we all, as individuals, have to respect, learn from, and work constructively with people from other backgrounds.

Trying to make this happen is very difficult and although we have achieved a great deal we are not pretending that we always get it right. But the consequences of not changing are so bad that we believe we have to make it work.

We have created an innovative decision making process which engages local people at all levels and attempts to overcome prejudice, suspicion and mistrust between the sectors by providing opportunities for people from different backgrounds to work together. This partnership is a genuine 'Partnership'. It is not an organisation that is using a 'buzz' word. We are doing it for real.

We are currently looking over the future development of the Partnership Council and as part of that are re-emphasising the principles we set out with. For example: to break down prejudices and build bridges between sectors.

Community planning day:

**New Basford
Sat 6th May
@ New Basford
Community
Centre**

Radford Road and
Zulu Road corner

11 am - 5.00pm

The Community Planning Day will bring together local residents and all those who are interested in the future of the area. Everybody is invited to come and work with us through open, lively workshops and 'hands-on planning' design groups to create a new plan for New Basford. Community Planning is a new technique for involving local people creatively in deciding the future of their area. The event will be very informal and you can stay for the whole day or just drop in to see what's going on. It's up to you!

Voluntary Group

a2Z

The Voluntary Sector Forum has developed a local A-Z of voluntary groups. It is intended to be delivered to every household in the area to let local people know what services and opportunities are available to them. The A-Z should begin delivery in the next few weeks so keep an eye open on your letterbox.

Communities of Learning

A number of community partnerships in Nottingham are holding a consultation day looking at a major new funding opportunity for education funding in the area. The Partnership Council is helping organise the day.

What do we want to achieve on the day? We will look at the bid and see if there is anything in the programme which shouldn't be included? Is there anything which participants identify as a priority which couldn't be funded? And where do we go from here and how can participants continue to be involved?

Proposed structure for the day:-

The morning session would be focusing on looking at bid and an afternoon session on - Where do we go from here? There will also be speakers on

(1) About education (2) Power & importance of learning (3) Outline of bid, what can be changed, not changed.

Workshops will include (1) How should learning be shaped in your area? (2) What skills would you want to be developed as a result of this process? (3) How can those who provide education and learning ensure that opportunities are accessible and relevant to the most excluded members of local communities.

The day will provide constructive feedback about the bid and suggestions as to how it could be improved. However we are looking to avoid individual project or funding obsessed discussion and trying not to waste energy on elements of the bid that cannot be changed (i.e. geographical area, time frames, etc), or the raising of unrealistic expectations.

This will be a real chance to influence the SRB bid before it goes in. If you are interested in learning and education and future funding in the area then come along.

SRB 6?

If you know about funding then you'll probably know about SRB and what it's all about. If you don't know what SRB is - it is funding from the Government called the Single Regeneration Budget. It is set up to achieve particular aims, within certain geographic areas. SRB 6 is strongly aimed towards education and learning. This is an opportunity to influence the bid and shape the access to the funding when it comes.

Background

The Single Regeneration Budget (Round 6) is a packet of Government funding which Nottingham is currently hoping to apply for. Locally it will cover all or parts of Radford, Hyson Green, Forest Fields and New Basford. It is intended to support various projects reflecting local priorities, as identified by local partnerships, over the period of 7 years.

Three strands have been set and they are: One - Community Learning and Information & communication technology or ICT for short (£5m). Two - Local area regeneration in Bestwood. (£2m). Three - Regeneration fund (£2m)

Currently, the SRB team have organised a series of workshops to bring together partnerships. The final bid for the funds has to be submitted by the 2nd of June 2000 to the East Midlands Development Agency.

New Deal success !!!

A small box to announce a big event. New Deal for Communities bid for parts of Hyson Green and Radford was successful. Just over £50 million has been awarded to the area. Further details of how it will be developed are being sorted out at the moment. We will bring you the news as soon as we have it. More info can be gained from New Deal team care of 950 2233.

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Communities for Learning

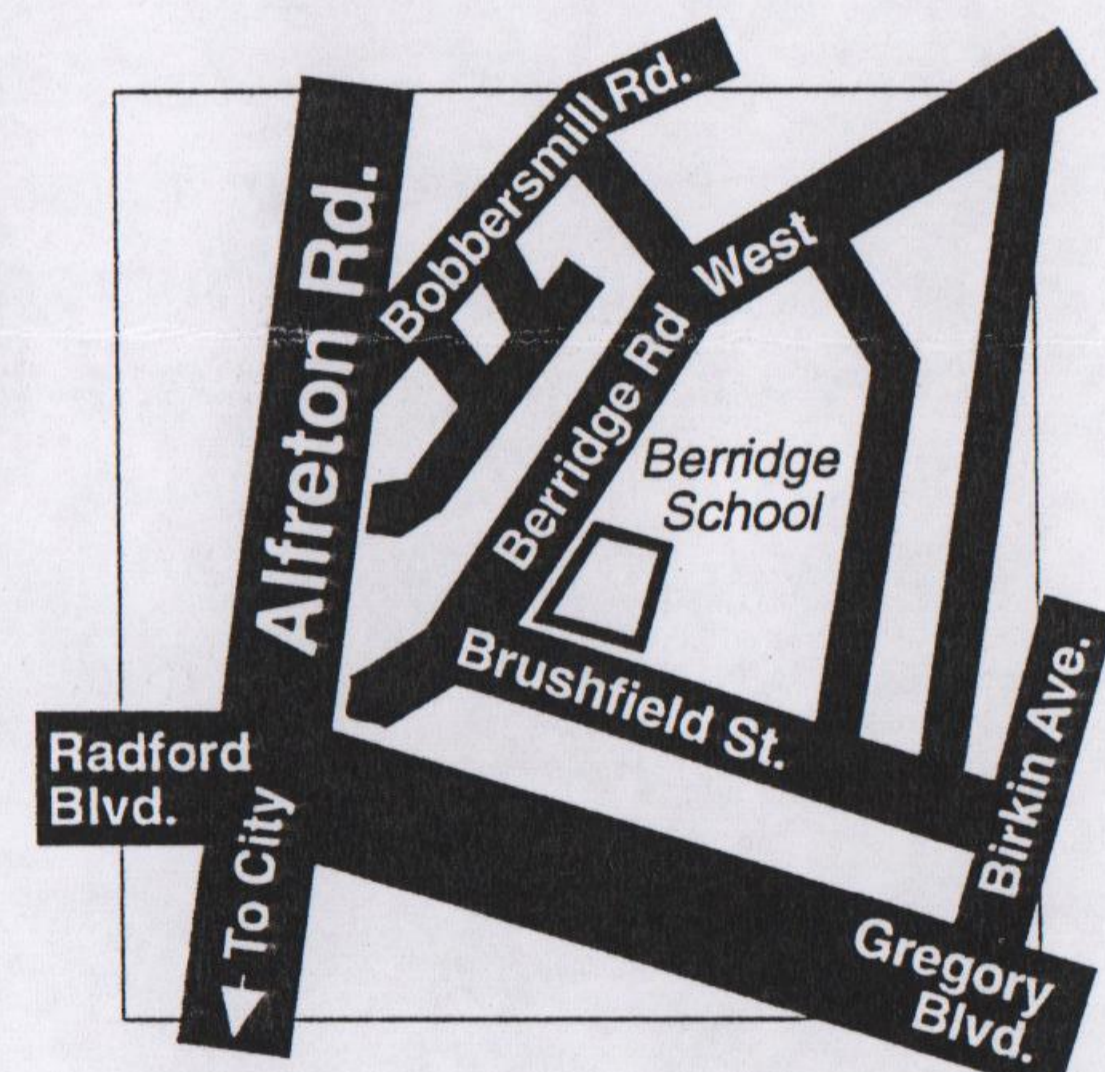
**Saturday 13th May
Berridge School
Berridge Rd West /
Brushfield St
10am - 3.00pm**

Community partnerships in Nottingham are holding a consultation day looking at a new funding opportunity for learning. This is an unprecedented opportunity to influence the SRB bid before it goes in to the Government.

SRB 6 will cover the political Wards of: Aspley, Bridge, Bulwell East, Bulwell West, Byron, Forest, Lenton, Manvers, Radford, St Anns, Strelley and Trent

**Creche available - must be pre-booked.
Contact Meilani for more details 970 8200**

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Served along Alfreton Road by buses 5, 5A, 32, 33, 65, 75, 75A, 76, 77 (ask to stop at Radford & Gregory Boulevard junction).

- ★ Influence SRB before submission
- ★ Interested in learning / education
- ★ Look @ the future - Communication
- ★ Open to anyone interested

New regeneration idea A new and unique regeneration idea is being taken up by giving Poke'mon cards to every household in the area. This will allow everyone to swap cards, get to know each other and build a stronger community. Obviously it may cause conflict with other areas who start to fight over getting Poke'man cards of their own.

Being Organised through Nottingham Strategic Alliance for: Aspley Strategy Group . Bestwood Partnership Forum . Broxtowe Partnership Trust . Bulwell Vision . Lenton Steering Group . Meadows Partnership Forum . Partnership Council . Renewal Trust