

# BCAN Homeless Forum

## Draft Agenda

### 15 January 2004

## Open

- Introduction and apologies
- Confirm or change agenda
- Notes of previous meeting
- Matters arising from previous meeting

## Information Share

- BCAN Web site: [www.bcan.org.uk](http://www.bcan.org.uk)
- Contact details
- News of people and organisations

## Anti-Begging Initiative

- Update on the Council Policy
- Questions and Answers

## Developing the BHF

- Feedback from the circulated documents
- Membership and fees?

## Training

- Review and feedback from volunteer training session 4
- First Aid training

## Improving the Service

- The wider picture
- Gaps and opportunities

## Close

- Shared documents: policies, guidelines, etc.
- Items for next agenda
- Any other business

## News

### *Voscur*

The new Voscur Director resigned before starting, so the post is being re-advertised. If anyone is interested in applying, the new deadline is 27 January.

### *NCVO*

The draft Charities Bill announced in the Queen's speech should be published this Spring. The DTI should shortly produce a bill to create Community Interest Companies during this session.

NCVO is concerned about several aspects of the Active Community Directorate's Infrastructure Review of the voluntary sector, including the needs of non-service delivery organisations. They published *Model for the Future* as an alternative approach, and have now produced a four page *Infrastructure Review Summary & Comparison Paper*. Copies of these two documents are available.

If you receive Government funding, you should respond by the deadline of 9 February 2004 to the draft new version of the *Compact Funding Code of Good Practice*, issued 3 November 2003.

### *BSRT*

It was reported that Trinity College made little response to a request for help, but the Autumn/Winter 2003 edition of the Caring at Christmas newsletter says that they filled (or helped fill?) one of the missing Thursday slots.

### *Local*

Does everyone have a copy of the *Bristol Compact* (November 2003)? You should! If you have problems getting hold of a copy, let me know.

Anyone who works with vulnerable adults should also have a copy of *No Secrets in Bristol*, and make sure you have procedures in place that follow the guidelines. A summary leaflet is also available.

### *Employment Law*

Would it be helpful to look at the *Employment Equality (Religions or Belief) Regulations 2003* at a future meeting?

### *Faith Based Regeneration*

The Faith based Regeneration Network represents seven of the major faiths in the UK. The network has two events coming up: a conference in Preston on *Regenerating Communities through Faith* (26 February), and the launch (25 March) of the *Toolkit for Practitioners* in London.

