

## Quick Win Training

There are several obvious areas of training where even a single short session could help educate and build relationships between those wishing to involve in partnerships between faith groups and statutory agencies.

### 1. For faith groups...

**a) A capacity building workshop:** Find resource people from your local authority grants unit, your regeneration partnership, the Council for Voluntary Service (information from <http://www.nacvs.org.uk/>), the Community Empowerment Network.

Concentrate on jargon busting

and easy steps to funding... including

looking at how to fill in grants form, (use the examples we supply)  
understanding the criteria used by the statutory funding bodies,  
monitoring and evaluation. Procedure

### **b) Thinking it Through Theologically and Practically**

use our Paper 2 as a background document  
use our case studies as the basis for discussing or role playing some  
potential problems

do a rapid assessment of needs in your area  
sketch a plan of how you might work up an initiative to meet a particular need.

You could ask groups like

Faithworks, <http://www.faithworks.info/>

FBRNUK <http://www.fbrn.org.uk/>

Shaftesbury

<http://www.shaftesburysoc.org.uk/website.asp?page=Development+and+Regeneration>

or your diocesan Social responsibility or Urban Officers eg..Leicester  
<http://www.leicester.anglican.org/bsr/regen/index.htm> if they could help deliver such a  
workshop

## **2. For statutory bodies...**

The simplest way to put on some religious literacy training for your staff is probably to keep it local and run a day or series of guided tours to local places of worship. You can ask the people who run these places for a briefing in advance about appropriate dress and behaviour, and to do a short presentation of some of the key elements of their faith and culture. Leave plenty of time for questions.

You may find resource people and advice through a local Forum of Faiths, or inter faith network, through a regional inter-faith officer often located in local church structures, or in the person of a Religious education adviser in your education authority. You can find information and help through the Inter Faith Network <http://www.interfaith.org.uk/> or the Multi\_Faith Net web site <http://www.multifaithnet.org/>

## **3. For partnership building...**

Our suggestion is to run your own version of the Bridge Builders Preston process. There is enough information in this package to get you started. Something useful could be condensed into a single one day or half day workshop, although you will still need to do careful preparatory network to ensure a broad range of people from all sectors and different faiths attend.

Use the opportunity to exchange experiences and discuss issues in an interactive way rather than relying on an expert speaker to bombard people with factual information.

You could think of using our case study scenario material as discussion starters or role play materials in small group sessions.

## OTHER INFORMATION SOURCES INCLUDE

Greg Smiths Web site has many useful publications and Links

<http://mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/credoconsultancy/latestpubsgreg.htm>

and

<http://mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/credoconsultancy/urbmiss.htm>

Faith Makes Community Work <http://users.xalt.co.uk/faithandcommunity/>

Faith North West <http://www.faithnorthwest.org.uk/>

Home Office key pages

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/equality-diversity/faith-and-religion/?view=Standard>

<http://communities.homeoffice.gov.uk/activecomms/>

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/about-us/organisation/directorates-units/communities-group/fcu.html?version=1>

And in the ODMP the Inner Cities Religious Council

<http://www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/page.asp?id=524>