

# Money in Mind project update, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011

The project continues to work with a wide range of small community groups across the city. Our first year's project return has been accepted by the Big Lottery Fund, and we are discussing revised milestones for the rest of the project, to account for the greater take-up of services than we initially expected.

Between October and December 2010:

- 42 different community groups received support with their financial management
- Project partners provided 5 training courses (with a total of 17 training places taken up by small groups), 33 one-to-one support sessions and 8 examinations of accounts
- Support given in this quarter has covered 11 different topics
- Written information on financial management was received by 20 different groups in Brighton & Hove. These groups were not direct beneficiaries of Money in Mind services (some were large organisations, who may have been using the information to support other small groups), and are not included in the figure of 42 groups given above. This information covered 5 different topics.

## Groups supported

Our targets for the number of groups **newly** supported by the project in this quarter were 4 groups attending Working Together Project training courses, 4 groups receiving one-to-one support and/or examinations of accounts at the Resource Centre and 9 groups receiving one-to-one support and/or examinations of accounts at Impact Initiatives. Allowing for possible overlap between partners, our overall target for the project was to support **15 additional groups** in this quarter.

We have exceeded these targets. 19 small groups attended Working Together Project courses on finance and fundraising issues in this quarter. The Resource Centre provided support to 14 groups in this quarter, and Impact Initiatives supported 8 groups. One group was supported by more than one of the partners, so the total of different groups supported by the project as a whole in this quarter was 42.

Of these groups, **20** had not been supported by the project before. So far, since the beginning of the project in October 2009, we have provided support to 163 different groups.



## Topics covered this quarter

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Occasions on which groups received support, October to December 2010</b>
Finance: bookkeeping advice	9
Computers: Excel	8
Other: Fundraising skills	8
Policies and procedures: financial rules	6
Finance: budgeting	5
Finance: charity reports	5
Finance: setting up accounts	5
Finance: bank accounts	4
Finance: business plan	4
Running a group: treasurer's role	2
Running a group: responsibilities of the management committee	1

## Feedback and evaluation

Working Together Project courses are evaluated anonymously by the groups who attend. Each course receives an overall rating from these combined evaluations. For the five courses delivered as part of the Money in Mind project between October and December 2010, the ratings were:

<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Very poor</b>
5	0	0	0

Groups who receive one-to-one support or an examination of accounts from the Resource Centre or Impact Initiatives are asked to provide initial feedback, using the same evaluation scale. The results for the period from October to December 2010 are as follows:

	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Very poor</b>	<b>No rating given</b>
Support sessions	21	1	0	0	11
Examination of accounts	4	1	0	0	3
Total	25	2	0	0	14
Total as % of feedback received	93%	7%	0%	0%	-

