

# Hillingdon Community Mediation

## October 2009 Newsletter

- **Possible cut in funding poses a threat to HCM continuing into 2010**

We were recently informed by Hillingdon Homes that they intend to reduce our contract fee by 10% from the start of the next financial year.

As most of you know, we have been operating at a loss for the last 2-3 years and so any reduction in our contract funding will add to the level of loss unless we are able to generate more 'one off' funding by doing training and mediation for other organisations. This places the organisation at risk as our reserves can only last for so long. If there were a reduction in our other contract as well it is very likely we will simply have to close. I've sent a letter to Councillors and MP's to seek their support in this and so the next few weeks will help us to see where our future lies.

On a more positive note, and not disconnected from the above issue, we recently provided Mediation training for 7 staff members at Brunel University so that they can mediate in student complaints issues. This went down extremely well with the participants and is an indication of the popularity of what we do with people who come to understand a 'mediation approach' to relationships and difficulties.

To try to take advantage of this through providing more training and generating an income from this is, as you know, one of the ways we try to support our..

*Important information missing from the September 2009 newsletter:*

*Password for the link to the Newsletters page found on the Mediator's page of our website is  
**446611***

***There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.***

William Shakespeare  
[Hamlet, Act II Scene ii](#)

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..(continued) operations. However at present this does not generate enough to make up for the difference between our expenses and our income.

We have an enormous resource of experience and expertise within the organisation and, one way or another, it makes a lot of sense to make use of that through offering services such as Conflict Coaching and Communication and Conflict Resolution Workshops, as well as Mediation training.

At present I have no 'news' on the funding issue to give, but we will always keep you informed of developments.

Alan

### *Diary Dates*

#### *Volunteer Support Sessions*

*Thurs, 8<sup>th</sup> October'09  
2.30pm ~ 4.30pm at Key House, Yiewsley*

*Wed, 14<sup>th</sup> October'09  
6.30pm ~ 8.30pm at Christchurch, Uxbridge*

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#### *Management Committee Meeting*

*Wed, 21<sup>st</sup> October'09  
6.00pm ~ 8.30pm at Key House, Yiewsley*