

# IT'S NOT THE JUNK MAIL

THE WORK AND PLAY COMMUNITY SCRAPSTORE NEWSLETTER

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

We are soon to start our next membership block this is running from **September 2007 through to August 2008!** So join in September to get the full years worth. If you receive an application form by post with this newsletter then our records show that your membership will be running out at the end of this August. Please renew as soon as possible as membership not only forms an important part of our income, but also a target we have to reach to ensure other funding.

## **GIVEAWAY**

We tried to give away an A3 B+W copier, but nobody wanted it. So we contacted **OFFERS/EX-IT** in Kennington **0207 703 5222**, a not for profit organisation who refurbish IT and office equipment and make it available for community organisations and start up businesses. They collected (at a charge) the copier and other PC related equipment that had become redundant. Other useful numbers for IT recycling are **Community Technology 0207 733 3334** and **The Salvation Army 0208 871 1812**. Remember that the more toxic elements in PC's and monitors are now classed as Hazardous Waste and should be disposed of accordingly.

## **SUPPLIES**

We've had good carpet sample squares from **Carpet Right** in Colliers Wood. Also huge bright orange carpet pieces from **Invisible Blue**, theme party organisers, they have also provided fur fabrics, felt, leather off cuts, astro turf, and all sorts of exotic stuff. The imminent closure of the **Kent Scrapstore** meant them giving us loads of punchinella (or good old 'glitter waste) and lolly sticks. We've also managed a swap with the **Portsmouth**

**Scrapstore**. Also the **S.W. Regional Health Authority** downsized their offices and donated three vanloads of office equipment which would otherwise have gone to landfill

## **TRAINING ROOM**

Certainly as busy as ever, its even been used as an exam room, and space for a drumming workshop. For those of you who do wish to, or are using it, the hourly fee will be £12.50 from September 2007.

## **TRUSTEES**

Work and Play now has an entirely different board of trustees to those who had served so well for so many years, several of whom still remain as active volunteers. The project has been fortunate in gaining skills from the financial, charity, fundraising, and educational sectors, and it has been remarked that the changeover was remarkably smooth, which is probably testament to the organisational skills and commitment of those involved. However we would still like to encourage new trustees to join. The current board consists of four members meeting monthly to plan and decide on current and future strategy. For example two current major issues are the lease which is due for renewal, and the funding and appointment of an Educational Development Worker. Having a few more board members would make it a lot easier to maintain effective and quorate meetings. We would also welcome representation at board level from people with other experience/backgrounds ie. volunteering, disability issues, BME groups, members/users, local people, and women. If you would be willing to offer support to the scrapstore as a trustee please call the project for an information/application pack