

**Community Action Group Budget Appeal**

A paper by the Community Action Group Chair, Heather Jones

**Background**

The Community Action Group is a relatively new Management Group, having been converted from being a President's committee in the last few years. It has since expanded incredibly quickly from being a group of around 3 to the 16 groups it has today. In the same time period it has had its grant allocation cut from:

08-09 £2811 [£2611 to Soup Run] – 3 groups requesting grant

09-10 £2541 [£1924 to Soup Run] – 6 groups requesting grant

10-11 £1658 [£1244 to Soup Run] – 10 groups requesting grant

We see that the dramatic expansion in groups requiring funding (and other support) has been met by a dramatic drop in funding. In the past CAG groups and CAG as an entire Management Group have not been well supported but this year this has changed leading to more groups budgeting than ever before.

Nonetheless, in light of an overall cut in Union funding CAG were more than willing to do their share and took far more than the 10% cut. However, on taking the £1658 allocation back to CAG the Management Group resolved to request a further £155 to support activities in the coming year. This will be split £100 Soup Run and £55 to Kenyan Orphan Project. We propose this money come from RSM who have a high subsidy considering the number of students they represent and to which this decrease in grant would result in a ~£1 cost increase per person in their "bottlematch" activity. In contrast, the same £150 would pay for students to have a subsidised attendance at the Kenyan Orphan Project student conference and for tea and coffee for the homeless of London.\*

**Matters for decision**

To award CAG £150 from RSM

To award CAG £150 from another Management Group or CSB contingency

To not award CAG any money

\*Further details available on request