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COMMUNITY CAMPUS '87 MIDDLESBROUGH REFERRAL AGENTS NEWSLETTER

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Youth Housing Co-ordinator

Community Campus was successful in winning a tender to host and manage a Youth Housing Co-ordinator. The role has the overall aim of reducing and preventing homelessness in Middlesbrough by providing a joined up approach to securing accommodation and support to young people, and by assisting delivery of tasks within the Youth Homeless Prevention Strategy Action Plan.

The main role of the YHC will be to set up an accommodation and support panel for young people, which will act as the sole gateway into a range of housing and support options for young people in Middlesbrough.

Rachel Woodings has been in the post since April and has been busy working on the working arrangements for the panel, meeting providers of services, holding meetings with the steering group. Rachel is also developing a young person's consultation group to assist with delivering actions within the strategy; the first meeting was held recently and was well attended by young people from various services in Middlesbrough.

Social Enterprise Mark

Community Campus was recently awarded the Social Enterprise Mark by the National Coalition of Social Enterprises; we are only the second organisation in the North East to be awarded this mark. The Social Enterprise Mark is awarded to businesses who meet specific criteria that are working primarily for social and environmental goals and that 50% of their profits are re-invested towards those goals.



WNF Helping Homeless People Back into Work

The project continues to engage with homeless people, reduce barriers to employment and enhance the employability of beneficiaries. The Wednesday night drop-in has proved successful with young people becoming involved in a range of activities. There are also a number of residentials planned for the summer aimed at developing confidence and personal development. For more information contact Mel or Phil on 01642 634373.



Sitra

Community Campus was highlighted in the March edition of the Sitra bulletin. The article explained and described our experience of Social Accounting. This is a process which enables an organisation to identify and consult with its stakeholders, report on its social, economical and environmental impacts and identify key areas and actions to improve its future performance. If you want a copy of the article please contact Simon on 01642 247209 / 253865.

Referrals

We have already received over a 100 referrals for accommodation/support, from over 20 sources and from as far afield as Surrey. The Housing Options team continue their dominance of the referrals league, closely followed by Connexions.

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Community Building Ventures - India

In March, 6 staff members including myself went to India to see first hand the work being funded by Community Campus via the Read Centre in Bangalore. We first spent a week with the Dilat community in Huyilar village. Here we have raised money to build a community resource centre for young people and participated in the construction of the first stages of the building. We also visited the local school where we distributed reading books, pencils and writing pads. We then spent three days in Bangalore where we visited the Jamboo Savari Dinne School where we saw the school furniture that was shipped out by container earlier this year being put to great use. Community Campus are going to continue their support of various activities with the Read Centre. If you would like to know more about these activities or would like to sponsor me to run a series of 5k and 10k runs this summer to raise money to install a water supply to the Jamboo School please contact Simon on 01642 247209 / 253865.



Property Purchase

We have recently purchased a 7 bed roomed property in Middlesbrough town centre. It is currently in a poor state of repair and will need extensive refurbishment. We envisage that the property will be converted to 3 self contained flats.

Support and Maintaining Accommodation

In the last quarter Community Campus worked with 72 young people and of these 97.25% established or maintained independent living. We have recently revised our assessment process to reflect the 10 outcome areas within the Outcomes Star which we have found to be the most effective way to involve service users in needs assessment support planning and reviews. We are also introducing a service user's guide to this process called "Building for an Independent Future".

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