

# “MORE THAN A ROOF...”

COMMUNITY CAMPUS '87 STAKEHOLDER NEWSLETTER

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## Ray Mallon

Simon and Rachel met with the Mayor, Ray Mallon, and discussed the work of Community Campus, in particular youth homelessness and how the new youth housing panel has contributed to homeless prevention in Middlesbrough.



## Alex Cunningham MP

Alex Cunningham MP for Stockton North met with staff and service users of Community Campus and invited a group of young people to the Houses of Parliament for a tour and question and answer session.



## Regional Youth Homelessness Network Conference

Community Campus was asked to speak at the Regional Youth Homelessness Network conference in February, about the organisations journey from its founding in 1987 to the present. However, a service user from Community Campus stole the show when they spoke very eloquently about their own individual experience of homelessness.



## 323 Clients

In the last financial year Community Campus in Middlesbrough and Stockton has housed 113 young people and provided floating support to a further 90. The Get Moving Project in Stockton and Hartlepool, which works with an older client group (in recovery from substance misuse), worked with 60 people aged 18 to 59 and 15 tenancies were sustained for over 12 months. In addition to this the Youth Project has engaged with a further 75 young people.

## Social Audit Network Conference

Community Campus hosted a seminar at the fifth annual SAN conference in Newcastle in April 2011. The seminar was based upon our experience of our social accounting practice and reporting. The presentation and feedback are available on the Social Audit Network Website: [www.socialauditnetwork.org.uk](http://www.socialauditnetwork.org.uk). Community Campus are continuing to use the social audit tools to help prove and improve its performance.

## Youth Homeless Co-ordinator

The YHC manages the Youth Housing and Support panel which acts as a single gateway into housing and support services for young people. The aim of the panel is to match the most appropriate housing and support service with the housing and support needs of the young person. The panel has been successful in allocating 113 young people to services. We have been advised by SHELTER that this will be highlighted in their next good practice guide.

## Social Enterprise Mark

Community Campus were rewarded the Social Enterprise Mark in April 2011. The Mark is awarded to social enterprises whose primary objectives are social and whose surpluses are principally reinvested for social purpose. Social enterprises have to prove themselves against a set of qualification criteria, which is overseen by an independent certification panel. The mark guarantees that a business is trading for people and planet.



## European Placements in Hartlepool

We recently hosted 2 bricklayers from an educational institution near Toulouse France via our links within Hartlepool College. The work experience exchange project is linking a range of partners across the European Union to provide the greater integration of young people into the workforce. As part of the programme one of our trainees, (Anthony Cusworth), will be visiting France to enhance his bricklaying skills. The French placements carried out work on our development site in Hartlepool and worked on the Empty Homes Project in Boosbeck.



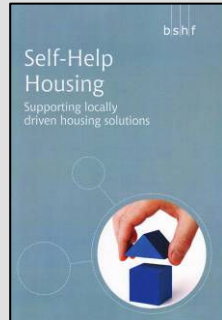
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## **Self-Help Housing: Supporting Locally Driven Housing Solutions**

Community Campus took part in the two day national consultation at Windsor Castle hosted by the Building and Social Housing Foundation and featured as a case study in the report for the work with empty houses in Redcar and Cleveland. The full report can be downloaded via the BSHF website: [www.bshf.org/ukhpp/empty-properties](http://www.bshf.org/ukhpp/empty-properties).



## **New Skills for New Beginnings**

In partnership with Endeavour Housing this project, (a Housing Association Charitable Trust Golden Project winner), aims to give young people the skills necessary to decorate their property when they move to independent living and to enable them to perform basic DIY tasks in their own property. These monthly sessions have been attended by approximately 12 young people per session.



## **India**

We are continuing to build links with Sam Chelladurai and the Read Centre in Bangalore through the Community Network. A small group from Community Campus travelled to Bangalore in early 2010 to help build a small youth meeting room in Huliya, north of Bangalore, and visited the Jamboo Savari School where an earlier group had built two classrooms. The current staff group contribute to maintain a teacher and teaching resources in the school. We are building further links and planning a further build project involving the construction of houses in Huliya, staff are currently fundraising via marathon running and organising a supermarket bag pack.



## **Empty Homes to Happy Homes**

Empty Homes to Happy Homes is the name of the partnership project working with Coast and Country Housing and Redcar and Cleveland Council to renovate 10 empty homes with 15 local trainees and volunteers to create 10 tenancies for people in housing need. The scheme was funded via the only Homes and Community Agency temporary Social Housing Grant in the North of England. The scheme has achieved its aims and has featured in the local and national press and has been short-listed in 4 categories for a National Housing Federation Award. At the moment the partners are negotiating with the Homes and Community Agency to refund the scheme. One of the recent highlights was a presentation given by the trainees to the Chief Executive of Coast and Country and local businesses.



## **Networking**

As part of our links with the self-help housing sector we are hosting a northern meeting with projects from Craghead/Hull/Leeds/Huddersfield/Acumen Development Trust. The groups gather to discuss common issues and challenges around working to build communities and bring empty properties back into use. The network works with Jon Fitzmaurice, all the above schemes are featured as case studies on the self help housing website: [www.self-help-housing.org](http://www.self-help-housing.org).

## **3 x E**

3 x E is the name of the Ethical Enterprise and Employment (3 x E) Network, it is run by Crisis to bring together organisations using social enterprise and supported employment models. The development worker James Boyle came up to see our work and is creating a case study to go on the Crisis website and is keen to build links between the projects.