

Cherie Smith RIP

The organisation was deeply saddened and moved by the sudden death of Cherie Smith on 17 May 2015. Cherie had worked for our organisation for the past eight years and was an integral part of our work with homeless young people across Teesside.

Her funeral was held in her hometown of Devizes, Wiltshire where a collection was undertaken which raised substantial funds. The monies raised have been donated by her family to form the basis of a larger donation to the READ Centre in Bangalore, India in her memory. Cherie was part of a project visit to Jambo Savari School and worked on a project in Huliya in 2010. The donation will cover sponsorship of two students at the Jambo Savari School over the next 3 years. Staff from the READ Centre and the people of the Dalit village in Huliya said "We at READ Centre remember Cherie helping our village youth to raise a youth club building, shifting stones, keeping sand ready, fetching water from the tube well, spending time enjoying South Indian meals on road side small eat outs. A kind hearted, generous person. We remember she once said that "I will come again to spend more time with you. The soul takes flight to a world that is invisible, and there arriving she is sure of bliss and forever dwells in paradise, she is assured by her gentle presence and delightful smile, we know as Cherie was while she visited us in India".

Cherie's mum added "I am sure that the READ Centre will be overjoyed with this donation, Cherie would have been very proud".

We have used the donation to sponsor the education of two female students aged 13 and 14 for the next 2 years at the school that Cherie visited and an earlier group have helped extend as part of a construction project.

If anyone would like to donate to the work in India, please email carl@cc87.co.uk to make arrangements.



Social Enterprise Mark

Community Campus was once again re-awarded its Social Enterprise Mark for 2015/16 after an independent assessment and approval process. Qualifying for the Social Enterprise Mark means that the company is working primarily for social and environmental aims and trading to benefit the people and planet. For more information on the mark please see www.socialenterprisemark.org.uk.



Investors in People Award

The organisation maintained its Investors in People status which it has held since 2000 with the assessor stating that the organisation despite its growth, has maintained its core aims and values around supporting homeless young people across Teesside and despite the economic uncertainty services have been developed to assist the organisation in achieving this.



Graham Henderson CBE DL

Our first Patron is the former Vice Chancellor of the University of Teesside and the current Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Graham Henderson CBE DL. Graham is pictured here after meeting some of the young people who have benefited from our apprenticeship programme over the last year www.communitycampus87.com.



Self Help Housing Network Forum September 2015

The forum looked at the development and legacy of the recent Empty Homes Community Grants Programme and heard from David Mullins from Birmingham University who presented his research on the impact of the grants programme in the North East, Yorkshire and Humberside.

We also welcomed a guest from Japan, Kenichi Matsutomi who presented information on working with empty properties in Osaka, for further details see www.case-ip.com/english/e_architectural/e_architectural_ten.html

Full details of all of the development in the community led housing sector can be found on the Self Help Housing web site "Self Help Housing" which includes details of the case for a further Community Grants programme www.self-help-housing.org.

Corporate Social Responsibility

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing and sustaining CRS partners we continue to work with Bond Dickinson who contribute resources and staff time to our Christmas dinner for clients and have helped raise money for the client welfare fund. In recent months the organisation received a substantial furniture donation from Northumbrian Water who were upgrading the Kielder forest lodges. The organisation also was grateful to receive a donation of over £2,000 when 5 Northgate Public Service staff based in Hartlepool did the Coast to Coast bike ride, we are looking to develop an ongoing relationship with Northgate. We have also worked with the Greggs Foundation through our connections with Business in the Community to secure a weekly food donation from our local Greggs shops via the End of Day Product collection which we redistribute to our clients.

If you are interested in becoming a Corporate Social Responsibility Partner with Community Campus please contact Carl at carl@cc87.co.uk.



Get Moving Project

The Get Moving Project based in Hartlepool was featured in a VONNE/CLINKS housing research case study showcasing the work of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector in the North East in reducing crime, promoting community safety and reducing reoffending. Nik Milnes the Project Manager presented the findings at CLINKS North East Launch Event and was also a guest speaker at a PCC Event – Reducing reoffending at Cleveland Police Headquarters. Community Campus have committed funds to continue funding a support worker to work alongside the worker funded from Lifeline, thus enabling the service to work with more clients to sustain tenancies in supported housing and the social and private sector.

For a copy of the case study:
www.communitycampus87.com/CommunityCampus87/media/CC87/PDF/Files/Get-Moving-Nov-2013.pdf

Homeless Link

Rick Henderson the Chief Executive of Homeless Link recently (September 2015) visited the organisation to discuss our work with homeless people. Homeless Link are the national charity for organisations working directly with people who are homeless, the organisation works with the Homeless Sector to make services better. He was impressed with the development work of the organisation and its ongoing relationship with commissioners within the sector, and our overall model of delivery.



For further information about the work of Homeless Link see www.homeless.org.uk.

CC87 and Youth Homeless North East (YHNE)

Youth Homeless North East (YHNE) provides regional focus, resources and facilitates the sector to address youth homelessness through policy and strategy.

Community Campus remains one of YHNE's regional champions, alongside Youth Educators (Centre Point), the Youth Independence Forum, (Your Homes Newcastle) and Barnardo's in Northumberland.

Recently YHNE organised a one day Parliamentary reception at Westminster in London. Three tenants from Community Campus, Leighann Howsden, Kieron Fox and Ben Matthews, went and met a cross section of MPs from the north-east and expressed their opinions around welfare reform, benefit sanctions, housing and youth unemployment. All the young people who attended including representatives from the three other services said that it was a fantastic experience and would like to attend again in the future to discuss their ideas further with the MPs.



For more information about the YHNE or to subscribe to the free HEN newsletter go to: www.youthhomelessnortheast.org.uk.

Virgin Money Charitable Foundation

Community Campus 87 Ltd appeared on the Virgin Money Charitable Foundation website as an inspirational project.



The newly launched Virgin Money Charitable Foundation has chosen Community Campus 87 Ltd as an inspirational project on the website www.virginmoneyfoundation.org.uk/case-studies stating that "Whilst the Virgin Money Foundation can't take the credit for funding these projects, here are some organisations that have inspired us".

Development

As part of our strategy to develop the asset base of the organisation we utilised two grants from the DCLG Empty Homes Community Grants programme (2013-2015) and Commercial Finance to purchase and renovate 18 properties across Teesside. We now have the capacity to house over 100 tenants, including our first two properties and tenants in Redcar. The level of development has not only enabled the organisation to increase the number of tenants we directly house and to increase the number of service users we support but also allowed the organisation to create increased numbers of volunteering, training and apprenticeship opportunities around the construction activities.

The organisation is committed to increasing its housing stock in Hartlepool and Redcar as part of a strategy to make the projects sustainable in each area. We are in discussion with the Homes and Community Agency about a number of potential developments over the coming years.

Andy Preston

Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation - the organisation benefited from a small grant via the Ten Grand Giveaway and hosted a visit from Andy Preston its chairman, pictured here meeting some of our young trainees at our Middlesbrough office. The organisation is discussing a series of further projects with the foundation and one of our trustees took part in the Big sleep Out – an annual event organised by the Foundation to raise money for work with homeless people in the area.



Fundraising

Three members of staff (Andrew Shaw, Andrew Harrison and Launa Trotter) took part in a parachute jump to raise money for Teesside Hospice and our apprentices are currently raising money to fund a recycled tool kit with Tools for Self Reliance – the kit will be in memory of a colleague that recently lost her life and is destined for Africa for a co-operative enterprise start up with business support.

