

The Big Issue Top 100 Changemakers

We were delighted to have been selected by the Big Issue as one of the top 100 Changemakers – ‘The Thinkers, Creators and Agitators Changing the World in 2019’. The criteria was simple, investment in a better future for all. The article featured our commitment to personal development, apprenticeships and construction training bringing empty properties back to life and housing people who have experienced homelessness (<https://www.bigissue.com/latest/changemakers-top-100-celebrating-the-thinkers-creators-and-agitators/>).



Locality – Power of Community

We recently hosted a ‘Power of the Community’ Locality workshop. The event, attended by over twenty people from a diverse range of organisations featured a presentation by our CEO, Carl Ditchburn and Finance Manager, Sandra Topham on how Community Campus has developed over the last thirty years including some essential ‘Top Tips’. Following this Charlotte from Coast and Vale Community Action who attended the event brought some of her colleagues to see our work and how this may be transferred to their area of work in North Yorkshire (www.locality.org.uk).

Gemma

Congratulations to Gemma on her 18 years as a tenant with Community Campus. Gemma has been a tenant of Community Campus since January 2001, initially living in one of our supported houses at the age of seventeen and later moving to one of our social lettings properties. Gemma is married to Rob and they have a daughter, aged 7. Gemma has turned her house into a lovely home for her family.



Virgin Money Foundation

We have received a grant from the Virgin Money Foundation to support our construction skills programme, training young people across the Tees Valley.

'Community Campus 87 is a key organisation in Teesside. It provides vital support and training to homeless and vulnerable people. The Virgin Money Foundation is pleased to be able to support its work helping young people learn construction skills, gain work experience and move into employment.'

(Richard Walton—Programme Manager Virgin Money Foundation)

(www.virginmoneyfoundation.org.uk)



Study Visit

Earlier in the year we were happy to host a two day international study visit in conjunction with the University of Birmingham Housing and Community Research Department. The study group included Dr Eva Morales from the University of Malaga and Yoshi Kikuchi from the University of Fukui alongside Professor David Mullins who previously worked with the organisation on evaluating the Empty Homes programme in 2015. The group were looking at Asset Based Social Enterprise approaches to meeting housing and wider community needs. A full report on the study visit and links to the larger research report will be available via our website in the near



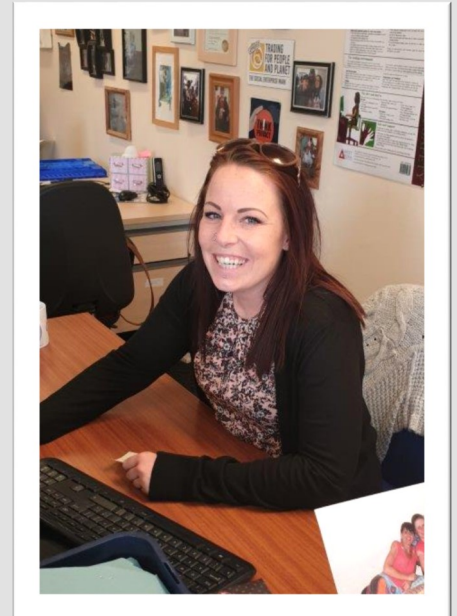
New Vehicle

We have a new addition to our fleet of vehicles – a nine seater crew bus – that will help our Care and Repair team to transport our apprentices and volunteers to our various work sites.



Spotlight on Stacey

Stacey is a tenant support worker working within our young person's service in Middlesbrough. Stacey has that special experience of having been a tenant in our Stockton service some eight years ago. Having 'lived in' experience Stacey has really valuable insights into how our tenants perceive our services and is a champion for service user consultation and engagement. Stacey is passionate about delivering a high quality service and ensuring tenants have opportunities for personal development and training.



Carlisle Key

We recently visited the Carlisle Key project, who provide advice and assistance in their daily 'drop in' to young people aged 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness across the city. They have purchased two large properties in Carlisle and are going to provide supported accommodation in their own right. We have been asked by the Lloyds TSB Foundation to assist them with the development of policies and procedures and benefit from our thirty years' experience in this area (www.carlislekey.co.uk).



Donations – Greggs/KFC/Linkey

We continue to receive food donations from Greggs and KFC, which are distributed weekly to our tenants. We are also now receiving monthly donations of men's and women's toiletries from Linkey, a not-for-profit social enterprise that seeks to help homeless organisations by providing donated goods paid by members of the public.



Coatham House

Community Campus are now delivering management and development services to Coatham House, a charity working to accommodate and support young homeless people in the REDCAR area. We were asked by the current trustees to provide a strategic pathway for the organisation, working with the current funders and other stakeholders in response to the challenges it is facing. At the moment we are in the processing of implementing a service review on the projects that it currently delivers. (www.coathamhouseprojects.org.uk).



Outcomes Star

We are now licensed as a user of the Outcomes Star, all our tenant support workers and managers have been trained in its use and application. The Outcomes Star is an innovative tool for measuring change. We use the Homeless Outcomes Star which is one of many which has been created by its developer Triangle Consulting Social Enterprise. Our tenants enjoy using the star and seeing their progress and development (www.outcomesstar.org.uk).



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