

## **Brief Report on Skilled Up Rothwell**

### **Outreach**

We have been making contact with many local agencies and service providers in the area including Children's Centre, Aire Valley Homes, Job Centre Plus, Tenants and Residents Associations and local community groups. We have spent time meeting with people to establish current work that is going on locally and to establish what the needs are of the area.

We have been in contact with lots of residents locally and they have begun to support the project and work with us in delivering activities for other local people. They are also working with us as volunteers to create new activities in the area and this is going really well. We have held a Caribbean healthy cooking event which was very popular and included children and adults trying out new cooking techniques and new foods. We have also run an 'Introduction to Volunteering' Course which has been popular in identifying new volunteers and developing skills of local people to get started into volunteering.

We have established a programme of one-one support for volunteers in which people can discuss their goals and we will work with them individually to move towards their goals whether this is employment, training, or volunteering or just signposting to other groups/activities. We have a qualified Careers Advisor in our team. The one to one sessions have identified new ideas for local initiatives which we will support volunteers with over the next period of monitoring.

### **Publicity**

We are in process of developing our publicity which we plan to distribute widely.

### **Premises**

There have been some delays caused from being unable to find suitable premises to deliver the project from. This in turn has delayed the production of other areas of setting up but despite this we have worked hard to get things up and running and to engage with people. We can now focus on delivering the activities and programmes using a mobile unit which we will bring to existing community venues through the week. Our admin office will be based at Tenants Hall Enterprise Centre, Acre Close, Middleton (Health For All Head Office)

### **Staffing**

4 part time staff are now in post, a co-ordinator (Emily Godfrey), and 3 development workers (Kate Hill, Suzanne Allott, and John Parkes) They come with a range of skills and experience including community development, careers and information advice, organisational development, funding and sustainability, youth work and events management.

## Steering Group

Skilled Up Rothwell's first steering group meeting was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 where a wide range of partners came together to discuss how to work together to enhance and support activity in the area relating to volunteering, training and employment opportunities.

### Plans for next monitoring period:

- We will continue to run the Introduction to volunteering as a rolling programme to engage new volunteers (in conjunction with Neighbourhood Learning Network and Rothwell Children's Centre).
- We are also considering a Confidence Building course to follow on from this introduction.
- We are working with Neighbourhood Learning Network and Northern College to organise a group trip for a free residential course at Northern College.
- We will continue with the one to one programme for local people to identify their goals –we will begin to develop portfolios with people.
- We plan to set up regular job search workclubs across the area for local people to access employment and advice in conjunction with other agencies such as job centre plus and aire valley homes.
- We plan to develop new initiatives with local residents such as more youth provision outside of school and in the holidays, placements for people to gain skills with other organisations, a dad's group, and a possible 'Skills Exchange' programme for residents to share their skills and time.

Dec – March monitoring outputs for the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
|                                                                                 | Actual outputs   |                        |               | Target outputs to date |
|                                                                                 | Total for period | B/fwd from last report | Total to date |                        |
| Number of jobs created/safeguarded (FTE)                                        | 1.5              | 0                      | 1.5           | 1.5                    |
| Number of people assisted into work                                             | 0                | 0                      | 0             | 0                      |
| Number of people assisted in skills development                                 | 21               | 0                      | 21            | 33                     |
| Number of people and young people participating in healthy lifestyle activities | 29               | 0                      | 29            | 15                     |
| Number of community activities created/improved                                 | 0                | 0                      | 0             | 0                      |
| Number of new volunteers                                                        | 8                | 0                      | 8             | 8                      |
| Number of beneficiaries                                                         | 59.5             | 0                      | 59.5          | 66                     |