

Priority Neighbourhood Worker Project – Six Month Update

This is a six monthly update report from the Priority Neighbourhood Worker (PNW) from December 2012 to June 2013. The post is employed by Health for All on behalf of the Outer and Inner South Area Committees but is directly line managed by South East Area Support Team and located in the South East Area Support Team Offices within the Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre in Leeds.

The PNW works to develop strong connections between groups, service providers, local Councillors and the wider voluntary sector, acting as a link to training and funding opportunities and encouraging groups to join such networks over time.

The summary below details work with groups over the last 6 months. Please see Appendix 2, PNW Work Map for an overview of work and definitions of levels of support.

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Rothwell	John O'Gaunts	Supported Area: High Support	Group training around committee roles, team working and organisational skills. Support & supervision of volunteers Finding Funding Year End Accounts Basic Book Keeping Awards for All First Aid Applying for small grants Food Hygiene	The PNW attends monthly committee and resident meetings, supporting the group to plan projects and activities. The group have established good links to agencies and have regular attendance from them at their meetings. Since December the PNW has supported the committee to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a weekly coffee morning, with increasing attendance • Gain funding from AVH area panel, organise and run a Christmas Party • Gain funding for laptops, printers and internet access from AVH area panel • Develop and successfully launch computer access session and gain support of following agencies in its delivery: JCP, Credit Union, AVH, Connexions, Get IT Together, Leeds City College. Numbers in attendance are increasing and residents have fed back several stories about people finding placements and courses as

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				<p>well as gaining confidence in IT as a result of these sessions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain funding for and design a summer of activity (including a rugby match against agencies, old fashioned sports day, trip to the seaside, allot ment sessions and a funday) • Feed their viewpoints into asset review of the Rose Lund Centre. • Begin to develop a welcome pack for new and current residents to be distributed by TMO's. • The group have been CRB checked and we have worked on various governance, introducing and updating policies and guidance. • The group attended Community Heroes event and received congratulations for their hard work.
Rothwell	Wood Lane/Rothwell TARA	Supported Area: Low Support		<p>The PNW continues to attend meetings of Rothwell TARA bringing along relevant information to share with the group, including information on Welfare Reform. The group are on an email distribution list and receive updates through this, they also attended the Community Heroes event. The group have not identified a piece of work they would like my support with but are active in the Rothwell Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The PNW will meet with the committee and discuss Practice Health Champions programme with them.</p>
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Tingley	Supported Area: Medium Support		<p>The PNW has met Tingley TARA and discussed their support needs. The PNW now attends TARA meetings and will be supporting the group to hold their AGM and recruit new members as key members of the group are stepping down.</p> <p>The PNW supported the group to successfully apply for AVH</p>

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				Area Panel funding and is assisting them to plan for the delivery of a computer access project at Tingely Youth & Community Centre.
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Robin Hood TARA	Supported Area: High Support	Minute Taking First Aid Food Hygiene	<p>The PNW continues to support the TARA, attending monthly meetings and the AGM of the group.</p> <p>The PNW has provided advice to the group in making their meetings more accessible and discussed various means of communication with them.</p> <p>The PNW supported the group to prepare for an Easter Event which unfortunately had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the snow, we are now working together to put in funding bids, gain events permission and develop activities for a summer event. The PNW is supporting the committee to apply for funding for a community notice board.</p>
Ardsley & Robin Hood	Thorpe	Practice Champions		<p>The group wound down at their AGM in November 2012.</p> <p>Aire Valley Homes are reviewing options for Thorpe Community Centre.</p> <p>The PNW will be linking into current activities in Thorpe in planning the delivery of the Practice Champions Programme</p>
Morley South	Newlands & Denshaws TARA	Supported Area: High Support		<p>The PNW continues to support the TARA, attending monthly meetings, assisting with minute taking where necessary and providing support to committee members outside of this. Links have been strengthened with various council departments including Environmental Services and Waste Management.</p>

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				<p>The PNW supported the group to hold their AGM, creating and distributing flyers to promote it. A full committee has been voted on and have met as a committee to discuss plans going forward.</p> <p>The PNW is supporting the committee to apply for funding to facilitate community events throughout the year. The group have decided due to the school closure they will not hold their annual summer fair but will concentrate on other events throughout the year and applications are in process to support this.</p> <p>The PNW continues to promote training opportunities to the group and they are included on a community distribution list.</p> <p>The group have been keen to take up opportunities to network with other groups and attended both the Community Heroes event and meetings of the South Leeds Community Network.</p> <p>The PNW supported the Area Support Team in progressing application regarding the development of the old Post Office on Albert Drive. This work is still in progress and Aretha Hanson (Area Officer) is leading on liaising with the group.</p>
Morley South	Harrops & Askey TARA	Supported Area: Medium Support		<p>The PNW has attended meetings of Harrops & Askey TARA and encouraged committee members to hold regular meetings. The PNW is working to increase attendance of other partners and agencies.</p> <p>The PNW is supporting the group to hold a community clear up in August, using the Area Committee skip budget.</p>

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				Aire Valley Homes are liaising with residents that attend meetings to put together a bid to the Aire Valley Homes Area Panel for replacing damaged resident fencing.
Morley North	Oakwells & Fairfax	Community Health Champions		<p>Development of Community Health Champions Programme</p> <p>An officer steering group has been established to lead on the development of this work, this consists of; Health Improvement Officer (Jo Loft), PNW (Ellie Rogers) and Active Lifestyle Officer (Sam Coupland). Morley North will be the first area to participate in the programme and recruitment will focus on its priority neighbourhoods.</p>
	Springbank & Moorlands	Community Health Champions		
	Asquith & Ingels	Community Health Champions		<p>Research & Recruitment</p> <p>I have met with Cllr Gettings and developed a contact list for groups and agencies in the area that may like to be involved in the programme. They are currently being consulted on potential venues, participants and course content in order that the course is tailored to the neighbourhoods we wish to recruit from. I'd like to circulate this list and ask for further suggestions from ward members.</p> <p>Programme Delivery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of participants from priority neighbourhoods, through attendance at events, schools, children's centre and community activities. There will be a maximum of 10 participants per course with a minimum of 3 for the course to go ahead. • Whilst we envisage the course will have the following elements this core package will be tailored to the needs of participants, with session length, content and venues being adapted appropriately. • 2 days training to be delivered by exploring attitudes to

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				<p>health and wellbeing and area specific health priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of 4 half day sessions delivered around themes identified by the cohort. The programme of sessions will then be devised engaging with partner agencies to deliver their specialised topics. • All session will be active and aim to make links to local facilities and activities. E.g. – a session on physical activity could take the form of a visit to the local leisure centre, introducing residents to staff, showing them how to take advantage of free hours available and encourage participation in activities through taster sessions. • A final session will support the group to plan their actions going forward. • The programme will be supported by relevant local information, support and sign-posting materials developed by PNW. <p>On-going support to participants On-going support will be provided to participants in the form of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A monthly mentoring meeting, eventually linking Champions in to a wider network of Champions developed through the Practice Champions programme • A newsletter • An information pack on taking action within your community • Any community groups that start as a result of the programme will be supported by the PNW, receiving support following the current format in supported areas. • Access to other appropriate training and support.

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				<p>Budget £2500 is available from the Health Improvement Team to support this work in Morley.</p> <p>Money will be spent on venue hire, refreshments, facilitation of sessions and the production of course materials. Depending on these associated costs we hope to be able to provide each cohort with a small budget to facilitate taking action in their community.</p>