



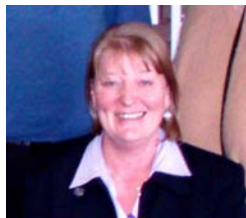
Annual Review

April 2007 - March 2008



Chair's Report

The past year has seen considerable change here at the East End Community Development Alliance (the Alliance). Starting the year off as a project of West End Health Resource Centre, the Alliance registered as a company limited by guarantee in May followed by charity registration in September and has now been operating as an independent charitable company since October 2007.



To support this new structure the Alliance is now governed by a Board of 6 trustees, with support and guidance from an Advisory Group drawn from full company members, all of whom are living or working in the East End of Newcastle. Having local ownership in this way ensures that those involved have a vested interest in the development of the organisation and its aims and objectives.

With funding secured from Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Newcastle City Council (East End Partnership Regeneration Dowry) we have been able to continue to support and develop the capacity of the voluntary and community sector in the East End of Newcastle, and engage local communities, in particular around the regeneration process in Walker Riverside and Byker/Ouseburn.

Sadly, during the year one of our Advisory Group members, Brenda Edwards, died. Brenda had a tremendous interest in local community life and a passionate commitment to helping others. Although in poor health prior to her death, her commitment to the work she loved never faltered. She is missed not only here at the Alliance but also by the many other groups she was involved with.

With another successful year behind us, the future is looking optimistic, and during 2008/09 we hope to find new premises, increase our funding base and continue to deliver a quality service that is responsive to the needs of our members.

Sue Bolam, Chair

Aims of the Alliance

The aim of the Alliance is to develop the capacity and skills of the community of East Newcastle upon Tyne to be able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. We do this by:

- Keeping the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in East Newcastle informed
- Engaging the local VCS
- Providing grants through the Community Capacity Building Fund to develop local VCS organisations
- Ensuring that the local VCS has access to a range of quality training opportunities, particularly in relation to personal and community development
- Providing Linkworker support to VCS organisations

The Alliance Mission Statement

"To improve the community's role in developing local solutions to local problems"

Community Development Approach

Our work is underpinned by the National Occupational Standards in Community Development Work, which sets out clear values and principles for working with communities to bring about social change and justice.

To do this we work with communities to:

- Identify their needs, opportunities, rights and responsibilities
- Plan, organise and take action
- Evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the action

All in ways which challenge oppression and tackle inequalities.

It is outward looking, rather than dwelling on itself.

LSP Officer

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2007/08			
	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total £
Income	74544	31570	106114
Expenditure	92950	17801	110751
Transfer in funds	(450)	450	0
Net movement in funds	(18856)	14219	(4637)
Funds transferred from West End Health Resource Centre September 2007	23595	54060	77655
Funds at 31 March 2008	4739	68279	73018
Balanced by:			
Fixed Assets		1759	1759
Current Assets	73629		73629
Creditors	(2370)		(2370)
Total assets less current liabilities	71259	1759	73018

Facts and figures about our work over the past year:

- 4 newsletters produced and circulated to 162 members and statutory sector partners
- 269 individual pieces of information circulated, including 56 on behalf of statutory sector partners
- 10 mini-networking events attended by 55 VCS groups
- 2 community learning conferences
- 1 community development conference
- 2 representatives on the Walker Riverside Project Board
- 2 representatives on the Ouseburn Project Board
- 27 small grants to a value of almost £31,000 awarded through the Community Capacity Building Fund
- 111 hours of STEPS personal development training delivered to 51 local residents and VCS workers
- 62.5 hours of community development training delivered to 18 local residents and VCS workers
- Asylum awareness training delivered in partnership with statutory sector partners to 6 local VCS groups
- 9 local VCS groups supported with funding advice awarded £6253
- 47 local VCS groups received one-to-one Linkworker support

The support we had was vital.

Alliance member

Membership

The Alliance has two categories of membership; associate and full. Membership entitles an individual or group to receive our services and full membership includes being able to attend and vote at our AGM and eligibility to serve as a Trustee or Advisory Group member. At the end of March we had 30 full and 62 associate members.

Our member groups come primarily from Walker, Byker, South Heaton, Ouseburn and Walkergate, but also include a substantial minority of locally active agencies based beyond the East End. Whilst around half our members have either staff or premises, only about a third are either charities or companies with the majority being simple unincorporated associations. In terms of their main areas of activity we have categorised our members into three broad groupings, namely:

- **Communities:** This category makes up about 48% of our membership and includes groups whose main concern is benefiting and/or representing the interests of a community of place, interest or identity. Typically such groups may be focused on a specific neighbourhood, community building, faith or ethnic group.
- **Welfare services:** This category makes up about 39% of our membership and comprises of groups whose main interest is providing services in

areas such as health, social care, youth work, support for children and families or drug and alcohol services.

- **Regeneration services:** This is a small but significant group of organisations – around 12% of our membership – whose primary interest is in the provision of services in areas such as employment and training, the arts or financial inclusion or who are concerned with the care and improvement of the local environment.

The Alliance is reliable and trustworthy.

Alliance member

The Future

An evaluation of the Alliance will be undertaken, in consultation with our membership, early in 2008/09. This will inform the development of a strategic business plan and fundraising strategy to ensure the continued development and success of the Alliance.

Part of the future development of the Alliance will be the relocation to premises that can be used as a drop-in, whilst this is unlikely to happen in 2008/09, it is something that will be included in our business plan.

The STEPS personal development programme has been a huge success over the past year and to build on this an evaluation will be undertaken, which will inform and strengthen delivery of the programme.

In addition to this, we will be delivering Go For It in the second half of 2008/09; similar to STEPS but for young people aged 14-18 years.

Staff Team

Mark Pierce, Coordinator
Angela Gray, Administrator
Linda Williams, Senior Linkworker Network Development & Support
Carol Hunter, Senior Linkworker Regeneration
Susan Crawley, Community Linkworker
Tania McAllister, Community Linkworker

Farewell

Kerry Wilkinson, Community Linkworker, had been with the Alliance since its inception in 2004 and left in August 2007 for a change in career. She is now employed by Newcastle City Council as a Teaching Assistant at Walkergate Primary School.

Thank You

Thank you to all our funders and supporters over the past year, including the Newcastle Partnership, Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Newcastle City Council (East End Partnership Regeneration Dowry), Trustees and Advisory Group members, staff and all Alliance members.

The Alliance Trustees

Chris Brown
Rosie Milne
Sue Bolam
Anthony Woods-Waters
Peter Kay
Peter Robinson

East End Walking Group
Margaret Collins Residents Group
Building Futures East
Ouseburn Trust
St Martins Centre

appointed November 2007
appointed November 2007
resigned February 2008

The Alliance Advisory Group

Patrice Kertho
Gladys Lilley
Chris Carroll
Martin Donkin
Jodie Grieveson
Brenda Edwards
Harold Norcott
Father Dominic Madzimure

93rd Newcastle Scouts
East Area Asylum Seeker Support Group
Keyring East End Community Cooperative
John Boste Youth Centre

Community Action on Health
St Anthony of Egypt

appointed January 2008
died September 2007
resigned October 2007
resigned January 2008

Alliance Members March 2008

Full (company) members

93rd Newcastle Scout Group
Building Futures East
Churches Together Walker and Byker
Community Action on Health
East Area Asylum Seeker Support Group
East End Community Health Project
East End Walking Group
Elders Council of Newcastle
Heaton and Wallsend Circuit of the Methodist Church
Jack Common Residents Group
John Boste Youth Centre
Keyring East End Community Cooperative
Kids Kabin
Margaret Collins House Residents
Monkchester Nursery Family Centre
National Trust Inner City Project
NCH St Anthony's Children's House
Ouseburn Trust
Scarborough Road Area Residents Association
St Aidans Community
St Anthony of Padua
St Oswald's Wives Club
Stephen Street Allotments Association
Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Urban Ministry and Theology Project
Walker Central FC
Wor Hoose
YMCA Walker and Byker Youth Projects
Chris Brown
Patrice Kertho

Associate members

3 Mile Club
7th Newcastle Boys Brigade
ACANE
Allendale Community Centre
Alzheimer's Society
Anneville Residents Group
Aspire (Byker Hill) Partnership
Avondale Residents Group
Belmont Area Residents Association
Belmont Methodist Church
Better Days
Byker Bridge Housing Association
Byker Centre
Byker Community Centre
Byker Sands Family Centre
Carers Centre Newcastle
Caring Hands
Charles Street Community Association
Chillingham Road Sports and Arts Centre
Christ Church Walker Parish Church
Community Catering Initiative Ltd
Contact a Family
CSV Linden Training
Depaul Trust
East End Arthritis Group
East End Surfers
Eastenders Activities Group
FIN Ltd
Fun Group
Greater Walker Community Trust

Health Trainer Programme
Newcastle
Heaton Baptist Church Toddler Group
Heaton Community Centre
JET
Kids Café
Kiran Minority Ethnic Womens Group
Look After Yourself
Martha and Mary Association
MC Walkers
NACRO
Newcastle PROPS
Newcastle Women's Aid
Open Clasp Theatre Company
Places for People
Project Advisory Group
Quality of Life Partnership
Rookie Sports
St Martins Centre
St Martins Toddler Group
St Vincent de Paul Society
Stepney Bank Stables
SureStart East & Fossway
Thomas Gaughan
Community Association
Walker Community Credit Union
Walker Library Parent and Toddlers
Walker Methodist Church
Walkerdene Community Association
Women Away
Evette Callendar
Phil Kitchen
Pam Rudram

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