



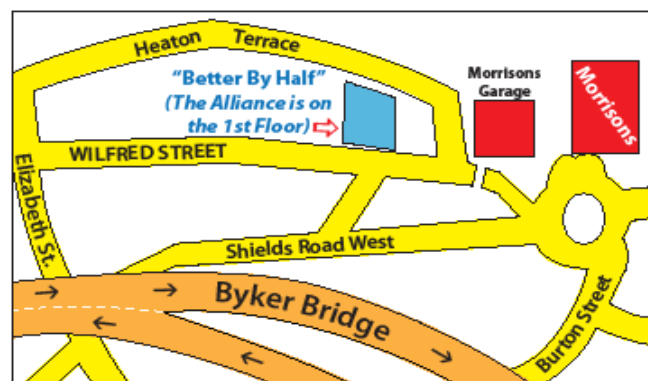
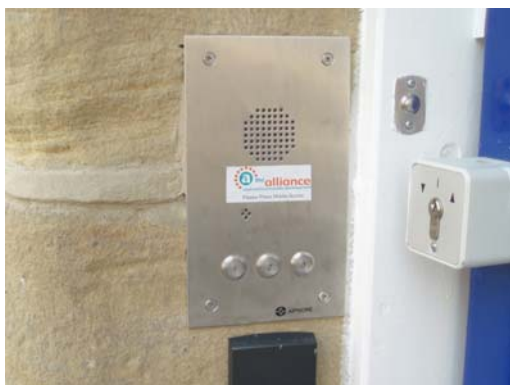
## OUR NEW HOME



It was great to see so many of our members at our open day enjoying tea, cake and having a look around. Now that we have our own space we can host meetings and offer training along with all the usual community support.

We look forward to seeing you here again.

When you do come to see us don't forget to press buzzer 2 on the left side of the door. We are also going to have our own Alliance sign added to the door very soon.



**CELEBRATION TIME**

In December we held our very first Christmas party for all our members and trustees, we also had a presentation of certificates to all of you who completed S.T.E.P.S training and an Introduction to Community Development so well done everyone.



We also had donations from local businesses which were given out in a raffle so we would like to thank

TJ's Taxi's £100

Shepherd Offshore Ltd £200

Wilkinson's £5

Sainsbury's £10 gift card

Belle & Herbs 2 x dinner for two

We hope you all had a good night!



Let us know if you want to do it all again this Christmas, because we would love to organise it again. We had loads of fun planning it all and joining in with the dancing and celebrating. Great fun!

**OPEN DAY 2010**

Welcome to our new place; we had over 60 people come to visit us, and have a tour of our work space. The new base is more central for a lot of groups. So hopefully we'll get to see a lot more of you now; especially those of you from the Chillingham Road



and Ouseburn area who found it difficult to get to Walker Library. And a big thank you to those of you who regularly dropped in to see us, like the Avondale residents group who never missed a coffee morning. It's always good to have all of your support.

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### ALLIANCE AGM

We held our A.G.M. in November 09 thanks to everyone who came along and took part in the workshops, we had some good discussions on community cohesion, regeneration governance and Individual budgets pilot for children and young people with Martin Donkin City Council Children's Services, we will keep you informed of any action we take as a result of your input. We now have two new trustees, Martin Sabais and Gaby Kitoko, but we are always looking for more people to get involved, so if you want to become a trustee just call in for a chat or ring for a nomination form.

Due to a glitch on our photo copier we didn't get the financial accounts printed for the day as we thought we had. Christmas and New Year then the move to our new premises took over everyone's lives; So here's a copy of them now. Huge apologies for the delay.

In the last financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2008-31<sup>st</sup> March 2009), our accounts were:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>				
Voluntary income	10		10	120
Activities for generated funds				
Investment income	599		599	396
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>				
	93,579	148,827	242,406	107,314
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>94,188</b>	<b>148,827</b>	<b>243,015</b>	<b>107,830</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Cost of generating funds for charitable activities				
	17,198	143,880	161,079	109,751
Governance costs		1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>17,198</b>	<b>144,880</b>	<b>162,079</b>	<b>110,751</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b>	<b>76,989</b>	<b>3,947</b>	<b>80,936</b>	<b>-2,921</b>
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>76,989</b>	<b>3,947</b>	<b>80,936</b>	<b>-2,921</b>
Funds at 31 March 2008	69,995	4,739	74,734	77,655
<b>Funds at 31 March 2009</b>	<b>146,984</b>	<b>8,686</b>	<b>155,670</b>	<b>74,734</b>

We will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting for our members to finally agree the financial statement, where you will be able to ask questions regarding these accounts.

**Please see your invite on the back page.**

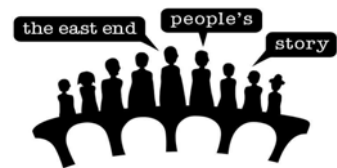
### Celebration Event

The East End People's Story will be holding a celebration event to showcase all of the good stuff people have learned over the past 6 months. The event will be on **Saturday 13th March 11am-2pm** at East End Community Centre Heaton Park Road NE6 1QS. it will be great to see you there.

THE LEARNING  
REVOLUTION

TRANSFORMATION  
FUND

BIS  
Department for  
Business Innovation  
and Skills



The 'East End People's Story' will offer courses and workshops in how to make radio programmes and video animations, explore local history, create a Byker tapestry, produce a People's Plan visioning the future of Byker, Walker and Ouseburn, strengthen community development, take part in volunteering and get a taste of a host of informal adult learning topics and opportunities.

Carol Hunter, the project's activities co-ordinator, said: 'We'll all discover a lot about our part of the City and our own backgrounds, interests and ideas. There will be sessions that are very practical, ranging from beauty tips to radio skills, introductions to good food and health, and a lot about our changing East End. It'll also be great fun!'

Six local organisations secured the grant in tough competition with hundreds of other groups from across the country. The Workers' Educational Association (WEA), the East End Community Development Alliance, Community Broadcasting Initiative Tyneside's NE1 fm community radio station, the Roots and Wings film and photography social enterprise, the Ouseburn Trust, and East End Community Media formed a successful partnership to win recognition for the East End.

The project will run until the end of March 2010 and will also focus on using local venues to bring informal adult learning opportunities close to where people live. Courses and workshops will provide a chance to look at the changing identity of the East End as well as valuing its rich industrial and community heritage. There will be no exams or tests but simply a concentration on learning for enjoyment and to broaden horizons. Full details will be posted on <http://www.theeastendpeoplesstory.co.uk/>

The East End People's Story is funded by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills Transformation Fund which is managed by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education

**For more information about East End People's Story's activities contact Carol Hunter at The Alliance on 0191 275 9477**



FANCY WALKING YOUR WAY TO HEALTH

A GROUP OF US WALK EVERY FRIDAY MORNING, LEAVING MARGARET COLLINS HOUSE AT 10.30.p.m.

THE WALKS ARE APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES. THIS MAY SEEM A LOT, BUT THIS IS INCLUSIVE OF THE RETURN.

WE VARY THE WALKS AND WE ORGANISE A DAY OUT EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK TO SOMEWHERE DIFFERENT AND MORE INTERESTING.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS GROUP WE MEET EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON IN MARGARET COLLINS AT 3.30 p.m. FOR LESS THAN ONE HOUR TO DISCUSS THAT WEEKS WALK. WE THEN GO ON THE CHOSEN WALK ON THE FRIDAY YOU WILL FIND US ON CANTERBURY STREET BEHIND THE POST OFFICE ON WELBECK ROAD.

COME ALONG WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

New group starting at  
Martha and Mary's  
212 Chillingham Road

**CRAFTY LADIES**

If you have ever wanted to knit, sew, crochet, embroider or do any other handicrafts, or if you are an expert and can pass on your skills or would just like some company please join us on the last Wednesday each month,

beginning on Wednesday

24th February at 1pm

Tel: 0191 228 9078

Everyone Welcome

Management Committee Awareness

If you are thinking of joining a management committee with either your community group or residents association, and you would like to find out the roles and responsibilities of members, then the Alliance are happy to offer free management committee awareness to residents of the East End if you are interested please call the Alliance and leave your details then when we have enough people to deliver the session we will contact you.

## New Role for Helen

Helen Grayshan from the Alliance staff team has recently joined the management committee of the Council for Voluntary Service for Newcastle. Apart from the usual responsibilities for the proper running of the organisation that Trustees have, she is hoping to make NCVS more community focussed, e.g. by delivering more training in the area and considering the needs of community groups.

There have been recent changes at NCVS. In May of this year they appointed Jac Bell as the new CEO, sadly she informed CVS in early November she was leaving the region in order to settle in South Wales. In order to ensure that they can continue to offer members and stakeholders the service and support they need and expect from NCVS a temporary CEO Tom Adams will be working 3 days a week until a new person is appointed, likely May 2010. Many of you will know Tom from his time as CEO for Children North East, and he brings with him a great deal of knowledge and experience. All the usual work of supporting the voluntary sector in Newcastle will continue throughout.

## 2009 and all that!

Helen, Robert and Sue were invited to the Regional Refugee Forum celebration day, where Gaby Kitoko from ACANE, one of our members, made a speech about the pleasure of working in the voluntary and community sector:

“Supporters of this sector do not ask “Who is he or she?” but instead they say “What has he got to offer?” and “What support does she need to deliver this?”...It is a real inspiration to work in an environment where people believe in, encourage and support each other; where you can think freely; where ideas count; where you can really work according to your principles and values... and where you all work for what is right. It’s really a great privilege to be part of this sector.”

We could not have put it better ourselves!

Here at the Alliance, 2009 was so busy it feels like we hardly had time to draw breath. The start of the year was concerned with finding funds to replace our grant from the Council, which was cut. The rest of the year was spent starting up lots of exciting new work, and continuing to offer the same support, training and advice to our members that we know you value.

We rounded off the year in style - many members came to our AGM and Christmas Party in November and December – thank you very much for supporting us in this way. We wish you every success in 2010, and hope to see you soon.

### So far this financial year, we have successfully applied for:

#### **INCOME FROM FUNDERS 2009/10**

Working Neighbourhoods" Fund Employability	Training and development, e.g. STEPS	£71714
Migration Impact Fund	Support and training to recent migrants	£38759
Community Empowerment City Council	Action research with community groups	£23000
Learning Transformation Fund	East End People's Story	£21130
Regional Improvement & Efficiency Programme	Community cohesion	£11000
Lottery	Support to community groups	£9750
Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities	Training and development, e.g. STEPS	£7828
Donation from Lord Mayor's Fund, Ward Committee	Various	£3400
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>£186581</u></b>



**The Wor Hoose Community Project**  
Charity Registration Number: 1128032

31-33 Hexham Avenue  
Walker  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE6 3AL

## **2 Office Spaces within Wor Hoose**

### **Available to Rent** **Available Immediately**

2 office spaces within our community project are available to rent. The Wor Hoose Community Project is a small neighbourhood project supporting all residents living on or around the Hexham Avenue housing estate in Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The offices are available to rent out with an easy-in, easy out short term 6 month or 1 year annual tenancy licence agreement that is all inclusive of rates, gas heating, internet connections and electricity.

Other rooms are available to use within the project including use of our kitchen facilities and with only one calendar month's notice period required.

The building also has entry phone visitor access, and off street parking close by. The Project's premises are fully fire and security alarmed.

For further information and details of rental charges please contact Liz Coates our Project Co-ordinator on 0191 287 2885 or email her at [liz.worhoose@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:liz.worhoose@hotmail.co.uk)

Wor Hoose has recently secured 5 years salary funding beginning in April 2010 to continue to employ 4 part time staff, Development manager, an outreach worker, a cleaner and caretaker from the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities Programme, so anyone renting an office would be secure for the next 5 years

## **Byker Bridge Housing**

Have a multi use property to let on Wilfred St Byker (opposite to the new Alliance's premises)

The property comprises of:

A large hall meeting room suitable for offices or activity centre

A large reception area, 2 large offices

Fully fitted stainless steel commercial kitchen

Male and female WC

Disabled WC, shower room with WC

Utility storage rooms, Modern and built to a high standard.

This would be ideal for a community association, charity or company, or internet café etc

Rental £12,000 per year

Contact Malcolm Hook on 0191 2284928 or

Steve Crawley on 07816978406

<p><b>S.T.E.P.S.</b></p> <p>Training delivered at The Alliance 10a Wilfred St. Byker</p> <p>Thurs: 18th, 25th March &amp; 1st, 8th April 2010</p> <p>And again on 29th 30th 31st March</p>	<p><b>Introduction to Community Development</b></p> <p>Training delivered by The Alliance</p> <p>9.30am—2.30pm</p> <p>Starting Wed: 19th, 26th May &amp; 2nd, 9th, 16th June 2010 Venue T.B.C.</p>	<p><b>Asylum Awareness</b></p> <p>Training delivered by The Alliance</p> <p>At 10a Wilfred St. 3rd Thursday of each Month</p> <p>9.30am start</p> <p>Limited places! Please book in advance.</p>
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Lunch will be provided, also childcare will be available on request for all courses  
Ring 0191 275 9477

for more information and to book your places.

**THIS IS YOUR INVITE to attend our:**

**Extraordinary General Meeting @**

**East End Community Centre, Heaton Park Road NE6 1SQ**

**Saturday 13th March 10.30am**

**AGENDA**

10.30am	<p><b>1. Agreement of Financial statements</b></p> <p><b>2. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts for 2009/10</b> (Tim Reed of The Books Accountants, Hexham)</p> <p><b>3. Nomination and Election of Trustees (2 vacancies)</b></p> <p><b>4. Any Other Business</b></p>	<b>Members of The Alliance</b>
11am	<b>5. Refreshments</b>	<b>All Welcome</b>

**11am—2pm The East End People's Story Celebration Event; Immediately follows this meeting. You are welcome to stay and join in. (See pg 4 for details)**

**If you would like to know more about us visit our website,**

[www.eastendalliance.org.uk](http://www.eastendalliance.org.uk)

or contact us via;

0191 275 9477, fax 0191 224 3961 or email [enquiries@eastendalliance.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastendalliance.org.uk),

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