



We held a very successful and busy joint event with the East End People's Story partners on 13th March,

holding our Extraordinary General Meeting first and then a celebration of this informal learning project, in the East End Community Centre, a fantastic friendly venue.



We elected 1 more Trustee, Carol Wilson – congratulations and welcome to her!

We then got down to the business of showcasing all the activity under the EEPS, from making a Byker tapestry, to yoga, family history, archiving animations and radio skills. Nigel Todd, from the Worker's Educational Association, spoke about the importance of informal, community based learning for life. The event was recorded on radio station NE1 FM (with live interviews) and on video



We are currently editing all the film and interviews that was shot, and hope to hold a screening in the near future.



Thanks to everyone who attended and joined in, and to the EEPS partners: Ouseburn Trust, NE1 FM, Roots and Wings, East End Media CIC, the WEA and all the community centres who hosted us!

More on the East End People's Story on page 3....

And it's good bye from them!



They've been with us from the beginning.....
Even before we became HealthWORKS East!

So it's a tearful good-bye to Sue Bolam, our Chair
And a sad good-bye to Anthony Woods –Waters,

Both had been with us since the very start!

They were always there with advice and support.

We wish both of them well in the future.



@the east end community development alliance



Chris Warburton-Brown
Newly appointed Chair



Peter Kay



John Sadler



Gladys Lilley

Say hi to our 4 new trustees



Martin Sabais



Gaby Kitoko



Carol Wilson (Vice Chair)



Judith Moore

More on the trustees in our next newsletter



Helen Grayshan
Chief Executive



Tania

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Carol



Sue



Linda



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EAST END PEOPLE'S STORY

Residents of Newcastle's East End told their story of living in the East end thanks to a £94,000 grant from the Government's Transformation Fund which is managed by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education.

The 'East End People's Story' offered courses and workshops in how to make radio programmes and computer animations, explore local history, create a Byker tapestry, produce a People's Plan visioning the future of Byker, Walker and Ouseburn, residents took part in volunteering and got a taste of a variety of informal adult learning topics and opportunities.

The project held a big public launch at the East End Pool and Library, Hadrian Square. The event was attended by over 250 local people who met with tutors and project organisers who offered 'tasters' of courses and asked for residents ideas of things they would like to do.

The project ran from September 09 until the end of March 2010, the focus was on using local venues to bring informal adult learning opportunities close to where people live. Courses and workshops provided the chance to look at the changing identity of the East End as well as valuing its rich industrial and community heritage.

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 (the Alliance) Community Broadcasting Initiative Tyneside's NE1FM 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 Alliance role in all of this was to co-ordinate room bookings, venues, publicity and generally to keep partners involved with each other and up to date with the progress of the project. We held a celebration day for people to showcase their new skills.



The Alliance away day:

Mainly for the new trustees to be welcomed to the team.

Also a chance to catch up on what's been done and what is still to be achieved.

We had the away day was at the Ouseburn Community Centre

Not that far away really!

Just around the corner



Decisions decisions!!

All agreed. Onward and upward.





Another chance to access The Alliance's free training. For residents and voluntary and community sector workers in the East End of Newcastle. Lunch is provided. Also childcare provision on request.

S.T.E.P.S.

Steps To Excellence and Personal Success

FREE TRAINING

7th, 14th and 21st June

The STEPS course is designed to enable people to reflect on their lives, decide what kind of changes they would like to make and then take action to achieve their goals. It addresses issues of low self-esteem and confidence by encouraging participants to look at the self-imposed barriers that sometimes stop them trying something new. It encourages them to develop their hidden potential and so bring about positive change in themselves, their families and communities.

"Our trainers can honestly say to participants that it is STEPS that has helped give them the confidence to deliver the course. That sends a very powerful message about what can be achieved as a result of attending the sessions,"

They have applied it to their lives in many different ways including taking their first steps into higher education, becoming more active in their communities or developing careers. Here are some of their comments about the course:

"Doing the course made me realize that I can do a lot of things that in the past I would have said, no that's not me".

"S.T.E.P.S. has helped me to see that anything is possible and I can do things which I thought were not possible. I am now going to set goals for myself which I will achieve".

I think everyone should have access to this course. It makes you think differently and helps you see how you may be holding yourself back. I have already, and will keep all I've learned in mind and make sure things happen from now on. This is a superb course."

The STEPS COURSE can help you make positive changes within your life and increase self-esteem.

If your group would like a free taster session please contact The Alliance to arrange a date and time.

Introduction to Community Development

Wednesday 19th, 26th May and 2nd 9th & 16th June

This course aims to give people more confidence and skills to be involved in their local community. It explores what community development is and how it tries to 'bring about social change and justice.' East End Community Development Alliance is offering this training **free** to volunteers, activists, management committee members and workers in the East End of Newcastle. Learners are expected to have had some experience of being active in their communities.

This course leads to an Open College Network North East Region (OCNNER) Level 2 Introduction to Community Development qualification, with 3 credits

Local Information!

RUN THE GREAT NORTH RUN 2010



WITH EAST END HEALTH

Join East End Health’s Team for the Great North Run 2010 on September 19th and help to promote healthy lifestyles and wellbeing for disadvantaged communities.

Our constantly expanding charity runs groundbreaking initiatives across the East End and surrounding areas. Our projects include food and nutrition in schools such as our highly successful Smoothie Bar project, free complementary therapies, an out-and-about stroke rehabilitation group and more.

We have 25 spaces available in our Great North Run team just waiting to be filled, so count yourself in for a great experience with likeminded people and to help us bring about positive change for Newcastle.

Please be aware that all runners must be willing to pay **£25** towards their place; a small price to pay for making a big difference!

Call us on 0191 276 0595 or email info@eastendhealth.org.uk to get involved. To read more about our work go to <http://www.eastendhealth.org.uk>

Here’s to this year’s Great North Run being our best yet!

Exploring the Byker Wall -
 Talk & Walk with Colin Dilks; be inspired by the changing face of the innovative Byker Estate, come along to this talk & also walk around Byker Wall with local resident Colin Dilks.
 Meet at East End Library **Tuesday 25th May**
5.30 - 7.30
 Places are limited so booking is essential contact Colin on **0191 278 8400** or City Library on **0191 277 4100**



The Stepney Motto

There is no such thing as disadvantage
 When you level the playing fields
 There is no such thing as them and us
 When you meet a community's needs
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 That urban isn't the same as rural
 And that all children can be part of a team.

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Garage Studios - Arts & Media Centre

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'Tackling community issues using Arts & Media'

The Garage Studios is looking to offer local residents & community group members of Newcastle's East End opportunities to take part in and develop interests in performing arts and media activities.

We would like to invite you to an afternoon consultation event to gather your ideas on what residents would like to take part in and get a feel for what is happening in your area.

The meeting will take place at Charles Street Community Centre, Algernon Road, Heaton Refreshments provided

Wednesday 19th May 2010 from 6pm – 7pm

Tomorrows People task force are a group of 16-24 years olds who are currently looking for their next community challenge, they want to focus on the east end of Newcastle, if you have anything that needs doing such as painting a community centre / scout hut or gardening then please contact Catherine Booth at cbooth@tomorrows-people.co.uk Catherine Booth Task Force Coordinator Tel- 0191 2616242 or Mobile 07798906672

BetterByHalf

Byker Bridge Housing Association

Better by half is a social enterprise created by Byker bridge housing association with the aim of offering meaningful activity, training, education and volunteering leading the way to a pathway into employment.

This is open to Byker Bridge or any other organisation who would refer service users from supported accommodation or other supported areas, or from a socially excluded client group. service users are paid expenses and provided with meals each day, we work with the northern learning trust, The Alliance and Newcastle futures, offering accredited courses and certification, its not all work and training, we have extreme away days, karting, rock climbing, river walks, wild bird sanctuaries, farms and other activity or places of interest.

We offer specialised work experience and training in the following: painting & Decorating, Joinery, General Maintenance, Plastering, Horticulture, Landscaping, Administration, training for work, catering facilities management, Information Technology, Basic Skills, Literacy & Numeracy. Please call into our office for an application form or support worker download available at www.bykerbridge-org.uk then click on services then better by half then application form.



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We are on the 1st Floor of the LIGHTFOOT STADIUM
(The small circular room at the top of the stairs/lift)

Mondays between 09.30 and 12noon, and Fridays 09.30 until 1.00pm

We are also at St. Anthony's De-Padua Community Centre on Welbeck Rd.
Fridays 10am till 12noon

Walker Credit Union provide a local savings service which gives low interest loans to its members.

We are a non profit making organisation, our management committee, and sessions are run by local volunteers.

If you would like to support us by volunteering at any of the sessions please call in to any of the sessions, and ask for Vince Baines for an informal chat.

Street Science

You don't need a white coat to get excited about science – that's the message from a new project whose mission is to bring science to the streets of Newcastle.

The new Community Science Team has been formed as part of the work of Newcastle Science City with the aim of making science more interesting, relevant, accessible and fun for the general public through a range of projects, workshops and events across the city. It will also help people explore opportunities to work or train in the science industry.

The project employs three local people, Ravi Singh, Debbie Rossen and Oli Ketteringham, as Community Science Workers, focused on working with local residents in three target areas of the city. One of these key areas is the East End of Newcastle so watch out for the team in your local community.

The science movement will begin in your area soon with fun family activities and science road-shows planned. The team will also help you to come up with your own ideas for science-themed projects to make a difference in your local community.

If you just can't wait to contribute your ideas,
contact the team now on 0191 40 60 293

**Newcastle Science City community engagement activities are funded by
ERDF, Single Programme, WNF and Newcastle City Council.**



7th Newcastle Company the Boys Brigade

Dear Parents

If you want your son to enjoy such sporting activities as football, cricket and swimming as well as camping, model making, indoor games and many more skills training activities just bring him along to our regular meetings.

Our long established Christian youth organisation meets every Monday night at Byker community centre Headlam Street,

Junior section age 7-10 years 5.30 until 6.30pm,

Senior section aged 11+ 6.30 – 7.30pm.

We could do with a few more younger members 7-8 years olds to strengthen the Junior section. For further information about staff members, badge scheme, uniform etc by ringing me on 0191 - 2682999 or contacting Byker community centre 0191 – 2655777.

Yours sincerely

Gordon Hawkins (Captain)

Look After Yourself Group
AGM 29th March 2010

THANK YOU PAM!!



This was a very special AGM for the group, after the formality of presenting the reports, the members wanted to come together and say a big thank you to one of the founder members of the group, Pam Robson is retiring from the committee

The group has been together since 1987 to promote the good health and well being of women over 55 years old. During this time Pam has been instrumental in the fundraising and organising of the group and its activities. Pam wanted to say thank you to Terri for fundraising for the outings and activities over the last year, who is retiring from 'grants officer' role and also a thank you to those members who are taking over the roles.

A lovely buffet was laid on and there was a lot of chat and lots of laughs going on! The following verse was put together by Jackie and it sums up the feelings of all the members to Pam.

It really is a pleasure Pam to say "thank you" from us all
You have organised our little group and we have had a ball
Our Christmas lunches; where a little wine did flow
Day trips away to places we have always wanted to go
We know it wasn't easy and sometimes we were hard to please
I don't know how you did it but you managed it with ease
Now the L.A.Y. Group would like to say
"Three cheers for Pam – Hip Hip Hooray!" Thanks for everything



Just a message to remind you that the **Inner City Project** runs a youth session in the east end of Newcastle.

(Byker, Walker, Heaton) on a Tuesday night from 6pm to 9pm and another on Wednesday at the same time for the west end (Elswick, Benwell, Scotswood, Fenham).

We provide a range of out door activities. If you know any young people who might be interested please get in touch and we will try our hardest to include them.

Many thanks, Paddy Villiers-Stuart Voluntary Youth Worker

The Inner City Project works with young people aged 12-25 years old in east and west Newcastle.

Our youth groups meet each week and are supported by qualified and experienced youth workers who will support, challenge and encourage young people to develop their knowledge, skills and attitudes in a fun and supportive environment.

The aims of the youth groups are:

- **Have fun outdoors**
- **Try new things**
- **Challenge yourself**
- **Work in teams with other young people**
- **“Get Something Out of Getting Out”**

 **THE NATIONAL TRUST**



Please contact us to find out more:

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**You are invited to the Alliance's Community and voluntary sector
Presentation event**

On; Thursday 3rd June @ St. Martins Centre, Roman Ave. Byker
12 noon till 3pm

We will be celebrating the achievements of all those who completed;
The S.T.E.P.S., Introduction to Community Development &
The Asylum Awareness & Diversity Training

Certificates will be awarded to all those who took part.

It will also be a chance for Community & Voluntary groups to network and
maybe sign up for the next round of training that we provide.

There will be entertainment; and light refreshments will also be provided.

Advertise for free.

As a member of The Alliance you can also highlight an event or training that you are organising or delivering in our "what's happening" section.

Membership

Is open to all the V.C.S. working or offering services in the East End of Newcastle
To become a member contact **The Alliance**, or download a form from our Web Page; To

Members e-mails circular

Would you like to receive e-mails with information relevant to the East End or would you like us to pass information on your behalf? Contact Carol Hunter @ Alliance

The Alliance Web Page:

We can add a brief description of your group/organisation on our Web page (members section).

If you already have a web page would you

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

www.eastendalliance.org.uk

or contact us via;

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