



Keeping the voluntary and community sector in East Newcastle informed

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We are able to offer our members another chance to access a small grants fund,

Grants of up to £250 will be available from 1st July.

All Information and Application forms will be given out at Our Coffee and Cake Event. Bring your ideas and we'll help you fill the forms in on the day. We hope to have all bids considered and decided on by the end of July. See back page for event details.

Please R.S.V.P. if you are intending to come.

For those who can't make it to the event the application packs will be available from 1st July to download on our web page, e-mail circular, or by post via a phone call to The Alliance office. If you need help to complete your application any one of the Linkworkers will be happy to help.

Funding is only available to The Alliance members. To become a member you need to fill in a Membership form, these can be obtained in the same way as the funding forms.

At Walker Park Festival in May. We held the first of our mini consultations which helped to decide the criteria of the funding.

the question was;

"If your group had access to £250 what would you spend it on?" The top 4 Responses were

Healthy Activities	17
Cooking lessons	13
Equipment	12
Crèche	10

Thanks to everyone who stopped to speak to us and take part in our consultation.

The Alliance on the move:

In May we had our 2nd 'birthday' as an independent charity, and we've decided its time to find some new, bigger, and more prominent premises. We will let everyone know as soon as we've found somewhere suitable.

in the meantime we would love to hear from you about how we can improve our support and service to you.

When (rather than if) we move into our new premises we hope to offer a vast range of new practical support, like the offer of a 'hot desk' (short term use), storage for equipment, internet access, a training room, or meeting space for groups to hold their own meetings. So if your group would be interested in these, or have other ideas on how we support your groups needs, please get in touch.

Living Library
Thursday 9 July, 1 - 4pm.

Living Library is a free event where people can 'borrow' other people to learn about their experiences and stories. It is a chance to discover more about your local community and yourself. So instead of a book, enjoy some refreshments and borrow a person for a chat in the comfort of Walker library. You may reserve a 'living book' in advance.

For further details phone:
Walker library on 0191 278 4225 or
e-mail: walker.library@newcastle.gov.uk

EAST END VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

*Walker credit Union, contact Vince Baines on 07779989172

Or for more information contact
The Alliance on 0191 2759477

*** If you want to advertise here for volunteers for your organisation please contact Sue Crawley— Alliance Linkworker**

Congratulations—and welcome aboard.....

Helen Grayshan was appointed to the permanent post of Chief Executive for the Alliance. In June.....



A few words from some of our Trustees and advisory group members:



**Trustee: John Sadler;
Local Priest
for Byker**

My work as a development worker in the Urban Ministry and Theology Project and as a priest working in Byker has led me into many very interesting situations, all of them very much to do with the community which is why I am delighted to be a trustee of the Alliance. Because the work we do under this umbrella has so much to do with all the other work I find myself caught up in!

I am the Chair of the board of trustees of St Martin's Centre, chair of the board of trustees of the Byker Centre and a trustee of the Community IT Academy, as well as a Trustee of The East End Community Development Alliance.

One of the main foci of all the work I am involved in is something to do with empowerment – helping people to discover the potential they have within them which, in turn, builds up their self confidence and gives them a voice. The Alliance has very similar aims and I am delighted to be associated with previous colleagues, notably Bob Langley, Jeremy Clarke-King and Peter Robinson, who played such key roles in ultimately bringing the Alliance into being.



**Trustee: Peter Kay;
Chief Executive of
Ouseburn Trust**

In my role as Chief Executive of the Ouseburn Trust it is my task to oversee the strategic development and monitoring of the organisation and how this relates to the wider regeneration of the Ouseburn Valley.

Naturally we cannot do this on our own and work closely with a wide range of partners to achieve our ambitions. This is partly why I became involved with working with The East End Community Development Alliance as a Trustee but at the same time sharing my knowledge, experience and expertise with them.

At the Ouseburn Trust we concentrate on 4 main themes:

Running a wide range of heritage programmes and activities, We are increasing community participation and engagement, including running the most successful volunteering & employment programme in the North East.

We are actively involved in the Development Trust movement, as a member of the Regional Advisory Group and a Member of 'The Pool', a consultancy service for the Third Sector.

The Alliance A.G.M. Will be held in September. When we have confirmed our venue you will be the first to know



**Gladys Lilley
93rd Newcastle
Scout Group**

I was persuaded to go on the Steering group by Sue Crawley after her daughter joined the Beaver Scouts. I had met Sue when I went into Common Ground to put in a Poster to recruit more Children into the group. I went on to the Healthworks Steering group and then on the Advisory board and am now a Trustee.

I have seen changes made over the years both in what the Alliance does and the workers. I wish to praise them for the work that they do. The difference in all of them is great to see. Their confidence has grown over the years. And it has been my pleasure to be a member of the Alliance.

I am the Group Scout Leader of the 93rd Newcastle Scouts based at Walpole Street, Walkergate. I work with a number of leaders to prepare and implement a balanced programme of activities suitable for the age ranges. Both boys and girls can join from the age of 6yrs as Beaver scouts, and from 14yrs as Explore Scouts we're always on the look out for more leaders and helpers!

A few words from some of our Trustees and advisory group members:



**Chris Brown
Walker Resident:**

I have been a trustee of The Alliance since 2007, and see it as a fantastic organisation for releasing the huge talent and passion that local people have for their community. I am passionate about developing local solutions to local problems, and recognises dozens of examples of what can be achieved across the east end. I love the vibrancy and sense of community in Walker and wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

I have lived in Walker for the last decade. I was a founder member of the Wor Hoose Community Project, and was its secretary for seven years, 2000-2007.

I volunteered at Kids Kabin and advised their board. From 1999-2005,

I served as a community voice on the Newcastle Local Strategic Partnership, 2004-07, and was a member of the National Community Forum 2005-2008, advising the Department of Communities and Local Government on neighbourhood regeneration.

I have now resigned all of my community activities (except for my role as an Alliance trustee) to focus on my young family and on my PhD studies, looking at how mums on low-incomes manage their family finances.

Chris Carroll (Advisory group)

Project Development Manager - EAASSG

East Area Asylum Seekers Support Group – Common Ground

E.A.A.S.S.G. have had a good relationship with The Alliance since the beginning of the project. The Alliance plays an important role in bringing together various community and voluntary sector organisations and helping the sector to speak with one voice and be heard. They work as a bridge between the community and voluntary sector and the statutory sector, keeping groups Informed on local authority developments and plans, particularly in the area of regeneration. They also provide high quality advice and support to new community groups and organisations.

I joined the advisory panel partly because it's a way of supporting The Alliance and giving something back to the community. Common Ground is the name of our premises in Church Walk Centre. **The ethos is in the name:** everyone is welcomed and treated with respect. We operate a free store of clothing and household goods. There is an area for chatting and access to internet. You can have a cup of tea or coffee (also free) Support is offered to asylum seekers and refugees throughout the process of seeking asylum and beyond, including help and support for those who are destitute.

I am the only paid employee although work closely with over 20 volunteers who work extremely hard. Common Ground has a comfortable, friendly and happy atmosphere. We cannot solve every problem but we try our best and will always find time to listen.

Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tuesday 28th July at 6pm at Walker Parish Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to call in.



**We are open from
Monday to Friday
10am to 2pm.**

**Visitors and local community
are always welcome.**

What's Happening in EAASSG

***Are you interested in helping build up a new membership scheme to support Common Ground?**

***You are invited to our next A.G.M.**

Thursday 28th July 2009 in Christ Church Hall at 6pm

For more information contact Paul Bagshaw on 0191 2622522

the east end community development alliance



**Sue Bolam: Trustee,
And Chair person**

I am a Sheltered housing officer now working for Community Care Alarm Service in a YHN sheltered scheme Margaret Collins House Byker. I am also on the Executive Board of

Newcastle LINKs.

As the chair of trustees I'm responsible for running board meetings, determining the agenda and ensuring that the meetings are productive by keeping debate in check. I also have to ensure that all trustees the opportunity to participate fully in discussions, and will have deal with any disputes amongst the trustees sensitively. As chair I have to make sure not to lose sight of the big picture, and will often represent the organisation to the outside world. I also take the lead on directing our 5 staff members"

Through my role with the Alliance I've been able to get to know what 's happening in the East End I can pass it on to the residents of Margaret Collins House but it also

means that what happens here can be shared with other sheltered schemes and the wider community.

All the activities that take place at Margaret Collins House are co-ordinated by myself and the management committee as you can see we have a wide variety of activities taking place every week here; and you don't have to be living here to take part.



Sue (right) with some residents at a Falls Prevention event. Swapping old slippers for new.

MONDAY—3.30-4.30 WALKERS GROUP MEETING

TUESDAY—7.00-9.00 BINGO

WEDNESDAY—10.00-11.00 ARMCHAIR EXERCISE'S/HEALTHY + 12.00-1.00 FISH + CHIPS + 1.00-3.00 BINGO

THURSDAY—10.00-11.00 COFFEE MORNING + 12.00-1.00 HOME MADE SOUP SERVED (FORTNIGHTLY)

2.00-4.30 WALKERS GO OUT + 7.00-9.00 BINGO

FRIDAY—1.30-2.15 MOBILE LIBRARY (FORTNIGHTLY)

All the above activities are on every week.

In addition to these we have: fortnightly games night

a monthly Monday evening quiz night

A bi monthly house meeting

A monthly reminiscence class

Monthly church service on a Wednesday evening.

We have our own Avon representative

There are monthly book club

deliveries

We have a regular supplier of good quality frozen dinners

A computer/printer/scanner and laminator is available for anyone to practise on at any time in the upstairs lounge.

We also have a digital camera for you to use and the equipment to print your own photo's

The resident hairdresser also calls in weekly

We have regular trips and evening entertainment and go

away on holiday every summer.

We are actively involved in local events and issues which effect us directly

All events are posted on the notice board, where everyone can see

everyone is welcome to join in any of the activities.

You don't have to live in the scheme to benefit from any of the above

Pop in anytime you will be sure of a warm welcome.

1 week of crazy fundraising

Tania McAllister one of The Alliance Linkworkers & her fiancée Carl Armstrong a taxi driver for T.J.'S (both from Walker) entered a competition to try and win a dream wedding which was ran by Metro Radio called **5 brides 1 wedding** Tania and Carl were bride 3. the 5 brides had to raise as much money as they could over 1 week for the **charity Cash for Kids**. The bride who raised the most cash won their dream wedding.....
 Unfortunately Tania didn't win but over £50,000 was raised altogether

A huge fundraising effort from Tania and some of her many helpers that includes Carl the hubby to be who did everything Tania told him to ahhh bless. She raised £13,500.00 for cash for kids in 1 week. **AMAZING!!!**



Some donations collected by Councillor Stokel-Walker adding them to the Cash for Kids tin on our table at Walker Park Festival where we also carried out our funding consultation

Thank you! to the hundreds of East End folk who put all their spare cash in the buckets. A **HUGE thank you** to those who offered the support needed to fundraise. **Morrison's Byker** for allowing us to bag pack for the whole week, and thanks to their **staff** who put up with us every day, thanks to **Walker Councillor John Stokel-Walker** who joined us with the bag packing, and donations from other council staff....



For those who want to know more about cash for kids check out metro radio's web site you could even be eligible for the grants that are available.

Metro Radio & Magic 1152's Cash for Kids.

Who supports the thousands of children across the North East of England who suffer abuse neglect, are disabled and have special needs or who simply need extra care or guidance. We are tuned into the region and provide a helping hand when and where it is needed most.

Charity Registration No 1123115



Tania, the crazy bride to be... Bag packing in Morrison's Byker



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Calling all community groups

Are you looking for something different for your group to

experience this Summer? It's more than just riding, work as a team to learn new Skills. Training and/or lunch

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so no matter what the weather your group will have a super

visit . Call now for further details on:

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JOHN BOSTE

YOUTH PROJECT

Part of St. Anthony's of Padua Church and Community association.

We are running New sessions which Start: Thursday 4th June
Young people in Year 6 at primary school
Time- 4.30pm until 6.00pm

Parents must bring children for the 1st time
Activities include

Cooking, trips out, dance machine, x-box, arts & craft, sports, Internet access and lots more. Usual opening times are:
Mon—Fri Term time 3pm—6pm
Holidays 8.30pm—5.30pm

For more details please contact Jodie Grieveson on 0191 2623817 or e-mail: johnbosteyc@yahoo.co.uk
Web page: www.stapca.co.uk



Caring Hands:

Caring Hands Charity was established in 1992.



Our mission is to:

Sustain the independence and quality of life of older and disabled people living in the East End of Newcastle, through the active support of local volunteers.

Our Services:

Are designed to help older and disabled people live independently and to improve their quality of life.

For more information contact

Caring Hands Charity
34 Wretham Place Shieldfield Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1XU

Telephone: 01912615234

Email: caringhands.charity@btconnect.com

Updating membership

Thank you,

To everyone who has returned their membership form and current details. Please check out our website to see your group's link. For those of you who have yet to return the form please get in touch to let us know if any of your details have changed....

Promoting your group

If you are a member of The Alliance and would like to advertise what you do in our newsletter please contact; Sue Crawley Alliance Linkworker on 0191 2759477

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Healthy Communities Collaborative Live Healthier, Live Longer! Health Event

FREE Health MOTs & Health information, **FREE** buffet lunch Discussion groups on:

1. Lung Cancer - What happens from referral-diagnosis-treatment?
2. The Role of Food in Cancer prevention - making healthy lifestyle choices.
3. North Tyneside Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Service

Monday 29th June 2009 @ 9.30am until 1.30pm

The Oxford Centre, West Farm Avenue, Longbenton Newcastle upon Tyne. NE12 8LT

Registration essential! For more information or to book your place, please contact

Irene Hynd on 0191 643 2892 or

Email: Irene.Hynd@northtyneside-pct.nhs.uk



North Tyneside **NHS**
Primary Care Trust

Free S.T.E.P.S. Training



Steps To Excellence for Personal Success

Free Personal Development Training

The STEPS course is a personal development programme which encourages you to identify

positive changes that you would like to make within your life and helps you look at setting goals and finding a way of achieving them.

The course also helps you build your confidence and self esteem..

This course is FREE

To all east end residents and any member of a community or voluntary sector group which is based in the East End

Dates for the next course are:

29th and 30th June and 1st July

9.30am—3pm

@

Byker Fire Station

For more info please contact Tania McAllister on 0191 2759477 or email:

tania.mcallister@eastendalliance.org.uk

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CERTIFICATES

For everyone who completes the course, a presentation will be held in an East End venue to congratulate all participants.

Follow on support and guidance is also available for those who are interested.



Coffee and cake Events:

These are regular networking events often themed on what's happening in the East End. Alliance members also have the opportunity to highlight their group, or promote an event they are planning;

For more information on this contact Carol Hunter—Alliance Linkworker

OUR NEXT EVENT;

WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY 2PM to 4PM AT WALKER LIBRARY

We are able to hold another small grants fund of up to **£250.00**

We will be giving out information and applications to fill in or take away **ON THE DAY!**

(Please accept this as your invite, and *R.S.V.P.* to Carol Hunter; Thank You.)

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 like to add a link from The Alliance Web page to your own?

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 be returned via e-mail or post to The Alliance

Advertise for free.

As a member of The Alliance you can also highlight an event or training that you are organising or delivering on our events section.

Members e-mails circular

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

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

www.eastendalliance.org.uk

or contact us via;

0191 275 9477, fax 0191 224 3961 or email enquiries@eastendalliance.org.uk,
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



NACRO Tyne & Wear

Nacro is a registered charity and a principle voluntary organisation working to prevent crime by changing the life styles of young and vulnerable young people. Charity no 226171

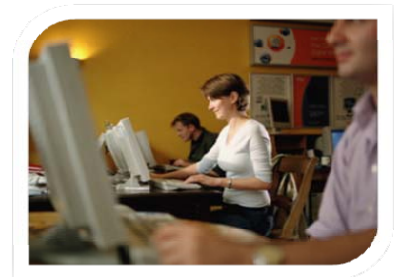
NACRO likes to encourage local residents, students and craftsmen to volunteer their time and skills to support staff with their training centres. We would like to hear from you if you think that you can spare a little time each week and are prepared to share your life skills with our young people aged between 16-24, who are training towards NVQ qualifications in a variety of vocational workshops in :- Animal Care, Horticulture, Motor Vehicle and Sports recreational coaching skills. Or perhaps you could help learners who encounter Numeracy/ Literacy difficulties If you have these or any other



FREE Training Courses

Employers are looking for people with a recent qualification in literacy or numeracy or an NVQ. You can get one for free with us, and it may take you less time than you think! Get the qualifications that potential employers want, improve your CV and get that job!

Additionally, you can take part in our Employability Training course, find out more about interviews, what employers want and where to find those jobs that are not advertised in the usual places! call Lisa on 0191 2738296 at the Newcastle centre to make an immediate appointment.



North of England

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QASRO (Quality Assurance System for Refugee Organisations)

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group, Implement good practice and to enhance your fundraising abilities. The QASRO learning programme will help you to find more about this tool and to learn how to use it.

For further information please contact:
Suddan Kurmar or Sirak Hagos on 0191 2457301
Address: 19 Bigg Market, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1UN

Web: www.refugee.org.uk