



The Alliance team are from L to R:  
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The Alliance held it's regular STEPS certificate presentations, for all those local residents who completed the training programme from April to July 09. This time the presentations were held at Monkchester Community Centre. Suki Bell, local community activist and centre volunteer; was asked to present certificates to the participants.

Some also completed An introduction to community development course.



For more Information on both of these courses please go to page 7.

The Alliance successfully bid for a years funding from Government Office North East (G.O.N.E.) to implement a programme to be delivered from ACANE (at Raby Cross in Byker) to engage and bring together the whole community and surrounding wards.

The activities that can be available from the centre are set out below. If you are interested in taking part or would like more information or suggest different sessions please contact ACANE directly on 0191 2658110 and ask for Gaby or Konomo.



ESOL through ICT online only accessible at ACANE centre. For Individual learning. Plus weekly revision classes for additional support. (childcare for revision classes only)

Delivery of S.T.E.P.S. programme to build self esteem by The Alliance Trainer

Women's group. Including a toddler group and organising family activities

Food co-operative group to be re-introduce at the centre.

Youth groups and activities in addition to the popular computer drop in sessions.

On going general support, advice and guidance to all of the A.C.A.N.E. members.

# the east end community development alliance

## Community Catering Initiative

We are a social enterprise run by local women.

We are based in the Thomas Gaughan Community Centre on Pottery bank in Walker.



Pam and Laura are at the helm of this popular community kitchen.

The café is open five days a week from 8.30am-2pm. they sell low cost nutritional food to local residents and workers in the area.

We also provide outside catering to numerous organisations and cater for small local events like birthday parties, weddings and even funerals.

You can contact us at Thomas Gaughan centre on 0191 2242349.

We have recently been successful with a 5 year lottery bid which has enabled us to employ 2 more local people into full time posts, this will enable community catering to move forward in starting up more community cafes and more luncheon clubs for the elderly. We will be continuing to seek funding for our very successful cookery lessons. We will also be able to work with other organisations more closely.

Newcastle Futures offer outreach services every Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning from the Walker Riverside Information Centre on Walker Road. The support available is voluntary and confidential, the team source suitable jobs and links into funding to help residents on their journey back to work. Amy and Nigel from the team also link very closely with key partners across the city bringing you the very best local support that is available to you.



To book an appointment or to learn more, contact Newcastle Futures on Free phone 0800 587 0478 or visit [www.newcastlefutures.co.uk](http://www.newcastlefutures.co.uk)

## Side by Side

Have produced two useful information bulletins:

### 01 A guide to finding Immigration Advice

The guide provides details of local and national not-for-profit providers of immigration advice and list of solicitors in Newcastle and Gateshead who provide immigration advice.

### 02 Learning to speak English: A guide to ESOL Classes

The guide provides details of ESOL classes in Newcastle and Gateshead as well as information on eligibility, the various ESOL grades and crèche facilities.

Both guides can be downloaded from the Side By Side website: [www.sbys.org.uk](http://www.sbys.org.uk) or from the Information Point for Ethnic Minorities in East End Library

Side by Side services include:

### The Information Point for Ethnic Minorities at East End Library,

which aims to tackle health inequalities among people of ethnic minority, by improving access to information on services, events, activities and groups; thus, helping prevent social isolation and improving mental health and well being.

The service provides people with up to date information on what's available and what's going on in the Newcastle area from courses, support groups to health services.

The Information Point is based in East End Library and is staffed by volunteers at the following times:

**Tuesdays: 10am – 12noon**

**Wednesdays: 2pm – 4pm**

**Thursdays: 4pm – 6pm**

People can either call into the library at the above times, phone 0191 278 8406 or email the volunteers at: [bmeinfopoint@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bmeinfopoint@yahoo.co.uk)

**The Accompanying Service**, a pilot project that aims to support people of ethnic minority who live in the east of Newcastle to access health appointments, services, groups, activities and events that would be beneficial to their mental health. We are currently taking referrals for this service.

Further information about all Side by Side Services by contacting: the Project Co-ordinator, Paul Whitlock, at CSV on 0191 232 6616.

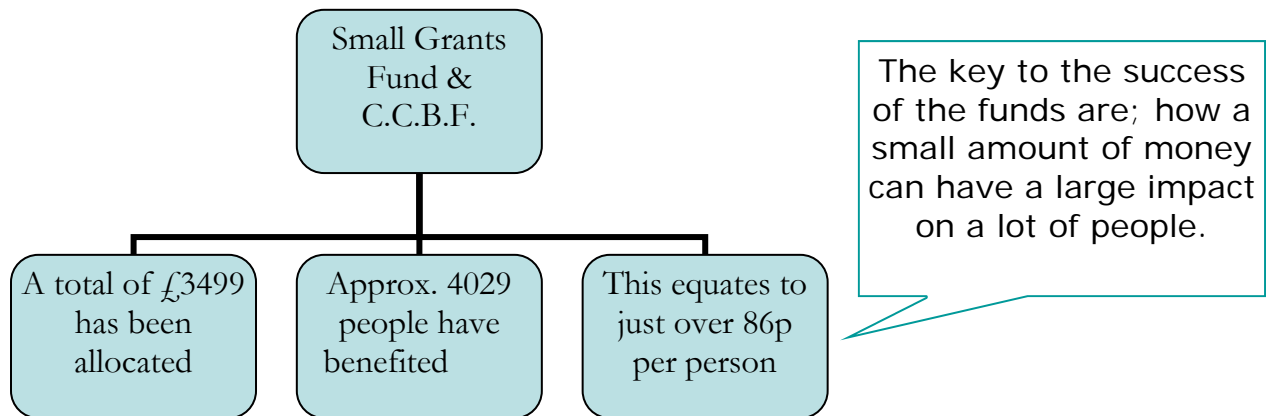
**How the Alliance grants were spent:**

As part of an evaluation of the funding that was given to groups in the last 12 months they were asked

**"If the funding had not come from the Alliance where else would you have applied to?"**

A selection of the answers that came back were –

- Don't know if there is anywhere with that type of funding on offer
- No idea
- Maybe Community Foundation
- Wouldn't have happened, it is hard to get funding for that type of equipment
- Would have went to Walker Ward Committee
- Wouldn't have been able to do the project
- At this moment there was no other option, very useful



These comments highlight the need for our small grants fund to continue into the future.

**A huge range of projects took place, some of which were:**

- Management committee training
- ICT training
- Purchasing of equipment i.e. snooker table for youth club, notice board for community centre Newsletter production and leaflets designed
- Venue costs
- Consultation exercise

**When asked "what the next step for the group was?"** they replied

- More funding
- More training (The majority of responses asked for support from the Alliance especially around fundraising).
- We need to get more people involved in our group

The CCBF changed to the Small Grants Programme for the July 2009 round. The Alliance held a consultation which highlighted the need for groups and organisations to hold activities such as chair based exercises, transport costs for outings and to be able to offer a crèche to their members. Thus enabling groups and organisations to continue to carry out the good work that they are doing.

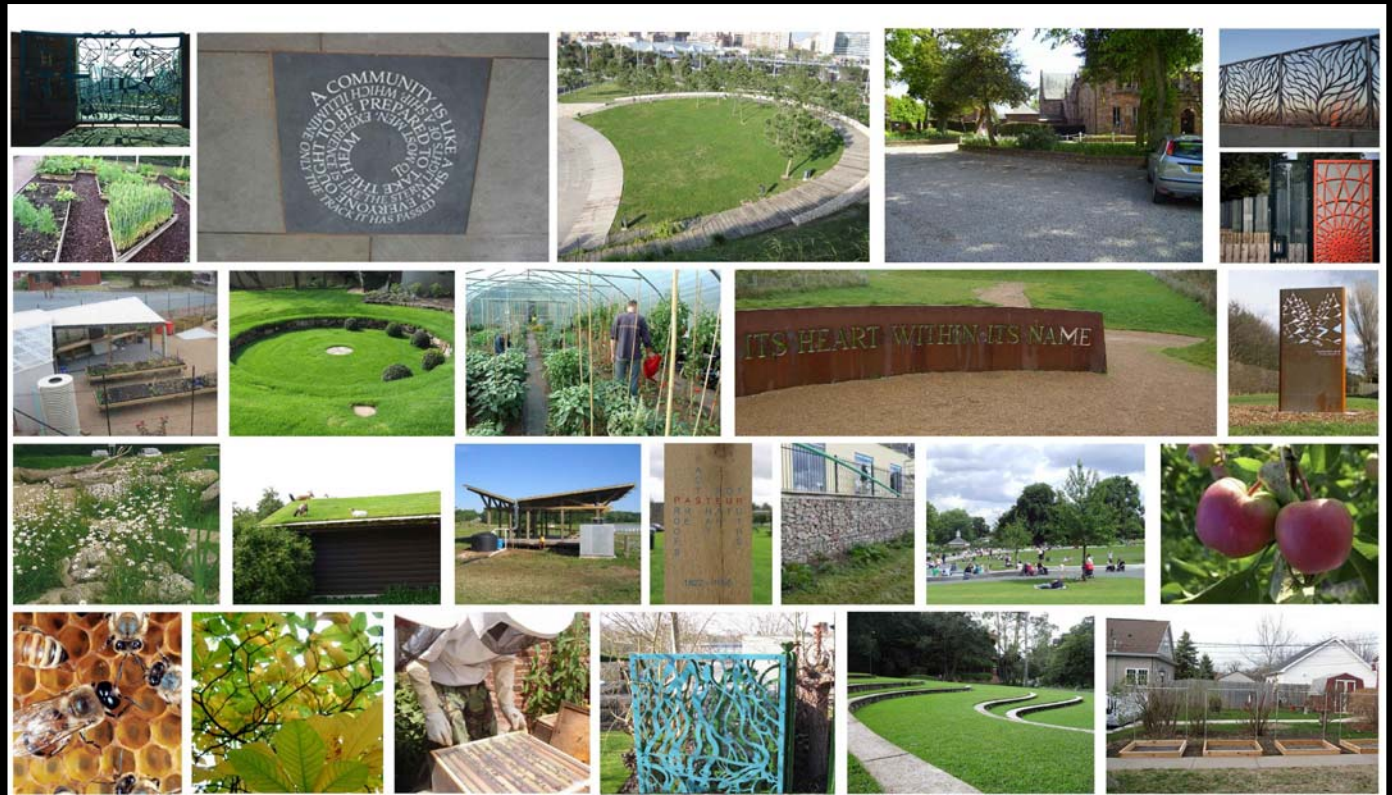


## Byker Centre Fun Day

“Byker Fest”

This was held in the current church and grounds of St Michaels, Headlam Street, on a wet and windy Saturday in August. Loads of activities were planned but as our weather loves to keep us guessing all the outdoor stuff were brought inside, including the music and the street dancing display that the local kids had been planning for weeks to show off their skills.

This made it very noisy in the church, especially for The Alliance who were there to carry out a consultation regarding the plans for the Byker Centre on our behalf. people were asked what they thought of the plans so far and then asked to write down their ideas and comments on post it notes. There were loads of great ideas. Community activity days for all ages (not necessarily at the same time) gardening and allotment space, a designated space for children to play safely, indoor or outdoor meeting space for community/voluntary groups. The list goes on, but the feeling from most that the project is a good one and hope to see it flourish.



### Byker Centre

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**The history behind the plans for the future**

The Byker Centre Partnership got together and with help from Groundwork put in a funding application to the Lottery for a “Community Spaces” flag-ship grant. After a long and nail biting process we were given the Good News that we successfully completed Stage One! And have to work hard to strengthen our ideas to prove they are workable for us to be able to get through to Stage Two of the Programme to receive up to half a million pounds to transform the grounds of St Michael’s Church in Byker and the Byker Community Centre into a new centre bringing them both together for the whole community to enjoy.

What would you like to have in the Byker Centre right in the middle of Byker?

Are you looking for a place for the children to play, a place where you can learn about gardening, take part in outside performances and exhibitions? Or just to sit comfortably and enjoy the view. For more information on the plans or if you would like to be part of “The Friends of Byker Centre” please contact Father John Sadler via e-mail to: [info@thebykercentre.com](mailto:info@thebykercentre.com) or ring 07836 354843



## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### JET Programme Autumn-Winter 2009/10

JET offers support and training to those from Black & Minority Ethnic Communities, including those who speak English as a second language, **FREE** courses are open to Newcastle residents with ESOL Entry Level 2C or above who receive benefits or Working Families Tax Credits. All learners are assessed for suitable English levels and will be offered other support if their language level is not of a sufficient standard. Courses can be accessed individually, and all learners will continue to have the 1:1 support of their personal advisor, as well as access to our Resource Centre, in which they can access computers, IT training, telephones and up-to-date prospectus information for all local colleges and universities.

JET can also offer help with **travel** and some **childcare costs**. For **more** courses or for more information please call 0191 226 3620 or e-mail [admin@jetnorth.org.uk](mailto:admin@jetnorth.org.uk)

#### Aspirational Training

Monday 21 September – Friday 2 October,  
09:30-12:30 Mon-Fri

*An intensive two week programme designed to build confidence, raise self-awareness and motivate job seekers on their path to success.*

#### ESOL for Jobs

Monday 5 October  
Thursday 3 December,  
09:30-12:30 Mon-Thu

*Taught by a qualified ESOL tutor, our flagship course covers key employability skills over eight weeks.*

#### Friends of Walker Riverside Park

The friends meet regularly throughout the year and work alongside the rangers to clean up the riverside park area, these are the date for the rest of 2009.

If you are interested in helping out on any of the dates then please ring

Michael Holcombe, the ranger on 0191 2813833 or mobile 07887 678429 you can also contact Volunteer Steve Williams on 07739012657

We hope to see you there  
We meet at 10am at the car park in Belmont Street

DATE	VENUE
Sat 12 Sept 2009	Walker Riverside Volunteer Day
Sat 19 Sept 2009	Northern Volunteer Day
Sat 10 Oct 2009	Northern Volunteer Day
Sat 17 & Sun 18 Oct 2009	Walker Riverside Autumn Volunteer Weekend
Sat 7 Nov 2009	Walker Riverside Park Volunteer Day
Sat 14 Nov 2009	Northern Volunteer Day
Sat 12 Dec 2009	Walker Riverside Volunteer Day
Sun 13 Dec 2009	Northern Volunteer Day

**Free Training Available**

**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

There will be 5 STEPS courses running over the next three months. Delivered by The Alliance: Tania McAllister

**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

**Dates for all the courses:**

\*All sessions will run from:  
9.30am until 2.30pm.

- \*Participants must be able to attend all four sessions.
- \*Lunch will be provided for all sessions.
- \*Childcare can be provided but **must** be requested in advance.

**VENUE 1:** St Martin's Centre – Tuesdays  
22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**VENUE 2:** Walker Library – Wednesdays  
23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**VENUE 3:** St Vincent's Primary School – Fridays  
18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> September 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> October.

**VENUE 4:** To Be Confirmed – Thursdays  
15<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> October 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**VENUE 5:** To Be Confirmed – Wednesdays  
4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**To book your place or request more information on STEPS and I.C.D. training contact The Alliance on 0191 2759477**

**Please state clearly which one of the courses you wish to attend by asking for the appropriate venue:**

**If you have specific dietary requirement or you require childcare please say so at time of booking**

**Introduction to Community Development: (I.C.D.)**

This course is also free to East End residents or any member of a community and voluntary sector organisation based in the East End.

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

\*Lunch will be provided for all sessions. Childcare can be provided but must be requested in advance.

**venue To Be Confirmed – Tuesdays: 27<sup>th</sup> October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> November.**



During the last few months

The Alliance has been very successful in applying for funding to further our support to local residents and voluntary and community groups in the East End of Newcastle.



The funding and funders are:

Migration Impact Fund – G.O.N.E.

Regional Improvement & Efficiency programme—N.C.C.

Learning Transformation Fund—Dept for Innovation, Universities and Skills\*

(\*A joint bid with - W. E. A., Ouseburn Trust, East End Media CIC, Community Broadcasting Initiative Tyneside & Roots and Wings CIC)

### 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 "what's happening" 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](http://www.eastendalliance.org.uk)

or contact us via;

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