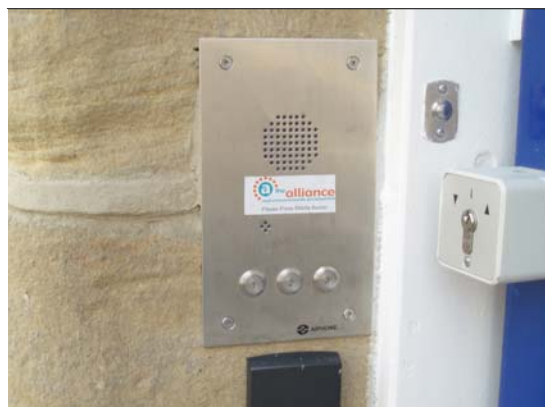
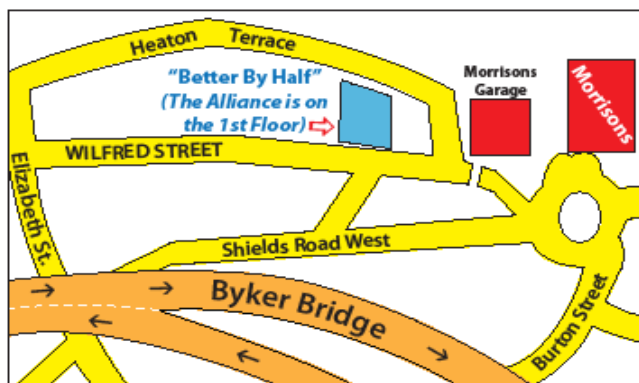




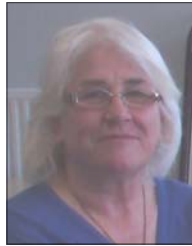
This is our front door, we share with Better By half—When you come to see us. You can use the lift or stairs to get to our offices which are on the first floor.

Press the middle buzzer at the left of the door to speak with a member of the Alliance staff.

We are just behind Morrisons at the very bottom on Shields Road. Direct bus route for 39, 40, 12, 62 and 63 and only a short walk from Byker metro. There is also space for parking.



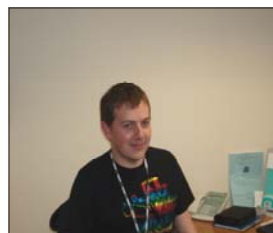
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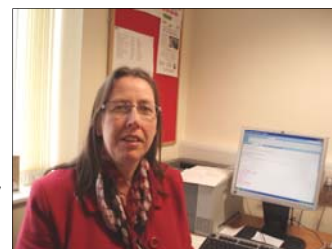
The Alliance have been through a lot of changes in the past 6 months, we have had to say goodbye to one of our trustees Martin Sabais, two work colleagues Robert Tshisekedi and Lee Spencer and our much loved Chief Officer Helen Grayshan. We wish them all well in whatever they choose to do.



And Now we say a BIG Hello to our new Chief Officer Fiona Swindell, some of you might remember Fiona from her days in BARC at Raby cross.

One of the Alliance members interviewed Fiona, A big thank you to Aly Smith from Charles Street Community Centre. We also welcome Alex Holmer to our Board of Trustees, (no photo yet)

If anyone is interested in becoming a trustee there is room for 2 more!



What is your role with the Alliance and what experience do you have of working in the east end?

As chief officer I am responsible for the supervision of staff, setting budgets and fundraising, I also have to look at the strategic implications and issues that might affect the Alliance such as the localism bill, the big society and any changes in charity law. I have worked in the east end as a front line community development officer between 1994 and 2005 mainly in the Byker area

What does community mean to you, and how do you perceive the community of the east end?

The east end has strong communities of geography as well as communities of identity or common interest, this means there are groups working together and collaborating but can also mean tensions, so plenty of areas where the Alliance can be working. For me in my own community, I am a school governor and try to be involved in my local area as much as possible.

There are many different community groups across the east end but little communication between them. Do you think starting a community network is something the Alliance can offer?

We are an independent network of community and voluntary sector groups mainly based in the east end, we hold regular networking events for members to come along and share information. I'm interested in finding out what Alliance members and other east end groups want to network around.

Due to cuts in local services our community association has seen an increased demand for our services, how do you feel the Alliance will be able to support the VCS to continue to function with the limited number of volunteers we have?

The Alliance should be offering support people need, supporting groups to be as efficient as possible with advice on fundraising, training and management committees.

You offer great training could the Alliance offer other kinds of training?

The Alliance make sure local training providers information is circulated, community groups can access training from NCVS but we might have to look at funding to offer a broader range of training to our members.

Would like to invite you to our East End catch up  
event

@ Byker fire station  
On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1-3pm

On the day there will be:  
A chance to meet our new chief officer  
Fiona Swindell

Take part in a consultation on the future plans of  
The Alliance  
A presentation of certificates for those who took part in our STEPS  
and Community Development training

Networking and catch up with local organisations  
Please contact The Alliance on 01912759477 or email  
[enquiries@eastendalliance.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@eastendalliance.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you

### **Places for People Work Placements Available**

Are you or do you know someone who is 16-18 year old and not working or attending college? Places for People can support you in finding a work placement for 3 days per week. We will pay travel expenses and provide any uniform or special clothing needed. Work placements can be in the construction industry, landscaping, hospitality, retail or social care.

Many of the young people we are working with go into apprenticeships (scaffolding, painting & decorating, joinery) others have been kept on after 13 weeks by their employers or moved on to college. You also get the chance to start building your CV with some work experience and have someone who can provide a reference for you.

It's the ideal time to find a work placement before all the 2011 school leavers start looking for work and give you the chance to find out what career you might want to pursue.

For more information and a chat text your name and age to Kerry on 07570671041 or email [kerry.marshall@placesforpeople.co.uk](mailto:kerry.marshall@placesforpeople.co.uk)

The Japan Karate Association of England (JKAE) held its annual national kyu grade championships at the Guildford Spectrum Leisure Complex in Surrey.

The Heian dojo based at the Allendale Community Centre in Byker, a community karate club which started in August 2008 entered 7 competitors and came away with 7 medals including 2 gold medals.

19yr old Erin Davis and Ray Duddin 20 from Walker in Newcastle upon Tyne who have been members of the club for just over a year and both only a week ago achieved a brown belt grade, impressed through their respective kata categories and made it through to the finals to claim the first gold medals for the club at this level of competition. The two went on to claim silver (Ray) and Bronze (Erin) in each of their kumite categories. 11yr old Stephen Roberts went through some tough rounds to claim bronze in the children's kata while Daniel Johnstone 23, took bronze in kumite and 14yr old Joel Woof also overcame some tough competition in his kumite category to claim silver.

Tawanda himself won silver and bronze at the senior championships earlier this year , the club looks to be on the right track to achieve future championship success as coaches and participants alike are keen to maintain the high standard of JKA Shotokan Karate and have the valued support of such a great community in and around the club to help along the way.



Congratulations the full squad were; Stephen Roberts, Crystalanne Roberts, Joel Woof, Erin Davis, Ray Duddin, Daniel Johnstone, Garry Taylor and Tawanda Marufu (coach), Stephen Roberts and Lisa Roberts (team support)

If you would like more information or would like to join please contact

[tyneandwear\\_jka@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tyneandwear_jka@yahoo.co.uk)

IN KIND DIRECT  MATCHING SURPLUS TO NEED

And as members of the Alliance you are too. If you would like to order any of the items that In Kind Direct have on offer then we can order them on your behalf but you will have to cover any costs

Check their web site for more information [www.inkinddirect.org](http://www.inkinddirect.org)

Alternatively you can become a member yourselves.

## East End Science

Over the past year communities in the East of Newcastle have been dusting off their Bunsen Burners and coming together to take part in a wide range of projects and events aimed at getting people involved in fun and engaging science projects and events. Working closely with Newcastle Science City's Community Science Team, groups across the area have been coming up with an array of projects. With six projects still running across the East End there is still plenty of opportunity to get involved and have some fun. For more information and to find a project running in your area visit

<http://www.newcastlecommunityscience.co.uk/>

The Community Science Team delivers a range of community-based events, workshops and meetings to enthuse and excite people about science. They work closely with local residents and community groups to support and encourage them to develop science-based projects to address key issues in their local community.

Newcastle Science City was set up by Newcastle University, Newcastle City Council and One North East to help the region realise the full economic potential of its science-based industries. The project benefits from European Regional Development Funding (ERDF).



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### **Volunteer opportunities at Ouseburn Community Centre**

We are run by a volunteer management committee in Partnership with Newcastle City Council, SureStart, Hotspur School and regular community groups. Anyone who has an interest in the centre and/or local area are welcome to attend monthly meetings. We would like to develop all our activities as well as our community cafe to meet the needs of our members and the visiting members of the public.

For more information please call Helen on 07889157518 or call into the  
Ouseburn Community Centre  
Mowbray Street Heaton Tel: 0191 2759950



*Jamie's*  
**MINISTRY OF FOOD**  
NORTH EAST

**Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food North East**

**East End Health** is working in partnership with the **Jamie Oliver Foundation** to deliver **Ministry of Food North East**. Ministry of Food North East was launched in October 2010 as an outreach project using a range of venues across the city including; Heaton Community centre, MEA house, and Newcastle University. Each Ministry of Food course lasts 10 weeks and can take 10 – 12 participants who work together over a 90 minute session. Participants are taught a variety of cookery skills, and learn how to make simple, tasty, economical meals from scratch. At the end of the course participants receive a Ministry of Food certificate in recognition of their achievements. The full course costs £50 working out at just £5 per session to cover the cost of ingredients. Participants take home all the food they have made and get a copy of the recipes to use and perfect at home. Anyone can come along to the sessions, however places are limited and must be booked in advance.



Our lead trainer Jackie Ware at Heaton Community Centre



Laura Wallace doing a Ministry of Food demonstration at Newcastle University

**Ministry of Food volunteers wanted** to help with the organisation and delivery of our Ministry of Food sessions.

If you would like to volunteer or for further information or to book a place on the course, please

contact East End Health on **07835 836 193** or email **info@eastendhealth.org.uk**

**S.T.E.P.S. COURSE**



25<sup>th</sup> May,  
1st, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
at



Byker Fire station 9.30-2.30.

This personal development programme can help you make positive changes within your life and increase self-esteem. Places are free for residents and voluntary and community sector workers in the East End of Newcastle.

**Book now by calling 2759477**

**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

**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?

**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.

**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 round on your behalf? If so then contact

Carol.hunter@eastendalliance.org.uk

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

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