

Partnership Name: 2D CVS

Lead Member: Cllr M Clarke

Lead Officer: Rachel Bowles

Corporate Plan Priority:

Dates covered by the report: 2008/2009

Progress Report

Annual report released in September of each year.

The strategic aim:

2D will ensure support for the Voluntary and Community Sector, primarily Teesdale and Wear Valley

Objectives:

External:

1. The delivery of CVS functions through development, support, liaison, representation, and strategic partnership work.
2. The delivery of volunteering infrastructure functions through brokerage, marketing, development, campaigning and good practice.
3. Ensure the voluntary and community sector of Teesdale and Wear Valley (the current geographical boundaries); continue to receive support services appropriate to their needs.

Internal:

4. Ensure quality governance, financial planning and management direction to the organisation.
5. Maintain financial sustainability by developing a range of services within the aims of the charity at the same time becoming less dependent on grants, by exploring other opportunities.

Main successes of 1st half 2008-9

Key indicators of total activity in the last year (April 2008- Sept 2008):

- 24 agencies assisted
- 20 funding applications
- 3 constitutions
- 2 charity commission applications
- Numerous "capacity building" enquiries
- 358k funding sought of that we know of £31k that was successful. (2 large ongoing apps.)

2D in Teesdale Volunteering

- Teesdale volunteers registered with 2D, currently stands at 1029
- We have 332 agencies registered.

Opportunities have included:

- Basic Skills Tutor
- Education Support Worker
- Chair person
- IT Co-ordinator (IT Support Worker)
- Charity Management/ Fund-Raising Outside Link Project Worker
- Citizens Advice Bureau Advisers
- Prisons Gateway Project Worker
- Community Allotment Gardener
- Programming Coordinator
- Community Association Members
- Publicity Officer
- Community Liaison Coordinator
- Quiz Coordinator
- Conservation Workers
- SOVA (Supporting Others through Volunteer Action)
- Credit Union Cashiers & Collectors Woodland Management
- Credit Union Treasurer
- Radio Presenters
- Day Club Members
- Radio Programmers
- Riding for the Disabled Assistant

Children and Young People's Participation work:

2D recognises the importance of listening to the views of children and young people and involving them in the decision-making processes across the Dales through the Young People's Participation Worker project. Due to Susie Blackburn getting her new job we have been able to continue the project in Teesdale through Robert Fothergill. This has helped to strengthen the links with Wear Valley and pull in additional funding and support.

Evidence for this ongoing work in the Dales area continues to be provided and 2D is constantly raising awareness and pushing for further funding to ensure this support remains.

The project is committed to the principle that all children, young people and their families will be:

- Listened to
- Take a full part in decision making
- Comfortable with the decision making process
- Aware of the opportunities to be involved with
- Treated with respect and dignity

Some of the areas of work so far in Teesdale have included:

- Support to local voluntary & community groups to develop more opportunities for participation with children & young people and develop partnership working through the Community of Interest
- Support for the Area Based Grants projects (ex-Children's Fund) as they work towards new commissioning
- Encouraging and helping young people to find the best avenues for voicing their views on issues relevant to them (e.g. Youth Forum, Speak Free and other local events)
- Supporting groups in joint funding applications (e.g. CoSIP, CAMHS, etc)
- Support for the new Play Coordinator