

TEESDALE PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

THEMATIC GROUP LEAD MEMBER REPORT FORM

THEMATIC GROUP:	DATES COVERED IN REPORT:
Lifelong Learning Group Lead Member: Cllr John Salter	February to March – prepared for Executive Committee 7th April, 2008
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED THIS PERIOD:	
<p>Andy Leitch, Lead Officer for the Lifelong Learning Group of the Teesdale Partnership will retire 31st March, 2008. Andy has been the co-ordinator of the group for the past seven years and his professionalism and energy will be a great loss.</p> <p>The GCSE results for both Secondary Schools in the District were pleasing even with Maths and English included. There was however an anomaly between girls and boys with girls performing much better. This appears to be a national trend.</p> <p>The Teesdale Skills Development fund was coming to a close but it is hoped that the extra £9,000 awarded will be fully utilised.</p> <p>A Project Implementation Plan has now been written and forwarded to the County Durham Economic Partnership in the hope of securing Single Programme Funding over the next three years which will be available to assist economic inclusion activity. The criteria for accessing this funding is that the money must be aimed at projects that fit the Regional Employment Framework which is mainly aimed at getting people on benefits back into the workplace.</p> <p>Funding is still available for community groups from the Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Fund. The administration of the funding going forward will be discussed further with DCC Education in the Community.</p> <p>The Hanlon Information System has proved to be very good for tracking and providing a comprehensive picture of a client's background. Costs are being sought with a view to purchasing the system through the Neighbourhoods' Fund.</p> <p>Connexions have provided figures which indicate the destinations of Year 11 school leavers on a ward basis. Councillor Salter has asked that this information be distributed to elected members on Teesdale Council as it would give them information on what was happening to young people in their Districts.</p>	
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES TO BE ACHIEVED NEXT PERIOD:	
<p>We hope to work with Teesdale School, Bishop Auckland College and Teesdale Community Resources to help the progress of a proposed new build of premises. We will be working to seek further funding to retain the Teesdale Skills Development Fund.</p>	

ISSUES AND EXCEPTIONS THIS PERIOD:

None

Signed (Lead Member)..... Date.....