

**Central Working Together Fund Project Descriptions**

Barnsley Churches Drop In Project- Moving Forward

Barnsley Churches Drop-In Project is a registered charity which provides hot meals to those in need, this is currently around 300 per week. In addition, donated clothing and sleeping bags to those who are homeless are offered. The project offers support, comfort and nourishment to the homeless, addicted and excluded at the drop-in. The objective of the project is to encourage self-worth and wellbeing.

The project is run entirely by volunteers and one paid part-time co-ordinator. The Central Working Together Fund "Moving Forward" element offers the opportunity for service users who are able to move with support into volunteering, to try activities such as arts & crafts, cook & eat and for volunteers who are also often vulnerable to gain qualifications, work experience, and confidence to assist with their daily lives. The project also offers an opportunity for other services such as Lifeline and Berneslai Homes to offer their services, advice and guidance.

Home-Start Barnsley-Home(-Start) to Home

Homestart supports families across the borough with trained volunteers providing a home visiting service for those eligible with children under the age of five.

The Central WTF element is called Home(-start) to Home and aims to support families across the Central Area who are living in private rented accommodation with trained volunteers. This project aims to address issues such as the establishment of routines, home living conditions, and support for families to become better tenants and members of their communities.

A trained volunteer will visit families and offer emotional and practical support including motivation and encouragement to reduce tenancy disputes and troubled families.

The EXODUS Project

The Exodus Project is a children and young person's charity working exclusively in Barnsley targeting the most disadvantaged communities. The work of the project diverts children and young people from destructive lifestyles and helps to build their aspiration. The Exodus project sees over 250 children and young people every week through a network of 10 mid-week activity clubs, weekend camps, home visits and community partnership working.

The programmes run by Exodus involve dance, drama, music, sports, crafts and games. The work with young volunteers gives them better access to training, employment and improves life skills. Community engagement is also a critical factor as the project seeks to the issues tackled with the children; reflect the needs in the areas where they live in addition to promoting healthy and active lifestyles.

Exodus is already active in the Central area although this is mostly focussed in the Kingstone Ward, the aim of this grant will be to build on this and offer more time and volunteers to help shape and deliver local services for local young people. The role of the part funded Development Manager will be to attract new volunteers and provide the infrastructure necessary to enable them to make a positive contribution.

#### Hope House Church – Community Hub

The Hub at Hope House Church is a development of trialled activities to meet the needs and enhance the lives of those within the community. The Hub is the foundation of a strategic project 'Hope House Life' which aims to address the whole life needs of individuals.

The activities /services which will be run include: Urban Impact, a 4 day project in Spring Bank 2015. This engages young people in making a positive difference to the local community giving them opportunities to serve. Young people's summer adventure activities, to include climbing, kayaking. Holiday clubs within the Hub including arts, crafts and sports. In addition the development of Hope House Cinema Club, a community cinema for all, and the development of the community cafe with a new worker for 12 months.

#### Penny Pie Park Community Group

The community group has over 20 active members from a broad age range. The group aims to improve the well-being of individuals, families and grow community spirit in the area, encouraging a sense of worth and ownership of the park.

The project will bring an overgrown piece of land within the park back into use in order to be enjoyed by all park users. The project will provide a pleasant seating area, and encourage more wildlife by planting more plants, flowers, and trees. The aim is also to erect both bird and bat boxes as there are none in the park.

#### Higham Cricket Club – Higham Community and Recreation Ground Regeneration

Higham Cricket Club is situated at the heart of Higham village. In addition to the cricket ground, the area also has a children's play area and a grasses area which is used by the community. The site and hedgerows is currently maintained by volunteers.

The aim of the project is to develop the site into a central focal point for community based activities in Higham. This project which runs alongside a Sport England bid is to help maintain and develop the site to install picnic areas and benches and also equipment to control weeds and trim hedgerows and create new surfaces for the new youth teams pitches.