



The Regional Skills & Employability Supply Chain for the Third Sector

Welcome to the February Hub News .

A hectic month with a lot of travelling across the region to carry out membership validation meetings, with the added complication of having to learn the pronunciation of the various place names, which in itself has been an experience.

The team has been working hard to increase Contracts Matter members, following up outstanding application forms. Promoting Contracts Matter to new audiences, attending meetings and events and completing daily searches of funding sites, identifying potential funding opportunities .

Funding Opportunities

The following opportunities have been advertised this month:

LSC - Delivery of Numeracy Provision to Adults - for more information about this opportunity see: lsc.bravosolution.co.uk
The closing date for online submissions is 17th March 2010

Ministry of Justice ESF England 2007 – 2013 operational programme - The project is to deliver against ESF priorities 1 and 4 which is extending employment opportunities and tackling barriers to employment.



Welcome to new members

Congratulations and welcome to new members this month:

- Five Lamps
- Transport in North Northumberland
- East End Community Development Alliance
- Prudhoe Community Partnership
- Fairbridge Teeside
- Education Business Connections Ltd
- Action for Blind People
- Ferryhill LADDER Centre
- Acorn Computer Reuse & Recycling (CIC)
- SHAID -Single Homeless Action Initiative in Derwentside
- Escape Family Support Ltd

Updates

Following on from last month's news letter:

Third Sector Capacity Funding

Two member organisations have submitted a collaborative bid and are awaiting a decision

ACEVO Direct support with Bidding and Tendering Programme

The Hub Manager has now attended two formal training sessions. The first, "Are you Bid Ready?" included the bid process and what policies and procedures organisations need to have in place, prior to applying for bids. Using Acumens documentation as a test of 'fit for purpose' we are now in a position to be able to pass on this knowledge to Contracts Matter member organisations

The second session included "Choosing The Right Opportunities" through the use of a decision matrix , and "The Ten Golden Rules To Bid Writing.

There will be opportunities in the future to cascade this valuable information to member organisations.

Contracts Matter will continue to have access to specialist support with bidding and tendering until March 2011

If you have not yet returned your application or had confirmation that it has been received by Contracts Matter, please return your completed form or contact us as a matter of urgency

To receive up-to-date funding opportunities you need to be a member of Contracts Matter

Contracts Matter is a means for Voluntary Community Sector organisations to work together to bid for, win and deliver skills and employability contracts. A streamlined route for public and private sector contractors to engage with the third sector.