



The Regional Skills & Employability Supply Chain for the Third Sector



Welcome to the first 2010 Hub News. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

With Christmas a distant memory the team are looking forward to the new opportunities and challenges ahead.

We have had an eventful and busy start to 2010. Organisations are requesting application forms, membership is increasing and opportunities are starting to materialise.

At the beginning of January, Acumen on behalf of Contracts Matter applied to ACEVO for a Direct Support with Bidding and Tendering Programme. As one of 10 successful applications we are pleased to advise you that Contracts Matter now has access to one year's support from a specialist in Public Sector Tendering, which includes a tailored package of 12 days support of on-site /off-site support.

The announcement of Third Sector Capacity Funding provided the first opportunity for Contracts Matter to bring together members to explore the opportunity to submit a collaborative bid. A meeting took place on Wednesday 27th January and as a result two organisations are looking to work together to submit a bid.

Welcome to new members

Congratulations and welcome to new members this month:

- Northern Learning Trust
- West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust
- Dash
- National Day Nursery Association
- Morrison Trust
- Key Enterprises
- North East Council on Addiction
- Dyslexia Action
- Cornforth Partnership

Once again this month a number of validated members have received funding alerts specific to their organisation

Funding Updates/Opportunities

Third Sector Capacity Fund - Round 3

The Third Sector Capacity Fund is looking to invest in projects and activities involving Third Sector Organisations which support the North East Region in responding to the recession. In this round they have prioritised three themes: financial inclusion, supporting a market place for mergers, and ensuring equality of economic opportunity. For more information go to:

www.thirdsectorfunding.org.uk

Procurement Training & Mentoring Programme

The North East Social Enterprise Partnership has announced that Community Ventures Ltd (CVL) has been successful with a bid to deliver a Procurement Training and Mentoring Programme as part of the Big Lottery funded Procurement and Commissioning Project (NE2). To register your interest please email: harmitage@nasep.co.uk by 31 January

Funding Opportunity Northumberland County Council

Provision of Business Advice and Support: Northumberland County Council invites contractors to bid for the provision of Business Advice and Support to businesses, social enterprises and Third sector groups in Northumberland who wish to develop their capability to undertake business with the public sector. For more information see NEPO site: www.nepoportal.org

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 with 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.