

Responding positively to Community Needs

A WARM WELCOME

from the Chairman and Chief Executive



A warm welcome to the winter edition of "Trust Talk", the quarterly newsletter of North Doncaster Development Trust.

We have tried to make this newsletter both interesting and useful for Doncaster residents.

You will find examples of some of the work which we carry out across the Borough, and we have included contact details for all our projects.

As a community led Charity we try to be responsive to local needs, and are committed to helping to improve the quality of life in our neighbourhoods. I am sure that the range of projects which we currently

deliver go a long way to helping local people, but we are always open to new ideas.

Above all, we want the Trust to be relevant to you, and would welcome suggestions on how we can further improve our services to the community.

Improving the Quality of Life in Our Community

Free Home Safety Packs for North Doncaster

We are taking our Safer Homes project on the road around the north of Doncaster and will be distributing free Home Security Packs in the near future. These packs will include timer switches, window and door alarms and SmartWater.

We will also continue to arrange free home security assessments and will offer the free supply and installation of home security equipment such as door chains, window locks and spy holes.



Look out for the big pink bus in your area or call us on 01302 874587 to ensure you don't miss out!

A Day in the Life of a Jobmate

Chris Days, the Senior Jobmate for the West of Doncaster gives an insight into a typical working day.

8:30am

Chris arrives at one of the Jobmates team offices in the Martinwells Centre, Edlington. His first job is to call any new clients who have been referred to him via the Success Doncaster Helpline, and to make appointments with existing clients.

10:00am

Chris meets a new client at Conisbrough library. After introducing the Jobmates project, an individual action plan is developed to help the client take the first steps to finding employment. A second meeting is arranged allowing two weeks for Chris and the client to start working through their action points. Chris will be gathering information on relevant training, volunteer and work opportunities.

Chris also advises the client about the Jobmates counselling service which offers a safe and friendly environment to discuss and explore any problems or issues that may be preventing the client from moving forwards.

11:00am

Chris's next appointment is with a client at Denaby library who has received

support with job search, writing CVs and filling in job applications, but is feeling nervous about interviews. Chris will help to build the client's confidence and to prepare for the interviews.

12:30pm

Chris visits Andrea Lunn, the Jobmates Engagement Officer for the West of Doncaster. She has arranged for the Success Doncaster Bus to be situated in Edlington, where people can drop in and have a chat about starting and finding work. Representatives from other Success Doncaster partners also attend to offer support.

2:00pm

Chris has a partnership meeting with Jobcentre Plus. They have agreed to work together to make sure that clients receive the right support from the right people at the right time.

3:00pm

Final meeting of the day at Mexborough Resource Centre with a client who has just been successful in getting a job. At this stage, Chris makes sure that the client has everything they need to start their new job, for example appropriate clothing and access to transport.

4:00pm

Chris spends the last hour of the day ensuring that all necessary documentation is complete and all paper work is in place. This is essential to ensure that he delivers a top quality service to all his clients.



**Get in touch, Get the help,
Get that job.**

01302 734554

www.jobmates.org.uk

New Year, New Start, New Business?

Our team of Community Enterprise Advisors continues to be very busy helping people into self employment.

“Whether you're in work or not, self employment is becoming a realistic option for more and more people. Redundancies and lack of job vacancies sometimes make people, who wouldn't normally have thoughts about self employment, consider the idea” said David Gibson (NDDT Contracts Director).

“Being part of Success Doncaster, we also have access to a wide range of other specialist advice and we work collaboratively with many partner organisations, ensuring that the client gets the best possible advice as they progress through the start up process.”

“We have a team of six advisors working across the whole of Doncaster helping people explore their ideas and consider whether self employment is right for them” he continued.

“The CEAs have an enormous amount of experience between them and will help anyone to examine the financial implications of setting up and running a business, as well as how to advertise and market the business, tax and finance, finding customers and suppliers, as well as any other relevant advice on a case by case basis.”

“Setting up in business isn't an easy decision to take and in the current economic climate it's important to plan carefully and weigh up the pros and cons as well as take whatever advice is available. Our CEAs advice is free, confidential and impartial and may just make the difference between success and failure” he concluded.



Green Team

Helping our communities become self-sufficient

NDDT's Green Team are researching project ideas which will help our communities become more self-sufficient and which will counter the effects of climate change and peak oil (**Peak oil** is the point in time when the maximum rate of global oil extraction is reached, after which the rate of production declines to zero).

The Green Team is also contributing to the work of 'Transition Town Bentley'. This is a new group which is addressing green issues in Bentley. From its monthly meetings it has found that Bentley residents want to grow more fruit and vegetables but don't have access to enough land. From this, a number of projects are in various stages of action:-

- **Working with the Forestry Commission to develop a community orchard in Bentley**
- **Starting a Garden Share scheme**
- **Organising fruit tree grafting training (Spring 2010)**
- **Organising a trip to Todmorden & Hebden Bridge to see the exciting range of community growing projects taking shape**

The Green Team want to hear your ideas to improve the environment in your area. Maybe you have an idea for a project but need help developing it?

Give us a call or email your thoughts today!

**Contact the green team
01302 874567**

greenteam@northdoncaster.org.uk

If you are interested in setting up in business or just want to explore the idea then call the Success Doncaster helpline on 01302 734554 or visit www.successdoncaster.co.uk

Other NDDT projects

Looking to start back to work

Key worker
01302 874587

Scooter hire

Wheels2Work
01302 828364

£500 grants for North Doncaster

NDDT - Micro Grants
01302 874587

Transport Solutions

Community Transport

North Doncaster Development Trust will celebrate Community Transport's 6th Birthday on 22nd March 2010.

"This not for profit project has been providing a friendly reliable mini bus hire service for our members, and we continue to pride ourselves on the quality service we deliver" said Paul Cawston (Transport Operations Manager).

"To say a big thank you to all our members, new and

old, we will enter everyone into a prize draw to win transport for a day trip up to the value of £200".

"Our members keep the Community Transport project running, and it is great to give something back to reward their loyalty".

"If you are planning a day out, a trip to the theatre, or any other occasion requiring transport, give us a call on 01302 874587 and we will give you a quote that will put a smile on your face."



The Directory

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