

Workforce Development

During 2005/2006 the OVN VSA has facilitated the following training:

- Equality and Diversity Training - in partnership with Chester le Street CVS
- **Committee Management Training** - in partnership with Teesdale Village Halls Consortium
- Communications Networking and Development Days - in partnership with One Voice Network
- **Community Groups Accounting Courses** - in partnership with 2D
- Chartered Management Institute (CMI) L4 Diploma in Management in partnership with New College Durham. The CMI L5 Executive Diploma in Management available from September 2006
- **A Foundation Degree for the VCS** in partnership with New College Durham available from September 2006
- Trainers Trained - from September 2006 Trainers and aspiring trainers will have the opportunity to participate in training and Continued Professional Development.

Contact Us:

To find out more about how and when you can speak to a member of staff, contact us at:

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Information, Advice and Guidance

We can provide information, advice and guidance to volunteers and paid staff working with voluntary or community groups in County Durham.

Up to date information on programmes running for 2006/2007 can be accessed on the courses database on www.onevoice.co.uk



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One Voice Network Voluntary Sector Academy

The One Voice Network Voluntary Sector Academy or (OVN VSA) provides a range of services around learning and skills to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in County Durham, Including:-

Secretariat to the County Durham VCS Working Together Forum and lead on its ESF Co-Financing contract.

Access to the latest information of importance to the sector via our website and weekly e-alert.

Facilitation of a range of workforce development programmes to employees and volunteers.

Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) and signposting service.

Supporting VCS learning providers.

county including VCS employers, learning providers and stakeholders such as the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and Business Link.

Representatives have a shared interest in ensuring that staff, volunteers and trustees working with VCS organisations in County Durham have the skills they need to deliver high quality services.

Working closely with the LSC has given the W.T. Forum recognition as a learning provider and as a source of knowledge and expertise. In early 2006 the W.T. Forum was successful in gaining an ESF Co-financing contract for delivery of training to beneficiary groups in County Durham from July 2006 to June 2008.

Co. Durham VCS Learning Providers will be offering training and support to people who are looking to join or rejoin the job market.

If your organisation provides learning, or supports learning in the VCS, further details on the W.T. Forum are available by contacting the OVN VSA, details are at the end of this leaflet.

Website and E-alerts

The One Voice Network website has some new features:

A directory of County Durham's voluntary & community groups
Advice Shop - Do you have a question about starting, running a voluntary or community group? Our online Advice

Shop will ask you to answer a few simple questions and then direct you to the online resource that tells you exactly what you need to know.

Free mini-websites - Tell the world what your organisation does; place all your news and events on your very own website. We'll set it up and offer you training on how to use it.

Teamzones - The cure for meetings-fatigue, this tool facilitates partnership working by allowing colleagues from different organisations to work together online.

Online Learning in partnership with LearnDirect

It still has favourite features such as...

Jobs - Job vacancies in County Durham's voluntary and community sector.

Courses - Training opportunities suitable for your management committee, staff and volunteers.

Community Notice board - Let everyone know what is happening in your community.

It's free to register and post your jobs, courses and notices too!

Stay up to date on news relevant to your organisation with the weekly email - alert, to register for the e-alert, register with the One Voice Network website or email onevoice@disc-vol.org.uk.