



Halton Strategic **PARTNERSHIP**

WNF Proposed Project Directory for 2008/09

EMPLOYMENT, LEARNING AND SKILLS THEMATIC PARTNERSHIP

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Project Description:	
<p>The core activity of this specialist team is to improve the employability skills of local disabled people and help them to progress into employment. The Pre–Employment Team provide a specialist employment support service for some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable residents in the borough. The service will provide the opportunity for disabled people who want to work to develop their employability skills through a planned programme of supported work experience placements which may be paid or voluntary, paid permitted work placements and/or education & training activities. The aim of the Service will be to help disabled residents to develop the confidence and appropriate employability skills to progress into part-time or full-time work.</p>	
Project Name:	Halton YMCA
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Project Description:	
Halton YMCA is an accredited Foyer and provider of accommodation and training. We work with the most disadvantaged residents of Halton, many having a number of barriers that can reduce their ability to moving on (including alcohol and drug abuse.) If these barriers are ignored, this may in turn affect the ability to sustain employment. 70% of our residents have a basic skills need. Working with Basic Skills Agency online material we will utilise our IT Centre and deliver our "Everyone can learn to Learn" Skills for life programme, which involves creative media and art, together with basic skills. One worker will be attributed to this Project.	
Project Name:	Skills for Life
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Project Description:	
The Skills for Life project will continue to bring together the organisations supporting and delivering Skills for Life learning provision in Halton to work collaboratively to plan and deliver learning opportunities to meet the needs of individuals, employers and community organisations, and ensuring capacity to deliver high quality Skills for Life learning, and plan/design promotional materials in a variety of formats. The project will also update data in the Skills for Life provision database to reflect changes in provision. The new data will be used to map accredited and non-accredited Skills for Life learning and employer-led Skills for Life provision.	
Project Name:	HPiJ Employment & Employment Outreach
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Project Description:	

Amongst it's activities, Halton People into Jobs actively promotes vacancies on behalf of Halton employers and provides a job brokering/matching service for local employers and local residents. They also provide In Work Support service to help people to retain their new job, and manage the delivery of employment initiatives that are all aimed at assisting unemployed residents back to work. HPIJ also engages directly with local residents to promote and raise awareness of entrepreneurship and self-employment as viable option via the Halton Enterprise Charter

Project Name:	Halton ILM
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Project Description:

The project is aimed at improving the employability of local residents who are unemployed by placing the individuals within high quality work experience placements coupled with job focused training. Economic Regeneration's Enterprise & Employment Team manage the project.

Project Name:	Halton Family Groups
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Project Description:

Halton Family Groups aims to provide informal support to groups of adults and children within the District of Halton Borough Council, in partnership with 5 local children's centres. Adults are able to share concerns, skills and life experiences, build confidence and reduce isolation thus encouraging the development of community and family life for themselves and their child. Children have access to good quality early years play and learning within a safe and welcoming environment where they are able to grow and socialize with their peers.

Project Name:	Tackling Debt, Improving Lives
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Project Description:	
<p>The project has two key aims; the first is to tackle poverty through income maximisation and debt management (so far, managed £10.7million of debt and won £1.5million of benefit gains), and second to encourage volunteering and providing a non-academic gateway to learning new skills and improving job prospects (in the last two years seventeen volunteers recruited, fourteen gained qualifications, seven found paid employment)</p>	
Project Name:	Halton Borough Council – Enterprise Development
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Project Description:	
<p>HBC’s Enterprise Development project is aimed at taking forward the enterprise agenda within the Halton area and will contribute to the emerging “Halton Culture of Enterprise”. The NRF will provide sources to help achieve a number of enterprise outcomes that offer enterprise development outputs. The Enterprise Development Officer will co-ordinate all enterprise activity and the project will work with Enterprise Outreach organisations (HPiJ Enterprise & Business Start-up Brokers, HPiJ Enterprise Charter, Train 2000, NW Business Link, Silver Entrepreneurs, Halton Chamber of Commerce & Enterprise, Riverside College) to promote entrepreneurship and support residents into business start-up or self-employment opportunities.</p>	
Project Name:	Benefit Express
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Project Description:	
<p>The Benefit Express is a mobile office that can tour the borough. From this office a variety of information and services can be obtained most notably Housing Benefit & Council Tax Benefit Advice, Welfare Rights and Money Advice. In addition other Council Services are now provided such as issuing bus passes and through partnership working information on a whole range of council services is available. Other organisations such as Social Landlords, Employment Services and the voluntary sector are also providing services from the mobile office.</p>	

Don't have, as of yet, any information from ELS colleagues regarding projects Inspiring Women, Adult Learners Celebration, Castlefields Employability, City Employment Strategy Contribution, Pre-level 2 Provision, Childcare