

## Community Voluntary Partners



empowering the community and  
voluntary sector in Bolsover District

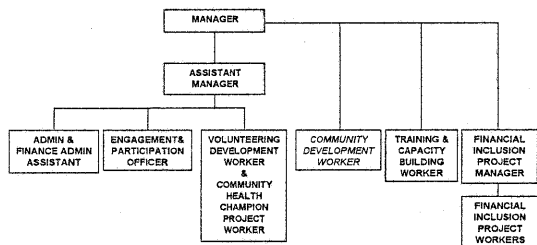


## CVP – who we are

- 'Infrastructure organisation' or Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)
- Umbrella for community & voluntary sector
- Established 2007



## Current Staff



## What We Do

### Core Functions

- Support & Development Services
- Representation & Liaison
- Strategic Partnership Working



## In 2009/10 you funded us to ...

- Identify local needs & issues and develop ways of addressing these through partnership working
- Support and develop community groups and voluntary organisations in order for them to function effectively and deliver relevant, quality services
- Facilitate effective networking and partnership working – inter sector & cross sector
- Enable the views of the community and voluntary sectors to be represented effectively at policy, strategic planning and service delivery levels



## What We Delivered ...

- Established a Financial Health Group
- Organised a week long festival and organised an event promoting employment/training opportunities, healthier lifestyles and leisure activities
- Established a Shirebrook Network bringing together agencies and community groups working in the area
- Provided advice and information to a total of 71 individual community and voluntary organisations



## What We Delivered ...

- Continued to administer the Healthy Bolsover Community Grants Scheme - 30 grants awarded totalling over 20K
- 4 funding workshops/surgeries, a workshop on "Political activity and campaigning" and presentations on "Impact monitoring and evaluation"
- Produced a "Youth Funding Guide" and a "Starting Up A New Group Pack"
- Facilitated the VCI Passport scheme - 21 volunteers have secured accreditation
- Continued to produce and distribute a quarterly newsletter



## What We Delivered ...

- Continued to facilitate a number of networks & forums including:
  - Community Sector Forum & Voluntary Sector Forum
  - Children & Young People's Forum
  - VCS LSP Reps Network
  - Bolsover Compact Development Group
  - VCS Training Network
  - Volunteer Co-ordinators Network & Volunteers network
  - Health & Social Care Network
- Continued to attend and represent the VCS on the LSP ESG & Board and continued to support 21 community and voluntary sector LSP representatives



## What We Delivered ...

- Represented the VCS on the Working Neighbourhoods Fund Core Worklessness Group
- Actively supported and promoted the Bolsover Apprenticeship Scheme
- Established the Volunteering Project which has:
  - Placed 32 volunteers, 2 of whom have secured paid employment
  - Signed up 41 Community Health Champions
  - Held a Volunteer Awards Ceremony



## What We Delivered ...

- Produced a Bolsover Financial Inclusion Strategy 2009-14 which we are in the process of implementing including:
  - Increasing Debt & Benefit Advice provision
  - Increasing access to affordable credit and mainstream financial services
  - Delivering a programme of financial capability training
- We are in the process of establishing a training & capacity building project which will deliver community based informal and OCN accredited learning activities throughout the District, targeted at those who are not employed, engaged in community activity or learning.



## Looking Forward

- **A snapshot of the community & voluntary sector**
  - Estimated income £10.6million
  - Employs approx. 764 staff and 1955 volunteers
- **Key challenges**
  - Overall reduction in public finances
  - Increased demand for services and support
  - Increased competition for reduced funding
- **Key priorities**
  - Community and voluntary sector support & development
  - Effective representation and engagement of the community and voluntary sector at a strategic and policy level
  - Continued commitment to strong and effective partnership working with public sector partners



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