



COALFIELD FORUM MEETING
Tuesday 29th July 2008
at Easington Lane Community Access Point

Present –

G. Dunn, Houghton Blind Centre
M. Lowthian, Sunderland LINK
Michelle, ShARP
J. Johnson, Herrington Burn YMCA
P. Forster, Sunderland City Council
Natalie Maidment, Sunderland City Council
Sophie Forster, Volunteer
Ethel Richardson, Coalfield Forum
Jack Steel, Coalfield Forum
Gina Smith, Sunderland Carers Centre
Peter Murray, Streetz
Ricky Murray, Streetz
Marc Husband, Streetz
Zoe Dodds, Streetz
Rownan Tennee, Streetz
Dean Aythen, Streetz
David Ramshaw, Streetz
Bill Robinson, SES

Christine Charlton, Sunderland CVS/Compact
Joan Carthy (Chair) Coalfield Forum
James Macintosh, Digital Challenge
Angie Nordstrom, NHS
J. Duden, Northumbria Police
A. Harker, Northumbria Police
A. Fall, URBAN II
E Lillie, URBAN II
Jack White, Climate Change Champ
Rev. A. Anderson, St Michael's and St Angels Church
June Forster, Sunderland City Council
M. Hope, Hetton & Eppleton Hall
Lynn Summerside, Sit 'n' 'b' Fit
Linda Morton, Sit 'n' 'b' Fit
Pat Burn, Sunderland Community Matters
Grant Hollis, Fat Penguin Co.

1. Apologies

Doris Turner, Hetton Fellowship of Churches
Councillor Kath Rolph
David Brennan, Houghton Kepier
Angela Cousins, Hetton Centre
Lesley Roy, Job Linkage
Sreelekha Reddy, Sangini

Fraser Kemp, MP
Mary Pattinson, SCVS
Elaine Davison, Blind Centre
Vivienne Metcalfe, Sunderland City Council
Andrea Carr, SCVS

Joan welcomed everyone to meeting and thanked all for attending.

Presentations:

- **Coalfields R Us, Herrington Burn YMCA**

Young People from Coalfields R Us delivered an extremely informative presentation to the Forum Meeting:

- 7 young people from Streetz Youth club are attending the YMCA global festival on 3rd August. To allow the young people to attend £4250 needs to be fundraised. The group have worked hard holding, car boot sales, gigs and football tournaments to raise £2500 and are hoping to raise more funds by holding a gig at Houghton Dance Studio tonight.
- Streetz Youth Club is young people from across Houghton, originally there were two groups with different interests however everyone involved have worked hard to come together as one groups. There is a myth that young people from different areas will not mix however this is not true.

- **Jack White, Eco Champion**

Young person Jack gave an insight into how he became an Eco Champion:

Jack became an Eco champion when he entered a competition to win £1000 to spend on an eco event. Jack produced a CD with a song which highlighted environmental issues and won. Champions were invited to attend a trip to look at issues effecting other countries, they visited Amsterdam, Visited North Sea Wind Farms, ski slopes and Romania.

With the £1000 prize money Jack is going to run a competition at his school to encourage pupils to become eco friendly.

- **Grant Hollis, Fat Penguin Company – Integrating Young People into the Community**

Young person Grant Hollis spoke to the Forum:

- The Fat Penguin Company is a Youth Engagement consultancy, which has been set up for two months, currently working with Gentoo to find out what young people in Sunderland want.
- Grant uses his knowledge to apply creative process' to engage young people. To engage with young people you need to consider factors such as time of the event, language barriers and that some young people would be intimidated standing in front of adults.
- Grant would welcome the opportunity to work with the Coalfield Forum to engage young people however the times of the meetings would need to be changed.
- **Delivering Race Equality Team Overview – Maureen Bell, Yusuf Muhammed, Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust**
- The Delivering Race Equality programme was introduced in 2005 when the Department of Health produced a 5 year action plan to reduce

inequalities for Black Minority Ethnic (BME) to access mental health services.

- The Race Equality team will work in partnership with Mental Health Services to help address gaps across the city. Community Development workers aim to engage with the community, provide information and more responsive services. The team will also address the need for figures which show a breakdown of services accessed by men and women.

Information Sharing

- a) Family Fun Day, Saturday 9th August, 1pm – 4.30pm at Houghton Kepier Hall
- b) Bunnyhill Centre's learning programme are going to be held Citywide, taster sessions have been developed throughout the summer. Information was circulated
- c) Volunteer Centre leaflet was circulated, it encourages all volunteers to sign up with volunteer centre as they use best practice
- d) Sit 'n' 'b' Fit are going to be holding physical fun activities for the over 50's. No dates have been set yet but information will be circulated to the forum when formalised
- e) Sunderland Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) is the new way for local people of all ages to have a say and to influence how local Health and Social Care services are planned and delivered. LINKs will be holding a launch event in September. Mike Lowthian circulated a briefing paper.