

SIB Funding Applications Summary

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	West Area Hub
Lead Organisation	Plains Farm Community Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£30,473	£3,500	£26,973
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
One Year	February 2014	February 2015

The Project:

The Hub will be delivered from Plains Farm Community Centre along with Silksworth Youth & Community Centre within the West area and will be accessible to all groups in the surrounding neighbourhoods and will build strong working relationships with other local community services/centres. The hub will encourage the west area and those within it to take responsibility for their own wellbeing and will enable the west area to become stronger and more supportive of those who live within it and will explore ways to work with local people and organisations to set up own community projects, tackle community disadvantage, reduce social isolation and improve accessibility to health and wellbeing activities and services

The Hub will bring local residents together to identify gaps in current services to help influence the design, development and delivery of the new Hub. It will support local residents to connect with each other and to develop new local community groups. It will engage with existing groups in the Barnes and surrounding wards to meet the gaps in service and to extend their services into the hub to deliver a wide range of services/activities which will support local area needs and one or more of the west areas priorities. The hub will also provide high quality capacity building support for local community groups within the west (e.g. fundraising, organisational development, training, setting up a bank account, constitutions.).The hub will provide support to local residents to access information, advice and guidance. It will create a place for learning and provide opportunities to improve health and wellbeing through access to a wellness centre at Silksworth Youth & Community centre with the latest easy line equipment, healthy lifestyle activities and courses, and health awareness raising promotion events. It will provide services/activities based on the needs and interests of the communities it serves and surrounding areas.

Daytime job club will be delivered which will support people with creating cvs, applying for jobs, interview techniques, volunteering opportunities, initial work preparation along with work skills courses which will support residents to improve their job prospects and quality of life, It will also provide local residents with access to internet, IT facilities and hold regular coffee mornings/open days to engage with the local residents within communities.

The Need for the Project:

The hub will bring people together, provide opportunities and enable social engagement and build community resilience by providing a range of community based services to support people in the West area of Sunderland.

Currently there is a lack of facilities and groups within the Barnes ward and services delivered within in the community. Plains Farm Community Centre is an excellent resource within the Barnes ward but only opens one evening per week to provide a kids club and youth club.

The hub will aim to deliver services across the area and address the diverse range of community needs and interests. It will enable providers/groups to come together to share knowledge and methods of working and learn from each other to achieve maximum results for the west area.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
H2	Number of people engaged in healthy lifestyles projects	60
A2	Number of people using new and improved community facilities	90
H1	Number of programmes tackling health inequalities	7
P3	Number of people volunteering	12

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Consultation with residents and Gaps identified	31 st March 2014
Recruitment of Volunteers	30 th April 2014
Business & Fundraising Plan in Place	31 st May 2014
New community groups set up & supported	30 th June 2014
Service delivery improved	31 st July 2014
Evaluation of project	12 th February 2015

Recommendation:

The application supports the local area priority of Health and Wellbeing.