Coalfield Forum January Meeting Summary

Penshaw Community Centre 28th January 2009

37 people Attended

22 Apologies were accepted

Chair welcomed speaker Pauline Hopper Area Regeneration Officer re Local Plans. The consultation process was discussed and local people and groups took the questionnaires away. Pauline gave dates of venues across the Coalfields in the coming week for people to attend.

The Development Coordinator (Susan Brown) gave an update on the work that she has been developing since taking up the post in January. The planning of International Women's Day was going well, an excellent opportunity to bring together partners to share information and work alongside the local communities to strengthen the purpose of the event. The theme for this year's event is "Sharing the Caring for the Future"

Three other events to be planned including Coalfield Forum Celebrations evening, Summer Fare, and Christmas Cracker.

Susan also gave information on funding applications and networking opportunities she had in her work plan.

Jane Wetherell gave an update on the current finance situation of the forum auditors accounts are now ready to be circulated and we are constantly looking for further funding.

Information Sharing

Sharp	Reported they had secured contract for the advice support
Barnardos	Street games Training,now working in Moorsley and Peat Carr.
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	Bridging the Gap Funding available £10k
WearAble	Starting a Befriending scheme
P.I.E (people into employment)	Helps people with disabilities look for volunteering or work opportunities.
Joblinkage	Information on services provided across the Coalfields.
Volunteer Centre	Information around opportunities and events.
Sunderland C DX	Networking event
Sunderland Children Centres	Activity timetable events.

Date and Time of next meeting

Wednesday 18th February 2009 12.30 pm Lunch for 1.00 pm Meeting.