



FutureSkills North East

C.I.C.

Celebrating Our Success

~ 1st Anniversary Update ~

FutureSkills North East C.I.C. is a not-for-profit social enterprise established in February 2015 and based in Gateshead. Our aim is to help building stronger communities through the provision of:

- education and learning programmes
- volunteering and work experience placements
- development of community led projects
- supporting local voluntary organisations and community groups to become more sustainable

We continue to offer a number of programmes and services, including:

Training:

Delivering a number of different learning programmes, from short soft-skills courses to accredited programmes such as NVQ's and other qualifications.

- **100** people have attended soft-skills training courses held around the Borough
- **2** people have successfully achieved a level 4 teaching qualification
- **1** person is working to complete level 4 teaching qualification
- **6** people are working on a range of vocational learning qualifications
- Bespoke training programmes have been delivered to **3** voluntary organisations



Accountancy Support:

We have provided accountancy and financial management support to **12** voluntary organisations and community groups, around areas such as:

- conducting organisational financial health checks
- budget planning and managing financial resources
- producing end-of-year accounts
- developing financial management procedures



Fundraising Support:

We have provided fundraising support to a number of voluntary organisations and community groups, helping them secure over **£100,000** of funding to run projects and benefit the people of Gateshead, examples of these include:



- Brining Words to Life, Blaydon
- Low Fell Library Volunteers Association
- Chopwell Live at Home Scheme
- Sunderland Road Library Volunteers Association
- Vale Mill Trust (Path Head Watermill, Blaydon)

Capacity Building Support:

We have provided a range of support to **15** voluntary organisations and community groups, in areas such as:

- **Governance** (writing constitutions and governing documents)
- **Quality standards** (implementing PQASSO quality standard)
- **Business planning** support (writing business plans)
- **Management** (developing policies & procedures)
- **Consultations** (carrying out community consultations and assessing need)

Future Plans:

Over the next 12 months we will be working on:

- We are in the process of finalising a funding agreement to delivering a range of higher-level adult apprenticeships, ensuing people increase their skills and gain higher level qualifications
- Continue to offer a wide range of informal learning programmes
- Deliver capacity bridling services to voluntary organisations and community groups
- Develop our community employability support project which will help people by providing them with tailored advice, support and training to get back in to work;
- Rural communities project, to provide support community development support and training in rural communities of Gateshead
- Heritage project led by and undertaken by young people



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