

LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS
DISCUSSION PAPER – TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT PLAN
DARLASTON
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1. INTRODUCTION

During November 2004 several induction sessions were held at various locations within the borough. One of the aims of the sessions was to enable all members of the LNP to have a shared understanding of the concept and philosophy behind LNP's and making them work in practice. In addition was the opportunity to capture the skills, knowledge expertise within each LNP together with identifying potential knowledge/skills gaps.

This paper attempts to highlight the strengths for the respective LNP together with summarising any skills/knowledge identified by members of the LNP. It is not to be seen as an exhaustive list, but rather as the basis for a discussion.

2. FRAMEWORK

It is recognised that within each LNP there is a wealth of skills, knowledge experience, and understanding of the various communities. Therefore, we are not starting from a deficit position, but rather a strong and informed position. With that in mind we are aiming to develop a flexible and creative approach to a partnership development programme.

Each programme needs to be aligned to the priority issues identified in the respective local plans. Development programmes will be sourced from a variety of places, namely Walsall Borough Council, Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership, Community Empowerment Network, experts from within each LNP and other external experts etc.

3. PROCESS

It is hoped that time will be allocated at each quarterly meeting to discuss and reflect on individual and group development needs.

The Neighbourhood Partnership Officer will co-ordinate these needs together with furnishing each LNP with details of training and development events. Some events will be organised on a LNP basis, however where several LNP have requested the same topic larger sessions will be organised. Thus far Crime workshops have been organised for all LNPs.

4. DEVELOPMENT & SKILLS MATRIX

Appendix 1 Summary Skills Matrix highlights data gathered from members of the LNP who attended the November induction session, it is not an exhaustive list and members may wish to add to the information.

5. ISSUES TO CONSIDER

- i) What are the key awareness/training & development issues required for your LNP and these should align to the Local Neighbourhood plan.
- ii) Training & Development to be a standing item on the quarterly agenda.

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APPENDIX 1

Name of LNP Darlaston

Summary of Skills Matrix

List your current Skills, Knowledge or Experience which you think you have that are relevant to your role on the LNP	What additional Skills, Knowledge or Experience do I need to fulfil my role within the Local Neighbourhood Partnership?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local knowledge of area and groups (x 3)• Good network both within the area and across the borough• Background of education, youth work, play schemes, adult training etc• NVQ 2 IT• NVQ 2 Funding and Fund Raising• Chair – Tenants and Residents Associations• Secretary – Walsall Tenants and Residents Federation• Secretary – Darlaston Town Carnival• Best Value in housing• 24 years as youth officer• Member of CEN• Ability to pick up on local issues through contact with the local community on a daily basis• Knowledge of education issues through experience as governor at two local schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to tap in more to the requirements of young people• Find out more about outside funding• Would like to work with youth• A true account of the needs of Bentley and Darlaston

(x = Number of times mentioned)

APPENDIX 1 (continued)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience of sales, marketing and business procedures, market conditions• Organisational ability• Knowledge of individual group, needs and the problems within the area• Live and work in Bentley so work with local people and groups• Know that Darlaston needs a lot of time and money• Vice Chair of groups	

(x = Number of times mentioned)