



Programme



Action for Bow

Lifetime: 2004-14

Total Value: £4m AFB grants (£452,707 match funds to date 06/07figs)

Location: Bow East & Bow West

Action for Bow was established as a registered charity in 2004 by the former Tower Hamlets Housing Action Trust to continue the promotion of social and economic regeneration of Bow East and Bow West with core funding to be collared by June 2014.

Financial assistance is offered to local organisations to support work in:

- Local regeneration
- Quality of life issues
- Education, training and skills
- Employment opportunities
- General relief of poverty
- Environmental issues
- Recreational amenities
- Safety and crime prevention

Leaside Regeneration manage the grants programme and assist the Trustees with the grants process by coordinating the publicity for applications, initial evaluation of requests and recommendations for the Trustees consideration. Leaside also monitors progress of approved projects and reports to the Trustees on the outputs and financial expenditure.

The Trustees currently give particular focus to training initiatives, for example:-

Construction Training

The Construction Training Initiative (CTI) project is led by Old Ford Housing Association (OFHA). The overall aim is to increase the skills base and employability for local people. Trainees receive six months training in basis requirements of CITB/City and Guilds accredited training together with work experience before joining further education provision.

IT Training

The IT and Skills for Life (SFL) project follows an AFB supported pilot project that established Old Ford Housing Association's role in the area as a provider of IT skills up to level 2.

Growing Concerns has grown from a residents' gardening club to become a community business with a proactive approach for a greener environment – providing maintenance contract, work experience and volunteer activities for schools and the elderly, as well as selling plants and garden sundries.