



Programme



Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Working Neighbourhood Fund

Lifetime: NRF April 2004 - March 2008

WNF January 2008 - March 2009

Total Value: £1,900,070 WNF and NRF combined funding
(£452,000 WNF, £1,448,070 NRF)

Leaside Regeneration was asked by the Tower Hamlets Partnership to devise a programme and to commission six local third sector organisations to become Community Hubs in 2004. The pilot initiative aimed to harness the skills and energies of third sector organisations to tackle worklessness and to provide interventions to help the hardest to reach people to become economically active and also to deliver the objectives of the Tower Hamlets Community Plan to 2010.

The Community Hubs were:

- East London Advanced Technology Training (ELATT), LAP1
- City Gateway, LAP2
- Limehouse Project, LAP3
- LACOST, LAP4
- Bromley by Bow Centre, LAP6
- Poplar HARCA, LAP7

The Community Hubs Network has achieved the following outputs 2004 – 2008:

- 1700 local people registered with the Hubs Network and completing skills related action plans
- 256 people registering with recruitment agencies
- 728 people progressing to further/higher education
- 119 people getting involved in volunteering
- 185 local people entering employment

The Tower Hamlets Partnership is keen to see the continued development of the Community Hub model and Leaside Regeneration Limited has been commissioned to further develop the Community Hub Network. Local third sector organisations were invited to tender to be the Community Hubs delivering services within the heart of the communities based in Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) 4,5,6,7,8 between May 2009 and September 2010.

The Community Hubs Network will provide 2 important roles within the sustainable communities agenda:

- Offer engagement of residents within the heart of the community helping them to identify potential routeways to employment.
- Establish a formal network of third sector and public agencies in order to offer a co-ordinated structured approach to reducing worklessness.