

CATCH Manchester Dissemination workshop

“Homelessness a European and Local perspective”

Venue- St Thomas Centre Ardwick Green North

Date – 6th July 2006.

Time- 9.30 registration – 10am – 1pm

Networking lunch 1.15pm

- 09.30 Registration**
- 10.00 Welcome and introductions - Patsy Davis Nacro**
- 10.15 CATCH- Creative Approaches to work with the homeless.
Speaker Rolf Neilson Project Director City of Malmo Sweden**
- 10.30 CATCH- reflections on the European Experience.
Speaker Sofia Sojdin-Project Coordinator- Malmo**
- 10.45 Local Experiences
Paul Clarke- Toucan , ASPIRE
Gill Cook- Nacro
Katy Safe- Policy Officer Manchester Supporting People Team.**
- 11.30 Round table discussions
Supporting People Key Objectives for 2006/20007.
(Table discussions around Homelessness Prevention and what strategies we can use to contribute to this objective.)**

CATCH Manchester Dissemination workshop

“Homelessness a European and Local perspective”

Venue- St Thomas Centre Ardwick Green North

Date – 6th July 2006.

Preparation for the workshop

The workshop was a joint development using the local partnership network that Toucan has established during the project CATCH 1 and Catch 11

In Catch 1 , we had worked with a local organisation **ASPIRE** , that work specifically with homeless men and women who had recently left prison following some form of custodial sentence .

In CATCH 11, we worked in partnership with **NACRO**, a national organisation that has a strong regional network in Greater Manchester, who’s focus is work supporting ex offenders and in the specific aspect of Catch 11 , work with women leaving custodial sentences.

Paul Clark , project worker (Toucan) and Patsy Davis , Project manager (NACRO) work though a series of face to face meetings , followed up by email in designing the focus of the workshop

In addition to offering the opportunity to disseminate information about the CATCH project , it was important to encourage delegates to discuss in an open forum the current local and regional policies for supporting Homeless people

Recruitment

Colleagues in NACRO , took responsibility for the initial publicity , see annex 1 , information about the workshop

The target audience was the range of local authority personnel from the 10 municipalities across Greater Manchester, The voluntary sector organisations that provide projects supporting work with homeless people. Toucan contributed to this network from its extensive range of contacts it had developed over the life of the project.

A total of 31 people registered for the workshop

Workshop Themes & programme

The theme of the workshop is to share the work of the CATCH 11 project, bringing a European prospective to our work in Manchester

To share the experience of partnership working in Manchester, both in CATCH 1 and CATCH 11 , with ASPIRE and NACRO .

Paul and patsy felt it important to focus this work on the local, regional and national policies in supporting work with Homeless people

We are fortunate that Manchester City Council as 1 of the 10 local municipalities , is the lead body on supporting Homeless services

Kate Safe , the Policy officer for the Supporting Team agreed to be a key note speaker , she would focus on the Policy implications of working with the homeless

See www.e-manchester.gov.uk/speople/index.shtm for more information about current services in the City of Manchester

The Workshop

The workshop is to bring together, the central elements to the catch project, locals initiatives in Manchester , Toucan , Aspire and NACRO

The transnational programme, led by City of Malmo

The Policy and practices supporting Homeless people – Manchester City Council

See annexe 2 – Workshop Programme

Presentations

Regrettably representatives from City Of Malmo , were unable to attend due to flights being cancelled by SAS from Copenhagen

Paul Clarke gave a very brief overview of the project and the local partnership in Manchester over year 1 and year 2 of the project

Gill Cook , project worker form NACRO , talked briefly about the range of projects supported by NACRO , see www.nacro.org.uk/services/housing.htm And then used a short video , that focuses on one local project and shows residents talking about there personal experience of homelessness.

CATCH 11 workshop – Manchester

Kate Safe from Manchester City Council , making people safe project , talked about the local and National policy initiatives see <https://www.e-manchester.gov.uk/speople/index.shtm>

The Supporting People programme offers vulnerable people the opportunity to improve their quality of life by providing a stable environment which enables greater independence

Supporting People delivers high quality and strategically planned housing-related services which are cost effective and reliable, and complement existing care services. The planning and development of services are needs led. Supporting People is a working partnership of local government, service users and support agencies.

Kate introduced the Support Units newsletter – see annex 3 pdf file

Kate finally introduced the UK governments resources at a National level , that can be accessed via the web site <http://www.spkweb.org.uk>

Round Tables

The idea for the Round Tables is for delegates to discuss in small groups the information and issues that had been presented during the early morning of the workshop

A total of 3 Round Tables were established, allowing delegates to share information

Evaluation

Awaiting information

Relevant web sites

City Of Manchester - Supporting People resources including Policy Papers

<https://www.e-manchester.gov.uk/speople/index.shtm>

Newsletter – July 2006

<https://www.e-manchester.gov.uk/speople/downloads/July2006v2.pdf>

UK Government Resource web site

<http://www.spkweb.org.uk>

Partner organisation

www.nacro.org.uk

Specific actions Homeless people projects

www.nacro.org.uk/services/housing.htm

Toucan Europe and CATCH

www.toucan-europe.co.uk

www.toucan-europe.co.uk/employ/catch.html