



Combined Worker Report April – May 2022

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BS & SG have taken 1 week's annual leave in this period and returned on is currently on phased return as a period away from her post.

Online platforms such as Zoom and Teams are still widely being used after COVID – 19 and many organisations including Local Trust has advocated the ongoing use as a preferred choice for several organisations to gain the widest reach across partnerships to remain flexible. The introduction of hybrid meetings has been introduced to allow for further reach and wider capacity building.

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Community Development Lead

Good News Stories



Wear Valley Community Action Group planned and organised an information and advice day attended by over 15 organisations. Feedback from this in- person event (one of the first for many stall holders since COVID restrictions ended) was excellent with one service provider stating that it's one of the best networking events they had attended with new collaborations being formed". Maxine Hymer new decision maker, supported the group to complete a comprehensive event plan for this networking event held at Auckland Youth and Community Centre. FIRST supported one vulnerable young person from Woodhouse Close to sign up to their offer and Daisy Arts BU information booklet was also shared as a tool, to support positive mental health.

Bishop Auckland Stronger Towns Strategic Advisory Panel

GGBL has been invited to sit on this new advisory group. BS attended on behalf of the partnership to share information about our resident led 10 year £1million programme and how we can keep our communities of 7,500 households across 5 areas up to date on current and future investment plans for Bishop Auckland.

The group has been asked to advise on corporate branding for all regeneration of the town moving forward. The stronger towns board has allocated £6.1 million to 5 new initiatives which will go out for full public consultation.

Recommendation: that a standing items for updates is added to GGBL monthly agenda.

New Strategic Partnership with The Auckland Project

The partnership has met with TAP representatives to explore the potential to enter into a more formal arrangement to collaborate on and support development of activities on Woodhouse Close Estate and secure match funding moving forward.

Capacity building support

Family from Henknowle supported-signposted young person aged 16yrs not in education or training (NEET) to access services to enhance CV via Carnforth partnership drop- in at the Baptist church hub. Building up trust is crucial as this has now led onto this young person applying to join the 2505 squadron Air Cadets to follow up on aspirations to become a pilot. (GGBL funded a flight simulator a few years ago

via a small grant.) This young person may also apply for a bursary award to seek support around the maths qualifications needed to realise his aspirations.

Girls Friendly Society

A new group will start in July 6-7.30pm at Henknowle Community Centre, with funding secured via BASH AAP facilitated by the Girls' Friendly Society an organisation that's had existed for over 150 years. Opportunities for girls aged between 7-11yrs to join in a range of facilitated activities. This new group is also in need of volunteers to support its development.

Group and organisational support

Partnership support and Volunteer Broker

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Community Practitioners Network (Peer Learning Circle)



Community Practitioners Network

As Partnership Support and Volunteer Broker my role has been enhanced by being selected to receive 6 months funding provided by Local Trust into The Community Practitioners Network. This allows us exclusive access to the following types of activities: thematic conversations, practice relevant guest lectures, training and development webinars, networking Sessions, archive of webinars and guest lectures.

Bishop Auckland College discussions are well underway to meet with students who are wanting placements across the partnership, a lecturer who is an established GGBL volunteer approached and asked if we could provide opportunities for young people to build on their life skills and enhance the amazing roles fulfilled in organisations. This has great potential for capacity building and enables intergenerational engagement.

The Auckland Project Claire Gibbons Senior Community Liaison Officer met to discuss where our roles interlinked and how we can strengthen partnership working.

Volunteer Broker ongoing support given to an individual into roles specifically suited to her future career path, upskilling and training opportunities identified from the brokerage scheme opportunities.

Partnership Support and backroom office duties this is ongoing and the tasks vary daily due to responding to the partnerships identified needs and requirement.

Meeting Attended and notes/minutes taken

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Good News Story Combined Work and Collaboration

Design, Differently

Our Chair, AYCC staff, GGBL staff and Alison Curry Dispel make up a team representing the Partnership alongside participants from across England exploring new ways to design frameworks whilst working within communities. There have been discussions around field trips (visits to other areas of participants) or share project ideas and discuss common goals and challenges. This will give everyone a greater understanding of ways to work, design and implement projects. GGBL may be selected for others in the cohort to visit in person or virtually. Watch this space to see if we are chosen to showcase all our excellent assets our partnership has to offer.

Free Information Advice and Guidance Event – organised by Wear Valley Community Action Group and supported by GGBL GGBL had a stall on the day to share our plan and delivery partner activities.

Networking was excellent and links made, especially around volunteer broker collaboration will be followed up.

Online Training / workshops this is not an exhaustive list and does not list all individual meetings relevant to our job roles, just a snapshot of topics covered and some positive outcomes from attendance

Delivery body	Training / Workshop	Status	Initials
	Organising Effective Listening Campaigns Webinar	Attended	SG
	Wider Conversation: Pathways to the New Municipalism's	Attended	SG
	Cost of Living Alliance – Planning the Next Steps 1 & 2	Attended	SG
Local Trust Focus group	New Local Trust website development	Attended	BS