



Combined Worker Report June 2021



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Following government Covid – 19 guidelines we are continuing to work from home, until advised otherwise.

Online platform – Zoom is still widely being used during COVID – 19 and many organisations including Local Trust has advocated its use to replace face to face meetings with multiple users, this will continue till advised otherwise. We are adapting to accessing some meetings via the TEAMS platform, this is a preferred choice for several organisations so to gain the widest reach across the partnership we must remain flexible.

Gaunless Gateway Big Locals Facebook pages:

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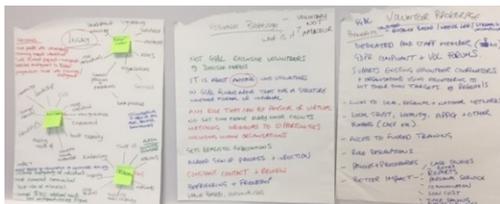
Good News Stories

FIRST

Are an accredited learning and development agency that specialises in developing leadership and progression skills for young people, early stage founders and professionals. From formal qualifications to informal confidence building, they help people get from A to B without going anywhere near a CV writing workshop or mock interview. They have secured CLLD funding to engage with 60 participants from south Durham and are looking to start their workshops from September from local venues across GGBL.

<https://www.youarefirst.co.uk/about-us>

Plan Review and Legacy



Decision makers and staff attended two, 2 hour facilitated review workshops to reflect on activities they have undertaken as part of their approved 2018-2020 plan and have started the process of writing their fully costed 2021-2026 draft vision and legacy plan which will take them to the end of the Big local Programme. A legacy statement will also be presented as part of the process.

After consulting with members of the partnership, the final plan will be submitted to Local Trust for approval.

Projects

Litter Picking Packs

Ann Williams Maughan DM for Cockton Hill is taking the lead on the GGBL litter Picking loan equipment initiative after need has been identified across the Big Local area. Pickers, hoops and bags, gloves and Hi Vis vests will be made available to individuals or groups wishing to take part. More information will follow.

Bursary

AYCC youth workers introduced a young person from West Auckland to Lynn Rielly (DM for West Auckland) and BS as they felt she may be eligible for a Gaunless Gateway Bursary Award. Chloe aged 17 yrs has secured a four -year soccer scholarship in the USA. She is the first international scholar to secure a place at the Indiana University. She has saved up over £10k to date and would like to inspire other young people from the area and beyond to work hard, be aspirational and realise their own potential. Chloe's

dream is to become a professional soccer player and soccer coach in the future. After chatting with Chloe and her parents Chloe will keep in touch with Gaunless Gateway to give regular updates.

Recommendation: to discuss potential support available.

Partnership support and Volunteer Broker

Good News Stories Big Local Collaborations – Tarek (GGBL Roving Remote Reporter) & SG – supported by Taz at Heston West Big Local

Deborah a Director from Trades4Care

[Big Local Live | Tarek's Community Podcast Show | Episode 60](#)



Tanya from AYCC talking about the Detached Youth Work team and the After Schools Club

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Smirfit Kappa SG has engaged with a member of the team who is keen to support the West Auckland Village Greens Group, they already offer volunteer support to a number of community groups in the area.

Gaunless Gateway Big Local volunteer signposting

A number of organisations continue to refer their own clients into our Brokerage project, resulting in furthering their reach and building individual and organisational capacity across Gaunless Gateway areas.

Meeting administration support given to:

- Full Partnership Monthly Meeting
- West Auckland Village Greens Group

Project proposals for discussion and decision / recommendation – N/A

Combined Work and Collaboration

The Well BS has continued with development work and linking in other organisations. SG has supported with introducing volunteer support.

Newcastle Building Society – we met with the Community Manager responsible for 30+branches plus the local Bishop Auckland Branch Manager to look at future collaboration. The building society has strong links with AYCC and has potential to further build capacity and sustainability across the partnership, updates to follow.

Better Impact – BS, SG & Steve Robson (LTO) met with the CEO to clarify licencing issues and these have been positively addressed.

Volunteer's Week 1 – 7 June this year was a challenge for GGBL workers who needed to develop new skills to record and format videos for the GGBL partnership; to help them capture and evidence outcomes and impact the programme is having on the area and what volunteering brings via case studies / volunteer experiences etc. This project work will form part of the legacy that GGBL can potentially leave behind. Decision Makers were asked to discuss their individual roles and part they play in the partnership's growth.

This project work has created a visual time capsule of their journey to date. The finished videos are available on the Gaunless Gateway YouTube Channel which we will be using more frequently moving forward. To view some DM's involvement click on name below.

Gaunless Gateway Big local Volunteers	GGBL area representative of
Alan Anderson	Vice Chair -Cockton Hill
Anne Ramshaw	Woodhouse Close/ Tindale Crescent
Ann Williams-Maughan	Cockton Hill
Christine Wilson	St. Helen Auckland
George Smith	West Auckland
Kelly Rutherford	Woodhouse Close/ Tindale Crescent
Lee Brownson	Chair- Henknowle
Lynn Rielly	West Auckland
Rupert Wansbury	St. Helen Auckland

Eileen from The Bishop Auckland Bowling Club's video was shared for Volunteer's week as she is a true inspiration to so many, well done. <https://youtu.be/ZHBNkbSBtCI>

Communities In Control – Come and discuss the findings workshop: As workers we took part in a facilitated discussion with themes of 'What is the health impact of involvement on resident board members?' 'What are the pathways by which collective control has an impact on health?' as part of a robust overview of the evaluation findings.

West Auckland Village Greens Group meeting Ongoing facilitation and administrative support enabling community together involving individuals, organisations and local business.

Bishop Auckland Brass Band BS, SG & decision maker Alan Anderson had an action plan review meeting with the founding member to discuss next steps when looking at process and consultation as part of the formation a Bishop Auckland Brass Band.

Maths4All BS, SG & decision maker Alan Anderson had a meeting with founder of a Maths4All project outlining evidence of need for functional skills support, which could help deliver outcomes across partnership priorities in their legacy plan.

Durham Enable-the Workplace - Durham County Council officer introduced the new one to one support programme funded for three years supporting adults with learning disabilities and Autism into training and employment opportunities. They have established a partner referral pathway via Bridge Creative where a client has been identified via the GGBL Volunteer Broker. This demonstrates how the partnership can support existing and new initiatives and strengthen individuals needs throughout the future of the work going forward. The Workplace is in the foundation stages and will be growing their team and will continue to update in due course.

Councillor Mark-Idwal Roberts West Auckland ward introduction meeting with AYCC (Dave McCreedy), GGBL decision maker Lynn Rielly, BS & SG to welcome the newly elected member into his role and discuss ongoing West Auckland projects and future plans for the partnership.

Worker Event – Local Trust

We attended the Zoom worker peer networking event; this event is only attended by Big Local workers and is an open forum to discuss any matters arising that an individual may feel they can't discuss with their partnership. A place to seek advice and share good practice with other BL workers.

Full Partnership Monthly Meeting

Ongoing attendance and presentation of feedback from our combined roles.

AYCC full staff meeting - BS & SG attended

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
North East Youth Alliance Workforce	Developing Young People as Volunteer's Workshop	Completed	BS & SG
Local Trust	Policy and advocacy workshop - Regeneration	Completed	BS
Yes You Can	North East Leaders Network -Leading in Uncertainty	Completed	BS
Youth Focus North East	Live life go further awareness training - Engaging Visually Impaired young people (VIYP) into activities	Completed	BS