

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

**Minutes of a Education Theme meeting
held at the Blakenall Village Centre
on Monday 14th April 2008 at 6.30 p.m.**

In attendance

- Mick Taylor - Patch Representative 4/Theme Chair
- Graham Morris - Patch Representative 11
- Roy Jones - Patch Representative 13
- Shaun Fitzpatrick - Patch Representative 15

Officers

- Bob Marsh - Education Theme Manager
- Diane Jones - Theme Administrator

Partners

- Paul Mobey - College of Continuing Education
- Jan Owen - ContinYou
- Pauline Pegram - College of Continuing Education
- John Price - Education Business Partnership

Apologies

- Cliff Webb
- Rob Elliott
- Sue Wedgwood

Agenda item		Action
1.	<p>Introductions The chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending; introductions were made round the table.</p>	
2.	<p>Notes for Previous Meeting Were declared as a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising Summer activities held at Shelfield school DVD had now been distributed to all board members and stakeholders.</p> <p>Access to Learning new course leaflets will be distributed to all households in the footprint.</p> <p>Celebration of Achievement will be held at the Blakenall Village Centre on 21st May 2008. The photographer has been booked and he will produce the caps and gowns. A professor from Wolverhampton University will be contacted this week to confirm his invitation to be the guest speaker. The PA system has been organised. Refreshments will be tea, coffee and biscuits on the night.</p>	

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	<p>John Price, Work on the Horizon will be meeting with Incom regarding the apprenticeships.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Project Reports Access to Learning Paul Mobey was appointed as the new project leader to New Deal. He is looking at the courses for the next 9 months and a plan was attached to the report.</p> <p>Jackie Mullins is continuing to promote the courses and another mentor will be starting as soon as the CRB checks are complete.</p> <p>PM would like to encourage more male students to enrol on courses and there are two courses aimed specifically at the male population – PAT testing and CSCS card. PAT testing is a 1-day course on 13th June. He aims to focus on targeting the hard to reach groups and engage with a few selected schools.</p> <p>He would like to move courses to various other locations in the footprint rather than focus on the centre of the footprint – e.g. St Johns church hall etc.</p> <p>ContinYou JO gave a short briefing on the report that had been submitted. The over 50's events were not well supported. One to one reading sessions are now commenced. The craft courses are doing well especially at Rivers House.</p> <p>A level two soccer-coaching course is to begin in June.</p> <p>She will be checking about the continuation of the computer classes with Black Country Learning to see if they have received any new funding.</p> <p>Education Business Partnership Following on from his report, JP told the meeting that a new member of staff had been recruited. He is working closely with Work on the Horizon and the YPiC to support young people in the footprint.</p> <p>The Outward Bound course last November was such a success that another one is planned for this November.</p> <p>BM reported that all adult and Community Learning projects are due to end in December 2008. The School Improvement fund will finish in June 2009, the Data will end in 2011, research at the end of June 2009, the Homework Club at the end of June 2010 and Smart Choices at the end of June 2010.</p>	

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5.	School Improvement Fund Bloxwich CE primary have made a successful bid for funding which now leaves only one school in the footprint to get 'on board'.	
6.	Any Other Business 1000 'take home and play' packs for parents to take home to aid them to play with their children have now been distributed via the schools. 14 schools in the footprint have now received a digital presenter to aid learning. Valley Nursery Playgroup – the funding has run out and it closed in September. There is no available budget to keep the playgroup running.	
9.	Dates of Future Meetings Monday 9 th June 2008 Monday 11 th August 2008 Monday 6 th October 2008 Monday 1 st December 2008	