

Level 2 Award Winners - Spring 2010 - by award type



Jessie Jowers – The Global Bee Project – Gloucestershire www.globalbeeproject.org

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The Global Bee Project is an educational social enterprise that raises awareness about the importance of bees. Bees are essential for pollinating 2/3's of our food and 250,000 plant species, however the UK species are on a dramatic decline. GBP encourages individuals, communities and organisations to become Bee Guardians, to actively promote bee diversity. They provide a number of services, all of which are part of their extensive sales and marketing plan; workshops, habitat assessments, talks/presentations, guided bee trail walks, bespoke beehouses, information boards and membership.

Neil Basil – Ostomy Life – Berkshire www.ostomylifestyle.org

twitter: @OstomyLifestyle

Ostomy Lifestyle offer innovative use of independent professionals to improve patient choice and reduce wastage in stoma care. An estimated 22,000 people every year undergo stoma surgery for conditions such as cancer and inflammatory bowel disease, meaning a patient has to wear a bag to remove waste from the body.

Stephen Rockman – Vcap – London

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Vcap is an Incubator and Seed Fund working with social entrepreneurs to build profitable businesses. We bridge the funding gap that exists between grants and larger VC rounds by investing between £50k and £150k for minority equity stakes. Characterised from the outset by transparency, speed and low cost, Vcap is a deep engagement investor building strong relationships and providing operational support to generate financial and social returns.

Kaye McCormack - The Phoenix Project – County Londonderry www.phoenixadhdproject.org

The Phoenix Project raises awareness of ADHD, supports children and their families and provides an advocacy service. Its impacts include greatly reduced waiting lists for ADHD diagnosis, improved self-esteem and better understanding in schools about the condition. There have been 100 direct beneficiaries and they aim to increase this by 50% in the next year (including diversifying to adults). By 2012/13 they plan to be listed as service providers by statutory organisations.

Eddie Kerr – SEEDS – Derry www.seeds.ie

SEEDS is a proactive initiative that addresses the challenges and opportunities of increased cultural and ethnic diversity in the North West of NI. Responding to the problems associated with increased numbers of migrant workers living in the NW, SEEDS now provides practical support (English classes, capacity-building, advice and information support services) to migrants, and pro-diversity cultural training. With 891 members (60 nationalities), SEEDS involved 23,000 people in their activities last year.

Wayne Ewer and Lewis Peach - Rising Stars – Cardiff www.rising-starsltd.com

Rising Stars is an innovative company that wishes to tackle the issues around health, fitness and well-being. Initially the project ran events and training sessions during the school holidays but the project has developed into offering a wide range of services working directly with schools as well as other community organisations.

Brian McManus - Dee-Tex – Saltney www.deetextproject.org

Dee-Tex is an innovative company that has at its core textile recycling. Brian has built from scratch an initiative that now has twenty five clothing banks across North Wales, has thirty collection contracts and a retail outlet serving over a hundred customers a day. At the heart of the business however is the drive to train and employ the most marginalised. The project directly employs five staff plus another seventeen through the Future Jobs Fund.

Graham Barker – KPAC – Knowsley www.kpac.org.uk

KPAC is a community interest company which provides training opportunities for people with disabilities and their parents and carers. To date, KPAC has provided 596 local people with opportunities that they would previously not had access to. They have won a number of contracts which enable people with disabilities to participate in everyday activities. They have built up a strong track record. A level 2 Award will enable Graham to develop the project further by freeing up his time to spend on strategy development and compete for more contracts.

Jane & Simon Berry – ColaLife – Rugby www.colalife.org

ColaLife is a simple idea which is to use the distribution channels for Coca Cola drinks in developing countries as a means of distributing essential supplies such as medical equipment, which would be carried by the vehicles which carry Coca Cola drinks. Part of the process of gaining the agreement of Coca Cola is winning support of its customer in the developed world, the currently have over 12,000 internet supporter.

Irfan Akram - Food 4 Thought Project - Leicester

Food 4 Thought Project is designed to provide customised tuition, revision and mentoring support to improve GCSE grades for C/D borderline students in Year 11. It works with pupils aged 14-16 in secondary schools, focusing mainly on Year 10 and Year 11 students, who are struggling to achieve the Government established Gold Standard of five A-C GCSEs including English and Maths. The project has a strong base in the North West and is replicating its services in Northampton.

Peter Tryner - The Star Foundation – Burton www.thestarfoundationcic.org

The Star Foundation runs recycling campaigns of unwanted clothes and shoes turning them into funds that are re-invested into schools, clubs and organisations. The Foundation provides sportswear, rent, equipment and funding to help pay weekly fees for individuals who are unable to afford to play sports. These activities are supported by a peer to peer mentoring programme and personal development plans linked to educational goals.

Jackson Turner - Involve – Leeds www.involveleeds.org.uk

Involve provides a tailored daytime curriculum to 8-15 young people per day excluded from mainstream schooling. A small staff team deliver a varied accredited programme of Maths, English, ICT, Food Technology, Sport and Art. The provision takes place at the Involve Learning Centre in Hunslet, South Leeds. The organisation has built up a strong track record in the past two years.

Rosemary Smith - Three Inspiring Friends (TIF) – Shropshire

Three Inspiring Friends (TIF) is a project which uses the Olympic movement as inspiration for working with at risk young people. 900 young people will undergo an intensive four day training course, alongside mentors from their own communities. Over an 18 month period the young person will then get involved in a year long preparation towards an activity of their choice i.e. in London towards musical theatre, in Liverpool towards the carnival and sporting events and in the West Midlands towards designing and building the garden. The project aims to run over a five year period and embed a new model for working with young people within the youth development sector.



Derek McClure – Accept Care Limited – Northern Ireland www.acceptcare.org.uk

Derek set up Accept Care Limited to act as the parent company for social firms he established, to benefit people with learning disabilities and mental health issues. He is passionate that people with learning disability benefit from meaningful work, and have a positive impact on society. In partnership with Northern Health and Social Services Trust, Derek wants to establish a Social firm in horticulture, operating in 4 locations: Antrim, Ballymoney, Coleraine and Magherafelt with clients from the Trusts Day Care centres.



Adam Grodecki, Adam O'Boyle and Rachel Stephenson – Student Hubs – Oxford www.studenthubs.org

twitter: @studenthubs

Student Hubs work in selected UK universities to transform student involvement in social and environmental issues by empowering students to become active change makers. They inform about local and national events, advise students on careers in the sector and incubate students' projects and start-ups alongside their studies.

Fiona Jones – Bridges (stroke management) - Kingston University www.bridges-stroke.org.uk

Bridges stroke self-management is a unique training programme for professionals working in health and social care, to enable successful self-management after stroke. They have developed a workbook for stroke survivors to supplement the training and to help the patients to gain confidence, work towards realistic goals and to reengage with the community.

Muki Haklay and Louise Francis – Mapping for Change - University College of London

www.mappingforchange.org.uk

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Mapping for Change facilitates participatory mapping by community members of their local area, with a focus on environmental justice and social change, and digital mapping for third sector organisations. They provide communities with the materials and methodology to collect local environmental data such as noise and air pollution, as well as tools for setting up online interactive maps.

Tim Curtis - Social Enterprise Campus - Northampton

Social Enterprise Campus is a student-led social enterprise, starting with a product based enterprise already run by a lecturer that also operates as a live, operational case-study that runs all through the student's three year programme of study. The social enterprise will develop new ethical and sustainable products. The existing social enterprise has one product which has sold very well. Students will lead in the marketing, branding and sales of this product and new products will be identified and devised to add to the portfolio of products.

Nick Rowe – Building Bridges - York

Building Bridges is a collaboration between the university and local mental health service providers. They offer good quality educational opportunities to people who use mental health services. These are taught by tutors and full time students. As far as possible these courses are aligned with undergraduate and postgraduate modules. It is an innovation in line with current agendas with regard to widening participation and lifelong learning in the Higher Education sector and to social inclusion in the mental health field. It offers valuable ways for full time students to develop the attitudes and insights needed to work with people who use mental health services and it inevitably challenges the cultural attitudes that surround mental illness.

Andrew Wooton - Design Against Crime Youth Action Challenge – Salford www.designagainstcrime.org

The Design Against Crime Youth Action Challenge is an innovative programme that both tackles local crime problems and engages with young people considered to be at risk of offending or ASB. The initiative provides such 'at risk' young people with a proven process, tools and techniques to design against crime in their local community, and guidance and mentoring to support their activities. The Design Against Crime Youth Action Challenge ensures young people are the driving force for generating design interventions to prevent crime and ASB, repositioning them in their community as the provider of solutions rather than the cause of the problem.

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Ian Rispin – Wikivorce – Bournemouth www.wikivorce.org/

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Wikivorce is a National Support Organisation For Divorce/Separation providing free information and support services to over 1 million unique visitors and 50,000 registered members. Wikivorce is a fast growing and active web community, dedicated to delivering FREE access to the information, support and advice people need following the breakdown of a serious relationship.

Denise Stephens – Enabled by Design – London www.enabledbydesign.org

twitter: @enabledby

Enabled by Design is an online community of people passionate about well designed everyday products that help to make day-to-day tasks more manageable and support independent living. The website allows users and healthcare professionals to rate and review assistive equipment products.

Jess Cordingly – Future First – London www.futurefirst.org.uk

twitter: @FutureFirstUK

Future First builds community based career support networks round state schools in the UK. The product is a web platform for state schools that allows students to see profiles of former students from their school and to ask them for advice and guidance. Simple, cheap and replicable, the networks Future First builds are sustainable models able to work in any school, anywhere, turning institutions into community centres to increase social mobility and empower young individuals to prepare for their futures.

Sujata and Rama Bhalla - Giving World Online – Leicester www.givingworldonline.com

Giving World Online connects charities and grassroots community groups to businesses that have new, useable, surplus goods, for redistribution to people who cannot afford basic necessities. The panel felt that the model may lend itself to a local model that is networked nationally. Their take on the recycling of goods from companies is very engaging and the ability to replicate this model using the internet is clear.