



800 Group Update

June 2009

For partners, employees and associates of the 800 Group

800 Group takes shape

When we launched the 800 Group in March we set out to create a third sector partnership which would work together to share expertise and shape services for people.

Now we are ready to explain some of the key achievements which we have made since then.

New approach to third sector partnership

At our launch we said we would explore new ways of working and this is what we have done. We now have several key groups in place and these include human resources, brokerage, communications and fundraising.

In recent months we have been working hard behind the scenes to understand all seven organisations and

Town Hall launch showcased our future plans

The **800 Group** held a high profile launch at Liverpool Town Hall in March. Surrounded by third sector representatives, service commissioners, suppliers and supporters we outlined our plans for the future.

We also highlighted our intention to work with a network of associate organisations which would bring additional skills, knowledge or areas of specialism to the group. Since then we have begun a dialogue with our first phase of associate members.

The 800 Group is about people. Here Jim Moran, chief executive of Bradbury Fields outlines his vision for the 800 Group:

"Working together in the voluntary sector is often talked about but in reality is a rare thing. Over the past 12 months trust, enthusiasm and real partnership work have been achieved by the chief executives within all the agencies who have signed up to the **800 Group**. I believe this is the future for us all, and others will, I believe wish to follow. Watch this space."



Leading on training for health and social care

to build up a real picture of our strengths and our combined skills.

The result is that we are in an excellent position to respond to opportunities and to submit formal tenders.

We are also confident that through the partnership we will deliver quality services across the key areas our work.

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800 Group partners have secured our place on the Learning Skills Council Qualified Providers Framework. Both Nugent Care and Merseyside Society for Deaf People have created opportunities the group to bid for funding for training. This will allow us to up skill our employees and to offer volunteers placements with deprived communities and with people with disabilities.

We have also learned of a future job fund for unemployed 18 – 24 year olds where the **800 Group** will actively work to provide, training, placements and real jobs in the local community.

800 Group sponsors iCare Awards

Liverpool's **iCare Awards**, launched in 2008, placed the work of third sector care and support workers in the spotlight and this year the **800 Group** is delighted to step in to sponsor the awards.

Nominations are now encouraged in 10 categories which recognise the achievements of everyone who works in the sector. To request an entry form send an email to ann.garvey@liverpool.gov.uk

Closing date for entries

Wednesday 19 August 2009

iCare Awards evening

Thursday 26 November 2009

Holiday Inn Lime Street Liverpool

DVD captures skills and expertise

A high impact DVD of our work throughout the area is now in production.

The promotional DVD has a mission to tell the story of the **800 Group** and to explain our skills and expertise and our partnership approach to commissioners and influencers. The DVD will be ready for viewing in the early autumn.

The 800 Group is partnership of seven leading Merseyside charities – [Age Concern Liverpool](#), [Bradbury Fields](#), [Henshaws](#), [Imagine](#), [Merseyside Society for Deaf People](#), [Nugent Care](#) and [PSS](#).