

CRAIGMILLAR ABILITY NETWORK

YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2009

Objectives and Activities

The company aims to provide:

- > To provide information, advice and guidance on opportunities for training, education, skills development and employment for people with disabilities / and or disadvantages
- > To provide support and advocacy for people with disabilities / and or disadvantages, their families and carers, to enable them to have equal access to all local facilities and services.
- > To improve understanding of and encourage commitment to the promotion of disability/ and or disadvantage equality among policy-makers, planners, employers, service providers and the general public.
- > to bring together and maintain a forum or similar body of people with disabilities / and or disadvantages living within the area of benefit as a means of:
 - > exchanging information and experiences.
 - > providing mutual support and encouragement
 - > enabling collective responses to consultation; and
 - > representing the interest of disabled people on relevant bodies.

Significant activities

CAN is target driven and aims its activities to meet Scottish Government National Outcomes 2, 6 and 8. These targets are agreed and monitored by the local Neighbourhood Management Team and part funded by the Fairer Scotland Fund. CAN aims to promote greater participation in the labour market. The target group are people experiencing ill health, including mental ill health, have a chaotic lifestyle, including people who substance misuse etc. CAN aims to improve the mental health and well being of its members. CAN aims to promote health groups and to encourage smoking cessation, raise alcohol/drug misuse awareness, promote healthy eating including cooking for one, reduce the rate of obesity, and encourage the more use of green spaces by encouraging participation in its allotment space.

Quantified use of volunteers

Volunteers are recruited, inducted and supported through the volunteer agreement. A Volunteer/Job Coach is now in place who will work with volunteers in the community to move them on to work experience, training and employment. The volunteers will man the Community Information Point based in the local Medical Centre. This local partnership is new and innovative and it is hoped this pilot project will be expanded.

Achievements and performance

CAN met and exceeded all its agreed targets in year 2008/09.
CAN has grown exponentially from 5 members in 2002 to its current membership of 856.
CAN services were accessed by 1,522 drop in visits in year 2008/09.
CAN generated £466,294 to the financial economy of its members in year 2008/09.
CAN currently works in collaborative partnership with ten external agencies who hold regular surgeries within the Can Premises.

Fundraising

Fundraising performance targets are agreed between the Manager and two Directors at regular supervision periods. These targets are reviewed on a monthly basis between the Manager and the Chairperson. The manager produces a monthly report to the Board of Directors which is monitored and there is an open invitation to the Manager to attend the monthly Board meetings, which is contained in the Articles of Association. The Manager regularly attends the board meetings.