Partnerships

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What is a partnership?

Collaborative working:- spectrum of joint working options, ranging from informal networks and alliances, to joint delivery of projects, to full merger

‘Partnership’:- describes different forms:

• Informal partnership
• Consortia
• Lead partners
• Supply chain
• New legal body
Why work in partnership?

• Sum of the whole – greater than parts
• Wider appeal
  Geographically
  Activities
• Marketing
• Seasonal & weather issues
• Clients & funding
Example 1: Your Options Berkshire

- Informal partnership
- Led by Reading Voluntary Action
- Funded through CCG Partnership Development Fund
Welcome to Your Options Berkshire

Together we are making a difference to the health and wellbeing of local people. Your Options Berkshire helps you to find voluntary organisations that offer a wide range of services and activities aiming to promote and improve health for local people.

Do you know someone who is looking for support for a particular health condition? Advice about healthy eating? Exercise classes that suit particular needs? You may be a GP or community nurse looking for specific support for a patient or a social worker helping a client to find activities. You may be looking for support or activities for yourself. You may be a neighbour or friend who wants to find support for someone who is struggling.

How to find what you are looking for:

Your Options Berkshire aims to make it easy to find activities and services will be of interest to you. You can search under four categories:

- **Lifestyle & Nutrition**

  With lots of choices for active and healthy living, this section is for people who want to learn more about gentle exercise, more active sports, growing their own food, cooking healthily within a budget, help with an addiction...

  ▶ [Find out more...](#)

- **Family & Children**

  Support in all important early years, this section is for people seeking advice and support for themselves and their babies and young children. Activities to help their children develop socially and emotionally...

  ▶ [Find out more...](#)
Example 2:
Feel Good Greenwich

• Consortia with lead partner
• Run by Greenwich Mind in partnership with Greenwich Council, Volunteer Centre Greenwich, Greenwich Co-operative Development agency, Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and Big White Wall.
• Delivering a suite of activities to improve mental health of the population
• Public Health funding
Take notice of

The good things

What you feel

Go outdoors

Show me the activities you have »

Give me ideas about what might make me feel better »

Tell me about activities for students and young people »

Life can always get better.
Feel Good Greenwich is here to help.

On this site, you can find out about things you can try to feel better, from new activities to meeting people who might feel like you. The services we offer are for everyone who lives in Greenwich.
Activities

These links will lead you to information and organisations that can help you try out new things, get to know new people, or speak to people about issues which are affecting you.

- Mindfulness Meditation
- Gardening4Health
- Greenwich Healthy Living Service
- Greenwich Time to Talk
- Greenwich Co-operative Development Agency
- Volunteer Centre Greenwich
- Greenwich MIND
- Big White Wall
- Men in Sheds
- Greenwich libraries

You can also find out more about any of these by calling the Feel Good line on 07557 230560.
Example 3: Natural Health Service

- Supply chain consortia led by Mersey Forest
- Running since 2013 with 21 organisations
- Set up with investment funding
Natural Health Service

The Natural Health Service provides a single contact point to well-developed services in the natural environment, proven to tackle a range of health and wellbeing issues.

"Green spaces and natural environments provide a break from our busy lives - a great place to get some fresh air, reduce stress, exercise or play - a place to go and relax."

The Natural Health Service is a new way of linking people, their health and wellbeing and the natural environment through coordinated management with many partners and health focused organisations.

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Halton Natural Health Service

The Natural Health Service in Halton, Merseyside, will offer fifteen free services from early September to just before Christmas this December, taking advantage of the area’s wealth of green spaces and natural places.
Short term
Prototype to prove concept & start working together, start building consortium

Medium term
Agree principles of partnership working, establish centre of excellence for research & social value

Long term
Delivering and developing the collective offer through the consortium
Consortium

- Horticultural Therapy
- Health Walks
- Cycling
- Wild Mindfulness
- Forest School
**Natural Health Service**

Consortium Health Products 2013

**Product Sheets**

The following product sheets provide an overview of the products that are being offered by the Natural Health Service. They provide an overview of the product, identify the client group and outcomes from delivery, the evidence base and links to case studies.

They are updatable and adaptable to local circumstances and developing evidence. Product Sheets are provided for:

1. Holistic Health Therapy
2. Working for Health
3. Cycling for Health
4. Forest School
5. Green Gym

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**Evidence**

ESRC Forest Commission review
Forest school: evidence for restorative health benefits in young people based on research by Jenny Ray, Peter Aspinall and Catherine Ward Thompson (Edinburgh College of Art), available from:


Towards Forest Schools in Birmingham
A report on a pilot study in Birmingham entitled Towards Forest Schools in Birmingham:


Case Study links
Details of The Forest School Experience, Nature workshops and the Norwood Forest School Southport’s experience with Forest schools at

Forest Schools in Merseyside

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About The Natural Health Service

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**Product Sheet**

**Forest School**

Forest School is an innovative approach to outdoor play and learning, inspiring individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences. By participating in engaging, motivating and achievable tasks and activities in a woodland environment, each participant has an opportunity to develop intrinsic motivation, sound emotional and social skills.

Forest Schools have demonstrated success with children of all ages who visit the same local woodland on a regular basis and through play have the opportunity to learn about the natural environment, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others. Forest schools help develop children’s confidence, social skills, an interest in nature and the natural world, and their knowledge and understanding of the environment.

**Target Client Groups and outcomes**

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‘A city providing natural choices for health’

- £296k funds from Liverpool PCT (as was)
- 38 projects delivered
- Cost £2.35/person/week
- Wellbeing scores improved by 18% from start to finish
- A greater proportion had a ‘high’ well-being score by the end of the programme
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Lincolnshire Master Gardeners

Lincolnshire County Council
Public Health- Food Programme

District Councils
- ELDC
- BBC
- LCC
- WLDC
- NKDC
- SKDC
- SHDC

Green Synergy
Cook Connect

Primary Funding
Sub-contracted provision
Working Partnerships

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Partners, key stakeholders, and supported groups working with Master Gardeners

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Partnerships – a word of caution