



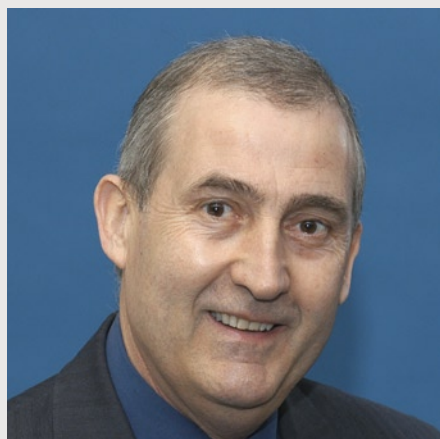
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HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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The Newsletter is Back



Welcome to the Halton Strategic Partnership's e-newsletter. It has been some time since the last one but we are now back up and running and will keep you informed as to what is happening across the Partnership.

One major piece of news since our last e-newsletter was that in December 2007 the Halton Strategic Partnership received an allocation of money from the Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF). The WNF replaces the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) that ceased as a funding stream on 31st March 2008. This is excellent news, meaning that we are now able to maintain the important projects being delivered successfully helping to achieve our priorities for Halton. WNF still provides each of the five thematic partners (SSPs) with a core allocation, plus a percentage of money has been kept back for a Commissioning Pot, which we discuss further on page 2 of this newsletter.

Cllr Rob Polhill, Chair

LSP Team Update - it's all Change!

It's all change within the Halton Strategic Partnership's (HSP) central team, so we thought we would keep you informed of who's who...

Debbie Houghton, Policy Officer
Supports the Safer Halton and Urban Renewal Specialist Strategic Partnerships (SSPs), alongside work on sustainability and climate change.

Mark Grady, Policy Officer
On secondment from Children and Young

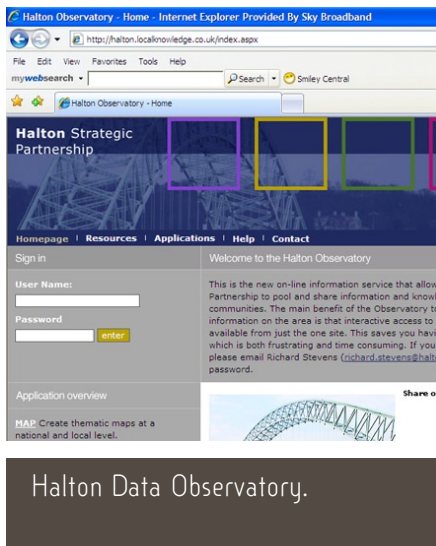
People, while Lisa Driscoll and Diane Lloyd are on maternity leave. Supports Employment Learning and Skills and Healthy Halton SSPs.

Shèlah Semoff, Partnership Officer
Supports Children & Young People's SSP, co-ordinating the Local Area Agreement (LAA), providing financial monitoring support for Halton's Working Neighbourhood Fund and has picked up the Equalities and Community Cohesion agenda on behalf of the HSP.

Helen Murphy, Communications Officer
Replaces Matthew Atherton, providing communication support and advice to partners as well as promoting the HSP.

Dawn Follett, Administration Officer
Provides the HSP with administration support, including quarterly returns, financial support and the HSP training programme.

To see a picture of the team **[click here](#)**



Halton Data Observatory.

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This service is available for HSP partners to share information and knowledge on Halton and its communities. The main benefit of the Observatory is interactive access to a wide range of information available from just the one site! This saves you having to trawl many different sites, which is both frustrating and time consuming. If you would like use the Observatory please email Richard Stevens, richard.stevens@halton.gov.uk, for a username and password if you do not already have one or require a new one.

Small Steps Big Difference

Saving energy not only makes sense for the environment but it also makes sense for the pocket too. Halton Borough Council (HBC) has already made a good start by making changes to 'greener' options such as 'green' electricity for street lighting, recycled paper and using biodiesel in some vehicles.

In addition, the Council is one of a small number of local authorities across the country chosen to get free-of-charge support from the Carbon Trust. With the help of the Trust, the Council hopes to cut its carbon emissions by 30% over the next five years.

For more info about the Carbon Management Local Authority Programme, please call Jim Yates at HBC on 0151 471 7392. www.carbontrust.co.uk

Commissioning Event

On 4th July, the invited members of the five SSPs met to discuss how the Working Neighbourhood Fund Commissioning Pot will be spent over the three strategic priorities outlined in the State of the Borough Report; Health Inequalities, concentrating on Alcohol; Worklessness and Skills and Community Safety, concentrating on anti-social behaviour. If you have any questions with regards to this please contact your SSP representative or the HSP Team on 0151 471 7528.

Local Area Agreement 2008...

Due to Government changes, Halton have developed a new three year LAA. This has been done with our partners and is being viewed as the delivery plan for Halton's Community Strategy. The new LAA was signed off by Central Government at the end of June; we will advise you when it is on the HSP website.

For further information contact Shèlah Semoff on 0151 471 7528 or shelah.semoff@halton.gov.uk



An independent traveller at her destination.

Supporting Independence

The Independent Travel Training project has gained outstanding results in supporting young people in Halton with disabilities and learning difficulties. The project assists in gaining the essential skills needed to access public transport and gain independence, enabling these young people to achieve full social inclusion.

During 2008 the updated Toolkit is being launched, providing a practical guide to the Travel Training process and an example of best practice to share with other local authorities, while the Train the Trainer Course is set to receive accreditation. If you would like to read the Independent Travel Training newsletter, [click here](#)



Simon Weston at last years conference.

One for the Diary

The HSP Annual Conference is set for the morning of Wednesday 1st October at the Stobart Stadium. Previous years have seen key speakers including Simon Weston and Dee Caffari addressing the audience, with the focus on team working and overcoming adversity. Invites will be sent out in due course.

What is the Halton Strategic Partnership?

The Partnership is Halton's local strategic partnership, and brings the main service providers and agencies in the area together to improve services and drive regeneration. You can find out more at www.haltonpartnership.net. The projects mentioned are supported through the Partnership's work - if you'd like to find out more please contact Helen Murphy:

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