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HALTON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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Partnership Conference Celebrates Success

Early October saw another well-attended Halton Strategic Partnership Conference take place at the Halton Stadium. More than 100 delegates attended to help us to celebrate the Partnership Awards for the best performing projects of the last year.

A range of interesting speakers provided regional and local perspectives on our work in Halton, and round-the-world sailor Dee Caffari joined us to tell her incredible story.



Dr Ruth Hussey speaking at this year's conference.

Conference Speakers

We were fortunate enough to welcome some high-flying speakers to this year's conference in the form of the Regional Director of Public Health Dr Ruth Hussey, the Chief Executive of the Mersey Partnership Robert Crawford, and our own David Parr. All the speakers gave lively presentations and we're grateful to them for taking the time to join us.

Dee Dazzles

The keynote speaker at this year's conference was Dee Caffari, who kept the audience enthralled with her story of how she became the first woman to sail round the world 'the wrong way'. Dee's now heading off to Tasmania on her latest adventure - a gruelling six-day adventure race combining cross-country trekking, mountain biking, road cycling and kayaking!



Mark Holt from Vulnerable Adults Task Force receiving his award.

Award Success for Halton's Projects

The conference also saw the third annual Halton Strategic Partnership awards for the best performing projects using Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. This year's winners were:

Health

Vulnerable Adults Task Force

Urban Renewal

Contaminated Land Project

Life Chances & Employment

Extended Work Experience Project

Wealth & Equality

Grassroots Development Project

Safe & Attractive Neighbourhoods

Operation Crackdown

Halton Citizenship Awards

The 2006 Citizenship and Achievement Awards were held at the Halton Stadium in October to celebrate Halton's young citizens and young achievers.

Halton's Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mike Hodgkinson and The High Sheriff of Cheshire presented certificates and vouchers to over 100 pupils ranging from ages 5 to 19, including a number of children with special needs.

In addition 10 schools received the Halton Global Citizenship Award in recognition of their school commitment to delivery of citizenship within their curriculum.

Fire Demonstration Goes with a Bang

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service recently put on an event in Halton to raise partner awareness of the dangers associated with fireworks and explosives at this time of year. You can find out more information by going to www.cheshirefire.co.uk.

Satisfied Customers at the Conference

Evaluation forms handed in at this year's conference showed the audience thought it was a success, with 100% of respondents voting it to be an 'Excellent' or 'Good' event for the second year running. The same applied to all our speakers for the day, with 74% voting them to be excellent.

Listen!

One of this year's Partnership Award winners, Four Estates Ltd launched their latest project called 'Listen!' this month. The project aims to empower young people and was launched with a 'Question Time' style event at Palace Fields Community Centre.

Community Engagement Conference

The Partnership is hosting a Community Engagement Conference on 16th November at Ditton Community Centre. The event will run from 9.15am - 12.30pm and will feature a range of presentations and workshops. Places are free but need to be booked prior to the event - please email lsp@halton.gov.uk if you'd like to attend. There will also be a free 'Funding Fair' from 12.30pm that is open to all.



A winner of the High Sheriff's Award receives £500 for charity.



The fire demonstration in action.

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 get in touch by the contact details below:
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