

Project Title: Worklessness Task Group		
Key Objectives:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reduce the number of young people (16 – 18) who are not in education, employment or training (NEETs) - reduce the number of claimants of unemployment benefits - improve partnership working in neighbourhoods where more than 25% of the working population are unemployed (National Indicator NI153) - improve the skills levels of residents in Winsford & Rural East - deliver regeneration projects through Winning Winsford / Weaver Valley Partnership Board - support for increasing volunteering and promoting social enterprise projects 		
Report for the period: July 2011	Report by: John Reilly Principal Mid-Cheshire College	
Achievements in the Period:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing development of Worklessness Action Plan (copies available) 2. Improved links with the Business 1 – 5 Industrial Estate through the participation of Groundwork Trust in the Task Group 3. Work Clubs at Verdin Exchange & The Edge have now been running for three months and a total of 76 residents have accessed the Clubs with four persons achieving a positive work outcome to date. 4. Cheshire West & Chester Council Benefits Advisors will be delivering monthly surgeries at the Work Clubs from August 2011. 5. Initial outcomes of Changing Lives in Cheshire (CLIC) Young Peoples Engagement Programmes are indicating in excess of 40% who commence the course are completing the course and the same number are progressing towards a positive outcome. 6. Cheshire Police and Cheshire West & Chester Council delivered the 4 Cs project working with young people at risk or who have been excluded from school in partnership with Winsford E-Act Academy. 		
Opportunities to be exploited:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing development of Winsford volunteering website with a number of partners signed up to participate in the initiative. 2. Investigate the feasibility of delivering a further U-Project in summer 2011 3. Outcome of NEETs European Social Fund bid to be announced. 4. Investigate the potential delivery of a partnership focussed response to the September Guarantee 5. Development of information and advice leaflet for Winsford focussing on access to Employment, Education and Training 6. Investigate the feasibility of utilising employment mentors to support residents back to work 		
Risks to be managed:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possible risk to programme provision available in Winsford for both pre/post 16 year olds in tackling NEETS (Energiser Programme, YES Project) 		
Next steps:	Action by:	By when:
1. Delivery of a partnership approach to the September Guarantee in a central location in Winsford	Winsford & Rural East Area Partnership Board	August / September 2011
2. Development of an advice guide to improve signposting for those wishing to access EET in Winsford	Winsford & Rural East Area Partnership Board / Cheshire West & Chester Council	October 2011
3. Continue to investigate opportunities to support Winsford Work Clubs through the adoption of a One Stop Shop approach	Winsford & Rural East Area Partnership Board	October 2011