

Community Campus
Middlesbrough
READ Centre
Bangalore
Community Building Ventures

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Community Campus 87 Ltd

- Industrial & Provident Society, registered in 1987, now part of the Social Enterprise movement
- Based upon an idea to provide housing for young people
- We now house and train over 125 young people each week across Teesside in the North East of England & employ 37 people, 8 of which are ex-service users

Community Campus 87 Ltd

- Mission 2007
- CC87 Ltd provides more than just a roof.
- We create opportunities, breakdown barriers and empower people to realise their potential and build towards a better life

History and Development

- Started with one leased property -1988
- Workers –volunteers/funded by grants from charitable resources
- Purchased a derelict house –local builder to renovate –frustration of this process led to the development of keyskills project
- 1991 Key skills project – building renovation / training programme – renovated over 40 properties creating 50 bedspaces – trained over 400 young people.

History & Development

- Heaven Project – purchase and renovation of a derelict nightclub to provide office/training/kitchen/Youth facilities –lease top floor to other agencies to create income stream
- Development of East Cleveland Youth Housing Trust – providing accommodation and support in the rural area south of Teesside
- Work with the Drugs Action Team – providing services<advice/guidance/rent deposit> to clients with a history of substance abuse

Key Lessons

- Support structure is critical – holistic support and long term investment encourages progression
- Board of management has ex –service users which maintain a focus on the core issues
- Flexibility to work with a multitude of partners/agencies/training regimes
- Getting a key to the front door is the starting point not the end of the process
- Asset Building - brings a financial robustness to the organisation, move away from grants to contract delivery
- Trading Subsidiary – to create jobs and training for our trainees/diversify income streams

Key Factors

Teesside University Report – points to the organisations
‘adaptable, forward planning, value driven style and the
working culture of the organisation and the quality of the staff
‘ as the key factors in the success of the project.

Key challenges are identified as

Succession

Internal Communications (ensuring the democratic culture is
retained)

External Communications and Campaigning (publicise good
practice more widely and effectively)

Read Centre

- READ Centre was started in 1984
- Working in 900 villages in south India
- Has 18000 rural women as members
- Connected with COMMACT since 1993
- Community Business Development (CBD) & Building Venture (CBV) by COMMACT-UK member organisations
- READ has long experience in Community Development activities

Community Building Ventures

- Partnership project working with CC87 Read Centre, Hilda Trust, Renton Development Trust, Community Business Scotland
- Developed out of Social Economy conference held in Liverpool – Comfact gathering (2004)
- Designed to create practical linkages between Indian projects and U.K. projects.
- Initial project has seen groups of young people from Campus and Renton building two classrooms and an office at a school in Bangalore. This has also created a series of other linkages between the projects.

Community Building Ventures

- Huliya Project – 2009 construction of community building and 2/3 houses in a remote area – at the moment we are gathering resources to deliver.
- 2011 – Akshaya Federation community building / Further project with Read Centre – Kodai Kanal
- Commact U.K see this as an ongoing development and are looking at staff exchanges in the future.
- Lessons for Commact ??

Future plans:

- Strengthen CBV activities in India
- Invite as many as co operation from others who are interested in CBV
- Fund Raising and linkage building
- Case studies and documentation
- International Exchange and solidarity





