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PROACT Project News

What is PROACT?

PROACT Is a 10 week course project where 3rd sector organisations will come to build upon their strengths and to pinpoint internal weaknesses, so that they may continue to grow and to provide more impact at a beneficiary level in the local community. The course is funded by the Awards for All and European Union and will benefit 3rd sector organisations across the city of Wolverhampton. Attendees will recognise their full potential and learn how to overcome their challenges via learning from not only the course trainer, but from each other also.

-Course Trainer-



Graham Bould

What's happened so far?

4 Sessions have been held so far, attended by 19 volunteers and staff members representing 9 different organisations. Every session so far has been thoroughly participating and has included presentations from every participant. In Week 3, Eileen McKen gave a presentation on the reasons for volunteering and investing in the volunteers standard.

The main theme for Week4 was the life cycle of an organisation. Heather made a presentation on organisational resilience. She made reference to how her organisation, Refugee Migrant Centre (RMC) has managed to remain relevant and strong. Cont...



Eileen



Heather



"It is useful to have insight into what others do in their organisations."

"Learning about other peoples approaches towards volunteering helps you."

"The presentations and such are very beneficial and provide the information needed to improve"



To ensure resilience, organisations should:

- Address a need & be able to prove that need.
- Be led by or involve stakeholders.
- Adapt to changing need.
- Have broad based funding.
- Prove your impact & improve data skill.
- Be prepared to work in partnership.



- The Course in action-

Heather gave some examples of how RMC has built up their resilience by addressing the urgent needs & often destitute, vulnerable members of new arrived communities. RMC has also adapted to changing needs as the organisation's first clients were asylum seekers, then refugees, then family re-union. Work at the RMC now also includes citizenship and different stages of EU Migration. The organisation has taken on more volunteers and ensures advisors are appropriately accredited. "Has your organisation adopted to changing needs?" Was one of the questions Heather posed to participants.



Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday 15th April 2014
- Tuesday 29th April 2014
- Tuesday 6th May 2014
- Tuesday 13th May 2014
- Tuesday 20th May 2014
- Tuesday 27th May 2014

