

CASE STUDY: CORNFORTH PARTNERSHIP

Background

Cornforth Partnership is a charity that runs a range of projects, both in their local West Cornforth area and across County Durham. Its main projects are based around employment and training, and health and wellbeing. Activities and training are delivered in outreach venues and funded through various grants; these include a community transport scheme, community allotment, craft and knatters group, and act as befrienders visiting peoples homes.



Support from DCA with volunteering

Cornforth Partnership has worked closely with DCA over the past few years and have received training on volunteering which they have found very useful. They regularly attend the Volunteer Coordinators Forum which provides the opportunity for those managing volunteers to network with others with similar responsibilities and have made lots of contacts by attending these meetings. They have also promoted their volunteering opportunities through DCA and completed the County Durham Kite Mark which is a quality standard that shows how their volunteering programmes endeavour to overcome barriers to volunteering. They found this an easy and quick process which provided a good opportunity to review their policies and procedures.

"DCA have supported us hugely in respect of achieving the volunteer kite mark. We have also hugely benefited from the volunteer forum; it has enabled us to make great contacts, develop partnerships and kept us up to date with relevant information and support available."

Tony Cutmore, Operations Manager



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