

PARTNERSHIP EMPLOYMENT GROUP MEETING NOTES SEPTEMBER 2008

		ACTION
1	Present, at Mears meeting room: Graham Frost, John Clarke, Anita Weldon, Ellen Perry, Angela Seddon, Carol Williams, Polly Goulden, Terry Mann, Kerry Claxton, Chris Rudd, Joanne Melia, Catherine Hitchen, Anthony Mohammed, Gillian Melling, Carol Grace, In attendance from Mears: Ellie Jones and Simon	
2	Anthony attended the meeting to talk about the role of his section (<u>I</u> nformation, <u>A</u> dvice and <u>G</u> uidance) and the <u>W</u> orking <u>N</u> eighbourhood <u>F</u> und, from which grants can be made where the focus is Jobs, skills and /or enterprise. IAG's remit is the Worklessness agenda, working with 9 – 10K people per year who face barriers to work (not just people with disability) and expect to be using £6m of WNF over 3 years. IAG works closely with Jobcentre Plus's Pathways to Work Scheme. Referrals are taken from various agencies, or people self refer eg through the Job Shop in Leigh (the one in Wigan should be re-opening soon). He also advised about regeneration bids, and spoke about funding from the <u>L</u> earning <u>S</u> kills <u>C</u> ouncil, which funds courses at a higher level than many of the people that we are focussing on would achieve. Any social enterprise proposals need to identify sustainability.	
3	Website Catherine is contacting existing organisations on the site re up-dates. Martin agrees site could be changed and will quote. We will then need to launch it.	
4	Barrier projects Carer concerns leaflet. This needs to be moved forward. All we have at present is the draft the group drew together a couple of meetings ago. Employer concerns DVD. Anthony raised the possibility of using some of his publicity funding for this	Graham to circulate with Minutes Chris to discuss further with Nigel in SES
5	LDPB Funded Projects Transition Kerry updated on the project. Now working in 2 colleges. 10 people in sustained paid work, one on permitted hours. Inside Out Ongoing support. Frequently dealing with parental issues. Possibility of agriculture project Funding for the next 2 years for all Board projects will be agreed in December. A significant outcome for the projects needs to be measurable diversion from day services (which would also provide some sustainable funding). There may be links to the new ESA benefit which will replace IB over the next few years.	Graham to circulate Template when it becomes available for information, but will bring copies to next meeting
6	DONM 30 th October, 10.00 at Mears	We will have to agree and work on the bid for any projects we want funding from Partnership Board. Please bring your views!