



## HALO DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Notes of meeting on  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009  
Morton Community Centre



Suggestions from residents  
for HALO activities:

- Gardening Project
- Activities for women
- Cooking on a 'budget'
- Family activities

*Wishing all staff and residents a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*Best wishes,*

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## HALO Activity Updates

At the meeting:

Allison Taylor (staff)  
Jaye Butler  
Mel Crawford (staff)  
Ann Cash  
Fiona Pattinson (staff)  
Rosie Butler  
Vickie Lofthouse  
Elaine Foster (staff)  
Sharon Brennan  
Chris Johnston (staff)  
Jodie Thompson  
Michael Jackson  
Mike Bell (staff)  
Greg Stalker (staff)  
Amanda Parker (staff)  
Violet Thomas  
Kathleen Nichol  
Alison Dey (staff)  
Kevin McCabe  
Joe McGuire  
Carol Pugh (staff)  
Rhian Davies (staff)

**Men's Football session** will have its last session on 17<sup>th</sup> December. It will start up again on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and will run every Thursday, 2- 3pm at the Neil Sports centre, Carlisle United.

**Sewing & Craft sessions** will have its last session on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We will be reviewing the success of this and hope to start again in the New Year...so watch this space!

**BASE** the young people's drop-in session at the meeting room opposite Carlisle Library will close over Christmas. It will be back on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010, 4pm-5.30pm.

A **weekly women's drop-in** will be starting in January 2010 at the Hubbub café at centre 47 in Denton Holme. The first session will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, so look out for posters with more details in the New Year.

A **creative writing & singing project** will be starting in the New Year. A 'taster' session has been arranged for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Look out for posters in the New Year.

**Community Learning Champions** course starts in January for seven weeks. It's open to people who wish to inspire others to take up learning opportunities in their local community. It fits well with the aims of HALO. We hope those who qualify will support residents to take up new learning opportunities.

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How will residents get their views & ideas heard?  
How will residents know what is on offer?

Various options were discussed:

**Option 1**

Have a HALO resident rep for each hostel or project

**Option 2**

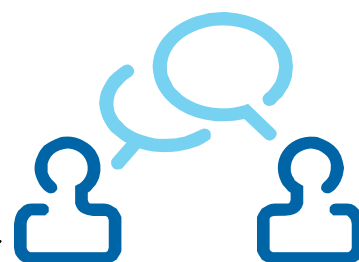
For each HALO Development Group meeting have an agenda item for issues & ideas to be aired freely.

**Option 3**

To have a 'Facebook' page for HALO so residents can access information, give their views and opinions.

We agreed it would be beneficial to offer different options for residents to be involved in HALO.

**ACTION:** Rhian would research these ideas with staff/residents



I did not know about the logo competition, and I would have liked to have entered. (Resident)

I think each agency need to talk in their own staff teams to work out how they can advertise activities *better* with their residents. It's not enough to just stick it on a notice board. (Staff)

### Guest Speaker's at the meeting were...

**Allison Taylor** from **Cumbria User's Project**. Allison's role is to support people who are drug user's to have a voice in the services they receive, and encourage agencies to recognise they have rights too...

**Carol Pugh** from **Cumbria Voluntary Service** came to talk about a new course they are running with HALO, "Community learning Champions". Watch out for the fliers with more info.

### Next meeting is...

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**  
10am -12noon  
at  
Salvation Army Building,  
Abbey Street.

We discussed in small groups the statement for the HALO Development Group. We have agreed to meet at least once a month. The document sets out our vision, mission and aims for the group. Suggestions were made for the ground rules and you can see the full statement with the additions from the meeting attached to these notes. It will be formally agreed at the next meeting.