

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion
2.	Date:	Monday 22 nd October, 2012
3.	Title:	Local Democracy Campaign 2012/13
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

This report provides an update on the Local Democracy Campaign (LDC) 2012/13, including what activities are going to take place in Local Democracy Week (LDW) which is taking place 15th-21st October this year and the latest annual programme of events to ensure local democracy is a year long campaign.

6. Recommendations

That Members:

- To note the activities taking place in this year's Local Democracy Week and Local Democracy Campaign.

7. Proposals and details

7.1 Background

“European Local Democracy Week” (ELDW) is an annual European event where local authorities from all the 47 member states of the Council of Europe organise public events to meet and engage with their citizens on issues of current interest. The aim is to promote and foster democratic participation at a local level.

ELDW aims to enable local populations to meet their elected representatives at national and/or local events. Its purpose is to raise European citizens’ awareness of how local authorities operate, and inform them of the opportunities available for taking part in decision-making at the local level. During ELDW, local authorities are encouraged to reflect on their responsibilities as key actors in democratic societies. The vitality of local democracy improves the quality of life in our communities and enhances the effectiveness of local governance.

The Local Democracy Week in 2012-13 is taking place between 15th and 21st October and includes activities such as the ‘launch of the Youth Cabinet Manifesto’, ‘Question Time’, ‘Political Speed Dating’, and ‘Top Dog Challenge’

7.2 Local Democracy Campaign Activities

Rotherham has been celebrating LDW for 7 years now, with many different events taking place across the borough.

The 2011/12 programme was a fantastic success and saw a much greater enthusiasm and involvement across the whole council than in previous years and this year’s (2012/13) campaign is continuing in the same vein (See Appendix 1 for an outline of all the events that have taken place since April 2011 to date). It seems the Local Democracy message through the ‘One Town One Community’ vision is spreading and more people are seeing the potential these events can have on citizenship, cohesion and community empowerment, as well as improving understanding and awareness in Rotherham of the Council and roles of local councillors.

Although the target group for LDW is 11 – 16 year olds, a number of events have also taken place within primary schools across the borough in previous years, as well as colleges. The Local Democracy Campaign in Rotherham is aimed at everyone; the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion has strongly advocated that democracy affects everyone which is why we have taken a much more open approach towards including activities.

The Local Democracy Week and Campaign 2012/13 includes a diverse range of activities ranging from mainstream activities in our Voice and Influence Unit in the Young People Services and Area Assemblies to externally funded activities such

as VAR and RotherFed activities, Community First Activities, Big Local Thurcroft Project, Schools Linking Network and Model United Nations (SLN-MUN) which have added value to our existing activities such as Area Assemblies, VCS organisations and One Town One Community activities.

8. Finance

The costs of running the existing events that comprise LDW have been met from within current resources and external funding, and the programme should be continued subject to mainstream resources been maintained in this challenging climate.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk that some of the local people and vulnerable groups will continue to be disengaged, if we do not engage them in our political and democratic processes.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

New guidance emerging across a range of community empowerment and engagement issues is being reflected in the new Localism Act.

The Localism Act is seeking to put an end to the hoarding of power within central government and top-down control of communities, allowing local people the freedom to run their lives and neighbourhoods in their own way. The Act contains a radical package of reforms that seeks to devolve greater power and freedoms to councils and neighbourhoods, establish powerful new rights for communities, revolutionise the planning system, and give communities control over housing decisions.

On a local level, engaging communities and ensuring no community is left behind by talking and listening to all our customers and treating everyone fairly and with respect is a council priority through the Corporate Plan.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix 1- Programme of Activity (2012/13)

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Appendix 1- Local Democracy Campaign 2011/12

Local Democracy Campaign 2012/13

Local Democracy Week 2012 - Monday 15th to Sunday 21st October 2012.

Voice and Influence Team

- Youth Cabinet Manifesto Launch on 15th October at the Town Hall at 3pm
- UK Youth Parliament House of Commons Debate on 23rd November

Community Engagement Team

- Question Time with Cllr Hussain and panel at Oakwood Technology College on 17th October from 11.55am-12.45pm.
- **How Your Council Works?** - A Community Engagement Officer will be running 'How Your Council Works'? for new communities at the Unity Centre and Cllr Dominic Beck providing a tour around Town Hall and explaining the role of a councillor.
These sessions are taking place on 17th and 19th September/6th November.

Schools Linking Network and Model United Nations (SLN-MUN)

- SLN-MUN engages students in current world affairs. It encourages students to take on and attempt to deal with complex global crises and provides an opportunity for them to explore ways of dealing with controversial issues.
- We plan to run SLN-MUN with Rotherham secondary schools: The meeting dates will be:
- **Meeting 1** – Thursday 11th October, Winterhill CLC will be the venue. Students meet for the first time and participate in 'linking' activities. They will draw their countries, find out about the UN, meet their university tutors, meet guest NGO's, and the debate topic revealed.

- **Meeting 2** – Wednesday 24th October hosted at Winterhill CLC the students will be supported by their university tutors to pull together their independent research into their written papers.
- **Meeting 3** – Wednesday 21st November. The final preparation day will be held in Rotherham Town Hall to allow students to familiarise themselves with the venue and chambers. Students will be prepared for the formality and structure of the conference day.
- **Conference Day** – Monday 3rd December - debate day held in Rotherham Town Hall in the Council Chambers.

Area Assemblies

AREA ASSEMBLIES

Rotherham North Local Democracy Week 2012		
Event	Venue	Details
Visit by Stephen Menhi (Sculptor of the Steel Man)	Wingfield School	Discussion/Consultation on the initiative together with Local Cllrs
Question Time	Chislett Youth Centre	Question time event with the young peoples Cobra group.
Question Time	Several J & I Schools including Winterhill Comprehensive	Awaiting confirmation of events
Community First Activities 2012 - KEPPEL		
KPCP Volunteer Project	KPCP have secured funding to employ a Volunteer Co-ordinator to build on and develop the already flourishing volunteer programme in Kimberworth Park. The funding will be used to “kit out” the portacabin to act as a volunteer base at the Chislett Centre e.g. flooring, furniture, and equipment. - £2500	

GROW	<p>To provide support to women and their families who maybe experiencing isolation, debt, low level mental health issues, family relationship difficulties, benefit and unemployment issues, exploitation risks and housing issues.</p> <p>The project will be delivered on a one to one basis offering individual mentoring, action planning, this approach supports the development of problem solving skills which have a lifelong benefit. This element of the project would be delivered in people's homes or place where they felt safe. The project would also make referrals to any specialist support services that were identified as appropriate for the individual.</p> <p>The project would also provide support through a peer support group based within the local community, at which group activities including informal learning and school holiday activities will be offered. This group would encourage peer support and the development of local networks and increased social inclusion.</p>
Musicality	<p>Musicality - Musicality is a group of community volunteers who meet each week to practice and develop their musical skills. They visit various local events/elderly residential homes and entertain. This group developed through the "Get Kimberworth Park Singing" project. The funding will be used for group development, venue hire and the continued engagement of a singing coach/musical director and will enable the group to continue for the next 12months.</p> <p>Musicality has brought together older people aged between 50 and 80+ to share music and each other's company as a way of warding off isolation and loneliness, also taking their minds off some significant health issues.</p> <p>Between them the group members have a wealth of past singing experience, including having performed on stage in choirs, musicals and amateur operatic societies.</p>
Kimberworth Park Club 50+	<p>To find community transport for those Club 50_ members who are unable to access weekly meetings due to mobility problems so they are able to be provided with a door to door transport service.</p>

Age UK	<p>This will engage vulnerable older people in the Keppel area. Firstly our Linkline service, where a team of volunteers 356 days a year telephone older people within their own home as a form of befriending, secondly our befriending service, which is a group of volunteers that undertake visits to people within their own home and to support them on visits, trips or activities outside of their home and finally Fit as a Fiddle developed across Rotherham Borough through Big Lottery, which has focussed on keeping older people active in age. The Community First funding would enable Age UK Rotherham to employ a sessional worker to engage people within the Keppel community to become befriending volunteers to support older people within this area. Their role would also be to identify older people who would benefit from our volunteer befriender or/and the Linkline services.</p>
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Community First Activities 2012 - ROTHERHAM WEST

Rotherham United Community Sports Trust United for Young People	<p>We would like to deliver two evening session a week at Ferham Park for 10 weeks targeting young people aged 13 to 19 living in the Ferham area especially from the Roma community. We will be delivering a football tournament at the end of the 10 weeks and bringing young people together from different backgrounds to promote community cohesion.</p> <p>We will be using an important but under used community resource, Ferham park, to deliver positive activities for young people</p>
Friends of Thornhill School -Parent Craft Sessions	<p>We would like to deliver a project to encourage more parents to engage in school life and would like to organise parent craft sessions at our federation schools. Thornhill and Primary school.</p> <p>A 12 week activity programme will be delivered at each school (teddy bear making and henna and nail art) particularly targeting BME parents who are harder to reach and new arriving Roma/Slovak.</p> <p>At the end of the programme at each school parents and children will be invited to a puppet show which children put together with puppet company</p>

<p>Masbrough Youth Forum - Make a Difference Masbrough Youth</p>	<p>We would like to take part in Friday evening football sessions that involve young people aged 13 to 19 from Masbrough at a time of the evening where there is lots of ASB in the area and adult residence complaining to the police that young people are hanging about on the street causing a nuisance.</p> <p>As there are no indoor sport provisions in Masbrough the football sessions will have to take place at Clifton Cranworth site sports hall which youth service have given free but we will need transport as a group of us walking in Eastwood to play football in the past has caused us problems with Eastwood young people wanting us to fight with them.</p> <p>We are looking for funding for 2hr football coaching sessions, once a week over 12 weeks with a 5 a side competition at the end</p>
<p>Friends of Blackburn School - Rejuvenating Blackburn School Environmental Site</p>	<p>The aim of this project is to rejuvenate the school's environmental site. So far we have cut down trees to let more light in to the site, replaced old tables, installed a beehive, replaced fencing around the site, removed dangerous steps, begun laying new paths and started installing raised beds for growing vegetables. Now we want to, clear the old pond and put in a new pond liner, create more raised beds, finish laying paths, plant shrubs to attract birds & insects, create habitats for insects and animals and build a bird hide.</p>
<p>R.E.M.A. - opportUNITY'S</p>	<p>The project will be delivered to people in Rotherham West ward who are from BME and EU migrant descent. The project will be delivered in a series of workshops over 4 weeks for each group (3 groups) covering, positive parenting\children & families, How Your Town Works, access to public services, personal development\volunteering & employability, health & wellbeing and equality and diversity\positive cohesion. The workshops will be a friendly, fun environment using innovative delivery to ensure a high quality of learning for all. The project will encourage communities isolated by culture and language to develop, basic life skills, understanding options available through the borough, building confidence and self-esteem, development of employability and personal growth and participation in the wider community. As all attendees' first language is not English, language support will be offered to the sessions.</p>

<p>Unity Centre - D.I.V.A.S.</p>	<p>Social cohesion is a significant issue for the Rotherham West and other neighbouring wards. We will have a multi-cultural approach to programme delivery that will enable different social, cultural & ethnic groups to work together and support each other, embedding greater awareness and promoting more effective social inclusion both for individuals and whole communities.</p> <p>The D.I.V.A.S project will allow women from different communities to come together every weekend to work play and learn with each other. We will run a wide variety of activities such as;</p> <p>Zumba, Jewellery Making, Henna, Origami, Aromatherapy, Nail Painting, Hair and makeup, Hand massage, Yoga, Parents classes, Sewing, Acupuncture, computer classes, Wii-fit, Chair Exercises, Pilates, Tai Chi, Digital Art, Dance, Arts and Crafts and Healthy Cooking</p> <p>The D.I.V.A.S project will be flexible enough to allow us to change the activities from week to week if we have a low turnout for a specific workshop.</p>
<p>Richmond Park TARA - Richmond Park Over 50's Club</p>	<p>The project revolves around the provision of facilities to engage with the over 50's in Richmond Park and the surrounding area to encourage them out of their houses to socialise with people of their own age group and re-engage with partner agencies to improve elements of their lives</p>

Community First Activities 2012 - WINGFIELD

<p>Greaseborough Youth FC - Schools Football/Saturday morning Club</p>	<p>To run after-school clubs in our ward, involving Roughwood, Redscope, Greasbrough, & Rockingham Junior Schools. Also a 4 week Saturday morning club in June, which kids who complete all 4, are awarded a medal and then we will run a permanent Saturday morning club for the under 6's.</p>
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<p>GROW - Family Support Project</p>	<p>To provide support to women and their family's who maybe experiencing isolation, debt, low level mental health issues, family relationship difficulties, benefit and unemployment issues, exploitation risks and housing issues.</p> <p>The project will be delivered on a one to one basis offering individual mentoring, action planning, this approach supports the development of problem solving skills which have a lifelong benefit. This element of the project would be delivered in people's homes or place where they felt safe. The project would also make referrals to any specialist support services that were identified as appropriate for the individual.</p> <p>The project would also provide support through a peer support group based within the local community, at which group activities including informal learning and school holiday activities will be offered. This group would encourage peer support and the development of local networks and increased social inclusion.</p>
<p>Rotherham United Community Sports Trust (RUCST) - Rewind (Anti-Racism Project)</p>	<p>To deliver a 10 week anti-racism project at Wingfield School to raise people's awareness of racism and build their confidence to challenge racism. The programme will be delivered to young people in Year 9 and cover myths around race, terminology used to describe others and how we can work together to promote community cohesion. The programme raises young people's awareness of the impact of racism on victims; gets young people to look at their own discriminatory behaviour.</p>
<p>Chislett Young Staff - COBRA</p>	<p>To develop the team of young community volunteers to enable them to; formally constitute the group and form a management committee, support the running of the Junior Youth Club, get to know each other's strengths/weaknesses to help them to work together, learn new skills to share with others, learn how to become positive role models and have a positive influence on others, work together to play safe and safeguard others, creating a fun, safe place.</p>
<p>Casting Innovations - CAN We Do It?</p>	<p>A unique, mobile recycling education programme that uses waste aluminium as a medium to support a large range of targeted outcomes. Initial litter-picks and awareness raising is followed by the projects own micro-recycling scheme which is designed for community participation and delivers financial rewards as a bonus, along with higher recycling rates and reduced fly-tipping and littering. Participants are provided with information and the tools to deliver changes, starting at home and then in the wider community.</p>

Rockingham 33 TARA - Alpine Shops	The Alpine Shops Development project began in 2010 as it was identified by the Area Assembly as being an area needing considerable attention. Originally the site was a flower bed in the centre of a shopping area; however, over time it had deteriorated into a pile of rubble. We began to work with Groundwork Dearne Valley and Wingfield School to redevelop the area alongside a steering group of young people. Funding was secured from The Big Lottery and SITA to restore the central area to its former glory benefitting the whole community. However, insufficient funding was available to enable the painting of the surrounding shop shutters and wooden cladding. Therefore, we are submitting this application to secure additional funding to paint the surrounding cladding and shutter of the shopping area to complete the project. The funding will also be used to affect small repairs to surrounding walls of the central planting area.
*Rockingham 33 TARA - Halloween Cohesion & Consultation Project	To hold a Halloween event. We have undertaken lots of projects in the 2 years since we formed. Many of our projects have been geared at our older generations. Our aim is to reach out to young families to support the growth and inclusion of our group. Many of our area's younger residents attend Wingfield school whilst living in Rockingham. We would like to open our doors to some younger residents and use the event to recruit new members. We will also use the event to undertake consultation with our residents regarding our area and where we would like to see services targeted. We will also be working with the young people to learn more about how to effectively engage.
Kimberworth Park Community Partnership - Positive Action	To deliver positive engagement activities for young people aged 11 - 16 years.
Rockingham Community Action Group - Rocky Movers	To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical & natural environment on Rockingham estate and surrounding areas, volunteers from the group carry out twice-weekly litter picks/tidying up of identified hotspots.

Age UK - Keeping Older People Connected & Active

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Rotherham South		
Local Democracy Week 2012		
Event	Venue	Details
To be confirmed	Canklow Woods School	Event to take place late October details have yet to be confirmed

Community First Activities 2012 - Rotherham East	
RUCST –	United for young people-BME sports project to encourage young people from all ethnicities into sport for integration.
RUSH House	Rush House on Line-computer equipment etc to enable young residents of Rush House to access the internet for employment opportunities.
UMCC-	Sunraising East Ward- Project to encourage residents in Rotherham East to develop community action plans.
Unity Centre	D.I.V.I.S. project designed to bring women from all backgrounds together to improve confidence and self esteem in a comfortable environment.

BME young people and carers group	a project which will offer an event to disabled BME young people and their parents/carers in order for them to access services and develop networks
AGE UK	Rotherham keeping older people connected and active-project will target isolated and vulnerable older people and develop inclusion activities
Casting Innovations	CAN we do it-environmental project to run in schools will encourage recycling of aluminium cans through firstly litter picking then using a process to turn the aluminium litter into products so young people can see the benefit of recycling.
Clifton Partnership	Tackling food poverty-a project which offers children and parents the opportunity to meet together for a day take part in food related activities and be fed a healthy meal.
Eastwood Village Community Association	FunFest-local community celebration day which brings together all the diverse communities of Eastwood to celebrate together and reaffirm community cohesion.

Community First Activities 2012 - Boston Castle	
Age UK Rotherham-Project Titled-Keeping Older People Connected and Active	This proposal will build on and developed an existing project developed across Rotherham Borough through Big Lottery, called Fit as a Fiddle funding to Age UK Rotherham which ends in June 2012 which has focussed on keeping older people active in age. The Keeping Older People Connected and Active (KOPCA) Project in your ward will focus on the localities identified to us by your Panel. Whilst the KOPCA project will retain some elements of fitness activity for older people along the lines of Fit as a Fiddle, it will also focus on other ways of keeping older people connected and active, both physically and mentally to support general health and well being and address issues of loneliness and isolation. Building on Age UK Rotherham's successful volunteering activity this Project will work with a range of volunteers to produce health outcomes for older people that result from encouraging and enabling them to be more active and involved within their own local community. Positive outcomes are generated whether older people are involved as volunteers or as participants in the activities provided and include: Decrease in sense of loneliness and isolation and increased sense of well being/ quality of life. Decreased feeling of depression/anxiety, Increased confidence, Feeling more motivated, Being more mobile and Increased independence. The funding would enable Age UK Rotherham to work employ a sessional worker to engage people within community to bringing about improvement through

	<p>empowerment and active participation, to support existing groups to develop and sustain activities and set up new activities across the area.</p>
<p>United Multicultural Centre-Project Title-Vision for Boston</p>	<p>To give the communities residing in the Boston Ward of Rotherham an opportunity to express their vision for the future of the community. 6 volunteers will be given training and support to produce a short film depicting the views of up to 30 people from all age groups, backgrounds, and economic positions on the current state of the Boston Ward area and to express their aspirations and visions of what the area should look like in 5 years' time.</p>
<p>The Unity Centre Rotherham-Project Title-D.I.V.A.S.- Diverse, Inclusive, Variety, Alliance and Socialise</p>	<p>Social cohesion is a significant issue for the Boston Castle and other neighbouring wards. We will have a multi-cultural approach to programme delivery that will enable different social, cultural & ethnic groups to work together and support each other, embedding greater awareness and promoting more effective social inclusion both for individuals and whole communities. The D.I.V.A.S project will allow women from different communities to come together every weekend to work play and learn with each other. We will run a wide variety of activities such as; Zumba, Jewellery Making, Henna, Origami, Aromatherapy, Nail Painting, Hair and makeup, Hand massage, Yoga, Parents classes, Sewing, Acupuncture, computer classes, Wii-fit, Chair Exercises, Pilates, Tai Chi, Digital Art, Dance, Arts and Crafts and Healthy Cooking. The D.I.V.A.S project will be flexible enough to allow us to change the activities from week to week if we have a low turnout for a specific workshop.</p>

<p>GROW-Project-Title-Canklow Parents and Carers Group</p>	<p>To support a newly formed parent and carer's community group to develop, plan and deliver activities that will reduce isolation, promote family health and wellbeing, and improve community cohesion. Members of the group will be encouraged to develop a programme of activities that will meet their needs in a space that offers support and socialising opportunities. Activities will be provided through the project but also from other providers including extended services and NHS Rotherham. Individual women in the group who maybe experiencing problems for example, low level mental health issues, debt or poor financial management skills, family health and wellbeing issues, will be supported to address concerns and problems and become more proactive in problem solving. This would potentially require 1:1 support and advocacy, that would be accessible through GROW's Family Support project.</p>
<p>Canklow Community Connections-Project Title-Adopt a Street Project</p>	<p>Canklow Community Connections a local group would like to change the appearance and perception of the Canklow area. Historically Canklow has suffered from fly tipping and littering and the group would like to reclaim the area for the local community by working together through this adopting a street by street approach to cleaning up the area. The newly formed Tenants and Resident Group has recognised the need for a project of this nature and will encourage community members, local children and the local school to get involved in the project thus developing a much needed sense of pride in their area and increased local involvement. Each street will be adopted and cleaned in turn and residents will be encouraged to continue the process, signage will be used to inform the community of the streets that have been adopted and the signs will remain to help sustain the cleaned up area.</p>
<p>Castling Innovations Limited- Project Title-CAN we do it</p>	<p>A unique, mobile recycling education programme that uses waste aluminium as a medium to support a large range of targeted outcomes. Initial litter-picks and awareness raising is followed by the projects own micro-recycling scheme which is designed for community participation and, along with higher recycling rates and reduced fly tipping and littering. Participants are provided with information and the tools to deliver changes, starting at home and then in the wider community. Our workshops are innovative and completely interactive, encouraging hard and soft life skills. All participants are welcomed and can usually be catered for. Our mobility means that we can operate in rural and urban communities and can be delivered in care homes, classrooms, community halls and office space alike (after risk assessment).</p>

Rother Valley West, Rother Valley South & Wentworth Valley

Local Democracy Week 2012

Event	Venue	Details
Political Speed Dating	St Bernards School (8th October) Dinnington Comprehensive (9th October) Wales Comprehensive (12th October)	10 Students and 10 Partners including Elected members. Students sit opposite the partner and get to quiz them for 3 minutes. Then the partners move on to the next like in speed dating. Students score each partner and the one with the highest score wins a small prize. All students receive a certificate
SNA Top Dog Challenge	Lifewise Centre	Students will visit the lifewise centre at Hellaby and be issued with a list of problems affecting the Community there. They will look around the complex and identify issues and seek advice from the partners present. The School who identifies the most issues and spend the whole of the £100k allocated to them putting the issues right will win a trip to London
Junior Top Dog Challenge	Dinnington Resource Centre	Similar to the above but on a smaller scale for younger children. We will mess up the outside gym and ask the young people to identify as many problems as they can and ask if they would know who to contact to put the issues right. This is aimed at the under 10's

Community First Activities 2012 - Rother Valley West - ROTHER VALE	
Thurcroft Detached Young Peoples Group (Skatepark)	To provide Community Artist and material to design and create community arts on the Skate park in Thurcroft
Worker Educational Association (WEA)	To provide 7 weeks of information/communication technology based at Treeton Enterprise Centre. The courses will provide basic word processing with use of the internet for sourcing information
Thurcroft Welfare Community Hall – Bowling Club	The funding will enable the group to refurbish toilet provisions at the club. Repairs to a leaking roof and renewing electrics to the toilets
Ulley Parish Plan Steering Committee	Provide litter picking equipment which will allow residents within the Ulley Community to organise and participate in community clean up events
Thurcroft Fun Run & Gala Event	Volunteers will host a Community Cohesion event in the format of a community gala in partnership with BIG LOCAL
Thurcroft Welfare Brass Band	This project will offer band members the opportunity to learn how to play musical instruments and read music the funding will also allow them to invest in more much needed equipment

Community First Activities 2012 - Wentworth Valley - MALTBY	
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust (RUCST)	United for Maltby Young People - To deliver football sessions over a 10 week period for young people aged 13 to 19 on Manor Field during the summer half term. It will also provide 10 weeks street dance sessions for young people aged 10 and 11 at Maltby Craggs School
Casting Innovations Ltd	CAN We do it? - A mobile recycling education programme that uses waste aluminium to support a large range of targeted outcomes. Initial litter-picks & awareness raising is followed by own micro-recycling scheme designed for community participation and delivers financial rewards as a bonus, along with higher recycling rates and reduced fly tipping and littering. Participants are provided with information and the tools to deliver changes, starting at home and then in the wider community.

Stepping Stones Community Interest Group Committee	<p>Cook & Eat/Drug Awareness/Paediatric 1st Aid Training - Cook & Eat - Proposed course to provide for the most vulnerable families to enable them to feel more confident when cooking for their children and also show them how to cook healthy foods on a low budget. Drug Awareness - To provide valuable information, advice & increase awareness, it will provide information on what signs to look for and what to do if you suspect your child of misusing substances. Paediatric First Aid Training - This will provide information and advice on first aid in young children.</p>
China Town TARA	<p>Bringing Families & Communities together The project will enable the group to help bring their community together whilst addressing issues in their area. 4 x Community Action Days Improving the environment is a priority for the group. The Community Clean up days will encourage the local residents to help improve their community. The Clean up days will include skips, litter picking, wild flower garden, bulb planting and an edible garden. To provide football equipment so the YP are able to set up their own football team To provide public liability insurance to cover the group for events and community action days.</p>
Groundwork Dearne Valley	<p>Maltby Junior Wardens An out of school educational programme working with young people between the ages of 7-11. The programme looks at getting the young people taking responsibility for where they live and out in their communities. Over a six week period GDV and other partners will work with the YP to carry out activities such as a trip to Lifewise. They will carry out estate walkabouts and community clean ups linking into the Rotherham CAN project. 4 Schools x 12 Young People = 48 Young People</p>

Model Village Community Association

Community Engagement, Education & Celebration Project

The project is designed to engage and empower this community while addressing key issues and priorities.

4 x Community Action Days. Improving the environment is a priority for the group. The Community Clean up days will encourage local residents to help improve their community and create greener, cleaner streets. These Action days will include skips, litter picking and bulb planting.

4 x 6 weeks computer training courses to help residents learn basic computer skills.

A one off community event to engage the community in fun activities

To provide basic football equipment in the area for YP

Wentworth Valley Youth Assembly

WVYA Promotional Event

Organise an Event to promote the WVYA to encourage YP to get involved with the WVYA and influence decision making in Maltby. Young people will be involved with the design and organisation of this event. The event will bring young people together to develop friendships (cohesion), increase skills and confidence, team building and to express their opinions through voice and influence processes. It will be an opportunity for young people to have a go at a number of different activities to do with music, dance and sports. The event will take place over half a day during the summer holidays. This event will also be mirrored in the Bramley/Wickersley area to promote the WVYA.

Wentworth North

Local Democracy Week 2012

Event	Venue	Details
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Awaiting clarification of any events

**Community First Activities 2012 - Wentworth Valley -
Hoover**

<p> Casting Innovations Ltd</p>	<p> A unique, mobile recycling education programme that uses waste aluminium as a medium to support a large range of targeted outcomes. Initial litter-picks and awareness raising is followed by the projects own micro-recycling scheme which is designed to stimulate an increase in recycling at home and the message that waste aluminium has a “value”.</p>
<p> Cortonwood Comeback Centre</p>	<p> To hold a community event during June 2012 for the communities of West Melton and Brampton. The Aim of the project is to develop a simple survey and train a small number of residents to undertake the survey. The survey will help the community first panel identify issues that are relevant to both communities and from these findings develop future projects and pieces of work to address needs. In addition to this we will also invite other statutory and voluntary agencies to attend the event in an effort to raise their profile and give community members direct access to information and support. The project will also be a showcase of local community talent in an effort to raise aspirations and involve the communities fully in community life.</p>
<p> Brampton Youth Group</p>	<p> The project will enable us employ a sessional worker who will provide information advice and guidance to people that are unemployed and seeking employment. The sessional worker will take referrals from the job centre and work in partnership with the young peoples Connexions service this will be achieved through a weekly Drop-In session. In addition to this, the project will also enable people to apply for small bursary to enable them to access training, travel costs and buy suitable clothing for interviews.</p>
<p> Brampton Junior Youth Group</p>	<p> Via our mentoring scheme, small community groups will get support on writing constitutions applying for funding and undertaking an organisational health check.</p>

<p> Wentworth South Local Democracy Week 2012</p>		
<p> Event</p>	<p> Venue</p>	<p> Details</p>

Awaiting clarification of any events

Community First Activities 2012 - Wentworth South - Silverwood	
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust	To deliver a 15 week healthy lifestyle programme to young people aged 13- 19 at Dalton Youth centre. Includes sport taster sessions and heart start emergency sessions
Drive It Home Road Safety	To deliver hard-hitting road safety presentations in schools and colleges to the at risk age of 17-24. To tackle anti-social behaviour, drink and drug misuse.
Inspire Rotherham	Building on the highly acclaimed, 'Writing in the Home and in the Street' project (University of Sheffield) with children from a neighbouring school, this project will be directed through the children of local schools, harnessing an active partnership with their communities. The objective, establishing a 'literacy rich community', starting with research findings from children, demonstrating current vision as a literacy poor community (graffiti, instructional, threats) the few positive literacy's found in the cemetery. Children in Silverwood will be trained as researchers then supported to lead a community action project, including a fun-family-learning programme, intergenerational, developing research skills; literacy workshops (positive poetry/art/linked to Rotherham Can and a website, promoting positive literacy's across Silverwood for current and future generations.
Community First Activities 2012 - Wentworth South - Valley	
Rotherham United Community Sports Trust	To deliver once a week for 20 weeks football sessions at High Greaves school in the evenings for young people aged 10 to 16 living in the Valley area with a football tournament at the end of the project
Dalton Parish Council	Young people's community planning and engagement event
St. Leonard's and St. Peter's PCC	Creates opportunities for the whole community to come together in attractive and accessible venues within the community. Training the trainers approach leaves a skill and knowledge legacy. Consultation will allow community priorities to be identified with regard to key priorities and influence over plan development and project commissioning. (This project covers both Silverwood and Valley Wards and a project proposal for £940 have been approved by Silverwood Ward Community First Panel.)

Friends of Herringthorpe Valley Park	To allow the Friends of Group to organise a number of community social events to take place in the park across the year to promote positive use of the space. Activities to take place at key times to address ASB and nuisance.
The Valley Vision	The research undertaken by High Greave children demonstrated the community as one which surrounds its residents in poor literacy's, this project brings together generations in, and outside families, led by children, to create a brighter and more positive visual representation of literacy for current and future generations. By bringing communities together with a key focus and aspirational purpose we hope to generate aspirational approaches to reading and writing in the area
Age Uk	To work to develop capacity in the community and provide support and engagement with elderly and vulnerable individuals
Team Blackhawks	Our aim is to attract children from the area to participate in roller hockey through our successful club. It can be an expensive sport and limits the numbers of participants because of financial restrictions. We aim for children from 5-12 years old-(boys and Girls) to learn skills in skating, stick handling, puck control, team work, self belief, discipline and participate in two local leagues at Rotherham and Sheffield. We aim to provide cheaper training and provide kit for new starters. Also to fund new and improved training equipment such as pucks, cones, bibs and promote the club and sport in the area thus making it more accessible to all children.
Lifestyle	To develop a community alcohol project using volunteers to educate about the dangers of abuse and provide and signpost to support and advice.

General VCS Activities

Lead	Date	Activity	Outcomes
VAR	16 th April 2012	Beyond the Workplace – A Toolkit	Community Union launched their Beyond the Workplace Toolkit in Rotherham
SYFAB	18 th April 2012	Rotherham BIG Lottery Fund Training Day	BIG Lottery Fund and SYFAB have arranged a day to help Rotherham groups make successful bids to the Reaching Communities programme

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Rotherham Foodbank	1 st May 2012	Launch of Rotherham Foodbank	Raised awareness of the Foodbank Service and acknowledgement that this type of service is necessary in the current climate
Rural Action Yorkshire	8 th May 2012	Localism Workshop	Free training and advice for community groups, local councillors and voluntary and community organisations on Localism, Community Rights and Neighbourhood Planning
RotherFed	8 th May 2012	Deaf Futures Stall	Part of Deaf Futures Week to promote deaf awareness.
Heroes Support Group	11 th May 2012	Heroes Support Group	Heroes Support Group is a new support group for members and ex members of the Armed Forces who meet on the second Friday of each month 1pm-3pm in the Brinsworth Community Hall.
SYFAB	15 th May 2012	Funding Advice Surgeries	One to one advice sessions for VCS in need of information or advice on funding their group or organisation
RotherFed	22 nd May 2012	RotherFed Quality Awards	Community groups from across Rotherham were honoured for the excellent work they have carried out on behalf of their local neighbourhoods.
ROPF	May 2012	ROPF are asking Older People What Matters Most to Them	Over 70 older People's groups received a survey which asked them to discuss with their members 'What matters most to them'.
REMA	24 th May 2012	Dementia Awareness Information Event	Alzheimer's Society Rotherham is encouraging engagement with Ethnic Minority groups to increase understanding about dementia and the support available
Rotherham LGBT	28 th May 2012	Rotherham LGBT Group Meeting	Rotherham LGBT are a new group in Rotherham South Yorkshire and their aim is to help and support people from the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender

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Rural Action Yorkshire	31 st May 2012	Survival Skills for Community Groups beyond 2012	Free training and advice to help projects or groups survive and prosper!
RotherFed	May 2012	Small Grants for Rotherham Tenant Groups 2012-13	£200 grant programme for new and existing TARA groups to support their development.
Ferham Community Group	5 th June	Ferham Picnic in the Park	Community Jubilee Celebrations
Winthrop Park	5 th June 2012	Jubilee Craft Day	Jubilee celebration for the community
VAR	7 th June 2012	Rotherham Volunteer Centre Open Day	Let people know how to volunteer, what volunteering opportunities are available and how VCS can be supported to recruit and support volunteers.
RotherFed	12th June 2012	Community Group Training	A five week training course looking at developing and joining community groups.
RotherFed	12 th June 2012	Assertiveness for Women	Training to help women feel more comfortable about being assertive
VAR	13 th June 2012	Police and Crime Commissioners Event	VCS attended to find out about the New PCC and what this could mean for the sector and how to get involved
VAR	13 th June 2012	Launch of the Safer Futures Communities Network	VCS attended to find out how to get involved in influencing the PCC and how to join the network
Apna Haq	15 th June 2012	Evening with Women Writers from Diverse Communities	Inspirational Role Models, Real-Life Cases, Three Course Meal & Opportunity to Network
LINKrotherham	15 th June 2012	Annual General Meeting	Updated LINK members on the Healthwatch developments and potential involvement in the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing board
SYFAB	19 th June 2012	Funding Advice Surgeries	One to one advice sessions for VCS in need of information or advice on funding their group or organisation

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Rotherham Ministry of Food	June 2012	480 Rotherham Adults to Be Helped to Cook For Free	Funding secured to work with VCS to provide cooking courses to 480 Rotherham Adults
VAR & TfR	20 th June 2012	Project Development and Advice Surgery	One to one advice sessions for VCS in need of information or advice on building the capacity of their group or organisation
VAR	21 st June 2012	VCS meeting with RMBC Chief Executive	An opportunity for VCS to maintain links with RMBC and understand and influence any policy or strategic direction.
VAR	29 th June 2012	Welfare Reform Event - What will it mean for the people I work with?	An event to inform frontline workers of the effect the welfare reform could have on their client group.
REMA	11 th July 2012	Elderly Asian Mens Group	Raising awareness of health issues and continuing engagement.
VAR	19 th July 2012	Rotherham Partnership Update and Welfare Reform Impact	An event to inform VCS of changes to the Rotherham Partnership, opportunities to get involved and the possible impact of the Welfare Reforms in Rotherham
VAR, REMA and LINKrotherham	24 th July 2012	Health and Wellbeing Strategy Event	VCS and LINK members had the opportunity to feed their comments into the draft Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Strategy
SYCIL	31 st July 2012	Choosing Independence Event	Raising awareness of Adult Services in Rotherham and the support available for disabled people.
VAR	7 th September	VCS to meet 3x MPs	Opportunity for VCS to meet and converse with Rotherhams 3x MP's
Rotherham Pensioners Action Group	7 th September	Rotherham MP's event	Opportunity for pensioners, and members of the public to meet and converse with Rotherham 3x MP's
VAR & TfR	20 th September 2012	Project Development and Advice Surgery	One to one advice sessions for VCS in need of information or advice on building the capacity of their group or organisation

One Town One Community

One Town One Community supports local people to join together to build better lives for everyone and better communities, where people get on well together.

One Town One Community events and activities

- **Living My Life exhibition** (May 2012) - Rotherham hosted a unique touring exhibition celebrating the lives of Trans people through a series of inspirational photographic portraits. The aim was to improve wider understanding of the issues and challenges that trans people face and to showcase a new information resource for people who identify as trans or who are beginning to explore their gender identity. The Rotherham part of the tour was organised by the Rotherham LGB&T Inter Agency Group.
- **Diamond Jubilee Street Parties** (2-4/6/12) – grants to support street parties celebrating the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee in Anston, Broom, Catcliffe, Dinnington, Ferham, Maltby, North Anston and Whiston
- **Developing Community Leadership** (15-17/6/12) – A residential course at Northern College for 12 volunteers from Rotherham Mosques.
- **Rotherham Torch Relay (May – July 2012)** – Carrying a replica Olympic torch, youth groups across Rotherham, supported by RMBC Youth Service, hosted visits and visited new groups to spread the message of peace, unity and friendship.
- **Away shirt partnership with Rotherham United** - The agreement for the forthcoming 2012/13 season includes the display of the One Town One Community logo on the shirt worn by the First Team at all 23 scheduled away games, along with perimeter boards at the New York stadium; space in the home match day programmes to provide information about the latest One Town One Community activities, and player participation in a range of schools and community events.
- **Rotherham United matches in the new stadium (From July 2012)** – Work with local groups to identify service users and their support workers who attend a match, meet the staff and enjoy the game. For most of them it has been their first experience of watching a live match.

Rother Fed

Promoting local democracy and non-political campaigning is at the heart of some of the work undertaken by RotherFed and our member tenants and resident associations (TARAs). We are not a political organisation but we do encourage activism at all levels:

- The local community level through our TARAs and area housing panels (AHPs)
 - Borough wide through engagement with partners in both the statutory and community sector
 - Sub regionally through our work with the South Yorkshire Tenants and Residents Network
 - Regionally as part of the Northern Tenants Alliance
 - Nationally as members of Tenants and Residents of England
 - Internationally for our support for International Tenants Day on 1st October 2012
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- RotherFed and our members become involved in all issues relating to housing and communities at all levels, from responding to government consultations to putting forward our views on changes in our local communities on the local radio. There have been major changes in social housing this past year. The Localism Act became law in November 2011. RotherFed has responded to the proposed changes, working with partners locally, sub regionally and nationally to put forward the views of Rotherham tenants and residents. We have held local workshops and presentations and put in a collaborative response to government proposals through the South Yorkshire Tenants and Residents Network particularly around tenure, powers of scrutiny, tenant panels and affordable rents.
 - We play a major role supporting tenants to be involved in influencing and shaping Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's (RMBC) quality and standards challenge group monitoring and improving services locally for council tenants. We also played a major role in supporting tenant involvement in an RMBC review of the Area Housing Panels in Rotherham, a fantastic example of tenants at the heart of decision making and have control of local budgets.
 - At the Rotherfed Board away day on 18th June 2012, community empowerment and campaigning were seen as central to the way RotherFed work now and in the future. We have done some work this last year giving our local community groups the campaigning tools they need to be able to influence decisions and make a difference. Democratic accountability is central to the way we work with all our volunteer board elected from TARAs and AHP's representing the seven area assembly areas in Rotherham.

- The Golden Seven project continues to work in geographic communities linking community leaders with particular communities of interest through innovative and creative new projects. Volunteer led, some of these projects are community arts based, engaging community members in ways they have not been before.
- We have just begun some work as the trusted lead body for Thurcroft Big Local putting residents at the heart of planning and decision making in their community. We are also key partners with Voluntary Action Rotherham and RMBC in supporting the community first programme in some of our most deprived wards, supporting and enabling communities to become involved in creating and shaping a local community plan for their area.

Thurcroft Big Local

The village of Thurcroft has been allocated £1million to spend on making the community a better place to live as part of a pioneering Big Lottery Fund (BIG) scheme to put decision-making power in the hands of local people. Residents will get to decide how to spend the £1m funding to improve the village over the next ten years. The scheme is administered by the Local Trust. RotherFed and a Community Involvement Officer (Area Assemblies) will be helping residents get the project started.

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