



“Working together to get the Borders Working right”

August 2009 Newsletter

The summer months have been a busy period for the **Borders Working Rite** project.

In July Teeratham Sawaengsuk (Ning), who is on placement at Peelham Farm near Fouldean, accompanied Sandy Campbell, a founding director of Working Rite CIC and David Gilchrist, project coordinator at **Borders Working Rite**, to London for the prestigious 2009 Centre for Social Justice Awards. Working Rite CIC were one of 7 award winners from over 300 short listed voluntary groups and charities from all over the United Kingdom.



Working Rite CIC is an Edinburgh-based social enterprise that specialises in work-based, mentoring projects such as **Borders Working Rite**. Working Rite was recognised for the success of their training schemes that enables 75% of young adults engaged in their projects to secure gainful employment and apprenticeships, with an associated reduction in antisocial behaviour.

The award was sponsored by Sovereign Capital and presented to Sandy by Amanda Platell of the Daily Mail.



Amanda Platell discusses the project with Ning Sawaengsuk & David Gilchrist in their fifth year, recognise the remarkable work achieved by so many grassroots organisations around the country whose dedication genuinely makes a difference to people's lives.

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Back in Berwickshire it's been all go too with the first group of trainees approaching the end of their placements and those who joined after April reaching

the midpoint of their time on the project. The usual tasks of trainee short listing, interviews and inductions have been combined with ongoing review and evaluation of trainees whilst in placement. At the same time the essential work around employer recruitment has continued. **Borders Working Rite** is delighted to list the following local employers as being providers to or associates of the project;

- **Brian Kelly Plastering**
- **Hugo's Wine Bar in Duns**
- **Niall Whyte Forestry & Fencing**
- **Slater Contracting**
- **Prentice Butchers**
- **David W Dalby Joinery**
- **Peelham Farm**
- **Reiver Country Farm Foods**
- **Pearsons of Duns**
- **Berwickshire Housing Association**

Without the support and commitment of these businesses **Borders Working Rite** and similar such projects across the country would simply not be viable and all here at the project wish to extend our thanks and gratitude to these businesses for their support thus far and to a mutually beneficial future.



Borders Working Rite – Trainee Presentation Day

At the end of August trainees and employers will be gathering to celebrate the first group of trainees successfully completing their placements. The completing trainees will be presented with certificates of achievement and copies of their placement attainment records as evaluated by their placement providers. It is hoped that this will mark a launch pad for the beginning of their working careers. So far one of the trainees has secured a place at college and two have had full time job offers.



After the presentation there will be the opportunity for all to exchange their views and experiences of the project. Feedback from this will allow us to tailor the project to better meet the needs of trainees and employers alike.

Representatives from Careers Scotland, Berwickshire Housing Association and Working Rite CIC will be in attendance to offer their views on the project from an external stakeholder's perspective.

Looking ahead



With the end of the school holidays approaching we can expect an increase in referrals to the project as those who left school in June but have been unable to secure a job will be

returning to meetings with Careers Scotland.

To facilitate this influx we will be continuing to try and recruit more local businesses onto the project, so if anyone knows of a business that we have not been in touch with yet, please pass on our details and we will arrange a meeting.

The project will be looking to interview and induct a third group of trainees in early September and have the successful interviewees inducted and into placement by the end of the month.

Working together we can make these next placements as successful as the first two groups have proven to be. It is a credit to the young people on the project that so many people have commented on how they have matured and grown as responsible, respected and committed members of the community.

We are always looking to recruit new businesses to the project and if you are interested contact;

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