

Closer Links

Work Shadow Knowledge Exchange

Gain a new perspective!

Activity Strand 3 of the **Closer Links** project involves a work shadow knowledge exchange between VCS/ Third Sector organisations and further education colleges taking part in the Closer Links Project.

The work shadow knowledge exchange can include any member of staff who works directly with young people or adult learners or provides support to those that do. As with other work shadowing schemes it will involve individuals spending time together to find out how other people really work, to gain experience of practice outside their own organisation and provide an opportunity to gain an insight into the current issues facing that sector.

I'm interested in taking part...what happens next?

- Staff interested in taking part as **shadows** should complete the relevant form in the pack and return it to me – it's as simple as that!
- When we have received a completed form we will approach a college or VCS/ Third sector organisation to see if they can accommodate the request.
- We will be in touch to let the shadow know whether a suitable host has been identified and will send the shadow the hosts contact details.
- It will be the shadows responsibility to contact the host to arrange a time for the work shadowing placement to take place and to discuss what they both hope to get out of the experience.

- You may already have a relationship with an organisation and would like to set up an exchange with them – if so then you can note this on the form.
- It will be the shadow's responsibility to keep the Closer Links project Coordinator informed of the planned date of any exchange.
- After the exchange, the shadow and host will be asked to complete a simple evaluation form.
- Ideally exchanges should take place before the end of June 2013.
- If you would like me to send you a copy of the form in an email then please contact me.

Contact details

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact:

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