Appendix 3 - Innovation Fund Examples 2013/2014

Name: Christian Concern, St Pauls Centre, Hightown, Crewe CW1 3BY

Amount: £10000

Service Summary: To support vulnerable adults through bespoke programmes of engagement built around current practical activities including retail activities, cycle repairs, gardening.

Target group: Adults with mild, moderate or severe learning disabilities

Outputs:

- Provide one month of taster sessions for up to 20 vulnerable adults within the Cheshire East area
- 10 vulnerable adults engaged on the project,
- Develop a service specification to be used by adult services providers and signposting organisations
- Development of a web presence, brochure and presentation tools.

Outcomes:

- Creation of an additional service option for social inclusion and supported employment candidates
- Increased capacity for both St Pauls Centre and the provision of support and increased choice for local vulnerable people
- A programme of engagement open to all and easily accessed
- Partnership development with other service providers

Name; Snow Angels CIC, 19, Station Road, Weaverham, Cheshire, CW8 3PY

Amount: £9,500

Service Summary: Funding for a "getting ready for winter" campaign for Cheshire East which includes the development of a publicity and awareness campaign across the Borough including individuals and partner organisations, a detailed action plan for partners, secure on line resources including training for front line staff and volunteers, press and media packs, publicity material including posters and flyers, an on-line help desk facility and an alert system for Met Office weather alerts.

Target group; People who are at risk of early winter deaths in Cheshire East.

Outputs:

- Increase in referrals of vulnerable people
- Increased take-up of universal services
- Reduction in emergency admissions
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Outcomes:

- Improved partnership working
- Reduced social isolation
- Reduction in accidents, illness, and emergency admissions
- Reduction in excess winter deaths
- Improved community resilience

Name: New Life Church. Danesford Community Centre, West Road, Congleton

Amount: £10,000

Service Summary: Supporting the expansion of the existing Jubilee Club which offers, allotment, cooking, craft, discussion group, painting group and job club. This funding will allow the organisation to build on these activities to lead a team of volunteers in undertaking voluntary jobs such as decorating, gardening etc

Target Group: Adults who are generally unemployed, having support from a caring agency, are socially isolated or suffering from addiction or a mental health issue. Predominantly residents from the Congleton area will be supported

Outputs:

- Additional activities of the club.
- Club register to expand by 50-75 people to a total (175)
- Everyone who attends to see important life change
- 10% to 20% to be active in volunteer or employment
- 10% -20% to receive additional 1:1 support

Outcomes:

- Reduced social isolation
- Active / healthier lifestyles
- Some volunteering or employed
- Reduced anxiety, mental stress
- Improved social skills and engagement

Name; Middlewich Good Neighbours, Middlewich Vision, Middlewich.

Amount: £5502

Service Summary: To contribute towards the Middlewich Good Neighbours scheme to match people who live or work in the Middlewich area with a focus on the Cledford community with volunteers with the right skills. This will support the vulnerable and socially disconnected in these communities who may needs support in cooking, gardening, and writing forms, and support through the winter months in terms of shopping and companionship.

Target Group: Older and more isolated members of the community but not exclusively as will include younger people and families in activities.

Outputs:

- Strong links between agencies and their activities and the local community
- 30 adults supported by volunteers during the winter months
- 45 volunteers trained to support local people in their homes or to recognise the signs that would require early intervention by agencies

Outcomes:

- Improved access to existing services & support in the area
- The opportunity to tailor support based on needs assessed, making it more relevant and more cost effective.
- Locally be aware of the needs and support of a wider range of people during the winter months from mental well-being during the longer nights to support with shopping, clearing paths and keeping in touch with others during the snow or icy periods thus reducing the need for medical interventions.
- A reduction in hospital admissions