

# Small is beautiful: Small scale providers and worklessness

24th February 2010, Centre for Life, Newcastle, NE1 4EP

Not only is worklessness extremely relevant, but it builds on the success of the 2009 NANM action team: Social housing and worklessness. At this regional event you will get chance to hear from key government departments on the future employability landscape. You will be encouraged to think about how small scale providers will effectively fit into the delivery of prime contractors for Flexible New Deal and what a possible change in government will mean. You will also hear about three different local approaches to successfully addressing worklessness, including speakers from the North East and Merseyside.

**9.30 Registration, tea & coffee**

**9.45 Welcome and introductions**  
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**10.00 Worklessness – where are we now?** with Q&A  
*Government Office North East*  
What does worklessness look like in the North East? with Q&A

**10.30 Break**

**10.45 Workshops: partnerships in practice**

**A: A borough-wide approach to worklessness**

*Heather Lea, Gateshead*

A local authority-wide strategic approach taken in Gateshead and how they have positioned themselves for the Flexible New Deal

**B. One to one, tailored support**

*Patrick Wilson, Hartlepool Family Caseload Worker project* Supporting the long-term unemployed into training or work through a 'caseloading' approach

**C. Flexible, family support**

*David O'Brien and Anne Marie-Lloyd, Working Links*

CoNet project is a flexible service which identifies barriers to training, employment and education and works toward removing those.

**12.00 Lunch**

**1.00 The future for worklessness policies** with Q&A  
*Damon Gibbons, Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion*  
A look at the future commissioning landscape, and the FND

**1.30 Workshops (repeated from morning)**

**2.30 Closing Comments**

**2.50 Close**

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