

Financial Action & Advice Derbyshire

“Making sure that everyone in
Derbyshire has enough to live
on”

Partnership Strategic Action Plan 2014

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Derbyshire Partnership Forum Anti-Poverty Strategy

Derbyshire Partnership Forum is the county wide Local Strategic Partnership bringing together the public, private and voluntary sector to tackle issues that affect quality of life and prosperity in Derbyshire.

FAAD has been involved in drafting the Forum's Anti-Poverty Strategy which was considered by the Forum at its June meeting. Members took part in a lively workshop to discuss the draft and there was clear support for its themes as well as some good ideas for action to feed into the action plan. The draft Policy can be viewed here

[Derbyshire Anti Poverty Strategy](#)

Partnership Activities

FAAD have been working in partnership with Derby College to provide input to their National Citizenship Service programme over the summer holidays. We are delivering personal finance training to over 500 year 11 young people from a wide variety of backgrounds. As the young people will be embarking upon a variety of voluntary projects it is also a good opportunity to build awareness of voluntary sector projects in Derbyshire.

Research Update

State of the Coalfields

Sheffield Hallam University have published a new report on the state of the UK coalfield areas.

The report concludes that the evidence they have compiled gives a compelling case that most of the UK coalfields still require support. Whilst the miner's strike of 1984/5 are a distant memory, the job losses that followed are still having an economic impact on the former mining communities.

The report analyses data on unemployment, disability, health, benefits, business start ups and economic growth and prosperity. Interestingly it would appear that some of the smaller coalfield areas are now distinctly less disadvantaged probably due to a combination of economic growth and jobs in neighbouring areas. South Derbyshire is included in this list. However statistics for North Derbyshire are similar to coalfield averages, and particularly high for ill health indicators.

The report also highlights the impact of cuts to the voluntary sector as of particular concern. Bolsover is used as one of the examples.

[state-of-the-coalfields](#)

Revealed: 8 things the public thinks about poverty

The latest British Social Attitudes Survey shows the importance place by the public on tackling poverty, says the Joseph Rowntree foundation this week.

The 31st survey shows that:

1. Over 60% of the British public believe there is poverty in the UK and that it has risen in the last 10 years.
2. 58% of people think it is extremely important that a democracy protects its citizens against poverty. That is considered more important than media freedom or political parties offering clear alternatives to one another.
3. Benefits are believed to be an important part of addressing poverty – for some groups – and are not seen as generous.
4. 56% of people do not think unemployment benefits are enough to live on when told how much they are.
5. For unemployed people work is seen as the priority:
6. But people also think that low-paid work doesn't pay enough to live on.
7. For some groups, there is strong support for increases in benefits:
 - Carers (73%)
 - Low-income working parents (59%)
 - Disabled people (54%).
8. And more people say now than in 2011 that the Government should increase spending on welfare benefits for the poor, even if it means higher taxes.

Help to Work Scheme

Bolsover District Council and the Bolsover Partnership is continuing to fund HTW activities over the next two years. As before, the exceptionally large number of unemployed disabled people locally is a prime target but the project will cover anyone who needs help to get back to work.

The key thrust of this new project is around communications - especially letting local residents know about all the employment-related support that partners offer. This will be done through lots of different methods:

- The HTW website and on-line directory at www.helptowork.org.uk
- Poster and leaflet campaigns
- Press releases and promotion through mainstream and Council media outlets
- Facebook, Twitter and e-mails.

There will also be a series of disability workshops and speed dating events for partners and providing e-shots to promote your services to each other and residents. The launch is planned for early September.

If you provides support for Bolsover residents around work, health, housing, finances, personal relationships and more please contact: Penny 01329 841814

Training in Community Care Law

Derbyshire Law Centre are running "An Introduction to Community Care Law" training course on 31 July. For more de tails see the flyer.

[Community Care Law training flyer](#)

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