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| Briefing paper – | 6 |
| Improving Reach and Train to Gain | |
| Summary | <p>Improving Reach is a Capacity Builders project which, focuses on increasing access to high quality support services that are appropriate to the needs of frontline organisations working in and with rural communities.</p> <p>Derbyshire Learning & Development Consortium (DLDC) is working on an Improving Reach project with three CVS offices to carry out development work with groups and organisations that work with excluded communities in rural areas.</p> <p>Eligible organisations can undertake an organisational needs analysis, with CVS staff, to identify areas for development. These may include, support with governance, policies or fundraising, training or assistance in achieving a quality mark, provided that these can be proven capacity building needs.</p> <p>Organisations interested in becoming training deliverers may also be able to receive support direct from DLDC. Please contact Julie Frost for further information.</p> <p>Train to Gain is a Government service offering independent advice on improving the skills of your employees.</p> <p>Derbyshire Learning and Development Consortium is offering organisations within its membership the opportunity to work with a ‘Learner Advisor’ who can conduct an Organisational Needs Analysis (ONA) and support them in developing an Action Plan. Funding is available to eligible participants to meet some of the training needs identified by the ONA.</p> <p>There are other organisations and colleges that offer training programmes in Derbyshire. You can find out more from the Train to Gain website: www.traintogain.gov.uk</p> |
| Action points | <p>Improving Reach -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This could be a really useful process for organisations to evaluate current position and then to access support from the CVS to address areas for development. |

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| | <p>Train to Gain –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organisations will benefit from providing training delivered by accredited trainers ➤ Much of the training is free or at much reduced costs. ➤ More broadly, organisations that are improving and developing the workforce will have evidence of their commitment to providing quality services that meet a high standard ➤ Well trained staff will support organisational change and develop ➤ There is Leadership and Management Development Grant Funding now available ➤ Volunteers are eligible – see website for further information |
| <p>Sources of information</p> | <p>For further information please contact:</p> <p>Ruth Stretton – tel: 01773 599995 email: ruth.stretton@sdvsmhf.org.uk</p> <p>Amber Valley CVS – Angela Quinn Tel: 01773 512076</p> <p>High Peaks CVS – Nigel Caldwell Tel: 01663 735350</p> <p>Derbyshire Dales CVS – Sarah Paisley and Jonathan Simcock Tel: 01629 812154</p> <p>Derbyshire Learning & Development Consortium – Julie Frost – Accreditation Centre Manager Tel: 01332 265961</p> <p>www.capacitybuilders.org.uk – this site gives an overview of the Improving Reach Investment Programme</p> <p>www.traintogain.gov.uk – this site provides information about what funding is available, who is eligible to access training and/or funding, what sorts of training can be undertaken and who delivers training in your area.</p> |
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Additional Information

| Improving Reach CVS | Improving Reach DLDC |
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| Access to high quality support services that are appropriate to the needs of frontline organisations working in and with excluded communities | Support for rural voluntary and community sector organisations not currently delivering accredited training |
| Providing: | Providing: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Organisation Needs Analysis➤ Support with Policies➤ Governance➤ Fundraising / sustainability➤ Systems/finance➤ Use of ICT for engaging rural communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Initial Teacher Training (ITT) (This is the same as PTLLS)➤ Self Assessment Report training (SAR)➤ Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement training (RARPA)➤ Preparing for Teaching in the Life Long Learning Sector training (PTLS) |
| Training | Cost |
| Anything identified from above leading to a formal course and/or qualification | Depending on eligibility - Training provided or sourced by Derbyshire Learning and Development Consortium may be free of charge |
| for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Use of ICT➤ Finance/Quick Books➤ Monitoring Quality | |
| Support for organisations committed to achieving a 'quality kitemark' such as PQASSO. | |