

Glasgow Voluntary Group Runner-up For Achievement Award

A voluntary group which works with families and young people in Rogerfield and Easterhouse to prevent social exclusion has been chosen as runner-up for an award for achievement.

F.A.R.E (Family Action in Rogerfield and Easterhouse) was started by local people to enhance the lives of people in the area and has been short-listed by employment charity Tomorrow's People in its annual Awards for Achievement. The awards pay tribute to people who have overcome significant barriers in their quest to get back to work and partner organisations which deserve special recognition for their support.

A representative from F.A.R.E. attended the awards ceremony Tuesday evening, at Plaisterers' Hall, London. The organisation has been selected as runner-up in the 'Community Partner of the Year' category, an accolade awarded to a community group which has helped further the work of Tomorrow's People.

F.A.R.E began working with Tomorrow's People in 2006, realising that both organisations were seeking to engage with the local community to help the hardest to reach young people. Tomorrow's People runs a project, 'Working It Out' which helps young people aged 16-24 develop work skills, life and social skills and gain practical work experience through a series of community challenges over a sixteen week period. F.A.R.E realised this project would be beneficial to the Greater Easterhouse area, building on the individual and group support delivered by F.A.R.E.

Rosemary Dickson, Project Manager from F.A.R.E. explains: "We provide a number of programmes to support young people such as outreach in local schools to tackle the territorial issues that exist in the area, and a community centre where people can access training and advice. However, we realised more could be done to increase the personal development opportunities for young people by working in partnership with Tomorrow's People."

FARE accessed local funding in order to contribute towards the delivery cost of the Working It Out initiative in the Rogerfield and Easterhouse area, referred young people they were supporting to the programme and helped to identify numerous community challenges for the young people to undertake. To date, four Working It Out task forces have run in the area, helping 48 young people on their journey into employment, training or education.



Community initiatives that the Working It Out groups have undertaken include transforming a vandalised local nursery by painting murals and pictures in the playgrounds. F.A.R.E helped to provide paint, as well as securing the service of a graffiti artist for this challenge.

In addition, F.A.R.E has introduced Tomorrow's People to other community partners, enabling more local people to become aware of the free employment programmes available to them.

Brian Gibson, Tomorrow's People National Manager, Young People's Services, said: "The knowledge and support provided by F.A.R.E. has been invaluable when working in the east end of Glasgow. Through this partnership, we have been able to offer our 'Working It Out programme' to a greater number of people, transforming the lives of many disadvantaged young people."

Tomorrow's People is a national charity, with a 23-year track record of success in helping people out of long-term unemployment, welfare dependency, and into jobs and self-sufficiency.

Since 1984, the charity has helped change the lives of more than 400,000 people across the UK who had been resigned to long-term, even life-long, unemployment.

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