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MEDIA RELEASE

Tomorrow's People and The Salvation Army celebrate successful employment initiative

National employment charity Tomorrow's People and The Salvation Army Employment Plus UK this morning celebrated 'From Addiction to Employment', a successful programme which is run in and around London to help those who have suffered from addiction, to find and keep a job.

The flagship programme which is being run through a partnership between Tomorrow's People and The Salvation Army and, is designed to assist those who have experienced addiction problems to overcome the multiple barriers which may prevent them from obtaining employment, and, perhaps most importantly, which may prevent them from keeping that job in the long term.

The 'From Addiction to Employment' programmes run out of Salvation Army centres in Tower Hamlets, Barking and Dagenham, Westminster, Camden, Southwark, Hammersmith and Fulham, and Havering, from where clients can access Tomorrow's People Employment Advisers free of charge.

Employment Advisers are on hand to provide support and advice on ways to return to work. They also help individuals develop the skills that employers are looking for, and assist with confidence-building, job search support and job applications.

Through its links with local employers, Tomorrow's People is able to place people in local jobs, enabling them to contribute to society and the communities in which they live, moving them on from dependency to self-sufficiency.

Jeff Johnson, National Operations Manager at Tomorrow's People who attended this morning's event, said of the programme 'We are delighted to be working with The Salvation Army to provide this much needed service. We believe Addiction to Employment makes a real difference in transforming the lives of people who require specialist help in their journey back into work. The programme demonstrates the value of linked partnership working. We are certain that our continued support for people ensures their continued employment '.

Lieut-Colonel Roland Sewell, Director of The Salvation Army Employment Plus UK said 'From Addiction to Employment' is the result of inspirational partnership: 'This programme is a great example of our vision of what can be achieved in partnership. The skill and experience of Tomorrow's People, the specialist work of The Salvation Army's Social Services, the willing cooperation of employers and the commitment of those striving to move out of addiction all working together to bring about an opportunity for real change in the lives and livelihoods of people.'

This morning's celebration of the 'From Addiction to Employment' initiative was attended by local councillors, including the Mayor of Barking and Dagenham and the Mayor of Tower Hamlets, local employers and other stakeholders. The breakfast meeting, held at The Salvation Army's Riverside House social service centre, gave opportunities for people to learn about the 'From Addiction to Employment' programme and to discover more about the way it is working to benefit individuals, families and local communities.

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Notes to Editors

Research from The Salvation Army* in 2005 confirmed that substance misuse is still one of the most common reasons for becoming and remaining homeless, with 46% of Salvation Army social service clients saying they had an addiction problem.

***A Home For All? (2005)**

Jpeg images from the event are available on request.

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