

# Background information on Caia Park Partnership for applicants

## ***Caia Park and the history of The Partnership***

The Community of Caia Park is a large estate on the outskirts of Wrexham's town centre, in North Wales. It has approximately 4,500 houses and 12,000 residents. The area contains 2 of the most deprived wards in Wales and has been cited in the Wales Multiple Deprivation Index. However the community has a vibrant spirit and a long history of community development initiated by the community.

Caia Park Partnership Limited is founded on over a decade of partnership working by local people and their community groups, local councils and agencies serving Caia Park. In 1997 Caia Park Partnership was set up as a registered charity and a limited company to bear the responsibility of managing the numerous projects, staff and buildings that the community have worked to establish on our estate.

We are managed by a board of trustees elected from the community and with 1 representative from Wrexham County Borough Council. The Chief Officer is

accountable to the Trustees and is assisted by 3 Senior Managers:

- Deputy Chief Officer
- Senior Manager (Volunteering)
- Senior Manager (Finance and Personnel)

The Partnership, with over 70 staff positions, and over 150 volunteers, is one of the largest Community Development organisations in Wales. We have established the Caia Park Centre, with 3 purpose built buildings and a converted chapel which is now Sparkles Nursery. We also run Deva House, a Day Care centre for adults and older people. In the near future a new medical centre will be built at the Centre housing 2 doctors' surgeries and integrated health services.

## ***Services for the community***



We have a successful Lifelong Learning Department with classes provided for the community by ourselves and in partnership with further and higher education colleges and the Workers Education Association. These courses range from basic skills, basic word-processing, gardening and woodwork; and through to higher level I.T. and a H.N.C. in Community Development. Free childcare is available to residents attending our courses.



Our community cafe provides a friendly meeting place and easy access to information and support. Our Youth Team runs youth clubs, outreach work with young people and 1 to 1 mentoring and support for young people, including work with young offenders. Our Out of School Clubs run a breakfast club, after school clubs, and holiday clubs.

Our Tenancy Support Team project helps local people who are in danger of losing their tenancy or becoming homeless.

The Partnership's Volunteer Bureau works to promote volunteering throughout the community, providing support for volunteers and for community organisations that need volunteering help. We also provide support for community groups.

Our migrant Worker Advice and Advocacy Service provides advice, support and translation services. It also works in the community to support integration and positive community relations.



## ***Partnership Funding***

Over 30 funded projects, with an income of over 1 million pounds per year, draw on a diverse range of funding sources. These include amongst others:

- Wrexham County Borough Council
- Caia Park Community Council
- Communities First/Welsh Assembly

We also have a number of social enterprises to generate resources for the Partnership as well as deliver services to the community, for example a full day care nursery and meals on wheels for the elderly.