SLIC
Sustainable Learning in the Community
UK Partners’ Programme
Presentation of Overview in UK

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Introduction of UK context

- Ageing UK, but higher birth rate
- Pension issues and retirement ages
- Emerging new expectations
- Concern over fragmented services
- Diverse LL provision, funding and delivery
Issues being addressed

- Mainstream LL attracts older people - NIACE
- Self help provision - U3A
- Pre-retirement education - PRA
- Social capital issues
- Social services and health care issues
- The voluntary sector
University of Strathclyde
Volunteer Tour Guides

An overview of a continuing and live programme
University Volunteer Tour Guides

• Where they guide

• How the programme began

• How the programme developed

• How the programme continues
Venues

- Barony
- Ramshorn
- Campus
BARONY

• Built in 1889
• Bought in 1986 by University for £100
• Cost £3.5million to restore
• Now used as ceremonial hall

• New organ to be installed in October ‘09
RAMSHORN

• Built 1720 - Rich merchants bought burial plots in graveyard. Founder of University, John Anderson, buried there

• Demolished start of 19th Century

• Rebuilt 1824 in Gothic Revival style
• Bought by University in 1982 for £5

• Now, home to Strathclyde Theatre Group
JOHN ANDERSON CAMPUS

2 sites:
City-John Anderson; Suburbs-Jordanhill
A mix of the old, the new and the quirky!
How the programme began

Development funds for refurbishing Barony & Ramshorn - on condition that public had access to the buildings
• 1994, 12 students from Senior Studies Institute were recruited

• First summer, there were 2500 visitors to the Barony and Ramshorn

• Encouraged by this, training was extended to include the entire Campus
How the programme developed

- Initially, content & skills training was done by outside agencies
- Individual research & self help enabled experienced guides to teach/train new guides
• Mentor system – new guides “shadow” experienced guides
• Experienced guides offer feedback & guidance until new guides are confident on their own

• Annual training for all guides in April
• New guides trained every 2 or 3 years
How the programme continues

• Guiding group has own committee – chair, secretary, treasurer etc.
• In non-guiding months – monthly business meeting and invited guest speaker

• Social events and trips to places of historical interest are arranged
• Annual General Meeting in September
Some Statistics

Since 1994:

• 54 guides have been trained
• 4 of the original guides are still guiding
• At present there are 32 guides
• There have been 29,482 visitors to the Barony and Ramshorn from 68 countries
• There have been 48 Campus tours involving 1440 visitors
University Volunteer Tour Guides

- Venues – Barony, Ramshorn & Campus
- 1994 – 12 guides; 2007 – 32 guides
- On average, 2200 people per year are shown round by the guides

Planned new buildings – Science Park and Sports & Health facility will ensure that the Tour Guides have plenty of work to do in the future
WHAT PRIAE DOES?

PRIAE is a leading Institute working in the area of ageing and ethnicity in the UK and across Europe. Specialising in helping black and minority ethnic (BME) elders, PRIAE occupies a unique position and plays an essential role in policy, research, information and practice on:

- Employment and income;
- Health, social care and housing;
- Pensions; and
- Quality of life
CAPACITY BUILDING

• MiLeon
• Manchester Field Work Training
• CEMESME Training programme - developed DVD to skill BME individuals

Quotes “In today’s deeply diverse & ethnically rich workforce, CEMESME’s core values are crucial in promoting equal opportunities and making the corporate culture of British firms more aware of diversity and internationalisation issues in the workplace. I am thrilled to be associated with this important initiative from PRIAE” Karan Bilimoria CBE,DL Founder & Chief Executive of Cobra Beer
Chairman of The National Employment Panel for the Small & Medium Sized Enterprises (SME's) Board

Leadership Training – working with Elders and BME Age Orgs

Skills – field work, Manchester work looking at Community Engagement
SCEES - PRIAE

Securing Care for Ethnic Elders in Scotland – SCEES
• ACTIVE AGEING – CHINESE AND SOUTH ASIAN CHAMPIONS TRAINING
  • BME Champions Training Programme - Glasgow
  • Volunteers Training programme - Edinburgh

  Modules included:
  • Engaging Community
  • Food & Nutrition
  • Physical Activity for Older People
  • Mental Well Being
  • Being Mature
  • Volunteering and Action Plan

Quotes:
“I am now more aware of the changing identity as “being mature.” I would pay more attention to the new roles in terms of physical, psychological & financial changes. I will find out ways to cope with these changes”
“To lead a life in different aspects”
“It made me aware of the need of understanding others. It felt like the mission of life to do so”
NIACE – National Institute of Adult and Community Education – UK

- Training materials for BME Older People:
- Promoting Social Inclusion Through basic Skills
- Working with Black & Migrant Communities: A Resource for Adult Educators in Europe
- Neighbourhood Learning for Regeneration: Lessons & case studies from Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Fund. NIACE.
- Windrush Employment & Training Consortium
- Respect Learning materials for social care staff working with black & minority ethnic older people.