

## Learning Disability Employment Sub-Group Update from Mental Health Matters Jun 2010



The extension to both projects has now been agreed by WMDC until March 2011.

### HIDDEN TALENTS

TARGET FIGURES FOR JUL 09 – MAR 11	TARGET	ACHIEVED	%
Enrol onto employment service	37	19	51%
Support into paid employment	13	4	31%

### **Case Studies**

Two case studies have been compiled of two individuals who have been supported to gain employment by the service; Alison G who works at WMDC Bereavement Service as an Admin Assistant and has recently had her temporary maternity cover contract extended by a further 3 months and David T who works at Cream Catering as a Catering Assistant at the Pugneys Café, 20 hours per week.

### ASPIRE TO WORK

TARGET FIGURES FOR NOV 09–MAR 11	TARGET	ACHIEVED	%
Enrol onto employment service	48	23	48%
Support into paid employment	16	5	31%

### **Work Placements / Work Styles**

One individual was already undertaking an admin placement at Castleford Civic Centre when they enrolled and we are supporting this continue / exploring the possibility of a job carve, another individual started a work style at Sparkling Clean in May and it is already looking positive that this will progress into paid work. Further work styles / work placements are due to start in June including warehouse work at Multitaska and Rixonway Kitchens, care work at South Elmsall Day Opportunities, catering work at St Peter's Church through Alternative Care and gardening work at Groundworks.

### **Job Outcomes**

Three further job outcomes have been achieved, bringing the total to 5. These include two individuals who gained paid employment at Multi-Taska and one individual who gained paid employment at Sparkling Clean.

### **Employer Engagement**

Positive employer engagement work in May / June includes:-

- Alternative Care, Rixonway Kitchens, Castleford Civic Centre and Matalan have agreed to or are already offering work placements.
- Primark, New Look and Connexions have been approached regarding placements.
- Royal Mail, Ossett Primary School, Disability Trust, Federation of Disability Sports Organisation and Medico Nursing & Homecare have been approached regarding job carving.
- Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) are keen to explore a number of placements with a view to them becoming paid employment opportunities.