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- Analysing opportunities for community and voluntary sector participation in economically focused programmes and projects.
- Project development and management experience including fundraising and business planning.
- Knowledge and experience, at local and national levels, of managing and carrying out stakeholder consulting using questionnaires, focus groups and feeding back conclusions/findings.

- Track record of supporting and advising emerging development trusts mainly in relation to asset based and social enterprise funded development.

- Developing and delivering Community Consultants initiatives, which tested the development of business, related skills, to sustain a trading market re-search social enterprise.

Recent Consultancy Experience

Walsall Community Voluntary Sector - Business Planning and Project Evaluation. Full support service including workshops and planning sessions to develop a three year Business Plan setting out a new strategic structure and action plan.

Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council - Carried out project preparation work for the new North Black Regeneration Zone, focusing on supporting voluntary sector involvement in Zone activities.

Emergent Citizens Conference - University of Birmingham (Department of Sociology and Cultural Studies). This major national Conference disseminated findings of a major ESRC research project investigating perceptions and articulations of citizenship amongst young people of African Caribbean and Pakistani origin.

Community Needs Consultation in Central Dudley - Large-scale local study will feed into an options analysis and feasibility study of a community building in Kates Hill. This area of Dudley has significant numbers of Pakistani, Indian and African Caribbean residents. As part of this project local people were recruited and extensively trained and paid to carry out interviews and facilitate focus groups.

North Warwickshire Voluntary Sector Council - Managed and delivered a consultation exercise with black and minority communities in this predominantly rural area. A report was produced summarising the findings and making recommendations to improve service delivery.

Warwickshire County Council - Researched and put together a high quality 'black and minority ethnic communities in Warwickshire Consultation Tool' report. Used as by WCC staff to plan and carry out effective consultation work with Warwickshire's black and minority ethnic communities including refugees.

Saqoon Asian Mental Health Project in Dudley - Project outline, management, staffing profile and business development plan. A detailed funding proposal to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund was also prepared.

Humdard Asian Women's Domestic Violence Project - Successful major (£180K) application to National Lottery Charities Board on poverty and disadvantage programme.

Wolverhampton Community Safety Partnership - Crime and community safety consultation carried out within the Sikh, Hindu and Muslim communities living in the Wolverhampton New Deal for Communities area i.e. Blakenhall and All Saints.

Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations - Major survey of the training needs of the voluntary sector in Sandwell and mapping of the voluntary sector labour market and economy. Evaluation of the implementation of quality systems within the voluntary sector in Sandwell (focusing on a comparative analysis of support systems), work carried out on behalf of Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations.