

Advice Alliance East



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A voice for the advice sector

Advice Alliance East is a new alliance representing the advice and information sector in the Eastern Region. The members of the alliance are:

- Advice UK (Eastern Region)
- Age Concern (Eastern Region)
- British Federation of Race Equality Councils
- Citizens Advice (Eastern Region)
- Disability East
- Law Centres Federation
- Shelter (Midlands and East Region)

Advice Alliance East aims to:

- Provide a voice for the advice and information sector by making the case for advice and ensuring that advice is built into regional policy and funding initiatives
- Champion the development, provision and monitoring of high quality advice and information services
- Encourage co-operation within the advice and information sector to enable advice networks and organisations to adapt to change, respond to funding opportunities, and develop and deliver partnership projects
- Act as a conduit for the advice and information sector by providing a forum for advice networks to discuss common issues and concerns, and to share good practice
- Provide infrastructure support services to advice and information networks and organisations including access to advice related training and support for project development
- Ensure that people are able to access advice and information services regardless of lack of means, discrimination or other disadvantage

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ACTION PLAN FOR 2006/07

Objectives	Planned activities	Timescale
Establish a model for a regional network alliance of advice and information networks for the Eastern Region.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Design a basic information sheet - including AAE logo; details of alliance members; objectives; and action plan. 2. Distribute information sheet via network members 	<p>Autumn 2006</p> <p>Late 2006</p>
Establish a regional conduit through which good practice from each network can be communicated between networks.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Hold at least 3 alliance meetings 4. Make a contribution to COVER's E-bulletin, with an update on alliance activities, on at least 3 occasions 5. Develop a page linked to the COVER website, with information on the alliance and its activities 	<p>2006/07</p> <p>2006/07</p> <p>Early 2007</p>
Establish arrangements for enabling networks to share resources across the alliance at regional level.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Develop a pilot social enterprise project facilitating access to expertise and consultancy support within the advice sector 	<p>Early 2007</p>
Raise the infrastructure base line by helping the network alliance draw down external funding to further develop a sustainable alliance for the benefit of member networks.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Submit alliance funding bid to Improving Reach 8. Submit alliance funding bid to Advice Plus 9. Develop, write and test another alliance funding bid 	<p>October 2006</p> <p>October 2006</p> <p>2006/07</p>
Test the model with local and regional network members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Design a questionnaire to evaluate the work of the alliance 11. Distribute the questionnaire via network members - with follow-up telephone calls if required 12. Evaluate the responses and write an evaluation report 	<p>February 2007</p> <p>March 2007</p> <p>April 2007</p>
Design and promote a network alliance What Works that can be learned from and/or adopted in other clusters and/or regions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Produce a report/publicity document that reviews the success of the alliance in terms of its own activities and whether its work has had a cross-cutting effect with the work of other regional clusters. 	<p>April 2007</p>

