

## **EAST Area Representatives**

**Lisa Wilson Riddell** - from The Box Youth Project, Hall Farm Road, Doxford, Sunderland, SR3 2UY

Background on Lisa - "I've worked in youth and community work in the East area for the past 25 years. I have a sound understanding of the area's needs, alongside much experience and a good track record of supporting local community groups and organisations. I communicate effectively with other organisations, can advocate on their behalf and ensure they feel able to participate in decision-making processes to improve their communities."

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**Jen McKeivitt** - Trust Director, Back on the Map Jen is a qualified Community & Youth Worker, has several management qualifications and a Masters degree in Urban Policy & Development (with distinction). She has over 30 years voluntary sector and 25 years grant-making experience. Toward the end of the NDC lifespan Jen led the development of the Succession Strategy and now leads the Back on the Map charity and trading subsidiary, Back on the Map Enterprises. BotM provides a range of support services, training, facilities and help for many community groups from the former Hendon Library, as well as good quality housing in Hendon. Jen firmly believes in placing communities at the forefront of development and regeneration and is committed to ensuring the voluntary and community sector is recognised, engaged and represented as equal partners in public-voluntary and private sector collaboration. Contact Details – [jmckeivitt@backonthemap.org](mailto:jmckeivitt@backonthemap.org) 0191 5689310

**Hazel Clark M.B.E.** - Hendon Young Peoples Project & Back on the Map Hazel has acted as a representative for the East VCS Network for a number of years and has a sound working knowledge of the purpose and aims of the network and the benefits achieved through closer working relationships. As a volunteer in the East area Hazel is involved with a number of organisations and her experience of different projects helps her understand the needs of the sector when acting on their behalf. As Chair at Hendon Young Peoples Project and Back on the Map Hazel has a good understanding of the needs of the Sector. Hazel always presents the views of the network in a clear concise way regardless of her own organisational or personal views as she fully understands the representative's role is for the whole of the East Area. Hazel attends meetings /workshops where the views of the network members are expressed and conveys them to the relevant people i.e. Area Committee/boards etc. Hazel provides feedback via Network Meetings and reports to the membership on a regular basis. In conjunction with the other reps, LA staff and organisations Hazel hopes to help provide a continuous flow of communication between all parties. Contact Details - [hazelclarkcc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hazelclarkcc@yahoo.co.uk)