

AREA NETWORK REPRESENTATIVES

BIOGRAPHIES:

NORTH – THREE REPRESENTATIVES

Area Community Development Lead (North) – Vivienne Metcalfe,
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Graham Wharton

Community Manager The Salvation Army

Graham is a qualified youth and community worker and has been the manager of Southwick community project for over 18 years. Before working for the Salvation Army he worked for a number of finance companies throughout the North East. Graham has also worked as a volunteer within young people's and youth work for over 35 years plus. In his current role he has developed many projects within the local area and places a great deal of importance on local community involvement. Graham has been a keynote speaker on many occasions throughout the country and is passionate about community development.

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Ruth Oxley

Project Coordinator, Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project

Ruth is a committed Youth and Community worker with 16 years experience. She began her career with the Salvation Army in Southwick before moving into her current role as Project Coordinator of Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project.

Ruth has also spent time as a volunteer with the Youth Offending Service, at the Sunderland Carers Centre and with the YMCA supported housing project. Ruth strongly believes that the voluntary and community sector in Sunderland has a strong network and is dedicated to ensuring that the sector has representation and support.

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Paul Gowans

Partnerships, Projects & Business Development – Wearmouth Learning Trust

Paul has an active interest in continuous physical and social regeneration of the area, he lives in the area and whilst employed by Sunderland City Council 1985 – 2013 he played an active role in the development of the sport and cultural offer for residents in Sunderland North through proactive partnership working, community engagement and cross sector collaboration. Paul is committed in taking forward the priorities of the VCS in Sunderland North by actively participating in VCS business across the area, contributing to the development and community of priorities for the VCS and taking up issues as agreed by the VCS as a whole.

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