

IDeA to Train Local Commissioners on Involving the Third Sector in Delivering Services

On 14th March, Ed Miliband, Minister for the Third Sector, announced that the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) will run a £2million programme to help local authorities harness the potential of the 'third sector' to improve people's lives.

Working as a delivery partner with the Office of the Third Sector in the Cabinet Office, the IDeA will work with 2,000 commissioners from across the public sector – including staff in Jobcentre Plus, health authorities, the National Offender Management Service and local councils.

The programme aims to build understanding at a local level of third sector organisations and the unique benefits they can bring to the design and delivery of services.

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_releases/070314_idea.asp

A useful summary of this National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning appeared in the Guardian on 21st March:

<http://society.guardian.co.uk/leadingquestions/story/0,,2038457,00.html>

What do we mean by the 'third sector'? It's all to do with social economy!

Economies may be considered to have three sectors:

- The business private sector, which is privately owned and profit motivated;
- the public sector which is owned by the state;
- the social economy, that embraces a wide range of community, voluntary and not-for-profit activities – the third sector

Lots of useful information on this including links to social enterprise and social entrepreneurs can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_enterprise

Working Together for Well-being: From Vision to Reality

This LGA publication looks at how local stakeholders can implement the proposals around adult social care and health, as outlined in the Department of Health's and the Department of Communities and Local Government's white papers.

Published in partnership with the Inter Agency Group on Adult Social Care – a coalition of leading national social care agencies – this publication is one of the first to look at how health and social care can be

better integrated on both a local and national level.

The full document is available for download at (please note that this is only available from the website):

www.lga.gov.uk/Documents/Publication/visiontorealityfullversion.pdf

An executive summary is available at www.lga.gov.uk/Documents/Publication/visiontorealitysummary.pdf