

KENT LINK Bulletin

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1. Further update on progress in setting up a Kent LINK

Governance Hub

We are pleased to inform you that the Kent LINK Governance Hub has now been appointed. The standard of candidates both indicating an interest and attending the Selection Day was extremely high. The Panel met with 18 applicants on 2 October and appointed 9 to the Governance Hub. The Governance Hub met for the first time on Monday, 14 October and the appointed members accepted the roles that the Panel recommended as follows:

Name	Role
Francisca Alabi	Equality and Diversity
John Cunningham	Facilitator
John Fletcher	Communications and PR
Sophia Gaitanari	Performance Management
Roger Kendall	Finance
Sally Keverne	Community Engagement and Partnerships
Mo Reece	Governance
Jack Shulman	Strategic
Evan Stirzaker	Project Management

For information: the meeting dates of the Governance Hub will be as follows:

20 November 2008

18 December 2008

22 January 2009

2. Local Development Workers

KMN has now appointed three Local Development Workers (LDWs) to work with the Kent LINK as follows:

West Kent

Elayne Oxley e-mail: elayne@kentlink.org tel: **07976 596410**

I was born and grew up in Chatham, Kent, before joining the WRAF in 1971 where I trained and worked in communications which I loved. This gave me the chance to travel to countries such as Cyprus, Malta, Hong Kong, Belgium, before I came out after serving for 8 years.

I went on to Arts & Libraries working as a Librarian in Dartford libraries for the next four years. Here I came into contact with many older and disabled people which made me want to study and specialise in community care.

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So, transferring to Social Services, I became an Administrator in domiciliary care for the Dartford and Gravesham areas. It was a natural transition to move to the Voluntary Sector to gain more experience, and I became an Area Manager with a project under the umbrella of the Council for Voluntary Service in North West Kent. During this time I gained my Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science and Diploma in Health & Social Welfare.

Despite being very happy in both Social Services and the Voluntary Sector, I decided to set up my own Company to provide a more flexible service for the people of North West Kent and in 1996 I achieved this. Running this company successfully for over 11 years it was time to go on to something new.

After a year off to travel extensively (my passion), I am now a LINK Development Worker for West Kent where I hope to continue finding ways people can have a say in improving their own health and social care wherever they may live.

Mid Kent

Cate Boland

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I have 10 years experience of working in communities to involve and empower individuals to make changes to the services they receive.

I have previously worked for The Children's Society teaching Community Development skills in areas of disadvantage in order to improve community cohesion in specified areas. Recently I worked for Local Government encouraging individuals from all walks of life to get involved in decision making of issues like housing, which affects participants every day lives.

I am looking forward to the new and exciting challenges of working with the Kent LINK and introducing myself to as many of you as possible as I travel around the County.

East Kent

Louise Murrell

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My career began in 1998 and has covered a variety of roles in an administrative environment. In 2004 I joined the Hawkinge Neighbourhood Management Team as office manager with responsibility for the Hawkinge community office. I played a key role in setting up and supporting the Hawkinge Partnership which seeks to work with residents and public service providers to improve the quality of services being delivered in the community. I was promoted to project development officer which gave me the opportunity to work with residents and community groups to develop project ideas, facilitate working groups and lead on specific projects. This enabled me to learn and develop new skills which I hope will now benefit the Kent LINK.

All three LDWs are available from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and are looking forward to the opportunity of working with the Kent LINK and assisting in the recruitment of participants.

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