

PRESS RELEASE

net.gain Training Helps Community Groups Get to Grips with Technology

net.gain Training is helping local community groups improve their IT skills and use the latest technology to develop their standing in the community.

Following the Community strengths assessment carried out last year many community groups felt that the main issues holding them back was their lack of IT skills and access to technology. Net Gain training is helping to change all that.

The training is organised by Groundwork and is a national initiative. The NDC programme is paying for members of local community groups in Hathershaw & Fitton Hill to help skill them up on use of the internet and communication via email.

The aim of the training is to move groups forward so they can network with other groups in the area and across the Borough. The training will also improve the group's communication with their members and help increase their membership.

Arthur Taylor who runs Fitton Hill Bulldogs rugby club has attended the course and said

"This course will help local people to help themselves so we can broaden our work and start helping others. I strongly believe you can never know enough and this course will be a fantastic boost".

The training will also help groups to develop an ICT strategy and fundraising plan which will help groups raise money for their groups.

Once groups have been on this course they can gain access to up to £2,500 worth of office IT equipment for a limited period. Groundwork staff will assess the Groups needs and match them to a tailored IT package, which is suitable for their needs.

The training has been ongoing since November at Groundwork's Head Office in Higginshaw. If any residents in the NDC are interested in attending future courses they should contact Anne Fleming at the programme on 785 9716.

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