

Local Area Agreements

No ring fencing for Supporting People

Tax cuts and government spending cuts warned

Jobless rise highest in 17 Years

It is membership time at LAF and whilst we prepare for our new training schedule in September it is also time for us to take stock of the last year; what we have been doing for our members and what we hope to achieve in the next year. It has been an uncertain year for everyone in the sector with many changes taking place and it looks like it will be the same for the next few years as the financial crisis begins to filter down to individuals, organisations and government spending.

At LAF we are optimistic that we can continue to support you through this difficult time ahead and keep pace with the changes through information and training.

LAF members are LAF and we need you to continue to keep our foundations resilient through our strong member networks.

Thank you for your continued support.

"I feel much more confident now"

"The course covered all bases"

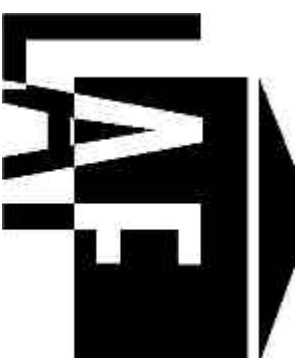
"Better understanding"

"Please let me know about your next networking event. The last one was useful"

"Excellent!"

"I have learnt so much more than I expected to"

LAF Supporting and empowering organisations working to end social exclusion in our communities



Membership

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No of Staff | Cost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 or less | £40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 to 25 | £150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 26 to 100 | £225 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Over 100 | £380 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Local Authority and PCT | £380 |

Method of Payment

Cheque Attached

Invoice Me

Name and Address of Organisation:

Billing Address if different:

Email:

Please complete and return

to:

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LAF - Use us or lose us!



NEWS

Miriam Scott the Project Director has retired after over 20 years with LAF, Susan Cox has now taken over her role

LAF has secured funding to offer selected training at a 50 to 60% discount, thus helping organisations save money but still train staff in essential skills.

LAF offered 136 days of public training courses last year

LAF has kept abreast of developments in the sector and ensured new courses such as the Briefing on the QAF were available as soon as possible for members

LAF— *still* providing value for money

LAF offered accredited Health and Safety related courses with the CIEH

LAF providing a CRB service at a reduced rate for members

LAF continues to Facilitate the Leeds Supporting People Provider Forum

LAF's Challenges, Aims and Activities 2009 - 2010

Represent and support organisations now the SPPF funding ring fence has been removed

Represent members in the new Third sector together group (yet to be named)

Offer a qualification for front line workers and continued professional development for staff in partnerships with other well placed organisations

Build strong relationships with national organisations and statutory partners

Ensure Supported Housing Providers in Yorkshire have information on local issues and opportunities for training in up to date skills and techniques

Assist organisations deal with the new ISA's, Individual budgets and other new requirements that come along!

Move to a new training suite in September 2009

Develop more training and support for members needs

Canvas members for opinions and issues to raise within the sector