

# Building Better Opportunities Tees Valley

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**Building Better Opportunities** is a programme which will address social inclusion in the Tees Valley area by delivering activities which support those most disadvantaged to move towards the labour market. The first phase of the programme will be delivered between 2016 and 2019. £9.1 million will be available (£5.6m ESF and Big Lottery match of £3.6m) for this phase.

### The Programme Development Work so far..

The Big Lottery selected Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency to carry out research and development work for the Tees Valley Building Better Opportunities programme. This work drew on data about the Tees Valley, considered reports and studies around social exclusion and consulted with stakeholders. It led to three themes for the Tees Valley Building Better Opportunities programme

#### Theme One

##### **Removing Health and Wellbeing Barriers to Employment**

People with poor mental health or wellbeing.  
People with substance misuse issues  
People with lifestyle issues.  
People living in the most deprived areas in the Tees Valley.

#### Theme Two

##### **Steps towards Employment**

Providing unemployed people with volunteering opportunities.  
Providing unemployed people with work experience opportunities.  
Building the capacity of organisations to provide volunteering and work experience opportunities.

#### Theme Three

##### **Financial Inclusion**

Providing support to manage debt and increase financial literacy.  
Providing transport to help people to tackle isolation and gain employment.  
Providing people with digital inclusion services.

**The three themes will be combined and delivered as a single service across the Tees Valley. This may involve a range organisations working as a partnership.**

## Potential Provider and Potential Lead Body Events

**Potential Lead Body session Wednesday 29th April 2015: 2pm - 4pm at the St Mary's Centre Middlesbrough, 82-90 Corporation Road, TS1 2RW** (Potential lead partner organisations would be expected to have the necessary experience and capacity to deliver a £9.1 million programme across the whole Tees Valley area).

**Potential Provider session Wednesday 6th May 2015: 2pm - 4pm at the St Mary's Centre Middlesbrough, 82-90 Corporation Road, TS1 2RW** (this is for organisations that could deliver services as part of the wider partnership)

To book your place at either event please send an email to Liz Ashton [l.ashton@hvda.co.uk](mailto:l.ashton@hvda.co.uk)

To find out more about the Tees Valley Building Better Opportunities programme visit the HVDA web site [www.hvda.org.uk](http://www.hvda.org.uk) and follow the link to BBO.

