

"The Activity Den"

Improving the lives of children and young people in Tanfield Lea, Stanley and the surrounding areas

The Activity Den Board's Curriculum Vitae

Sarah Jane McGovern – Chair

- BA and MA in Community and Youth Work
- Diploma in Management
- Delivered Youth Work Training
- Participatory Appraisal Research Techniques
- Worked for a regeneration programme as a Youth Involvement Worker
- Worked for a large scale, government funded regeneration programme
- Currently working for Sunderland City Council promoting Volunteering
- Experience of governance and governance training
- Experience of small and large scale funding applications and Business Plans
- Child Protection Officer for The Woodcraft Folk
- Previous secretary for the East Area Forum in Sunderland
- Experience of writing an accredited programme for young people volunteering in youth clubs
- Staff Management Experience
- Equality and Diversity Training

Elaine Richardson – Finance Director

- Outcomes training
- Tailored accountancy training - 5 days from Project North East
- Equality and diversity training (one hour session at work)
- Child protection training - (NSPCC course and Scout courses)
- Team leadership skills (experience in histopathology department - RVI)
- Group Scout master involving running all aspects of the group - 2 years experience
- Cub master training - 5 day course
- Involved in co-ordinating activities for a weeks camp for 400 people - woodcraft folk
- Managing age 6-10 age group section of a youth organisation - 3 years experience
- Organisational planning skills - e.g. lead person for total re-organisation and cataloguing warehouse storage of archive material. (work experience)
- Member of Durham dyspraxia foundation and county Durham autistic support group.
- Attendance at lectures related to autistic learning difficulties. At least 6 one day lectures plus one 6 session evening course.
- Experience of 2 one week residentials organised by county Durham dyspraxia foundation. Worked both weeks helping support young people many of whom had dyspraxia and other associated difficulties.

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Stephen Grey – Company and Charity Secretary

- Level 3 Certificate in Youth Work
- Certificate in Management
- Capital Works Volunteer
- Writing Funding Applications and Business Plan
- Experience of Public Relations
- Shop Steward Experience – Health and Safety Trained
- Co-ordinator of The Woodcraft Folk - 15 Years
- Liaising with surveyors, our solicitors, Wardhadaway
- Equality and Diversity Training
- Field Worker for North Durham Youth Service

John Robert Edwards - Director

- Writing small and large scale funding bids
- 2 days training in using an Outcomes Focus
- Designing activities for young people in conjunction with them
- Partnership working with Sage, Gateshead
- Liaising with our PR consultant to produce press releases and newsletter articles
- Capital Works experience
- Contribute/Attend Board Meetings
- First Aid Training
- Managing and Running Music Project
- Volunteer for scouts for approximately 10 years

John Charles Hunter - Director

- Diversity and Equality Training
- County Councillor – part of the Corporate Parenting, Licensing and Highways Groups
- District Councillor – for 18 months
- Business Experience – for family run firm – 35 years
- Member of the Round Table - Chair twice
- Member of the 41 Club

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Dawn Nichol – Director

- BA (Hons) in Management, Business and Administration
- HND (level 5) in Business
- AAT level 3 in Accounting
- Currently working for Durham University as a Postgraduate Admissions Co-ordinator
- Responsible for recruiting students from over 40 countries
- Specialisation in reviewing policies, procedures and designing workflows
- Volunteers as a College Mentor for 1st year Undergraduate students at St Aidan's College
- Staff Supervisory experience
- Over 20 years administrative experience in both private and public sector
- Previously volunteered with Northern Recording's "Making Music Work" Programme
- Equality and Diversity Training