

## South West News & Activities

### Community Alliance Regional Partnership - South West

The Community Alliance is a national partnership between bassac, Community Matters and the Development Trusts Association. The regional staff and consultants from the three partner organisations in the South West have been meeting regularly since January 2007 to plan how best to support members in the region. We have developed a joint approach or 'gateway' to find out what community groups in the region need, and to provide services to them.

Being a member of one of the partner organisations means you are automatically a Community Alliance member. This means you get more for your money! As a member you are entitled to receive the benefits of membership across the partnership. You can take advantage of many joint products and services all designed to help your group achieve sustainability, long term social change and community empowerment.

For example, you get access to:

?? VISIBLE a quality standard designed with small community organisations in mind

?? Knowledge and Skills Exchange - Funding to visit other members to exchange ideas and knowledge, and to promote best practise

?? Preparing a business plan for your project

?? ChangeCheck: Assessing the impact of your organisation

?? SWiM: Looking at ways of sharing without merging

?? Training on various topics including asset-based community development

?? Free advice, information and legal clinic

?? Networking opportunities

?? Invitations to joint regional events, designed to meet your needs

?? Access to reduced rate for tailored insurance

?? Briefing sheets and publications

If you want to find out more about what is on offer for you, contact any of the people listed below:

Find out more about the Development Trusts Association, please contact Diana Moore and Peter Jones at 01392 824266, email [d.moore@dta.org.uk](mailto:d.moore@dta.org.uk), [p.jones@dta.org.uk](mailto:p.jones@dta.org.uk) or visit [www.dta.org.uk](http://www.dta.org.uk)

For more information on Community Matters please contact Helen Garforth on 07926742113, or the Community Matters head office on 0207 8377887, or email [southwest@communitymatters.org.uk](mailto:southwest@communitymatters.org.uk) or visit [www.communitymatters.org.uk](http://www.communitymatters.org.uk)

For more information on bassac please contact Dave Chapman at 0845 241 0375 or email [dave@bassac.org.uk](mailto:dave@bassac.org.uk); alternatively visit [www.bassac.org.uk](http://www.bassac.org.uk)

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## Every Action Counts

Every Action Counts is a new Community Sector Coalition\*\* initiative to encourage and support community organisations to deliver sustainable development by tackling issues such as:

- Energy, Transport and Climate Change
- Waste minimisation and recycling
- Local environmental improvements ( Care for where you live ), and
- Fair trade and ethical shopping .

Every Action Counts could help your Trust:

- Save money or even generate some new funding
- Keep your existing members interested and perhaps attract some new ones
- Raise the profile of your group in your local community and show them you care

There are 3 simple things you can do to get involved click on the link to find out more!

[EACDTASWBriefing.doc](#)

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