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Newsletter of the North Derbyshire Furniture Project

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of *FP: Brief*, our bi-monthly newsletter providing updates on the North Derbyshire Furniture Project. The Project is run by YMCA Derbyshire with the support of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. We would welcome any views you may have about *FP: Brief*, as well as any suggestions for subjects you feel should be included in future issues.

Please forward any comments to furniture.project@ymcaderbyshire.org.uk

General update

Over the past two months access to the project has been limited to YMCA Derbyshire staff, but deliveries of much-needed furniture have continued. This has been necessary due to the high demand for furniture and also a concentration on establishing the training aspect of the project, in accordance with the Coalfields Regeneration Trust's targets. During this time we have taken the opportunity to update our fire systems and make some necessary repairs to the building. This has come at an extra cost to YMCA Derbyshire, demonstrating its financial commitment to the future of this Project. Work is ongoing, and public access to the showrooms should begin again in March 2010. The new opening times are displayed below.

There is a backlog for referrals and we are working through these as swiftly as possible, with some applicants for furniture currently waiting four to six weeks. As always, the Furniture Packs will be treated with priority.

We still need volunteers to undertake a wide range of tasks, from moving furniture to answering telephones. If you know of anyone who might fit the bill, please ring the office number. Many thanks.

Mark Love

Furniture Project Coordinator

Positive outcomes

In the first seven months of this Project, we have exceeded all expectations. We have supplied over 300 families with furniture, saved over 750 items from going to the tip, had 46 new volunteers through the Project and, by the end of the existing funding timeframe, will have assisted over 60 people in skills development.

New referral procedure

From 1st March 2010 we will no longer be accepting referrals for single items. The referrals will only be accepted for Furniture Packs. Those needing single items, please make appointments or visit the showrooms during opening times.

Please note that all existing referrals already submitted for single items will be processed.

Training Schedule

- 5th March 2010 – Health and Safety
- 11th March 2010 – Manual Handling
- 16th April 2010 – Food Hygiene

These accredited courses are open to the service users of all our stakeholders. For a booking form or more information, please email us: chesterfield.services@ymcaderbyshire.org.uk



New opening times

Monday:	By appointment
Tuesday:	Open 9am – 12 noon
Wednesday:	By appointment
Thursday:	Open all day – 9am to 4pm
Friday:	By appointment