



Family Gateway
(formerly Tyne Gateway Trust)
who we are and what we do

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2009-2011 – fully funded by Child Poverty Unit as a pilot

2011 – 2012 – Established as a Company Limited by Guarantee and Registered Charity

current – employing 25 staff, 21 of whom are Barefoot Professionals. Projected income £580k, 3+ months of operating costs in reserves

No room for complacency!

Company Mission:
**To empower families and communities to make
changes that improve children's life chances**

BAREFOOT PROFESSIONAL MODEL



How we do it

- Live / work in local communities
- Experience of same / similar issues
- Practical support
- Hand holding
- Bridge to other services
- Breaking the cycle
- Signposting



Our staff

We recruit local people from the communities in which we work, all of whom have experienced the same or similar issues as those we support



Some of our previous Northumberland volunteers

Working with whole families

Children aren't poor, they are simply a product of their parents' circumstances

We work with the hardest to reach families with the most complex needs and build

resilience, confidence and skills



Our Lads and Dads project

Holiday activities

Simple and fun days out for parents and children to create new habits, reduce learning loss and isolation in holidays and reduce holiday hunger



Simple fun on the beach

Enterprise Development

Community Enterprise

as a route to building

sustainable

Social Enterprises

Creating employment and
volunteering opportunities for
the 'unemployable'



TG Exchange at Tynemouth market

Sustainable ‘whole issue’ improvement not ‘sticking plasters’

- Whole family
- Not only referral reasons but all underlying issues need to be addressed
- Never give up, 100% engagement
- Don't close until behaviours are changed and sustained

What we achieved in 2016/17 (evidenced and validated)

**350 families
and over 700
children
supported**

**62%
previously on
CPP removed
from it**

**95%
of
children
improved
attendance /
achievement
or both**

**32%
of hard to
engage parents
into training /
employment**

**10
previous
service users
now
employed by
us**

Current developments



- Projects and commissions sustained in N and S Tyneside
- New workshops and offers to schools
- New Big Lottery Reaching Communities grant to replicate in Northumberland
- New Macmillan Poverty and Cancer action - research project
- Significant community and social enterprise developments
- Potential 'hub and spoke' model

Expanding into Northumberland

- Improving Futures project initially (3 years funding)
- Schools based (primary)
- South East (Bedlington, Blyth, Newbiggin etc)
- Recruit locally in communities to full time and volunteer roles
- Nominations from professionals and agencies
- Looking for parents who have experienced and overcome difficulty

The future

Expand and offer more help to more people whilst **not diluting the model**

Only invest in work that delivers **real sustainable and measurable impact**

Grow our **enterprises** to support those for whom conventional routes to work might not be manageable

Continue to support staff, service users and partners by **listening, innovating and delivering sustained outcomes**

Thanks for listening

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