

# Commissioning Specification

## Introduction

The Housing Block of the Oldham Partnership is seeking to commission delivery of a Forum Theatre project for young people, who at school and 6<sup>th</sup> Form college, as part of a range of measures aimed at raising awareness of homelessness and preventing future homelessness.

It is proposed that the service will be delivered by an independent agency with previous experience of delivering forum theatre and knowledge of young people's housing issues in Oldham. Funding will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 for a 7month period to establish and run the project.

It is expected that a short term steering group of key partners will be established to monitor the effectiveness of the service, and that feedback will be provided to the Homelessness Strategy Group.

Expressions of interest should be submitted on the template provided and addressed as below to arrive no later than 3pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2007

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## Programme Specification

Project Title	Raising Awareness of Homelessness Prevention Amongst Young People
Objective	To deliver a project of Forum theatre to students of local secondary schools and 6 <sup>th</sup> Form colleges in order to raise awareness of homelessness and how homelessness can be prevented.
Target groups	It is expected that the successful partner will deliver a service that attracts interest from and responds effectively to young people from all communities within Oldham.
Interventions	To develop and deliver a forum theatre event which raises awareness of homelessness and is delivered on at least 3 dates at an appropriate venue to at least 500 young people. To work with homelessness advice and support services to develop an information pack for attendees and to provide a display of useful information at the venue.
Number of beneficiaries	A minimum of 500 young people from all areas, and all communities across Oldham
Duration of programme	The project will take place between 1 <sup>st</sup> September 07 to 1 <sup>st</sup> March 08
Funding available	Up to £5,500 k
Additional requirements	<p>The delivery partner will be expected to link with other services that seek to prevent homelessness and with service users of homelessness services when developing the forum theatre event.</p> <p>It is expected that the service will be delivered through publicity that attracts full co-operation and participation of schools and colleges.</p> <p>It is expected that a successful awareness raising project will also have a positive impact on community engagement and community cohesion throughout Oldham.</p> <p>It is expected that the project will be reviewed and that service users will be consulted as part of the review process.</p>