



54 Degrees Project Training Volunteering Kirklees



Getting the Best Out of Limited Resources

Project Client

While Sharron Wilkinson, from Volunteering Kirklees, was doing a management qualification for her own personal development, she came across Sarah's course and thought that the practical skills, as well as some of the theory, would be good for the organisation and complement what she was already doing. The funded nature of the course also made it affordable for the organisation.

The team at Volunteering Kirklees were aware that they had lots of things they should be doing, but still needed the discipline to put time aside and do it.



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Project Aim

Charities and not-for-profit organisations usually have numerous projects and fundraising events going on at the same time. And with limited budgets, staff development tends to end up at the bottom of the pile.

Using SEF funding, Sarah Wilson was able to offer training sessions at a reduced rate to charities and not-for-profit organisations under pressure to deliver with few resources. She taught them how to get the best out of their resources through improved planning and logistics, and help reduce stress in management levels by improving the ability to plan and delegate to other team members.

Project Results

Sharron attended the course with a colleague in Wakefield and took away lots of practical tools, such as Gantt Charts to plot projects, activities and dates, as well as lots of time management techniques and ways to think ahead and plan.

Sharron said: *"We really liked the practical nature of the course and the fact that there was interaction with the other delegates. Because the group was relatively small, everyone could join in, share their thoughts and get support on their own problems."*

**The Skills
Enhancement
Fund**

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