

# NEWSLETTER

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Phase II of building repairs are underway for August completion

## HYPE - NEW TRAINING SCHEME STARTS FOR YOUNG PARENTS

Helm is delighted to be one of the key voluntary agencies to have successfully gained funding from the Dundee 'Discover Opportunities' (formally NEET) Partnership Strategy towards running a new training project for young parents called **HYPE – Helm Young Parents' Employment project**.

The main funding for the project has originated direct from the Scottish Executive who has identified seven 'hotspot' areas in Scotland where large numbers of young people aged 16-19 years are not in employment, education and training. Additional funding for the project has been provided by Working



Young parents at the St Andrew's Young Mothers and Toddlers project are just some of the young mothers around the city who are joining the new HYPE training project

for Families Dundee and a number of other Scottish Trusts which we are sincerely grateful to including the Balgay Children's Society, Alexander Moncur Trust, Souter Trust and the Hugh Fraser Trust.

The HYPE project aims to give young mothers the support and individual help they need to make the difficult transition towards getting back into work or moving onto full-time training. There will be two training groups running concurrently in the Dundee centre - one for 16-19 year olds and one for parents over 19 years. The training will be carried out in the afternoons with a free crèche available for parents based at the St Andrew's Church hall just round the corner on

Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, following on from their own Young Mothers and Toddlers Lunch Club and Play Session run on those days. On the HYPE project the participants will be encouraged to work towards SQA qualifications and Core Skills as well as covering other employability areas like IT and independent living skills relevant to returning to work or further education.

For more information on HYPE, please contact the new Project Coordinator, Lisan Donald on 01382 224464.



Lisan Donald, Project Coordinator for HYPE in the Job Station

## FRIENDS OF HELM



Martin Smith, Boxmaster receives a Friends of Helm certificate from Caroline Davidson, Employment Liaison Officer, in recognition of funding from the Glover Trade towards the new Job Station

## FRIENDS OF HELM

We would like to thank the following organisations for their recent support to Helm...

Alexander Moncur Trust, Balgay Children's Society, The Glover Trade, St Andrew's Church, Encon, Deli G, East Coast Spray Company, Abacus Nursery, Attic Drop-in Centre, Something Different Hairdresser, Carolina House Trust, Glendoick Garden Centre and the Kinnaird Allotment Association.



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## IMPROVED OUTCOMES AND EFFECTIVE LINKING BRINGS SUCCESS TO HELM

Greater linking with a network of local employers and more college and job outcomes for young people in 2006-2007 are key indicators that mark the end of another successful year for Helm Training.

Furthermore renewed contracts with Dundee Education for the 15-16 year old Pathways programme and Scottish Enterprise for the Get Ready for Work programmes in Dundee and Angus - and with addition the new HYPE training project for young parents in Dundee ensures that working with young people will remain the charity's key focus over the next year. Workstep and Dundee Individual Initiative Fund contracts also continue.



*Peter Friend and Dee McIntosh are joined by Valerie Lester, Group Leader, Careers Scotland (second left) and Karen Gunn, Implementation and Development Manager (third left) for the Dundee 'Discover Opportunities' (formally NEET) Partnership at the recent Launch and Signing Ceremony held at Discovery Point*

Already many of the Pathways students have transferred over to the Get Ready for Work programme in June and following events at Braeview Academy, Craigie High School, Careers Scotland events and Helm's own Open Day for summer school leavers – the centres have never been busier.



*Claire has recently started full time work at Deli G on the Hilltown following a successful placement period.*

work experience on a range of placements in Dundee and Angus with a further twenty waiting to start at Dundee College in August. For more details on the charity's annual performance the Annual Report 2006-2007 will be available shortly from the website at [www.helmtraining.co.uk](http://www.helmtraining.co.uk)

## HELM'S HARVEST LOGO WINNER



*Dee McIntosh congratulates Michael on winning the Helm's Harvest logo competition*

Over forty trainees have already been involved in the allotment project this summer and it is with such first-hand insight to the location and production on the plot that it was no surprise that Michael's logo featuring the shed and varied produce was selected as the successful winner of the Helm's Harvest logo competition. The logo was among fifteen entries and was chosen by a staff and student ballot. The logo will become the sign for the site and used on produce labels and T-shirts.

## STAFF TRAINING FEATURES DRAGON'S DEN

Helm's annual all-staff training day took a decidedly competitive angle this year with staff teams fighting it out to present innovative, cost-sensitive ideas to a Dragon's Den-styled management team. Two teams shared the spoils available with the winners proposing a **Scottish History Trip** for Pathways students and a **Helm Challenge Cup Award** scheme for 16-18 year olds where completion of certificates for a skill and social responsibility areas would lead to a final outdoor challenge and ultimately receipt of a Helm Challenge Cup. Other ideas included a Wellbeing Course and a Core Skills Treasure Hunt.

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**WEDNESDAY 26th SEPTEMBER**  
**SEA CAPTAIN'S HOUSE**