


## Big Lottery – Making It Work

### Action: Lone Parents



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### Making It Work

- Investment of £7m over 5 years in 5 LA areas of Scotland
- Support lone parents to realise potential & move towards/into the labour market
- Improve access to services for lone parents furthest from the labour market and with complex circumstances & needs
- Almost 50% of lone parents in Scotland reside in 5 LA areas:
  - Glasgow
  - Edinburgh
  - Fife
  - South Lanarkshire
  - North Lanarkshire
- Funding - £2m for Glasgow & £1.25m each for other 4 areas

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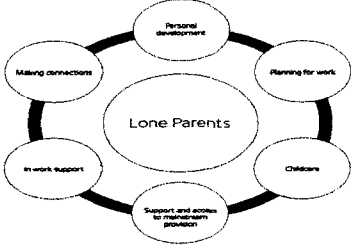
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Making it Work – model of support



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**North Lanarkshire Bid – Action: Lone Parents**

- Partnership bid led by RTW, NLC & VANL
- Delivery Partners:
  - One Parent Families Scotland
  - GEMAP
  - Circle Scotland
  - JobCentre Plus
- 4 year project with 3 years worth of direct delivery
- Project value of £1.59m (£1.25m from Big Lottery)
- Localised “task-force” approach targeting 300 lone parents
- 6 communities targeted for 6 months each

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**RTW Responsibilities**

- Lead partner responsible directly to Big Lottery for all aspects of the project
- Project management & administration (including finance)
- Recipient of lottery funds & responsible for payment of partners costs
- Coordination of project steering group
- Provision of employability-related services & support
- Achievement of project outcomes

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**Partner Responsibilities**

- **NLC** – Marketing & promotion via NLW
- **VANL** – Promotion of volunteering opportunities/pre-vocational & personal development programme delivery
- **JCP** – Client referral, specialist benefit advice & welfare reform information sessions
- **GEMAP** – Individual & group sessions on debt & money advice
- **Circle Scotland** – Specialist support around substance misuse and/or offending backgrounds
- **OPFS** – Lone Parent support worker services & pre-vocational & personal development programme delivery

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**Dedicated Staffing**

- **GEMAP** – Financial Inclusion Officer
- **Circle Scotland** – Family Support Worker
- **OPFS** – Lone Parent Support Worker
- **RTW**
  - Project Coordinator
  - Project Assistant
  - Lone Parent Key Worker
  - Lone Parent Transitional Support Worker (17.5 hours pw)
  - Childcare Key Worker (p/t from existing resource)
  - 18 Lone Parent Mentors (3 per area for 6 months each)

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**Outputs & Outcomes**

- 270 LP's experiencing improved self-confidence
- 216 LP's improving skills in CV writing & job applications
- 150 LP's being referred to NLW mainstream activity
- 120 LP's moving into a positive destination
- 120 LP's engaging with a Transitional Support Worker
- 120 LP's receiving a BOIW calculation from GEMAP
- 88 LP's sustaining employment at 13 weeks
- 70 LP's sustaining employment at 26 weeks

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**Outline Implementation Timetable**

- Partnership agreement approved by Big Lottery – mid May
- Recruitment advert placed for 6 key (core) posts – end May
- Project branding & marketing plan completed – end June
- Stakeholder engagement/project awareness raising – May/June
- Key (core) staff induction programme – Aug '13
- Recruitment of 1<sup>st</sup> tranche of LP Mentors – early Sept '13
- Delivery activity commences - Sept/Oct '13 (and runs to 2016)

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**Recruitment Update**

- Advert placed 28<sup>th</sup> May – closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> June
- Total of 1,313 application packs issued across all posts
- Completed applications received:
  - Project Coordinator (RTW) – 34
  - Key Worker (RTW) – 78
  - Project Assistant (RTW) – 44
  - Financial Inclusion Officer (GEMAP) – 15
  - Family Support Worker (Circle) – 41
  - Lone Parent Support Worker (OPFS) – 61

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