



**Bellshill & District Community Forum**  
**Report to Local Area Partnership**  
**October 2012**



**Background**

The Community Forum has held two business meetings since the last LAP:

- Thursday 18 October
- Thursday 15 November

This paper aims to give LAP members a brief update on Community Forum activity over the past few months.

**Community Forum Update**

The North East Unit have progressed the joint work they agreed in August. Supported by NHS locality Health Improvement staff and Service Managers this work includes:

*Participatory Appraisal Training*

Taster sessions were organised for members of all 3 fora for 22 November but unfortunately this was postponed to early 2013 due to lack of numbers.

*Community Forum Websites*

These will be designed in the same format making it easier to input information across the 3 websites. The NHS graphic designer is currently updating the Bellshill site.

*'See Me' Pledge Launch*

The three community fora of the North East Unit signed up for the 'See Me' pledge which raises awareness of the stigma of mental health. The launch tied in with the Mental Health Film and Arts Festival. Local bands and dance groups entertained the crowd. The event was viewed as very successful with 84 people attending the Civic Centre on the 26 October with plans to repeat this in 2013.

*Calendar of events/Wall Planner*

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> calendar produced (3<sup>rd</sup> joint). It will be made available to all Community Planning Partners via the January 2013 LAT meeting

*Multi cultural event*

The 5<sup>th</sup> multicultural event takes place on the 8<sup>th</sup> December at the John McCormack Community Centre. Funded by the North East Unit fora over 200 women and children of all faiths and cultures are expected to attend an evening of food, music, dance and fashion.

**There are no further community forum Issues for Consideration at LAP**

The dates of the next Community Forum meetings are:

Thursday 20 December 2012

Thursday 17 January 2013