



**VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR ENGAGEMENT ON THE WORCESTERSHIRE
The Strategic Partnership Forum for the Choice and Control programme**

Please read the below nomination details to help you place your vote for the single VCS Representatives on The Strategic Partnership Forum for the Choice and Control programme.

Deadline: Monday 26th April 2010 5pm

Name and Contact Details

Full name

Graham Clark

Organisation / Group

Where Next Association

Type of organisation (please tick one box only)

Public service delivery - an organisation that has a contract from the public sector to provide services to the community, groups or individuals in any sphere of activity (e.g. arts, culture, education, young people, transport, health, social care).



About your organisation

Where does your organisation operate? (Please tick all relevant boxes)

District Level

Briefly describe your role in your organisation/group and the nature of services/support your organisation provides.

Role – General Manager

Services – Provide work experience and training to people with learning difficulties. This is carried out in small social enterprises, real jobs in real businesses with real customers. Clients learn work related skills with a view to helping them achieve independent employment.

ABOUT YOU

- 9 years experience in the sector running Where Next Association, with extensive general business background which provides a wealth of practical experience in making things happen.
- Extensive experience in handling change in a variety of businesses, reacting to external pressures or proactively leading the market.
- Founder member of Employment Subgroup of Valuing People board.

- As a representative of the VCS on the Policy Advisory Group I was able to help develop the 'Shopping, Investing, Giving' project, collecting and voicing opinions and concerns of other VCS bodies and reporting back to them.

- Active member of BARN and Redditch Community Commonwealth

Other Information

Explain why you are interested in being a voluntary and community sector representative on the The Strategic Partnership Forum for the Choice and Control programme and any other information you think may be relevant.

I am convinced that the developments inherent in the Choice and Control programme are the right way to go to provide the quality and breadth of service for the service users. Only by having a robust set of alternatives can the concept of 'choice' be made a practical reality.

If it is the right thing to do, then I want to be able to use my experience in the forefront, leading and influencing the developments, rather than being dragged along behind.

My experience in the 'Shopping Investing Giving' project would suggest that I can be successful in this role.