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New youth Service Launched

YOUNG people across are set to get involved in a host of exciting projects following the launch of a new youth service.

New Charter's brand new Youth Team will be working with young people between the ages of 8 and 19 in areas of need throughout the borough.

Working closely with partners like Groundwork, Tameside's youth services, Greater Manchester Police and the Primary Care Trust, the team will provide activities and events aimed at recruiting and training young volunteers in the community.

The hope is that parents and volunteers who are involved will then organise their own activities and projects.

The project work will enable young people to gain certificates and rewards for their efforts.

The team already has big plans for the future including developing up a youth forum for young New Charter residents and working closely with the New Charter Academy.

The team will also be continuing New Charter's work with groups like the Dreamscheme, which culminated in children and young people from New Charter estates scooping a prestigious bronze award at the Royal Horticultural Society flower show at Tatton Park.

New Charter's Youth Work Co-ordinator Chris Odell, said: "Working with young people in regeneration areas, we're aiming to engage young people in activities and community events and give them the opportunity to have a real impact on their own communities".

"With the right support from new Charter it won't be long until the first wave of volunteers is putting on their own events and inspiring the next generation."

New Charter's Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Tony Powell, added: "The youth team's work wouldn't be possible without the commitment of tenants - this will have a positive impact on their communities.

"We're privileged to be working such enthusiastic groups of young people."

Notes to editors:

1. New Charter formed in 1999 as the new landlords to own and manage homes transferred from Tameside council in Greater Manchester. With a turnover of £70million a year and a workforce of 880, New Charter is one of the region's largest registered providers of social housing, and is regulated by the Tenant Services Authority, a Government watchdog. The Group owns 18,600 homes. It was named at 6th place in The Sunday Times 100 best companies to work for in 2010.

2. Aksa Housing Association is a registered provider of social housing. It has operated since 1990 and owns over 670 homes in Oldham, Tameside, Bury and North Manchester. Its offices are in Oldham town centre, and its Board chose to join New Charter in November 2005.

3. **iN business for neighbourhoods** is a long-term project highlighting housing associations' performance. As social businesses, housing associations do not make profit. They offer homes for rent and sale at prices local people can afford. Housing associations provide more than homes - they help create places where people want to live. Wherever you see the **iN business for neighbourhoods** sign, something great is happening in the area. Housing Associations who display this logo are committed to their customers, the neighbourhoods they work in and strive for excellence in everything they do.

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