



Gateshead Network News December 2008



Hi Everyone

Well my first year as chair has gone very quickly looking back when Sally asked me to take up the role, I didn't know what I was letting myself into, however, I am pleased that I took the challenge! I think we have made a good team introducing a new format to the meetings which I am sure, you will agree works a lot better, as it gives managers and senior care staff the opportunity to network with others in the same field of work.

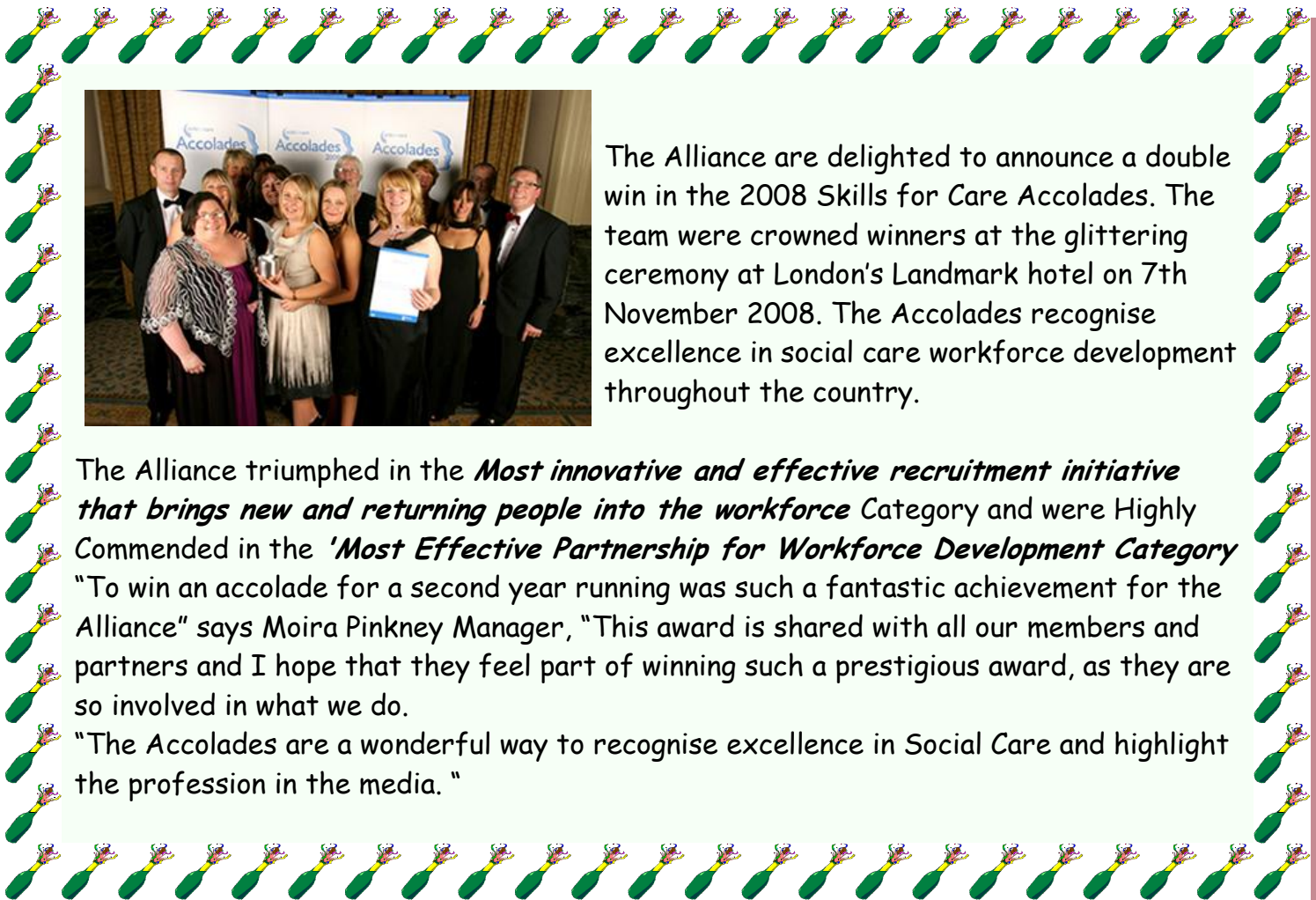
The Tyne and Wear Care Alliance has continued to go from strength to strength, this shows with the awards they keep winning so congratulations from all of Gateshead network.

This leaves me to say that I look forward to continuing to move the network forward in the new year and on behalf of all the network members thank you to Sally and Liz for your continued support.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year— look forward to seeing you all in 2009.



Annie



The Alliance are delighted to announce a double win in the 2008 Skills for Care Accolades. The team were crowned winners at the glittering ceremony at London's Landmark hotel on 7th November 2008. The Accolades recognise excellence in social care workforce development throughout the country.

The Alliance triumphed in the ***Most innovative and effective recruitment initiative that brings new and returning people into the workforce*** Category and were Highly Commended in the ***'Most Effective Partnership for Workforce Development Category*** "To win an accolade for a second year running was such a fantastic achievement for the Alliance" says Moira Pinkney Manager, "This award is shared with all our members and partners and I hope that they feel part of winning such a prestigious award, as they are so involved in what we do.

"The Accolades are a wonderful way to recognise excellence in Social Care and highlight the profession in the media."

NVQ's Update

The Alliance Train to Gain contract has been given a variation to allow us to support your organisations with Level 2's and 3's in Health & Social Care together with level 2 and Level 3 Jumpers in Support Services in Healthcare and Business Administration. As always training providers are quality assured and monitored by the Alliance.

To discuss your individual requirements contact Sally on 0191 565 6052



Continuous Professional Development Seminar "Tribunal Claims" - An insight into paperwork and tribunal process

28th January 2009
10 am—12,30 pm

Venue : Station Hotel Newcastle
Cost : £10.00 per person

To book a place please contact Sally—First come first served , only 10 places available !

Get Together Dates—2009

Wednesday 25th March	12.30 to 14.30 pm
Wednesday 20th May	12.30 to 14.30 pm
Wednesday 8th July	12.30 to 14.30 pm
Wednesday 14th October	12.30 to 14.30 pm
Wednesday 2nd December	12.30 to 14.30 pm

Venues to be advised - Everyone welcome so pop them in your diaries.
If you have suggestions for speakers/ topics to cover please contact either
Annie or Sally

"Festive Message from your Network Development Officer"



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year. Thank you all for all your support and for your continued commitment to the Gateshead Network

Kind Regards
Sally
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