

Successful project a Gateway back to work

A CELEBRATORY event for three successful organisations who have helped people back into work took place in Rhyl.

The event, held at the Taste Academy was organised by the three partners to recognise the exceptional achievements of the 150 participants.

During the past 12 months G2G Communities CIC, Access to Advocacy (A2A), and South West Rhyl Communities First (SWRCF) have been working with those furthest away from employment, potential volunteers and individuals wishing to gain new skills to return to the job market.

Project Manager of G2G, William Lockitt, said a number of participants have moved into employment, supported various volunteering roles and undertaken a range of accredited qualifications, since taking part in the pro-

gramme.

"Due to close working arrangements between all three partners a significant impact has been made in Denbighshire and Conwy, helping participants achieve their individual aims and objectives and gaining positive outcomes from their experience," he said.

Eighteen special awards were given to individuals that had made a significant improvement, overcome adversity or given their time to others. Every participant also received a certificate of achievement.

All three businesses have worked in partnership over the past 12 months to deliver six European funded Engagement Gateway projects, managed by the Welsh Council for Voluntary Action and supported by the Welsh Government.

All of the Engagement Gateway projects came to an end last week and the organisations hope



that similar programmes will be introduced in the future. For more information contact

G2G www.g2gcommunities.org.uk or SWRCF www.swrcf.org.uk or A2A www.access2advocacy.co.uk/

ABOVE: A selection of pictures from the recent Gateway project event at the Taste Academy

Wife left feeling blue as husband sees red

RELATIONS between a husband wife were stretched to breaking point by the climax to the Premier League season, a court was told.

Donna Anderson supported Manchester City, who won the title for the first time in 44 years, while husband Derek supported rivals United, who finished runners-up. The row which followed led to Mr Anderson pleading guilty at Prestatyn magistrates' court to assaulting his wife and resisting a police officer.

Matthew Ellis, prosecuting, said that on the final day of the season, the couple had been watching the matches in a pub

but when they arrived home an argument developed and Anderson slapped his wife's face. He then followed her into the bedroom and pushed her to the floor. When she called the police Anderson tried to stop them entering the property, asking to see a warrant.

Gwyn Jones, defending, said the incident was very much out of character and Mrs Anderson was in court to support her husband. Anderson, of Bryn Road, Towyn, was made subject of a six-month community order on the assault charge and must attend a course on domestic abuse. For resisting the police officer he was fined £50.

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