

Durham Area Action Partnerships 10th anniversary - What our partners say:

Stuart Errington

Chief fire officer, CDDFRS.

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There's such a diverse range of people that are involved either on the board of the AAPs or come along to the public events. It's a great opportunity to really understand what's going on in their local areas. And for us as an emergency service it's important that we understand those issues and work out how we can engage with the public to really make a difference and make it better for those local communities.

Prof Brian Tanner

Chair, County Durham Economic Partnership

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The majority of businesses in the county are micro businesses employing only a few people and their success or failure can depend on the support that the AAPs, and in particular the coordinators, give them.

Mike Barton

Chief constable, Durham Constabulary

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What a super idea and it's just cemented the way that we can actually deliver our services in conjunction with the with the council.

Prof Stuart Corbridge

Vice chancellor and warden, Durham University.

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The university has been so proud to be involved with the AAP. We all belong to this city, to this region, to the North East. It is a very special area, so we fundamentally as a university want to be involved in making the community, making the region as perfect as possible for people to live in and to work in.

Stewart Findlay

Chief officer, Durham CCGs

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It's hard to believe that they've been going for ten years. It seems like only yesterday they were starting out. But I think it's just the close working relationships between the CCG and the AAPs, and we managed to get our representative from the CCG to attend almost all of the AAP meetings and we find that a really useful and valuable thing to do.

Jo Laverick

Executive director, Durham Community Action

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It's just working alongside each other helping find solutions to problems and finding new things to do together, so it's been good working alongside them.

Stuart Errington

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You know, you see some absolutely fantastic bids going forward and some great outcomes from that. Great projects being delivered in a local level by local people making a huge difference to people in their communities.

Mike Barton

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Most recently the Cultivating Change program over in Peterlee is stunning and won actually our annual problem-solving award for the constabulary. So, for us it's really rewarding to not only celebrate what our own staff are doing, but celebrating what the AAPs are doing in conjunction with local people.

Colin Steel

Chief executive, Livin

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I think we've got a common purpose with the AAPs and I think all the partners around the table share that common purpose, so it's allowed us to deliver more than we could have done individually. It's allowed us to test ideas, to debate ideas with other partners and really deliver for those communities.

Stuart Errington

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We probably would struggle to find a forum with so many different people, different partners, members of the public who are really interested in what's going on in their local area.

Mike Barton

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I just think that the AAPs have emerged as the glue by which we can stick communities together.

Jo Laverick

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The AAPs are local routes into the community. We cover the whole of County Durham but we're very small, so the AAPs give us routes and there's some really really good community people who sit and work on the AAPs and they've been brilliant contacts for us. They've been brilliant drivers and it's really good to work with them.

Mike Barton

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The fact that we're still in a thriving community, we're still in a community that sees itself with ambitions for the future is principally because we've got things like the AAP.

Prof Brian Tanner

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I would like to congratulate the AAPs on their 10th anniversary and to thank them for the work they do to enhance the economy of the county.