

PRESS RELEASE

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Changing lives through arts,  
enterprise & community support

## **“Towards Work” - Novas committed to helping unemployed back into work**

Novas is holding an afternoon event on 15 May 2007 at Easton Community Centre for people out of work and on benefits due to unemployment, illness or disability, who are ready to move towards work through a number of routes.

Organised and hosted by the Novas Tenancy Sustainment Team, ‘Towards Work’ will include practical workshops offering information about options and opportunities for volunteering, traineeships, supported work and paid work.

A number of organisations will be involved on the day, giving workshops and presentations covering a wide number of topics. These include Novas Tenancy Sustainment Team, Novas Employment Works, Volunteering Bristol, Include Project (from Probation), Tomorrow’s People, Progress2Work project (from WTCS), Ceed and East Bristol Advice Centre.

Topics covered include Specific Opportunities in the Tenancy Sustainment Team, How Benefits Would be Affected by Opportunities, Novas Customer Involvement, Advantages of Volunteering, Advantages of Traineeships, Applying for Opportunities, What Goes on a CV, How to Approach Interviews, Disclosing Criminal Offences and Supported Work.

The event will also feature information stalls from Novas South West, Novas Employment Works, Volunteering Bristol, Tomorrow’s People, Ceed, Citizens Advice, Business in the Community, Progress2Work, and Include Project.

Michael Wake, Founder and Executive Director of Novas Group, says,

‘Novas is committed to running events to help unemployed people find a way back into work. We have developed innovative approaches to working with people who experience inequality and exclusion, and “Towards Work” is an excellent example of our approach to creating opportunities.’

We would be delighted if you would like to attend this event. For more information please contact David Ingerslev on 0117 942 0586 or by email at [info.TST@novas.org](mailto:info.TST@novas.org).

15 May 2007

12:00pm to 4:30pm.

Easton Community Centre

Kilburn Road

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## **NOTES TO EDITOR**

Novas Group aims to change lives through arts, enterprise and community support.

The Group has developed a strong reputation for the delivery of quality housing and community-based services, and for new and innovative approaches to working with people who experience inequality, exclusion and discrimination.

More recently we are developing extensive work, learning, social enterprise and cultural services to support our core work and to match and stretch the diverse aspirations of the people we support.

Working across the country we respond to local need and also contribute to regional, national and European agendas by identifying and providing sustainable solutions.

As a group we develop innovative community empowerment strategies that integrate our services into the wider community. We are currently remodelling many of our large hostels to raise the living standards for people who are homeless, within buildings that will become a part of their local communities.

These projects will also offer learning, cultural and enterprise space for a wide range of individuals and communities who experience exclusion.

Increasingly we are developing tenancy support services in people's own homes, along with education outreach services, cultural development services in partnership with local arts facilities and communities, and developing our own enterprise and learning centres.