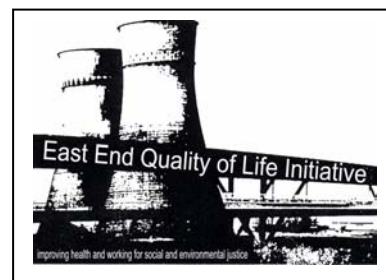


## Research and Evaluation for Community and Voluntary Sector Groups in Sheffield

The East End Quality of Life Initiative is a Sheffield Public Health funded project which has, over the last 7 years, developed considerable expertise in community research and evaluation on a variety of topics, and for a range of organisations.



### Expertise

- Surveys in Darnall, Tinsley and Handsworth on quality of life issues
- Co-ordination of a city-wide network of neighbourhoods monitoring local air quality, using diffusion tubes to measure nitrogen dioxide
- Joint work with other organisations (Darnall Forum, Tinsley Forum, Handsworth Forum, South Yorkshire Housing Association, Sheffield's Environmental Strategy team, Sheffield SE PCT, Sheffield First for Learning, Kettlebridge Action Group, Tinsley Sure Start, Adult & Community Learning Unit)
- Postal survey into local regeneration issues
- Health Impact Assessment (on a local planning study, local transport plans, and the proposed widening of the M1 motorway)
- Evaluation of a GP advocacy service.

### Involving local people

**As researchers:** In order to facilitate the collection of survey data, teams of local community researchers have been recruited. We currently have 12 community researchers living in Darnall, Tinsley and Pitsmoor. We have developed the expertise and flexibility to recruit, train, manage and retain a diverse group of researchers who are keen to work on a variety of projects.

**Air Quality Monitoring:** Community air quality partners include neighbourhood forums, environmental groups, neighbourhood watch groups and secondary schools. Community air quality monitoring currently takes place in 14 neighbourhoods in Sheffield.

Local people have the following advantages:

<b>As researchers</b>	<b>Air Quality Monitoring</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowing the local area and understanding some of the issues we were researching</li> <li>• Being at least bilingual in English and community languages</li> <li>• Having contacts and being trusted within the area, so able to gain the confidence of interviewees quickly</li> <li>• Giving local people feedback on what has happened to the information collected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowing locations where residents have concerns about air quality</li> <li>• Brings issue of poor air quality down to local level</li> <li>• Empowers local community to articulate concerns about poor air quality, traffic, and its effects on health and quality of life.</li> </ul>

The following pages summarise the range of research that has been undertaken over the last 7 years, reports available and presentations given.



**Winner**  
Community Project Award

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<b>Table 1: Summary of Research</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>No. Interviews</b>	<b>No. Interviewers</b>	<b>Total paid to Interviewers</b>
Darnall Community Research, gathering views on environmental effects on health in the area	Feb-Mar 2000	311	9	£3110.00
Participatory Health Impact Assessment of the Babbie Rotherham/Sheffield Motorway Corridor Study	Mar-Dec 2000	Literature review	n/a	n/a
Postal Survey in the Darnall Action Area, gathering health data and local views about regeneration under Objective 1 (as part of HIA)	Nov-Dec 2000	465	n/a	n/a
Tinsley Training Needs, looking at training needs of young people in Tinsley (developed questionnaire with Tinsley Forum, survey undertaken and analysed by Forum workers)	Aug 2001	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded
Sheffield Community Transport postal survey of City-Ride service (developed questionnaire to collect views of users and non-users, analysed by SCT staff)	Sept 2001	n/a	n/a	n/a
Evaluation of GP Advocacy Service (interviews with advocacy workers and GPs and surgery staff)	Sept-Dec 2001	n/a	n/a	n/a
Agreeing local quality of life indicators (QOL1)	Nov-Dec 2001	792	10	£1400.00
Pilot survey In Darnall, Tinsley and Handsworth of local quality of life indicators (QOL2)	Feb-Mar 2002	60	7	£567.50
Placecheck and subsequent survey of local residents in Kettlebridge, Darnall, to aid successful bid for £140,000 Doorstep Green funding	Jun 2002	43	3	£100.00
Lifelong Learning Survey for Sheffield First For Learning, survey in Darnall and Tinsley formed part of a South Yorkshire wide survey for the Learning and Skills Council	Dec 2003	494	13	£2445.00
Survey of residents living around Darnall Community Park, to aid successful bid for funding for masterplan of Darnall Green Spaces	Aug 2003	342	10	£631.50
A survey, and focus groups, for Sheffield's SEPCT about Tinsley GP	Sep 2003	380	7	£4382.50

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Survey of local residents to encourage greater resident participation and monitor changes in quality of life indicators (undertaken for group of social landlords, led by SYHA)	Jul-Oct 2003	266	12	£2800.50
Survey of families with young children in Tinsley, evaluating both Sure Start services and monitoring changes in quality of life indicators (undertaken jointly with Tinsley Sure Start)	Jun-Sep 2004	205	14	£2010.00
Evaluation for Darnall Forum by telephone interviews with local organisations	Dec 2004	Approx 40 hours	4	£428.00
SEPCT – 2 surveys, 1 administering a questionnaire with patients at a busy A&E department, and the other a telephone survey to monitor smoking cessation)	Mar 2005	Approx 149 hours	6	£1179.50
Survey of training needs in Darnall, undertaken for ACLU and Darnall Area Panel	June 2006	145	4	£1122.00
Survey for Tinsley Forum into quality of life and employment and training issues	Oct-Dec 2006	253	9	£2530.00

**Reports Published** (links to reports published on our website are included)

*Darnall learning and employment survey*, October 2006  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/DLEreportfinal.pdf>

*Air pollution and noise - their effects on human health and social inclusion: a review of recent literature*, revised January 2006 (Executive Summary and Full Report)  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/AirPollNoiseRevisedJan2006ExecSumm.doc>

*A survey of employers in the S9 postcode area*, a joint project undertaken with Sheffield City Council's Darnall Area Panel and Adult & Community Learning Unit, 2005.  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/EmployerSurvey2005.pdf>

*Tinsley Forum/Tinsley One Stop Shop Survey*, October 2005, looking at participation in courses and training <http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/TF-TOSSanalysisOct05.pdf>

*Understanding local neighbourhoods using community researchers*, February 2005  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/CommunityResearchersReport.pdf>

*Jobs and Training: a summary of surveys carried out in the Darnall Action Area, Sheffield*, November 2004  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/JobsSummary.pdf>

*Gambling, health and economic regeneration: a literature review*, October 2004  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/GamblingHealthEconomicRegeneration.pdf>

*Selected data from the 2001 Census* collated into booklets based on local geographical areas <http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/>

*A survey of tenants and residents in Darnall*, October 2003 on behalf of the Darnall CTE project, a group of 6 social landlords, summary and full report  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/DTRsummary.pdf>

*Developing locally agreed quality of life indicators: the example of the Darnall Action Area, Sheffield*, January 2003

*Influencing economic development and regeneration in Sheffield's East End: learning from a case study in Health Impact Assessment* (article included in Director of Public Health Annual Report, 2003)

*Darnall environment and health audit, a review* by Sheffield City Council and Sheffield Health, 2001 summary and full report  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/Darnall%20E&H%20Summary.pdf>

*Will Objective One bring benefits to local communities? Regeneration in Sheffield's East End*, in *Community Health UK Action*, Issue 54, 2001

*Health Impact Assessment of the Babbie Rotherham/Sheffield Motorway Corridor Study*, January 2001  
<http://www.sheffieldeastend.org.uk/Downloadable%20docs/HIA%20Rotherham%20Sheffield%20Motorway%20Corridor%20Planning%20Study.pdf>

## ***Presentations***

Tinsley Quality of Life and Employment Survey for Tinsley Forum, postponed to May 2007

Air quality and health for Community Air Quality Workshop, 17 October 2006

For National Regeneration Convention, University of Warwick, July 2006

Community Research Team, for HAZ Health Inequalities, 12 April 2005

Sustainable regeneration in Sheffield's East End: tackling inequalities through participatory Health Impact Assessment, for HIA Conference, Birmingham, 5 February 2003

Health Impact Assessment in practice: the Rotherham Sheffield Motorway Corridor Planning Study, for HAZ Root Causes, February 2001

Environment and Health, for East End Standing Conference, 20 September 2000

Poster "Reducing health inequalities – participatory health impact assessments and urban regeneration" at Trent Public Health Conference 24 November 2000

Presentations of Participatory Health Impact Assessment of the Babbie Rotherham/Sheffield Motorway Corridor Study to Darnall Area Panel (July 2000), East End Strategy Group (Sept 2000)

Participatory workshop "Joint working in the East End of Sheffield" for Health for All conference in York, 27 September 2000

Presentation of Darnall Community Research to Darnall Area Panel, 16 November 2000

Posters and Display about various aspects of health and research in Darnall and Tinsley for Health Information Fair, 24 November 2000

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