

# Headway Theatre

'Seven Stars 3', July 2002 - December 2003  
£112,932, Measure 2.1.

This project targeted individuals who were economically excluded as a result of inadequate literacy and numeracy or who had more general learning difficulties. Many had a combination of problems and experienced multiple disadvantage.

Seven Stars provided customised vocational guidance and training designed to meet needs on an individual basis. It addressed key issues such as: lack of confidence, poor self esteem, and inadequate basic skills. A safe and motivating environment encouraged beneficiaries to take responsibility for their own learning.

Self assessment and fostering of autonomy led to Basic skills achievements up to NVQ level 2. Individuals were even able to think and plan for eventual employment, the project having tackled head on the main barriers to this: especially their low motivation, lack of confidence, and low self esteem.

70 long term unemployed adults (22 female, 48 male) benefited from the project, 48 of whom progressed to further education or training in anticipation of employment in the future, whilst 5 moved in to full time employment immediately. All participants experienced an increased awareness of opportunities and their own equality.

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