

## **CHANGEMAKERS V DELIGHTED TO SECURE FUNDING**

Changemakers has consolidated its position in young people's volunteering by successfully securing two contracts from **v**, the new government funded body for youth volunteering. In addition, the organisation's Millennium Volunteers contract in Northumberland has been extended to September 2007. Changemakers received a top rating out of 144 volunteering organisations across the UK, in an evaluation exercise carried out by **v**.

One of the projects will involve Changemakers hosting a **v**team, consisting of a Youth Development Manager and Youth Volunteer Adviser, which will build local communities' capacity to generate volunteering activity in the North East of England. The other, a collaborative project which Changemakers is leading on behalf of the Choose Action consortium, is a highly innovative new initiative designed to mix online and offline community action.

Adam Nichols, Chief Executive Officer of Changemakers, comments: "The competition for funding was extremely high and our success is obviously a strong endorsement of our work around youth volunteering."

Ed Miliband, Minister for the Third Sector, said: "I would like to congratulate Changemakers on securing funding from **v** and welcome the part they are playing in offering exciting and innovative ways for young people to get involved in causes they care about."