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**Kingstanding Jobs and Training Event –
KESG brings information and opportunities into the heart of the community**

Local people in Kingstanding had information about jobs and training opportunities come to their doorstep this week at a special event organised by ENTA¹ (Employment Needs Training Agency) on behalf of the KESG (Kingstanding Employment Strategy Group).

The event, which took place on Tuesday 11th March from 10.30am to 2pm at the Kingstanding Ex Serviceman's Club in Warren Farm Road, brought together fourteen organisations and agencies² who were on hand to offer advice and guidance, give information about courses and training opportunities as well as arrange interviews for current job vacancies.

A steady stream of local residents aged from 16 to 50 came along and met with jobs and training advisors, enjoyed light refreshments and took part in a prize draw when they returned their registration forms.

The event was in particular aimed at anyone who was unemployed, returning to work after an illness or caring for someone, registered disabled and looking for paid work or left school and wondering what to do.

KESG is committed to building long term relationships with the local community and to working alongside other partner agencies in the North of Birmingham. ENTA's Gary Scott, chair of the KESG, said "Events like these are great to link up local people who are looking to get into training or employment with the organisations who can help. Holding the event in the heart of the community in a familiar venue meant that lots of valuable advice has been given and interviews set up with people who might not otherwise have contacted us".

Local resident Jeanne Hills, who saw a flyer at her daughter's nursery and came to find out about returning to work part time, said "People were really friendly and welcoming and I found the advice useful".

Ash Mehmood, Manager of Building Health Hub and Community Engagement said "This was an excellent event and we have booked in a good number of job interviews for visitors".

ENTA are planning similar future events and are always available to offer free information, advice and guidance about training and career direction. Contact ENTA on 0121 200 1096 or visit www.entapeople.com

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Editors Notes

1) ENTA has been working across Birmingham since 1977 providing learning opportunities, training, information, advice and guidance to help people think about and prepare for paid employment.

As a Community Interest Company (CIC) ENTA is a not-for-profit organisation working in the community, for the benefit of the community. The work of ENTA fulfils our vision of enabling all people to achieve their potential, find their wings and fly, no matter what barriers they have faced in education, employment or training.

ENTA has 3 bases in Birmingham City Centre (head office, main training academy and IT training centre) plus 2 bases in the community on the Kingstanding Wyrley Birch Estate (Lakeside Children's and Family Learning Centre and a nearby Community Learning Centre)

2) The organisations who had stalls at the KESG event were: Birmingham Adult Education Service, Building Health Hub, Childcare Information Bureau, Connexions, Eastside Hub, Employment Needs Training Agency (ENTA), Kingstanding Community Developments, Kingstanding Employer Employee Partnership (KEEP), Neighbourhood Advisor – JobCentrePlus, North-West City Jobs, Pertemps, Raising Achievement in Kingstanding (RAIK), Sutton Coldfield College and Tribal Consulting.

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