

Appendix 1

Comments on HARTE from Other Employment Agencies

"I would be happy to give you an indication on how Job Assist found HARTE. The programmes run by GEMS NI were all very professionally delivered, and all of our clients who completed the programme found it to be very beneficial to their long term employment needs, all the qualifications undertaken were up to date and practical."

Ronnie Andrews, Senior Mentor, Shankill Job Centre

"With regards to the HARTE programme Stepping Stone refer clients to this programme on a regular basis. Over the past 3 years approx 30 clients have taken part in the programme; many have gained qualifications and progressed into employment. One of the benefits has been that on occasions the programme has been run in local communities which is an advantage for many of our clients."

Jackie Millar, Stepping Stone project

"Can I just re-iterate that the training our clients received via HARTE was superb in terms of developing employability and enabling people to become job ready. While the opportunities with Fitzers were not all that we expected and the criteria precluded most of our client group from being selected, we have found that HARTE has provided these people with the tools to gain employment within the next number of months."

Sinead O'Regan, Upper Springfield Development Trust

"Just to confirm that we had 5 clients from North Belfast go through the HARTE Programme in November/December 2011. All clients passed the course exams and feedback from them was very positive, they enjoyed the course and feel that the training was beneficial to their future employment prospects."

Eileen O'Prey, Employer Liaison Officer, Ashton Community Centre
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