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Train to be a mediator – funded by the Big Lottery Fund

Mediation service UNITE have won funding from the Big Lottery Fund to train volunteers who want to learn how to resolve conflicts in the community. The new Volunteer Mediator Assistants will attend a 3 day training programme before working with experienced mediators.

Successful applicants will train in either Gateshead in January or Middlesbrough in April.

The project is overseen by UNITE's newly appointed Volunteer Co-ordinator Steve Winter. He said "It's a fantastic opportunity to gain very valuable skills and practical experience.

"Volunteer Mediator Assistants will be helping to deliver a service to the local community allowing people to have access to proven alternative dispute resolution methods.

"They will be helping people to negotiate over things like noise, parking, hedges, children's ball games and almost anything else that neighbours can fall out over."

The Big Lottery funded project particularly welcomes applications from members of the North East's Bangladeshi and Pakistani communities.

For more information or a chat about volunteering with UNITE phone Steve on 01642 327583 ext 266 or email stevewinter@unite-mediation.org



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