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### **Envision welcomes new Chief Executive**

**Andrew Dick joins Envision as Chief Executive to oversee expansion and new challenges**

Envision, the national youth empowerment charity which supports young people to make a difference, is pleased to welcome Andrew Dick as its new Chief Executive, effective of March 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Andrew joins Envision at a time of great change, as Nick Nielsen, the last of the four founders who created Envision in 2000, steps down from his role as Director to take a seat on the Trustee Board. Envision celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010, and its ambitious plans for expansion will see it delivering programmes across five UK regions by 2011.

Envision currently works with over 3000 young people a year in more than 100 schools across the UK, supporting them to create and implement innovative solutions to the issues they see around them, and creating a new generation of young leaders.

Before joining Envision, Andrew spent six years at TimeBank, the national volunteering charity. During his time there Andrew played a key role in establishing a number of innovative volunteering programmes. These include Time Together, a £3.6m nationwide refugee mentoring scheme and Volunteer to Win, a highly successful volunteer recruitment campaign as part of the London bid for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Andrew's time at Confederation of British Industry as a Senior Policy Advisor on Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility will be of huge benefit as Envision looks to engage more corporate partners and deliver a wider range of services. Andrew has also previously worked as an economic development consultant.

**Andrew said**, "I'm really looking forward to getting started at Envision. I've been so impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of everyone involved. There are some really exciting challenges ahead in the next couple of years and I look forward to tackling them with the whole Envision team."

**Former Director Nick Nielsen said** "I'm confident that the combination of Andrew, the Envision team and all the young people they'll go on to support in the future will make a huge difference. They'll really start making their presence felt in the next few years and I can't wait to see how.."

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**Notes to Editors:**

- Envision provides young people with the opportunity to make a difference. The charity was established in 2000 by four young people who wanted to challenge the stereotype that young people are apathetic and disengaged.
- Envision works with over 3000 young people a year in London, Birmingham and Leeds, helping them design their own local community projects tackling issues ranging from street crime to climate change. The experience builds confidence, aspirations and skills – inspiring the next generation of young community leaders.
- Envision currently works from three regional bases in Greater London, Birmingham and Leeds. Envision Bristol will be operational as of Summer 2010 with a fifth office due to open in 2011.
- Envision has been recognised as a GoldStar Exemplar project for its best practice in recruiting and supporting volunteers.
- In 2009 Envision won funds to deliver The Co-Operative Foundation's "Truth About Youth" campaign, combating negative perceptions of young people and showcasing positive examples.

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