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**Third Sector Leeds Leadership Group**

**15 May 2023**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**Online via Zoom**

Present:

Kim Groves KG TSL Chair

Jo Volpe JV Older People Rep (Leeds OP Forum)

Hannah Bailey HB Voluntary Action Leeds

Julia Preston JuP Children and Young People’s Rep (Gipsil)

Adrian Curtis AC Locality Rep South (Groundwork)

John Preston JoP Environment Rep (TCV)

Maggie Dawkins MD LGBT+ Rep (Leeds LGBT+ Forum)

Rifhat Malik RM Locality Rep East (Give a Gift)

Steph Taylor ST Economy and Enterprise (LCF)

Helen Hart HHa Locality Rep West (Barca)

Gayle Graham GG Small Groups (Health4All)

Caroline Rountree CR Crime Reduction Network Rep (Restorative Justice)

Heather Nelson NH Culturally Diverse Communities Rep (BHI)

In attendance:

Meg Russell MR TSL Support - VAL

Alex Cant CR TSL Support – VAL

Claire Bastin CB Co-founder and Director, Nifty Sustainability CIC

Francesca Wood FW Forum Central (standing in for Pip Goff)

Fiona Bolam FB Head of Economic Policy (LCC)

Apologies:

Pip Goff PG Health Rep (Forum Central)

Nick Morgan NM Advice and Financial Inclusion Rep (Chapeltown CAB)

Nik Peasgood NP Women and Girls Rep (Leeds Women’s Aid)

Helen Hoyle HHo Infrastructure Rep (SEE Ahead)

Simon Phillips SP Faith Groups Rep (Leeds Faith Forum)

Alison Barrie AB Crime Reduction Rep (Change Grow Live)

David Paterson DP Housing Rep (Unity in Poverty Action)

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1** | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | KG welcomed all attendees to the meeting and apologies were shared.  Welcome to the new Leadership Group Member:   * Gayle Graham from Health4All – representing Small Groups   Also attending this meeting is Claire Bastin from Nifty Sustainability to present the State of the Sector Report. |  |
| **2.** | **Previous Notes, Matters Arising and Report on TSL Activity** |  |
|  | **Inclusive Growth Strategy & Health & Wellbeing Refresh Presentation Feedback**  LCC sent their feedback from the April TSL meeting on Inclusive Growth strategy & the Health & Wellbeing strategy. The feedback was circulated before the meeting.  Fiona Bolam’s feedback on the Inclusive Growth presentation:   * Showing examples of working with third sector organisations to deliver inclusive growth * They are attending a Third Sector Partnership meeting and will focus on how to make the strategy relevant to the third sector * Helping people to work or start a business e.g on the AD Venture programme * A Business Progression Framework is currently under development * Working with WYCA to ensure alignment between the business anchors work and the Fair Work Charter * The strategy and launch event will take place in September, members can contact [inclusive.growth.strategy@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:inclusive.growth.strategy@leeds.gov.uk) if they want to receive an invite.   Wasim Faroze feedback on the Health & Wellbeing Strategy:   * The Health & Wellbeing strategy recognises the key role of the third sector and will be a strong feature of the refreshed strategy * Agreed that there will be a focus on older people including a commitment to being an Age Friendly City * Working together to ensure they meet the needs of communities who are also experiencing greater pressures particularly in areas which experience the most poverty, with the cost of living crisis. * Looking at how to measure resilience and research on community impact   **ACTION**: Steph and Kate to let TSL LG know when the Fair Work charter is published at the end of this month.  **ACTION**: Meg to feedback suggestions to link IG strategy with wider thinking around social value (i.e. State of the City social value working group, and ambitions from the Third Sector Strategy draft)  **Third Sector Strategy**  MR gave an update on the draft TSL Strategy and thanks those that have given feedback via email when the strategy was sent out.  Feedback from the group was given around how the strategy fits in with the wider city work and overall ambition. The importance of language, context and ensuring that small organisations can fully understand and identify with the strategy. Also looking at how Climate Action fits in with reducing carbon, climate justice and equality and how arts & culture fit into the strategy.  **ACTION:** All to send or pick up any further feedback with Meg and to consider how best to use TSL Goes Local events to prioritise and plan action.  **Marmot City**  The Marmot City launch event will be on 12th June, TSL are invited to the event with targeted invites rather than promoting widely at this stage. There is a TSL representative on the panel.  Public Health will be arranging follow up workshops after the event. HB will be coming back to the group with updates.  **UKSPF**  People and Skills funding will not be brought forward into 23/24 due to the short notice given by central government. There will not be a Leeds-specific info website information and opportunities relating to UKSPF will go through WYCA.  **ACTION:** HB to check in with Soo Nevison about space for the sector on the sounding group.  **Vice Chair Recruitment**  The job description has gone to the task & finish group for comments. Discussion around whether current members of the leadership group should be able to apply. | **ST**  **MR**  **All**  **HB** |
| **3.** | **Strategic Updates from Leadership Group members** |  |
|  | No updates were shared by the group members. |  |
| **4.** | **State of the Sector Report** |  |
|  | Claire Bastin gave a presentation on the State of the Sector report that is being updated from the 2020 report with the 2022 data. The aim is to explore what has changed and how to work with the wider city along with TS organisations.  Some findings were presented:   * Majority of organisations are small organisations * Workforce has declined in 2020 including paid workers and trustees * Less registered organisations, some concern around orgs reporting £0 income * A decline in small orgs over the year * Not much has changed in terms of funding between 2020 & 2022 * Overall grant income is lower * There will be a refresh of the infographics for sharing   Discussion around the value of the report and that further exploration in this area would be beneficial. TSL LG fed back that the 2020 report has been useful for:   * Explaining the challenges the third sector faces to Board members * Going some way to quantifying the challenges the third sector faces, and the impact of potential cuts, in a way that is comparable to public sector partners   The LG were keen for the State of the Sector team to report back after further exploration into a number of areas, including the diversity of leadership, and funding and resilience.  Any feedback from the group can be sent to Claire Bastin or Francesca Wood. |  |
| **5.** | **West Yorkshire Engagement Structure** |  |
|  | HB gave a presentation on the draft strategic case for VCSE engagement at West Yorkshire level with the TSL group as the key strategic forum for Leeds. Focusing on structures and groups already in place and to fill the gaps along with mechanisms for engagement with a focus on smaller organizations and those working with minoritized communities.  **ACTION**: All to feedback to Hannah on the draft strategic case | **All** |
| **6.** | **AOB** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| **7.** | **Date and Time of Next meeting** |  |
|  | 26th June 2023, 1.30 – 3.00pm in person at Stringer House, Hunslet |  |