



Notes and action points

Voluntary and Community Sector Forum

Thursday 18th May 2023

Chair:	Dave Bagley	Notes:	Farzana Patel
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1. Welcome	Actions
<p>Present: Elaine Butt, Farzana Patel, Zahid Patel, Janet Lythgoe, Peter Firth, Julie Levy, Pam Eaton, Shahjahan Shah, Sandra Crompton, Dave Bagley, Liz McNabb, Mairead Pindar, Steph Dermott, Gareth Price, Dee Luczka, Jean Haslam, Emma Smith, Ian Davies, Ehinor Amedu, Mnady Jelenje, Kerry Tottingham, Karen Arkwright, Racheal Richards, Donna McGarry-Bolton, Tilda Salahki, Julie Levy, Helen Carter, Christine Maxwell-Hodkinson, Odowa, Francesca Platt, Tracy Hindley, Jenny Swindlehurst-White, Lesley Cryer, Mairead Pindar, Maria Palmi, Juice Vamosi, Helen Clayton, Jeff Hartley, Champak Mistry, Duncan Fletcher, Anna-Marie Watters, Jayne Oakley</p> <p>Apologies: Marie Oxtoby, Dave Bevitt, Olwyn Holgate, Shabeen Rehman,</p> <p>Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	

2. Highlights from the Chair	Actions
<p>Dave informed that on Tuesday 16th May, the Annual Meeting of the Council took place to appoint the Leader of the Council, it has been announced that Cllr Nick Peel has been appointed as Leader of the Council.</p>	<p>Dave Bagley reported</p>

3. Green Spaces Fund	Actions
<p>Emma started her presentation talking about tackling the climate and biodiversity emergencies in Greater Manchester.</p> <p>Green Spaces Fund will give small grants to communities to clean up and improve pocket parks and local green spaces or create new ones where they are needed.</p> <p>Emma talked in depth about the aims, criteria and eligibility of the Green Spaces Fund.</p> <p>Emma highlighted some groups that were successful in round 1 and 2. Emma suggested that people prepare to apply for round 4 as round 3 closes on 9th June.</p> <p>Emma went through the application process, shared useful contacts and links to useful webinars.</p> <p>The full presentation with all the links can be found here.</p>	<p>Presented by Emma Smith, Greenspace Community Champion</p>

4. Be the next Vice Chair of the VCS Forum – voting	Actions
<p>There were 2 expressions of interest: Dee Luczka and Sandra Crompton. The members of the Forum that attended placed a vote which was counted by Emma Smith. There was a tie.</p> <p>Further update will be given at the next VCS Forum meeting.</p>	<p>Presented by Elaine Butt, Bolton CVS</p>

5. Trauma Informed Communities	Actions
<p>Kerry informed that A Brilliant Thing CIC are collaborating with Public Health in Bolton to co-produce 'trauma informed communities' within the VCSE sector.</p> <p>Kerry talked about the design stage of the Trauma Informed Communities project, where engagement with local communities to take place talking about the developing and delivery of the project.</p> <p>Kerry went through different phases of development, at Phase 2 a series of workshop will held to help produce a toolkit of resources to embed in your organisation, with training provided alongside.</p> <p>Kerry talked in depth around the audit and development of the design. Also, gave an overview of the VCSE sector, the beneficiaries for the project and the VCSE response to trauma.</p> <p>Kerry highlighted what would be included in the toolkit and the decision making process.</p> <p>Email Kerry Tottingham on brilliantthing@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of the design.</p> <p>The full presentation can be found here.</p>	<p>Presented by Kerry Tottingham, A Brilliant Thing CIC</p>

6. Be the next Vice Chair of VCS Forum	Actions
<p>Dave explained the previous Vice Chair of the Forum was Graham Heywood who sadly passed. Now are looking for a new Vice Chair.</p> <p>Dave talked about the benefits of Vice Chair, expressions of interest will be sent out with voting being held at the next VCS Forum meeting.</p>	<p>Presented by Dave Bagley</p>



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7. Any Other Business	Actions
<p>Helen from Sir James and Lady Scott Trust talked about how groups can apply for funding, it is a simple application to complete, for more details and support, e-mail helen@fcsct.org.uk.</p> <p>Dee Luczka from Sapphire Partnership informed of their new campaign they are launching during Learning Disability Week in June, called 'Don't DIS my Ability'. Show your support by following Sapphire Partnership on social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) and share their posts.</p> <p>Liz informed about upcoming Bolton's Fund Rounds, for more information on Bolton's Fund: https://www.boltoncvs.org.uk/boltons-fund-0</p> <p>Elaine mentioned about Bolton CVS' merchandise and if available would members be interested in purchasing them, received a positive response.</p> <p>Elaine also, mentioned about the upcoming courses provided by Bolton College, keep looking at our website.</p>	All

Date of next meeting:
Thursday 27 th July 2023, 10.30am – 12.00pm at The Bolton Hub