



Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Third Sector Forum
Thursday 28th June 2018
10am – 12pm
CVS Falkirk and District Offices

Present:

David Gardener (DG) (Chairperson)	CVS Falkirk and District
Stacey Munro (SM) (Minute Taker)	CVS Falkirk and District
Hannah Gordon (HG) (Trainee Minute Taker)	CVS Falkirk and District
Laura Shand (LS)	Action on Hearing Loss
Lynsey Hansford (LH)	Falkirk Council
Martha O'Carroll (MO)	Cyrenians

Apologies:

No Apologies

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chairperson welcomed forum members to the meeting and introductions were made. There were no apologies to be noted.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 22.03.18

The minutes of the previous meeting were passed as an accurate record.

3. Understanding Stigma

DG delivered a presentation about understanding stigma. DG described stigma as when an individual is seen as being different, and are treated differently from the rest of society due to this. Stigma can be in many different forms and it can affect self-esteem. DG said it is hard to eliminate stigma and discrimination.

There was a conversation about stigmatising language with DG asking forum members for examples for people experiencing poverty; people who use alcohol and drugs; and people with mental health issues. It was recognised that use of such language is widespread and only through good practice can the use be reduced.

DG spoke about the appropriate terms that should be used, with many putting the person first and the issue affecting their lives as the secondary aspect. Examples of these are included in slide five of the [Understanding Stigma presentation](#) on the [CVS Falkirk](#) website.

In regards to [The Strategic Outcomes and Local Delivery Plan](#) (SOLD) Plan, reducing stigma is a key element across the four priorities and six outcomes of the plan, related to the focus of each of the priorities and outcomes.



Co-ordinating the work being done across the SOLD delivery groups to reduce stigma is currently being co-ordinated by the Delivery Co-ordinators and Evidence Support Group (DCG-ESG). This group brings together the co-ordinators of each of the SOLD priorities and outcomes to discuss cross-cutting issues, including stigma. DG is the third sector representative on the group.

MO stated that she works with people with convictions and terminology is always changing. It was recognised by forum members that this can be a challenge in many areas of work, but colleagues within their organisations helped them stay up-to-date.

For further information, please see the [Understanding Stigma presentation](#) on the [CVS Falkirk](#) website.

4. Falkirk Holiday Club Funding

DG informed the forum of the Falkirk Holiday Club funding as the Falkirk Council are trying to tackle child hunger over the school breaks, Falkirk Council have also put in an application form to get funding to do this for another three years and they are trying to get money extended to next year.

Falkirk Council CLD and Trussell Trust are making food parcels over the summer and including what people need. There are cooking classes being held for families receiving the boxes based around what is in the box and how to make the food in the box last seven – ten days.

Falkirk Community Trust are involved in doing summer programmes and are opening these to children from deprived backgrounds and they provided breakfast and lunch to the children, children helping themselves to the food, so no child is subject to being stigmatised. If there is any food left at the end of the day, staff often give this to the children to take home. The Trust staff have also provided specialist equipment to children if they haven't arrived properly prepared.

If anybody wants further information, please contact David Gardener by phone: 01324 692010 or email davd@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

5. Third Sector Partner Updates

5.1 Lynsey Hansford – Falkirk Council

LH informed the forum of the Tackling Inequalities and Improving Outcomes pilot project which started in March and the funding for the project finishes next March. Falkirk Council is trying to replicate a criminal justice service for men of all different varieties and all contacts are an improvement for the project. LH informed the forum that Nicola-Jane Stewart will be attending the Safer Communities Forum on Wednesday 18th July to provide information on the project. There have been a lot of caseloads put in to the project but when it started there was nothing. The project has been rolled out in 13 different local authorities.



5.2 Martha O'Carroll – Cyrenians

MO informed the forum they have secured funding regarding the lighthouse project working with people in criminal justice to create employment roles. MO also informed the forum that they are currently doing fundraising and asking people for donations as they are looking for a mechanism for the floral clock located in Dollar Park.

5.3 Laura Shand – Action on Hearing Loss

LS works with three of her colleagues covering the Scotland area and funding is secured until 2020. The welfare rights service took off quickly and it helps people who may be deaf so the service is providing support. There are drop-in sessions between 12pm – 3pm every Wednesday at the Forth Valley Sensory Centre (FVSC) and there is also the opportunity for home visits for anyone looking for support that is part of the British Sign Language (BSL) Community. There are bulk of enquiries for help with Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payment applications.

6. Update from Fairer Falkirk Partnership

Fairer Falkirk Partnership is the community planning group focusing on poverty. Lyke Ikegwuonu, a Corporate Policy Officer with Falkirk Council with a remit for Poverty is currently working to rewrite the Falkirk Poverty Strategy and at the next meeting the group will look at the draft. In the public version of the City of Glasgow Poverty Strategy, the word poverty is not used. DG is going to raise this for discussion at the next partnership meeting.

7. Update from CVS Falkirk

7.1 Save The Date: Older People's Day 2018

In partnership with Solicitors for Older People Scotland, CVS Falkirk is delighted to announce that our Older People's Day event will be returning in 2018 on Tuesday 2nd October.

This year, CVS Falkirk is holding the event at Falkirk Town Hall, with space for a huge variety of information stalls and activities for older people, their families and carers.

If your organisation offers activities, support or information for older people in the Falkirk area and would like to book a space at Older People's Day 2018, please contact Laura Jamieson by phone: 01324 692003, or email: laura@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

7.2 Celebrating the Impact of Falkirk's Third Sector

CVS Falkirk is committed to celebrating the impact the third sector has in Falkirk, showing the economic and social impact of the sector.

The 2018 impact survey will be open to all third sector organisations operating in the Falkirk Council area, and continuing the work carried out since 2015. The survey will be available through SurveyMonkey, or in hard copy, in June, with the final report available in September.



The results of the 2017 research can be accessed on the [CVS Falkirk](#) website.

For further information, please contact David Gardener by phone: 01324 692010, or email: david@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

7.3 Save the Date: Mental Health and Wellbeing Services Commissioning Event

Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) are reviewing strategic commissioning arrangements for all non-statutory mental health services, and invite providers of mental health services and their partners to attend an event on Tuesday 4th September.

They aim to develop a strategic commissioning plan which is evidence-based, coherent and sustainable to deliver services which meet the needs of the people of Falkirk.

An event programme, timings and location will be confirmed shortly. The aim of the event is to ensure that the expertise from within services forms a core part of the commissioning strategy, as feedback and learning from services is essential.

An initial plan on what services are needed within the Falkirk area will be developed at the event.

Places are limited to 2 per organisation or provider, and booking is essential, to ensure all interested parties can be accommodated.

To book your place, or for further information, please contact Falkirk HSCP by email: integration@falkirk.gov.uk

7.4 Cyrenians Summer Fete

Cyrenians are holding a Summer Fete at the Walled Garden in Dollar Park, Camelon Road, Falkirk, FK1 5SQ on Saturday 30th June, 12pm – 3pm.

there will be live music, food, drinks and plants for sale, along with children's games, face-painting, and a craft demonstration by the Falkirk Floral Art club. Attendees can also learn more about the Arnotdale House development, and view the newly planted floral clock.

The event is free, and open to all.

For further information, please visit the event [Facebook](#) page.

7.5 New CEO

The Board of Directors of CVS Falkirk & District are delighted to announce that Jen Kerr will take up the post of CEO with effect from Monday 16th July 2018.

Jen has most recently been the Service Manager for the third sector interface in Perth & Kinross, and has a wealth of experience in the third sector.



We look forward to welcoming Jen into post, and working together for the benefit of our local communities.

7.6 Video-Conferencing Equipment

CVS Falkirk will be getting Video-Conferencing equipment for all forums which will hopefully be Available in six to eight weeks. There will be a text function so those who can't attend forums can still feed in.

8. 3 key messages

Forum members decided that the key messages that came through in the meeting were as below:

- Awareness of stigma and find out the appropriate language which should be used
- Opportunity to find out different information and what is happening in the local area.

9. AOCB

There was no AOCB

9.1 Stacey Leaving

DG thanked SM for her support throughout the forums as this was her last forum she would be in attendance as she was leaving on Friday 29th June.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 20th September 2018, 10:00am – 12:00pm, CVS Falkirk Offices