



Connecting Volunteering Third Sector Forum
Wednesday 1st May 2019
10am – 12pm
CVS Falkirk and District Offices

Present:

Scott Malcolm (SM) (Chair)
Becca Heggie (BH) (Minute-taker)
Sandra Garner (SG) (Forum-rep)

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The Conservation Volunteers
(TVC)

Caroline Storey (CS)
Geoff Reid (GR)
Jim Thompson (JT)
Katie Hopkins (KH)
Lillian Campbell (LC)
Sue Bytheway (SB)
Tamara Horton (TH)

Forth Valley Sensory Centre
SACRO
FDAMH
Plus Forth Valley
Plus Forth Valley
Cyrenians
Falkirk Community Trust

Apologies:

Joan Lamazon (JL)
Kate Hughes (KH)
Morag Fullard (MF)
Vicki Ferguson (VF)

Forth Valley Lions
Denny Citizens Advice Bureau
FDAMH
Forth Environmental Link

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed forum members to the meeting and introductions were made. The apologies were noted as above.

2. Review of Previous Minutes – 31.01.19

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record. (A few spelling errors were identified but the content was agreed as accurate.)

3. Identifying Opportunities for co-production

3.1 Cyrenians

SB introduced herself to the forum as the Peer Mentor Leader for criminal justice within Cyrenians. Cyrenians mentoring service has been developed to offer opportunities for men and women who have criminal convictions to undergo training to become peer mentors, they are then matched with people who are new to the criminal justice service to offer one on one support. SB continued to speak about the Lighthouse Project which supports people who have completed their criminal justice order to get into voluntary work or gain



employment. Cyrenians also offer employability programmes for people on a criminal justice order to support them to gain qualifications and build CVs.

3.2 Forth Valley Sensory Centre

CS introduced herself to members of the forum as the Volunteer Coordinator within Forth Valley Sensory Centre (FVSC). FVSC is a community hub for people with visual or hearing loss. People with sensory loss are able to access a number of services and support within FVSC. FVSC are currently working with Forth Environment Link on the project Field to Fork which involves developing a kitchen garden which is fully accessible for people to use and work on. Field to Fork will involve growing vegetables and herbs which will be used in FVSC's café. FVSC are also working on providing a tech hub with equipment for people with sensory loss. FVSC are currently holding sensory awareness sessions for volunteers the second session will take place on Tuesday 14th May 2019.

Action: TH to contact CS regarding sensory awareness sessions.

3.3 Plus Forth Valley

LC introduced herself to members of the forum as the Volunteer and Training Manager for Plus Forth Valley as well as introducing KH who started in post last week as volunteer coordinator. Plus Forth Valley are a charity that support young people and adults with disabilities and their families through social inclusion. Plus Forth Valley are now working in partnership with Enable Falkirk, who have provided space in their premises for Plus Forth Valley to host some of their group activities. Plus Forth Valley are currently running a number of projects such as; Opportunity Plus, Count Me In project and a volunteer led project which involves supporting young people with additional needs to access a mainstream group. Forth Valley Plus are currently looking for volunteers to help with these projects.

Action: GR to contact Plus Forth Valley regarding potential volunteer.

3.4 The Conservation Volunteers

SG introduced herself to members of the forum as the Operations Leader for The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). TCV are a UK based environmental charity which deliver corporate programmes, employability programmes, accessibility programmes and volunteering programmes. TCV run a number of projects at the Jupiter wildlife nursery, these include the Community Growing project and the Community Recycling project which is a project open to various accessibility and disability groups. The conservation Volunteers are always looking for new volunteers to help with activities at the Jupiter wildlife nursery. TCV also run a number of community engagement programmes in the Camelon area. TCV are currently looking to recruit volunteers for the youth club in Camelon. They are also starting a new volunteer based programme Canal Connections this will involve working with families and include numerous outdoor activities.

3.5 SACRO

GR informed forum members that SACRO Forth Valley are going through a period of transition but are still looking to recruit volunteers, especially for The Caledonian Project which is a domestic abuse service for men and women.

3.6 Falkirk Community Trust

TH informed forum members Falkirk Community Trust have undergone an overhaul of their volunteering programme. TH informed forum members she was hired by Falkirk Community Trust in 2018 to write a volunteering strategy to evaluate their progress. TH informed forum members about FCT working in conjunction with Scottish Canals and Scottish waterways to create a self-sustaining volunteer based project The Great Place Project, this project will be focused on Falkirk's heritage.

Action: TH to contact SG regarding information about projects.

3.7 FDAMH

JT introduced himself to members of the forum. JT informed forum members he was new in post as Volunteer Development Officer with FDAHM. JT's role involves recruiting, providing support and ensuring volunteers receive the appropriate training to go onto support people who experience social isolation. FDAHM offer a wide range of activities for individuals who experience social isolation.

4. Third Sector Partner Updates

No further updates were given at this time.

5. Update from CVS Falkirk

5.1 Strategic Leaders Group

It has been suggested that an additional forum for existing forum reps, strategic leaders, people in charge of staff or people with an interest in more than one forum - might want a forum to increase collaborative working. An example of this would be sessional staff working between different organisations in order to give them regular work. Is this something which the forum think would be a good idea.

5.2 Recruit With Conviction Training Session

CVS Falkirk are hosting a "Recruit with Conviction" training session, led by Recruit with Conviction, on Friday 3rd May at our office Unit 6, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk FK1 1XR. The training will take place 9am – 4:30pm.

The "Recruit with Conviction" training will be of interest to organisations who wish to learn more about recruiting and involving volunteers with convictions.



The cost of this session is reduced to £50 per person (including lunch on the day); the training typically costs £200 per individual delegate out with this session.

Places are limited, and booking is essential.

To book your place, or for further information, please contact Lynsey Hansford by phone: 01324 692000, or email: lynsey.hansford@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

5.3 Children's Services Planning Consultation Events

The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 placed a requirement on Local Authorities and Health Boards to produce a Children's Services Plan for their area.

Scottish Government wishes to formally consult on whether the content, scope and format of the Act's guidance is still helpful and fit for purpose, or whether this should be modified.

As a result, the National Third Sector GIRFEC Project, Everyone's Children Project, and the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) are hosting 2 consultation events on behalf of Scottish Government:

- Tuesday 14th May in Glasgow
- Thursday 23rd May in Edinburgh

For further information, including how to book your place, please click on the title.

5.4 Scottish Approaches to Public Service Reform

What Works Scotland are holding a free event on approaches to public service reform, on Tuesday 21st May, 9:30am – 1pm at the Lighthouse, Mitchell Lane, Glasgow, G1 3NU, followed by a networking lunch.

The aim of the event is to discuss and evaluate progress regarding implementation of the Christie Commission. Attendees will share and discuss key learning from research relating to public service reform from the following 8 areas of research and practice:

- leadership
- prevention
- evidence
- place
- participation
- partnership
- governance
- workforce

The event will include presentations, group and panel discussions, which will aim to clarify of the research and consider implications for policy development and frontline practice.

To book your place, or for further information, please visit the Eventbrite page.

5.5 Falkirk Employability Tender - Collaboration Networking Event

CVS Falkirk and Partnership for Procurement (P4P) are holding a Falkirk Employability Tender collaboration networking event on Thursday 9th May, 10am – 1pm at CVS Falkirk, Unit 6, Callendar Business Park, Falkirk, FK1 1XR.

The event, open to third sector organisations, will discuss the forthcoming Falkirk Council Employability Support Services tender, the support available and the opportunities for a consortium bid.

P4P will provide advice on tendering successfully, partnership bids and follow up sessions between potential partner organisations.

Falkirk Council is holding an information session with potential service providers on Thursday 2nd May; to attend, and be eligible to submit a tender application, contact Falkirk Council before 11am on Tuesday 30th April by email: pcu@falkirk.gov.uk

For further information, including how to book your place at the CVS Falkirk and P4P event, please click on the above title.

5.6 Family support Services Information Event 2019

You are invited to attend Voluntary Sector Children's Services Forum's (VSCSF) first Information Event where you will find out about Family Support Services across Falkirk.

We are aware that there have been a number of changes within Family Support and Children's Services and we are hoping that this event will allow us to share and learn how we are supporting our communities across Falkirk.

Thursday 13th June

Drop-in between 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Lesser Town Hall, West Bridge Street, Falkirk

Also come along to learn more about becoming a member of VSCSF and find out how membership could benefit your organisation.

Additional information: Falkirk Children's Services partners will be sharing the most recent update on the Integrated Children's Services Plan at 4.00pm. For further information, please contact Winnie Delaney on 01324 503494

Action: SM to email GR P4P sign up email.

Action: SM to send GR E-bulletin.



Action: SM to contact SG about new economic resilience and employment forum rep.

Action: SM to find out Jen Kerr is attending Family support services information event and email SG.

Action: SM to email forum members to arrange speakers for next CV forum.

5 Three Key Messages

SM explained the concept of three key messages to members of the forum.

6 AOCB

None.

7 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th July 2019, 10am – 12pm at CVS Falkirk and District Offices, Unit 6, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road Falkirk, FK1 1XR.

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