

Economic Resilience and Employment Forum
Wednesday 17th March 2021
10am – 12pm
Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies

The Chair welcomed forum members present and introductions were made. Apologies were noted as above.

2. Review of Previous Minutes – 22.08.2019

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

3. Discussion on previous meeting with Statutory Partners

- Lynda put in for one Kickstart but Kickstart doesn't align with Living wage so they are having to make up the difference
- Hard trying to keep up with all the communications especially late communications – third sector don't have the capacity to keep up with this
- Some things can't be done online and orgs are waiting until they can do face to face delivery again
- Preference is face to face but people still need to keep in contact hence the need to digital
- People furthest from labour market do get help and are most in need of help but those who are now losing jobs etc are now most in need due to losing jobs and not getting grants etc
- Fairstart program from those most removed from the labour market
- Quick quote is too in depth and lengthy for the money that you get in return
- Thoughts that higher demand will bring larger employability contracts
- More people claiming benefits
- The focus seems to be on the young, but there is going to be added pressure on middle aged and older workforce – however nationally we don't want to lose a third generation to unemployment
- DWP Dynamic Purchasing System – is not easy
- Preparations for future
- Working from home Some orgs doing virtual some not – this might be quite common

- How well does the sector feel supported in returning to “normal” – what do they need
 - Third sector not allowed in schools at this point
 - Not allowed groups on council outdoor spaces
 - Transport is a big thing

4. Advertising the forum

- Do you want to bid for tenders?
- Benefits of the forum
 - Access to LEP and CPP
 - Benefit from advice of partner organisations
 - United 3rd sector voice

5. AOCB

Actions List

Action	To be completed by	By date
Contact EREF Mailing list orgs to promote the forum or find out why people are not attending	Scott Malcolm	April 30 th 2021
Contact john at Cloybank as a suggested org that should attend EREF	Scott Malcolm	April 30 th 2021
When is the next LEP meeting?	Scott Malcolm	April 30 th 2021
DWP come and do a workshop for Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) – DWP staff need to be familiar with your organisation so maybe have workshops for the third sector would be beneficial to build working relationships and get more people delivering work from the DPS – Meeting	Scott Malcolm	April 30 th 2021
Share ETU Fairstart Framework	Scott Malcolm	April 30 th 2021
complete a service update sheet....could we do this for the Employability forum? Ask each organisation to complete a wee update on their service and send back	Scott Malcolm	April 30 th 2021



to you before the meeting, that way if they are unable to attend the meeting we still get to hear about their service		
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