

Coatbridge Local Area Partnership Third Sector Update Report

AGENDA ITEM No. 12

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From: North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Partnership Group
To: Coatbridge Local Area Partnership Members
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1.0. THIRD SECTOR WITHIN COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTIVITY UPDATES

1.1. Coatbridge Area Get Involved in Local Community Planning Event ☺

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Council jointly facilitated a Coatbridge Area Get Involved in Local Community Planning: The Voluntary Sector Making a Contribution Event on Monday 20 October 2014 at The Conforti Institute, Coatbridge. The Event was attended by 33 delegates, mostly consisting of third sector organisations and volunteers, with a small number of Community Planning Partners also in attendance.

The purpose of the Event was to provide an opportunity for the local third sector to discuss local issues and identify opportunities for the third sector to make a contribution to the Coatbridge Local Area Team Action Plan on an ongoing basis. A number of issues, opportunities and priorities were identified at the Event, with a summary report currently being finalised for feeding back to participants in January 2015. Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Council plan to work together over the coming period to facilitate action planning from the feedback received from third sector delegates.

1.2. Third Sector Community Planning Improvement Programme Update ☺

Significant progress was made during October-December 2014 with delivery of a Third Sector Community Planning Improvement Programme in North Lanarkshire, with a range of events and self-assessment activities facilitated to support the advancement of the local third sector's connectivity, involvement and effectiveness within North Lanarkshire Partnership.

Community Planning Partners and the wider third sector have actively participated in a Self-Assessment Journey, led by Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire, The Improvement Service and Voluntary Action Scotland, to consider the third sector's participation in North Lanarkshire Partnership, exploring what connectivity exists and works well, and what could be improved.

The Self-Assessment Journey concluded in December 2014, and has resulted in a number of improvement areas being identified by Community Planning Partners and third sector delegates. Six top priority improvement areas have been agreed with a framework outlined for how each improvement area will be actioned. A draft Improvement Plan will be presented to North Lanarkshire Partnership Board on Wednesday 18 February 2015, with a final Improvement Plan scheduled to be in place by Tuesday 31 March 2015. The Improvement Plan is designed to be a North Lanarkshire Partnership owned document from which activity can commence from Wednesday 1 April 2015 onwards. The final Improvement Plan will be available ahead of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership meeting of April 2015.

1.3. Coatbridge Local Area Partnership Third Sector Representative from 2015-17 ☺

As reported at the October 2014 Coatbridge Local Area Partnership meeting, Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (on behalf of North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Partnership Group) will facilitate a nomination and ballot process to appoint a Third Sector Representative to the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership for the 2015-17 representative cycle during January-March 2015. It is anticipated that the newly appointed Third Sector Representative will attend the April 2015 Local Area Partnership meeting.

2.0. LOCAL THIRD SECTOR ACTIVITY UPDATE

2.1. Overview of the Local Third Sector's Contribution to the RCOP Change Plan ↻

A representative of Glenboig Neighbourhood House is scheduled attend the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership meeting of Tuesday 13 January 2015 to provide a summary overview of the Coatbridge third sector's contribution to the four-year Reshaping Care for Older People Change Plan. Glenboig Neighbourhood House is the Coatbridge lead organisation in a North Lanarkshire Third Sector Locality Partnership Development Programme for Reshaping Care for Older People delivery.

Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire is currently working with key partners to prepare the local third sector for active participation in the Health and Social Care Integration agenda from 2015. Meanwhile, the third sector's highly successful contribution to the Change Plan in North Lanarkshire continues to be a source of interest to national partners, with a case study recently requested by and submitted to the National Community Planning Group as part of a 'deep dive' study on community engagement and co-production in Scotland.

2.2. Coatbridge Volunteer Scoops RBS Finding Scotland's Real Heroes Award ↻

Camran Taekwondo instructor Andrew Campbell won the Sporting Volunteer of the Year Award at the glittering RBS Finding Scotland's Real Heroes Awards, broadcast live on STV on Tuesday 14 October 2014, for his outstanding commitment to teaching taekwondo to children and adults for over 20 years.

Andrew, who instructs the martial art at Kirkwood Sports Barn, Coatbridge, volunteers his time for four nights per week as well as many weekends. He has raised funds to help families to participate in taekwondo at low cost, nurturing national and international champions along the way.

Tremendous acknowledgement also goes to Coatbridge fitness volunteer Pat Bannan, who was also nominated as a category finalist for the Sporting Volunteer of the Year Award for his longevity and commitment to coaching at Bannan Fitness Club.

2.3. Third Sector Employability Network Activity ↻

North Lanarkshire Third Sector Employability Network is currently developing a third sector position paper on employability to accompany the new North Lanarkshire Employability Strategy. This position paper will highlight where the third sector is currently engaged in employability activity and supports, and the potential for future positive and valuable employability contributions from the third sector.