

Minutes of VCSE Strategic Partnership Meeting

Held on Monday 5 September 2022
at Sanger House

In attendance:

Ami Mortimer	- Artlift & Gloucestershire Art Consortium
Kobe Francis	- Music Works
Matt Lennard	- Gloucestershire VCS Alliance
Tom Beasley	- Active Gloucestershire
Indigo Redfern	- GL11
Vicci Livingstone-Thompson	- Inclusion Gloucestershire
Chris Brown	- Forest Voluntary Action Forum
William North	- The Long Table
Jill Parker	- Gloucestershire VCS Alliance

Apologies:

Sally Byng	- Barnwood Trust
Pippa Jones	- Create Gloucestershire

		Action
1.	<p>Terms of reference</p> <p>The Terms of Reference have been developed by a task and finish group. These were agreed and will be reviewed as necessary.</p> <p>The meeting was asked to note that Jill is not an elected member, but is there to support the meeting and follow up on actions.</p>	
2.	<p>Chair and deputy chair</p> <p>Matt discussed the following options for electing a Chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Someone is elected from this group; they will have both a strategic say and lead the Strategic Partnership. 2. An independent person is elected who does not currently sit on the Partnership and does not have personal experience of the sector but is simply there to chair the meeting. 3. A person is selected who does not currently sit on the Partnership but does have knowledge of the sector and its priorities and can therefore add to discussion. <p>It was agreed that the group will need a settling in period and a temporary chair be appointed. For the first 4 months, Jill will act as Chair and Ami as Vice Chair.</p>	Jill and Ami

<p>3.</p>	<p>Additional seats on the Strategic Partnership</p> <p>There are 2 additional places on the Strategic Partnership which members can appoint into. Ideas discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using these places flexibly/inviting guests • Addressing gaps in demographics, geographical representation and skills set <p>Indigo said we need to understand the existing group members' geographical reach/specialisms before we can make decisions.</p> <p>Tom suggested using system mapping/actor mapping to identify strengths and skills and offered to organise this. This would take an hour and half and would need all the group present. Matt suggested combining System Mapping with a networking lunch, in an extended November meeting.</p> <p>Tom to check the availability of colleagues to support this.</p> <p>Jill to arrange an extended session.</p> <p>Tom said we should make the Strategic Partnership more accessible, taking down the barriers to allow people to access the group more freely, such as the meeting location and visibility within the community.</p> <p>Vicci suggesting partnering with Gloucestershire Race Equality Action Group.</p>	<p>Tom</p> <p>Jill</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Representation</p> <p>a. Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)</p> <p>Matt and Chris already have places on the ICP, Matt on behalf of Glos VCS Alliance and Chris on behalf of Forest of Dean Integrated Locality Partnership.</p> <p>It was agreed that Tom would be the ICP representative for the VCSE Strategic Partnership. First meeting is on 20.9.22.</p> <p>Jill to submit Tom's nomination.</p> <p>Matt will investigate how inclusion generally and the voice of disabled people are represented on the ICP and feedback to Vicci.</p> <p>b. Enabling Active Communities and Individuals board (EAC&I)</p> <p>It was agreed that Ami would be the EAC-I representative for the VCSE Strategic Partnership.</p>	<p>Tom</p> <p>Jill</p> <p>Matt</p> <p>Ami</p>

<p>c.</p>	<p>Jill to submit Ami's nomination.</p> <p>Priorities for representation on Clinical Programme Groups and Partnership Boards</p> <p>Matt asked the group to consider a list of clinical programme groups, partnership boards and workstreams and suggest sector priorities for representation. We are not looking to appoint people from this group.</p> <p>Ami suggested considering this through the system mapping approach. This was agreed.</p> <p>Matt suggested the urgent areas include children and young people and mental health.</p> <p>Individuals expressed specific areas of interest: Vicci – learning disability Indigo – mental health Chris and Kobe - children and young people Ami – end of life and palliative care</p> <p>Tom thinks Active Glos might be involved already in the pain forum.</p> <p>It was agreed that Matt would be the rep on the Virtual Ward Programme. This is urgent as it's about planning for winter pressures.</p> <p>Vicci and Matt to have a conversation about views she would like to feed into this meeting.</p> <p>Jill said that she is pleased that people are putting themselves forward but reminded the group of their capacity limits and that these are roles that can be filled by people outside the group.</p>	<p>Jill</p> <p>All</p> <p>Matt</p> <p>Vicci and Matt</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Appointing Integrated Locality Partnership (ILP) representatives</p> <p>ILP's are meetings at district level that identify and develop projects to meet the health and wellbeing needs of local residents. Matt said he believes ILP's will have increasing significance. Chris agreed but explained they can be very medical-model, with a 'top down' approach.</p> <p>Jill said it is important that representatives are embedded in the local area and not just within the VCSE sector.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p>	

	<p>Tewkesbury: Ask Ruth Ward from Priors Park if she would be willing to be a representative.</p> <p>Stroud: Appoint Victoria Robson; identify someone from a small or micro organisation as the second rep.</p> <p>Cheltenham: Appoint Angela Gilbert; identify someone from a place-based organisation as the second rep.</p> <p>Jill to inform all nominations of the appointments made.</p> <p>Following the meeting there was an email exchange in which it was agreed to appoint Tracy Clark as a rep for Tewkesbury.</p>	<p>Jill</p> <p>Jill</p>
6.	<p>Learning and development</p> <p>To be deferred to October's meeting.</p>	<p>Jill</p>
7.	<p>VCSE strategic planning</p> <p>A strategic planning event is being organised for 7th October at Hawkwood. The proposal is that we will begin the event with the launch of a new State of Sector report. This identifies 4 key primary concerns of VCSE organisations: governance, volunteering, cost of living and mental health.</p> <p>There was much discussion about whether these are the most appropriate themes for an event. Key concerns were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are very broad • They are deficit-based <p>It was agreed that we should plan the day around cross-cutting themes which should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we work together as a sector? • Capacity • Sustainability • Mobilising communities • Nurturing a strong VCSE sector • Identifying the strength of the sector <p>Matt and Jill to rework the programme to reflect this discussion and then circulate the revised plan for comment.</p>	<p>Matt and Jill</p>
8.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Indigo raised that the content of the meeting should remain confidential to group members. This was agreed.</p>	
	<p>Time and date of next meeting</p> <p>3 October 1.30-3.30pm at The Music Works, 2nd floor, Kings House, 27 St Aldate St, Gloucester GL1 1RP. For directions see Get in touch - TheMusicWorks</p>	