



Third Sector Leeds Leadership Group

17 May 2021

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Online via Zoom

Present:

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| Chris Hollins | CH | TSL Independent Chair |
| Janet Spencer | JS | Housing (Supporting People Provider Forum) |
| Adrian Curtis | AC | Locality Rep (South East) |
| Julia Preston | JP | Locality Rep (East North East) |
| John Preston | JPR | Environment (The Conservation Volunteers) |
| Barbara Kempf | BK | Small Groups (University of Leeds) |
| Rob Wilson | RW | LGBT+ (Angels of Freedom) |
| Mark Law | ML | Children and Young People (Young Lives Leeds) |
| Kate Hainsworth | KH | Economy and Enterprise (Leeds Community Foundation) |

In attendance:

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| Donna Cremin | DC | Voluntary Action Leeds – Minutes |
| Richard Warrington | RW | TSL Support – VAL |

Apologies:

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| Simon Philips | SP | Faith Groups (Leeds Faiths Forum) |
| Nik Peasgood | NP | Women and Girls (Women’s Lives Leeds) |
| Rachel Cooper | RC | Older People (LOPF) |
| Louanne Roberts | LR | Infrastructure Support (SEE Ahead) |

| Item | | Action |
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| 1 | Welcome and Introductions | |
| | Chris Hollins welcomed all attendees to the meeting. | |
| 2. | Previous Notes, Matters Arising and Member Feedback | |
| | The previous notes from 12 April were circulated and agreed to be an accurate record. TSL work progress report was circulated to the TSL LG in advance giving updates on the key areas. | |

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| | <p>Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Strategic Theme</p> <p>The TSL practice brief on ‘Microaggressions in the Workplace’ is completed and soon to be published for sector use. The next focus of this theme will be around diversity and positive recruitment.</p> <p>TSL is working closely with Forum Central to develop a shared resource bank and contribute to a discussion about shared standards for equality monitoring.</p> <p>Youth Work Review</p> <p>A Youth Work review in Leeds has taken place over several years and is now in the final stages of conclusion.</p> <p>Youth Work provision for 14–18 year olds in the city will now be delivered (mainly) within the Local Authority. Existing activity currently delivered by Third Sector organisations will be delivered within each of the 3 areas of Leeds and there will be a tender process for these.</p> <p>An additional 500k has been committed for children’s mental health services but this work is expected to be delivered by the Local Authority. A small open grants programme will also be offered and Local Authority and Third Sector organisations will be eligible to apply.</p> <p>The Young Lives Leeds network has expressed some concerns about the review and have agreed they would be happy to discuss this at the meeting with Cllr Lewis.</p> <p>Action: Youth Work Review to be added to the agenda and cover note to be sent to Cllr Lewis before the meeting</p> | <p>TSL Support Staff</p> |
| <p>3.</p> | <p>TSL’s Response to Review of Emergency Response Structure</p> | |
| | <p>TSL is seeking to co-ordinate a third sector response to the review of the emergency response structures put in place during the Covid 19 pandemic.</p> <p>An initial meeting took place on 4 May, with Third Sector reps from Leeds City Council ‘Gold groups’ and representatives from key infrastructure bodies to explore initial thoughts.</p> <p>A paper was circulated to the TSL LG detailing key early learnings and members were asked to review and comment on these early views and recommendations for future emergencies before a wider group of stakeholders are consulted with.</p> <p>Action: TSL Leadership Group to share their views about the ‘Gold, Silver & Bronze’ structure by 28 May and endorse further consultation with stakeholders.</p> | <p>TSL LG / Support Staff</p> |

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| 4. | Next Steps in Developing TSL | |
| | <p>A TSL Leadership Group working group met on 25 March to further explore some of these issues. Following on from this discussion a paper was circulated that sets out TSL's proposals for development in the coming year.</p> <p>Leadership Group members were asked to consider the following proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consider the wording options for the revised TSL vision and endorse one.</i> <p>Option 3 was preferred with some amendments to include 'the' before leading policy body and including a reference to supporting Leeds to become the best city.</p> <p>Action: TSL Support Staff to draft amended vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agree to establish a task/finish group to review TSL membership and working practices to include co-opting the VAL Chief Officer to the TSL Leadership Group.</i> <p>Action: A task and finish group will be established to include JS, CH and any other interested members of the LG. Members also agreed to co-opt the VAL Chief Officer in the interim until a formal review of TSL membership and working practices take place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Form a Chair's succession task/finish group after the review of membership and working practices is complete</i> <p>Action: Establish once the above is reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To consider a revised meeting schedule to 6 weekly meetings</i> <p>This meeting revision was agreed, and future LG meetings will be held 6 weekly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To consider and approve the proposal re-establishing the event programme</i> <p>Agreed and (subject to restrictions) first city wide event will be in July 2021 and focus on the Statement of Principles document and recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Leadership Group to consider and approve the workplan</i> <p>LG members approved the workplan for 2021.</p> | <p>Support Staff</p> <p>Support Staff</p> <p>Support Staff</p> |

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| 5. | Next Steps WYCA/LEP | |
| | <p>The new West Yorkshire Mayor was elected last week, and Alison Lowe (formerly Touchstone) will be supporting the Mayor in her role as Deputy.</p> <p>KH is continuing to attend the LEP and champion the work of the Third Sector particularly around the Inclusive Growth agenda. There is a proposal that Inclusive Growth is cross cutting along all themes rather than a separate strand.</p> <p>WYCA have now endorsed a series of interventions that could help the third sector build its capacity and be more effective in its work with communities. Documents detailing these were circulated to the TSL LG and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Hubs – Strategic Investment Fund - Digital Inclusion - Good Work Standard - Regional VCSE Sector – Co-ordination and Advocacy - Regional VCSE Sector – Capacity Building - Regional VCSE Sector – Business Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Prescribing <p>CH is meeting with counterparts from across the region to explore the idea of a West Yorkshire Third Sector Assembly and KH confirmed there is likely to be a future Third Sector Engagement event.</p> <p>Note: The LG formally thanked KH for all her efforts on this agenda.</p> <p>Note: LG endorsed a HPoC letter to the West Yorkshire Mayor seeking to open a communication channel.</p> | |
| 6. | Focus of Brief for Cllr Lewis Meeting | |
| | <p>TSL LG members have a meeting scheduled with Cllr Lewis from on 24 May. It is proposed that the Statement of Principles document should form the basis of this conversation.</p> <p>Members also identified the recent Youth Work Review as an area they would like to cover within the meeting and also include and overview of the Third Sector in Leeds.</p> <p>Action: This was agreed, and the paper will be forwarded to Cllr Lewis’ with a covering note / outline agenda from the TSL Chair</p> | TSL Support Staff / Chair |

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| 7. | Sector Resilience Workstream Updates | |
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| 8. | Membership of People’s Commissioning Group | |
| | <p>Commissioners responsible for the People’s Commissioning Group have proposed re-establishing this forum and have asked TSL to nominate third sector representatives to sit on this. This group will be subsidiary to a strategic body convened by the Director of Adult Social Care.</p> <p>TSL LG members were asked to agree the proposal of 4 third sector representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of TSL Support (position currently held by Rich Warrington) • 2 representatives drawn from parts of the sector impacted by ‘People’s Commissioning’ (currently held by Julia Preston and Rachel Cooper) • A VAL representative (currently Richard Jackson) <p>Action: Proposal agreed. TSL Support Staff approach existing members to indicate whether they wish to continue in the role. Alternative representatives to be identified for any gaps.</p> | TSL Support Staff |
| 9. | <p>AOB</p> <p><u>Community Learning Providers</u></p> <p>Concerns have been raised with TSL Support Staff about funding clawback requests made to some Community Learning providers that have been unable to deliver outcomes due the pandemic.</p> <p>Action: This may have a severe impact on many Third Sector providers and RW is following this up to bring affected organisations together to explore further.</p> | RW |
| 10 | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | The date of the next meeting was agreed: Monday 28 June 2021, 1.30pm – 3.00pm. | |