



**Thrive Trafford – Volunteer Managers Network
Meeting, Wednesday 14th June 2017
Sale Waterside, Sale M33 7ZF**

Attendees:

- Caroline Lewis, Project Coordinator, Thrive Trafford
- Elaine Eland, St Johns Centre
- Julie Reilly, Trafford Council, Partnerships & Communities Team
- Justine Lea-Grime, Trafford Youth Service
- Kate Pemrick, GMFRS
- Laura Heywood, Victim Support
- Lloyd Machabvunga, Talk Listen Change
- Michael Carpenter, Youth United
- Nafeesa Javed, Talk Listen Change
- Nicola Smith, Homestart
- Sue Smith, Alzheimer's Society
- Susan Crabb, Henshaws

Apologies:

- Claire Kelly, Regional Fundraising and Awareness Manager, New Life Charity
- Craig Savage, Genie Networks
- Dianna Mulholland, Making Space
- Joshua Matthews, Trafford Leisure
- Karen Duffy, Age UK Trafford
- Katy Dymoke, Touchdown Dance
- Katherine Bays, Volunteer Coordinator, Healthwatch Trafford
- Kate Baldwin, The Counselling & Family Centre
- Laura Fenton, We Are Sale Moor
- Mark Bailey, Trafford Council
- Ron Rolph, Trafford Hard of Hearing Group
- Samantha Fisher, TDAS
- Sharon Doyle, Talk Listen Change

Introduction and Updates

Introductions from the organisations and actions were discussed from the last VMN

- **Youth United Foundation – Share Somewhere Website**

Michael Carpenter from Youth United Foundation talked to the group about the new Share Somewhere website which has now launched and discussed how they wanted to link in with VCSE organisations to get more community venues listed on their Share Somewhere website.

Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) Dynamic Purchasing System opportunity

Caroline from Thrive talked to the group about the Volunteer Managers about the DWP Dynamic Purchasing System. Further details about the opportunity will be circulated by Thrive.

- **Irwell Valley Housing Association – Summer Event at Sale West – 17th August 2017**
Caroline discussed details of a Summer Event taking place at Sale West with Irwell Valley Housing. Caroline asked the VMs if they wanted a stand to promote their services.
- **Trafford LIVE Event – Saturday 24th June 2017 at Trafford Council**
Julie Reilly from Trafford Partnerships Team talked to the group about the next Trafford LIVE event taking place with several activities going on.
- **Collaborative Women UK CIC – Independent Women Programme**
Caroline from Thrive talked about the new Independent Women Programme being held in Stretford Library for local women identified as being isolated due to domestic violence, mental health issues, unemployment or the criminal justice system.
- **Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue – Safe & Well Volunteering Service**
Kate Pemrick from Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue talked to the VMs about the Safe & Well volunteering service and discussed the different ways in which people can refer into the service.
- **Trafford VIP – Sport & Physical Activity Volunteering Opportunities**
Caroline from Thrive shared details of the Volunteering portal based around Sport & Physical Activity volunteering opportunities.

Open Networking Discussion

- VM Attendees were invited by Caroline from Thrive to discuss any opportunities, share information and raise any queries during this discussion.
- Julie Reilly from Trafford Partnerships & Communities team, talked to the group about the One Trafford Response pilot taking place in the north of the borough.
- Other opportunities and information shared by Caroline at Thrive included: The Queens Award for Volunteering, open for applications; Trafford Hard of Hearing are looking for a new Chair for the group; Trafford Rape Crisis next Volunteering Cafes in June and July; Large Venue needed for Blood Donation Awareness session in November; and details of Trafford Leisure's New Family Activity referral service.
- Caroline from Thrive asked the group to work in pairs to discuss their thoughts and ideas for what they would like from the new Thrive delivery plan, based around Thrive's 6 main themes – Engagement & Promotion, New Ways of Working, Sustainability & Social Value, Capacity Building, Developing Assets, and Volunteering & Resident action.
- Future agenda items were discussed.
- AOB

Agenda items for next meeting

1. Advice around volunteering as an Asylum Seeker – St John's Centre
2. Guest Speakers
3. More information around accessing the new Universal Credit system
4. News, Events and Information
5. Open Networking for Volunteer Managers
6. AOB

Next Steps/Key Actions

- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to forward on information details discussed during the meeting.**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to circulate the details of both drop-ins to VMs.**
- **Action: Julie Reilly from Trafford Partnership & Communities to send through further information about the One Trafford Response.**
- **Action: Thrive to find out more details about volunteering as an Asylum Seeker for St Johns Centre.**
- **Action: Invite guest speakers to talk to the group.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Friday 6th October 2017 at 2pm to 3:30pm in the Community Space, ground floor, Tesco Extra Altrincham, Manor Rd, Altrincham WA15 9QT