



## **Thrive Trafford – Volunteer Managers Network Meeting, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Trafford Town Hall**

### **Attendees:**

- Caroline Gleaves, Gorse Hill Studios
- Caroline Lewis, Thrive Trafford
- Donna Higgins, Place Based Integration, Trafford Council
- Elaine Eland, St Johns Centre
- Jackie McNeish, Pure Insight and Women of Worth
- Jill Darwent, Step Together
- Julie Reilly, Partnerships & Communities, Trafford Council
- Kaf Bays, Healthwatch Trafford
- Michelle Bowes, Breaking Every Chain
- Michelle Morris, Place Based Integration, Trafford Council
- Peter Brownbill, UA92
- Sue Mosco, Intergen
- Wajahat Hussain, Human Relief Foundation
- Wendy Callaghan, Step Together

### **Apologies:**

- Debbie Houghton, University of Manchester
- Karen Glendinning, Age UK Trafford
- Manju Pearce, Trafford Rape Crisis
- Nikki Bailey, Strive, Talk Listen Change
- Sharon Doyle, Strive, Talk Listen Change
- Sue Smith, Alzheimer's Society
- Vanessa Gilliland, TDAS

### **Minutes from the last meeting**

Minutes and actions from the last meeting were discussed including the presentation delivered by Jack Puller from MACC on an Introduction to Investing in Volunteers Accreditation and Volunteers Week activities in June.

### **Ice Breaker session**

- **Networking and Peer Sharing of Best Practice**  
Volunteer Managers were invited to introduce themselves to other Volunteer Managers, and state what advice and guidance they would like to find out or gain more help with, and also to share with the other volunteer manager one piece of best practice advice they could share with others in the room.  
Suggestions included:

*“Long serving award for those who have volunteered for several years”*

*“Reward and Recognition for Volunteers”*

*“Advertise through the online Do-It.org website”*

*“Benefacto is another good website to use to get Business Volunteers”*

- **Peter Brownbill – UA92 Development and Volunteering Opportunities**

- Peter Brownbill, The Partnerships Manager for UA92 talked to the group about the new University being developed on the old Kellogg’s building site, and talked about opportunities to link further in with local voluntary and community organisations to provide business volunteer expertise, including academic research projects in areas such as Finance, Law and Psychology, and also later on in the project students to fulfil volunteering opportunity placements in the local community.
- Peter invited the VMs to attend the next UA92 open day on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Lancashire County Cricket Ground. – **Voluntary and Community organisations can book online through <https://www.ua92.ac.uk/events>**
- **Jill Darwent, and Wendy Callaghan Volunteering Programme Managers from Step Together** talked about the work their organisation does to help ex-offenders, disadvantaged young people and people facing homelessness into volunteering placements.

#### **Open Networking Discussion**

- **Community Projects and Social Value opportunities for Business Volunteers**

- Caroline from Thrive talked to the group about the new list created of community and social value projects for business volunteers to access. VMs wanted a copy of the list to see the different types of projects happening.

- **The Conservation Volunteers, Trafford Youth Networking Event – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

- Caroline from Thrive gave out details of the Conservation Volunteers Trafford Youth Networking Event on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. VMs working within the Youth sector were interested, as was Peter Brownbill from UA92.

- **Training opportunities for Young Leaders, Youth Workers and Creatives**

- Caroline from Thrive gave out details of the training opportunities available with Beat Bazaar, including Erasmus Plus International Youth Work and Capital Xtra Music Potential.

- **NCVO – Advice and Guidance around Managing Volunteers, and Good Practice in Volunteer Management Online Training**

- Caroline from Thrive gave out details of some of the resources available to VMs through NCVO. Including [Volunteers and the Law](#) and an online training resource for [Good Practice in Volunteer Management](#)

- **AOB**

- **Youth Mental Health Matters Event on 5<sup>th</sup> October**

- Caroline Gleaves talked about an event Gorse Hill Studios were delivering on 5<sup>th</sup> October called Youth Mental Health Matters at Gorse Hill Studios, all VMs were invited to attend.

- **Age UK Trafford - Events**

- Karen from Age UK Trafford couldn’t make the meeting, however for details to be circulated of two free events they have running including Free Electric Blanket

Testing and their Health, Wellbeing and Falls Awareness Event on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

- **Near Neighbours Funding**
  - Caroline from Thrive talked about the Near Neighbours funding available for Trafford Groups to apply for and the funding drop-in session on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- **The Princes Trust Programme – Community Action Volunteering Projects Wanted**

Caroline talked the group through the previous meeting's minutes about the Princes Trust Programme and asked the group if they had any community action projects they needed support with from young people on the programme.

**If you would like a group of managed of young volunteers for a community action project please contact Malcom Heywood, Princes Trust Team Manager on [heywoodm@manchesterfire.gov.uk](mailto:heywoodm@manchesterfire.gov.uk)**

### **Agenda items for next meeting**

1. Guest Speakers
2. News, Events and Information
3. Open Networking for Volunteer Managers
4. AOB

### **Next Steps/Key Actions**

- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to forward on the Investing in Volunteers Accreditation presentation from Jack Puller for those that didn't attend the last meeting.**
- **Action: Kaf Bays from Healthwatch to send through a list of Volunteer Celebration ideas to Caroline at Thrive to circulate to the VMs**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to send through the Volunteer Managers Toolkit to all VMs**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to send through to all VMs the Community Projects and Social Value opportunities for business volunteers list.**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to send through details of the Conservation Volunteers Trafford Youth Networking Event.**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to send through details of the training opportunities for Young Leaders, Youth Workers and Creatives.**
- **Action: Caroline Gleaves from Gorse Hill Studios to send through details of the Youth Mental Health Matters all day event on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018.**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to send out details of the Near Neighbours funding and Drop-in**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to send out details of Trafford CCG's AGM meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Date: TBC – Late November/ Early December 2018

Venue: Lancashire County Cricket Ground