



**Thrive Trafford – Volunteer Managers Network
Meeting, Tuesday 28th February 2017
Café in the Park, The Counselling & Family Centre**

Attendees:

- Antonia Pike, Making Space
- Caroline Lewis, Project Coordinator, Thrive Trafford
- Claire Kelly, Regional Fundraising and Awareness Manager, New Life Charity
- Craig Savage, Genie Networks
- Faith Biddle, Volunteer Coordinator, Motiv8
- Ian Wallace, Leonard Cheshire Disability
- Julie Reilly, Trafford Council, Partnerships & Communities Team
- Karen Duffy, Age UK Trafford
- Katherine Bays, Volunteer Coordinator, Healthwatch Trafford
- Laura Fenton, We Are Sale Moor CIC
- Laura Heywood, Victim Support
- Louise Brogan-Shaw, Citizen Advice Bureau
- Mark Bailey, Trafford Council
- Sam McLeod, TDAS
- Sarah Lewis, Service Delivery Manager, Thrive Trafford
- Sue Mosco, Intergen

Apologies:

- Amanda Childs, Lostock College
- Caroline Gleaves, Gorse Hill Studios
- Diane Russell, Coppice Library
- Emma Richardson, The University of Manchester
- Justine Lea-Grime, Trafford Youth Service
- Karen Duffy, Age UK Trafford
- Kate Baldwin, The Counselling & Family Centre
- Kirsty Hutchison, The University of Manchester
- Paul Guest, Stretford Foodbank
- Rachael Forde, Trafford Leisure Trust
- Rebecca Kershaw, Royal Voluntary Service
- Ron Rolph, Trafford Hard of Hearing Group
- Sharon Doyle, Relate GMS
- Sue Smith, Alzheimer's Society

Introduction and Updates

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

- **Motiv8 Programme**
Faith Biddle, Volunteer Coordinator talked to the group about the newly funded programme called Motiv8, and discussed how they wanted to link in with VCSE organisations to get service users on the Motiv8 programme into volunteering.
- **National Citizen Service – Community Projects wanted for Summer 2017**
Caroline from Thrive talked to the group about the National Citizen Service programme running in Summer. Caroline met with Tom Plaskitt from NCS following the last Volunteer Managers Network meeting to get more information around the community and voluntary projects NCS is seeking to find for young people aged 16-17 years old on the programme.
- **Trafford General Hospital – New AMU Frailty Model Workshop – 30th March 2017**
Caroline discussed details of a workshop event being held by Trafford General Hospital on 30th March 2017, the aim of the workshop is to look at developing pathways for frail older people who present at Trafford General Hospital's Acute Medical Unit.
- **South Locality Partnership Event – Physical Activity Event – 7th March 2017 in Timperley**
Caroline from Thrive talked to the group about the next South Locality Partnership event taking place around Physical Activity in the South of the Borough. Caroline from Thrive explained that each locality area held a Locality Partnership event, with topics based on different needs within each area.
- **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.
- **Sport England – Volunteering Potential Fund and Opportunity Fund**
Caroline from Thrive gave details of the two funds to the VMs
- **Trafford Housing Trust Community Mentors Wanted**
Caroline from Thrive shared details about Trafford Housing Trust's new Community Mentor volunteering role 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.
- Claire Kelly from New Life, mentioned about donated goods available for other charities to use for fundraising.
- Sue Mosco from Intergen, said they were currently looking to recruit two new area coordinator volunteers to help place volunteers within local schools.
- Antonia Pike from Making Space mentioned that they are still looking for befrienders for their service users.
- Mark Bailey from Trafford Council, said that they were running another training session for those interested in the Independent Visitor for Children in Care role on Thursday 16th March 2017 at 6pm to 9pm.
- Caroline from Thrive spoke about a few of the most current Corporate Social Responsibility business volunteers looking to support VCSE groups in certain skill areas and through community days.

- Other items discussed were, TDAS Supporting Change drop-in-service, and The Counselling & Family Centre's drop-in service for 13 to 16 year olds.
- Julie Reilly from Trafford Council's Partnerships & Communities team talked about details of the next round of Voluntary Sector grants would be following towards Spring time. Caroline from Thrive asked Julie to send through any details of grants coming up in the near future to share with voluntary and community groups.

Agenda items for next meeting

1. Grant/Funding opportunities
2. News, Events and Information
3. Open Networking for Volunteer Managers
4. AOB

Next Steps/Key Actions

- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to forward on details from Faith about the Motiv8 programme to VMs.**
- **Action: Caroline to circulate to VMs more information about the NCS programme and Tom Plaskitt's contact details.**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to circulate to VMs details of the workshop and contact details for booking onto the event.**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to circulate details of the South Locality Partnership event, and dates for other locality areas once received from Trafford Council's Partnership & Communities team.**
- **Action: Caroline to circulate further details of the Independent Women programme in Stretford Library to VMs.**
- **Action: Caroline to circulate further details of the two Sport England funds to all VMs**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to share further details of the Community Mentor volunteering opportunity to VMs.**
- **Action: Claire Kelly to email Caroline from Thrive further details of the items available to charities to fundraise, Caroline to then circulate to VMs**
- **Action: Sue Mosco from Intergen to send further details to Caroline from Thrive of the Area Coordinator role available to promote through Thrive networks.**
- **Action: Antonia to send Caroline at Thrive further details of the role available to promote through Thrive networks.**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to circulate details to VMs and people interested in volunteering within the role.**
- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to circulate the details of both drop-ins to VMs.**
- **Action: Julie Reilly from Partnerships & Communities to send Caroline from Thrive details of the VSG grants and any other grants available for voluntary and community groups to apply for in the coming months.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

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