



**Thrive Trafford – Volunteer Managers Network
Meeting, Friday 6th October 2017
Community Space, Tesco Extra, Altrincham WA15 9QT**

Attendees:

- Antonia Pike, Making Space
- Caroline Lewis, Project Coordinator, Thrive Trafford
- Donna Wrigley, Pennine Care
- Elaine Eland, St Johns Centre
- Emma Richardson, University of Manchester
- Ian Mitchell, DWP
- Indhu Sharma, Strive Volunteer
- Jennifer Rae, Victim Support
- Jenny Burton, Trafford Leisure Trust
- Karen Duffy, Age UK Trafford
- Laura Heywood, Victim Support
- Mark Bailey, Trafford Council
- Michaela Jones, DWP
- Paul Bailey, The Training Brokers
- Sharon Doyle, Talk Listen Change
- Sue Smith, Alzheimer's Society

Apologies:

- Caroline Gleaves, Gorse Hill Studios
- Cherisse Appleby, New Way Forward
- Ian Wallace, Leonard Cheshire
- Julie Reilly, Trafford Council, Partnerships & Communities Team
- Kate Baldwin, The Counselling and Family Centre
- Katherine Bays, Volunteer Coordinator, Healthwatch Trafford
- Kirsty McAllister, TDAS
- Manju Pearce, Trafford Rape Crisis
- Sue Mosco, Intergen
- Uzma Babb, Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue

Introduction and Updates

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

- **Pennine Care – Membership and Governors in Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust**

Donna Wrigley, Membership and Engagement Officer from Pennine Care talked to the group about the role of becoming a Governor for Pennine, and discussed how the Trust wanted to link in with VCSE organisations to get more people for the sector involved in

the roles available. Donna has provided a link which is an option for people to sign up online as a member here: <https://secure.membra.co.uk/penninecareapplicationform/>.

Donna gave a short presentation to the group which discussed the Governor role further, and the application process. Donna also handed out Pennine's last Pennine Post newsletter, and talked about details of the health and wellbeing college - <https://hwcollege.penninecare.nhs.uk/>

- **The Training Brokers – Training Opportunities**

Paul Bailey from the Training Brokers based in Sale, Trafford came along to talk to the group about different training opportunities available for people living across Trafford and other parts of Greater Manchester. Paul discussed various training courses available for people who were currently on benefits, and were looking to get back into work. i.e. Adult Health & Social Care courses.

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

Following the last Volunteer Managers Network meeting Caroline from Thrive was asked for more information around the new Universal Credit system and the DWP Dynamic Purchasing System. Caroline from Thrive invited Ian Mitchell, Partnerships Manager from DWP to talk to the group about Universal Credit and Michaela Jones from DWP to talk to the group in more details about how to get onto the Dynamic Purchasing System to put a service offer forward for DWP clients. Ian and Michaela talked to the group in more detail about Universal Credit in Greater Manchester, and talked about the process for getting onto the Dynamic Purchasing System.

- **Reach Skills – Connecting People, Skills and Good Causes**

Caroline from Thrive discussed a new online platform available for VCSE organisations to use to promote Trustee vacancies or Pro Bono business volunteering support needed. More details can be found on www.reachskills.org.uk

- **Greater Manchester Higher Programme**

The meeting over ran, and unfortunately this item was not discussed during the meeting. GM Higher is designed to inspire pupils in year 9 to year 13 into Higher Education, through funding a range of activities, events and sessions to targeted schools. The project is looking to fund activities and events including, funding transport to take groups of pupils to sector events and/ or college/university open days; specific sector activities from the delivery of an assembly to a careers day with guest speakers and workshops; visits to universities and/or colleges; Higher Education and career workshops, assemblies and presentations on student life, UCAS applications, understanding student finance, HE verses Higher Apprenticeships.

- **International Volunteer Managers Day – “Be the Voice!” – 5th November 2017**

Unfortunately, the meeting over ran, and this item was not discussed. Caroline from Thrive will be getting in touch with the Volunteer Managers with further details around this campaign before the 5th November 2017.

Open Networking Discussion

- VM Attendees were invited by Caroline from Thrive to discuss any opportunities, share information and raise any queries during this discussion. None were raised.
- Caroline from Thrive gave out information about the Bowel Cancer Screening Toolkit training available for VCSE organisations to have to help share key messages about the Bowel Screening Toolkit, especially targeting BME/ inter-faith networks.
- Future agenda items were discussed.
- AOB

Agenda items for next meeting

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

Next Steps/Key Actions

- **Action: Caroline from Thrive to forward on information details discussed during the meeting.**
- **Action: Julie Reilly from Trafford Partnership & Communities to send through further information about the One Trafford Response.**
- **Action: Invite guest speakers to talk to the group.**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday 22nd January at 11am to 1pm
Venue TBC