



Trafford Volunteer Manager's Network Meeting

**Monday 23rd September 2019 at 1:30pm to 3pm
in Thomas De Trafford Conference Room A, 1st Floor, Trafford
Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford M32 0TH**

Attendees:

- Caroline Lewis, Thrive Trafford
- Debbie Houghton, University of Manchester
- Emma Murphy, Talk Listen Change
- Flora Washburn, Being There Trafford
- Helen Hargreaves, Youth Offending Service
- Jenny Bagchi, Pure Insight
- Jilly McKiernan, MMU Student Union
- Joanna Padovani, Stretford Public Hall
- Josh Harris, The Growth Company
- Julie Reilly, Trafford Partnerships & Communities
- Karen Glendinning, Age UK Trafford
- Karen Greenhalgh, The Hideaway
- Kate Frain, GoodGym Trafford
- Lesley Steel, Communities United Project
- Margaret Bamber, The Toy House
- Olivia Porteous, Breast Cancer Care
- Phillip Boardman, Victim Support
- Sandra McLennon, Trafford College
- Sarah Roiditis, Trafford College
- Sue Wilkinson, Cheeky Cherubs
- Toluwa Amosun, Bluesci
- Vicky Wardleworth, Trafford Council

Apologies:

- Elaine Eland, St Johns Centre
- Jennifer Neville, Future Directions CIC
- Katrina Grier, Northwest Air Ambulance
- Manju Pearce, Trafford Rape Crisis
- Mark Bailey, Trafford Council
- Nikki Bailey, Strive, Talk Listen Change
- Sharon Doyle, Strive, Talk Listen Change

Minutes from the last meeting

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Minutes and actions from the last meeting were discussed including an update on the success of the Trafford Volunteer Awards, Coop Digital community research project in Stretford, the Volunteer Quality Standards, and Inclusive Neighbourhood grants available through the Trafford Partnership team.

- **GoodGym Trafford**

Kate Frain from GoodGym Trafford talked the group about the new initiative and how people can get involved and request tasks and activities to be completed by the GoodGym volunteers.

Wednesday night Group run tasks at 7pm - GoodGym-ers meet at St Matthew's Community Hall in Stretford and run up to a 5 KM radius to tasks that are scheduled with charities and community organisations in advance with Kate. GoodGym can do pretty much anything for you from dropping off leaflets, to moving boxes, to prepping for painting, to sorting out gardens and even helping out at events. We want to free up your time for the important stuff! *Tools and briefing on the night from the beneficiary organisation are required*

Group Community Missions - GoodGym-ers meet at the beneficiary organisation and complete a pre-arranged task on a weekend or other agreed time. Again, GoodGym can do all sorts for you and on a day to suit you!

Coach Runs - Kate also explained about individual referrals for "Coach" runs (where a runner runs each week to visit an older isolated person) and one-off individual "missions" (participants of both of these are regulated by strict processes and procedures as you'd expect). Examples of missions include putting up new curtains, tidying up a garden or moving furniture around at an individual's home.

How do we get involved?

1. To schedule GoodGym help for your organisation for a Wednesday Group task or Mission please contact Kate direct on kate@goodgym.org to discuss your requirements.
2. To join in as a GoodGym-er with Group runs, tasks and missions please take a look at our Group run homepage: <https://www.goodgym.org/areas/trafford/group-runs>
3. To register an interest in individual coach runs, please take a look here: <https://www.goodgym.org/areas/trafford/coach-runs>
4. To refer an older individual for a Mission at their home please register yourself as a referrer online here <https://www.goodgym.org/request-a-mission>

Trafford College Bespoke Volunteer Training Programme for VCSE Group –

Sarah Roiditis and Sandra McClennon, Adult Community Learning presented and talked to the group about the college's new bespoke volunteer training programme open for VCSE groups and organisations to access as part of their community learning training courses. The team are willing to work with VCSE organisations to develop a bespoke training programme for existing and new volunteers to help with recruitment and retention of volunteers. Courses included computer courses; leisure learning courses; family learning courses, life skills courses; employability courses.

For further details on how to access this volunteer training programme please contact Sarah Roiditis sarah.roiditis@trafford.ac.uk or Sandra McLennon Sandra.McLennon@tcg.ac.uk

Growth Company – Work Experience Placements –

Josh Harris, Work Placement Officer from The Growth Company talked to the volunteer managers about how volunteer managers could get in touch with the Growth Company to help

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get people on work placements and also for supporting existing volunteers to get further training and work placement opportunities. For further details about work placements please contact Josh on Joshua.Harris@gcemployment.uk

Open Discussion and Information

Open discussions included the following items:

- Safeguarding Strategic Board VCSE Representative & Inclusive Growth Board VCSE Representative required was discussed deadline 11th November 2019.
- Thrive Trafford VCSE Sector Strategic Engagement Event on Wednesday 16th October 2019 on Developing a Trafford Poverty Strategy.
- Trafford's Children & Adults Safeguarding Board Training – full training opportunities can be found on <https://www.traffordsafeguardingpartnership.org.uk/Learning-and-development/Learning-development.aspx>
- 'What is Next' Young Care Leavers Business Engagement Event – 3rd October 2019 at Gorse Hill Studios for more details on getting involved with the Young Care Leavers Project contact Caroline Gleaves at Gorse Hill Studios on carolinegleaves@gorsehillstudios.co.uk
- The Hideaway Partington – Step Up Programme in The Hideaway Partington – for further details please visit - <https://www.thehideawaymanchester.com/step-up>
- WEA ESF Community Grants Funding Round 2 Open for applications until 16th October 2019 – for further details of the next rounds of funding please visit - <https://www.wea.org.uk/greater-manchester-esf-community-grants-2019-2021>
- Room to Reward – Hotel rooms for volunteers – for further details and to sign your charity up please visit - <https://www.roomtoreward.org/>

Volunteer Manager news and information share

Future Agenda Items

AOB

Next Steps/Key Actions

Agenda items for next meeting

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

Date: 4th December 2019 at 10:30am to 12:30pm

Venue: The Meeting Place, at Trafford Ecology Park, Groundwork Greater Manchester, Lake Road, Trafford Park, M17 1HB

To register a place please visit - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thrive-trafford-volunteer-managers-network-meeting-tickets-80269433035>