



## Thrive Trafford – Volunteer Managers Network Meeting, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2015, Urmston Library

### Attendees:

- Sarah Lewis, Service Delivery Manager, Thrive Trafford
- Caroline Lewis, Project Coordinator, Thrive Trafford
- Kate Booth, Cyril Flint Volunteers
- Simon Davies, Trafford Council
- Justine Lea-Grime, Trafford Youth Offending Service
- Stephen Evans, Trafford Blind Deaf Club
- Julie Reilly, Trafford Council – Partnerships & Communities
- Fiona Villanova, Leonard Cheshire Disability

### Apologies:

- Becci Cunningham, Victim Support
- Mark Nesbitt, VCAT
- Lynda O’Gorman, GM Carers Trust
- Karen Duffy, Age UK Trafford
- Philomena Farrell, Trafford Council
- Tina Patterson, GM Carers Trust

### Volunteer Managers Network Meeting

- **Introductions**
- **Minutes from the last meeting**

Sarah Lewis from Thrive discussed some of the actions from the last meeting with the group and gave an update on some of the points including:

**A Stronger Families update**, explaining to the group that Jenny Hunt from Stronger Families is able to come out and meet groups that need support, she just needs to know who and what their needs are. Joint funded if needed. Stronger Families works with disengaged people, and helps with family and service intervention.

**Volunteer Manager Training Course from Trafford College.** Trafford College has not confirmed a date, time and course as of yet. Look at an alternative learning provider for the training course if the College do not respond before the next VMN meeting.

**Action: VMs to email Sarah or Caroline if they require support from Jenny Hunt at Stronger Families.**

**Action: Sarah/Caroline to chase up Trafford College in regards to a date, venue and cost for a Volunteer Manager’s training course or to find an alternative course for the Volunteer Managers.**

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- **Talent Match Workshop – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Sarah from Thrive gave an overview of the training available for Volunteer Managers on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February from Sue Lewis at Talent Match – Reducing Barriers and Maximising Benefits – Supporting Young Volunteers and Volunteers with Additional Support Needs.

**Action: Sarah/Caroline from Thrive to email details of the workshop through to Helen Brazier (Trafford Blind Deaf Club) and Fiona Villanova (Leonard Cheshire Disability).**

- **Dementia Awareness Training by Kate Booth from Cyril Flint**

Kate Booth from Cyril Flint delivered Dementia Awareness training to the other Volunteer Managers in the meeting. Kate discussed how she comes across a lot of people with Dementia through her organisation's work; Kate talked about how she wanted the training to help change people's perception and stigma associated with Dementia.

**Action: Kate Booth to send through details of how to become a Dementia Awareness trainer to those interested.**

- **Pro-Bono Bank Business Engagement**

Mark Cottam Business Engagement Manager from Thrive Trafford gave a short talk to the volunteer managers about potential pro-bono support they could receive from businesses in the area that are registered with Thrive Trafford's Pro Bono Bank.

- **Open Networking**

During the open networking session Alex from FFOP, a training company based in Manchester talked to the Volunteer Managers about the ESF funded training opportunities that FFOP has for local voluntary and community organisations in the area.

Stephen Evans from Trafford Deaf and Blind club talked about how they are looking for more volunteers for their club, and some of the methods they have used so far, but are still looking to increase. Caroline Lewis from Thrive Trafford mentioned how the club could upload their opportunities onto the Thrive Trafford website to advertise for more volunteers.

- **Agenda items for next meeting**

1. Volunteer Manager's Training with Sue Lewis from GMYN – Talent Match.
2. Contact details for local schools, colleges and universities.
3. Volunteer's Week Ideas.
4. Open Networking – Share Best Practice for Volunteering including current volunteers.

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

- College's Volunteer Manager's training; Thrive to discuss with Trafford College a new date and any associated costs.
- Caroline from Thrive to circulate school, college and university contacts to the group at the next meeting.

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- Suggested that partners bring the opportunities they have within their organisation to the next meeting to assist with highlighting opportunities.

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 1pm to 3pm at Trafford Town Hall, Stretford.

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