



## **Thrive Trafford – Volunteer Managers Network Meeting, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Broomwood Wellbeing Centre**

### **Attendees:**

- Amanda Childs – Lostock College & Community Library
- Caroline Lewis, Project Coordinator, Thrive Trafford
- Cherisse Appleby – New Way Forward
- Christine Booth, Trafford Council Libraries Service
- Christine Turner - Henshaws
- Goudon Mahamoud – Cyril Flint Volunteers
- Jane Lee – Extra Care
- Julie Reilly, Trafford Council – Partnerships & Communities
- Kate Baldwin – The Counselling & Family Centre
- Kate Booth – Cyril Flint Volunteers
- Manju Pearce – Trafford Rape Crisis
- Sarah Lewis – Service Delivery Manager, Thrive Trafford
- Sue Mosco – Intergen Trafford

### **Apologies:**

- Catherine Foster, University of Manchester
- Charlie Bruce, Together Trust
- Craig Savage, Genie Networks
- Graham Isaac, Shop Mobility
- Fiona Villanova, Leonard Cheshire Disability
- Justine Lea-Grime – Trafford Youth Offending Service
- Karen Duffy, Age UK Trafford
- Mark Nesbitt, VCAT
- Minna Moffatt-Feldman, Genie Networks
- Paul Guest, Stretford Foodbank
- Rachael Forde, Trafford Leisure
- Simon Davies – Trafford Council Libraries

### **Volunteer Managers Network Meeting**

- **Introductions & background of organisation**
- **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:

**Pulse Regeneration working in partnership to deliver Trafford Council's  
Third Sector Infrastructure Development and Support Service**

**DPS, (Dynamic Purchasing System)** Sarah Lewis discussed details of Trafford Council's DPS Children, Families and Wellbeing Commission due to come out in October/November 2015 on the The Chest e-portal.

**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.

**Partnerships with The University of Manchester and LCCC.** Sarah and Caroline from Thrive told the group about new partnerships formed with the University of Manchester and LCCC. There was a discussion about how Voluntary organisations could link in with University of Manchester students for support with volunteering and project support.

**Detroit Soup in South Trafford**, Caroline from Thrive talked to the group about South Trafford's first crowdfunding event taking place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October called 'Detroit Soup'. Caroline explained that the idea originally from Detroit was about bringing local people together over soup and entertainment to share innovative ideas to benefit the local community, and to raise money for the most popular project idea.

**Action: Sarah/Caroline to send out details of the DPS Children, Families and Wellbeing Commission due out once live on The Chest.**

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

**Action: VMs to email Caroline if they require volunteering support from students at the University of Manchester or want to use LCCC press suite for an event.**

**Action: Caroline to send details of the Detroit Soup in South Trafford event to all VMs.**

- **Open Networking Discussion**

Sarah from Thrive asked the group for ideas about how voluntary organisations could engage more people into volunteering. Do-It.org was one option; however it was highlighted that someone from the voluntary organisation would need to manage this, and there was a problem with how organisations refer on from Do-It.org, and also the charge for uploading the opportunity onto the website.

VMs talked about holding a volunteering event to raise the profile of volunteering, opportunities and to help recruit new volunteers.

Suggestions were made about tagging the volunteering event onto another event to get more footfall. Venues suggested included Stretford Mall, The Salvation Army in Sale, or somewhere open to the public in Altrincham or Urmston. Caroline from Thrive mentioned that Trafford Council's Family Information Service Directory would be useful to get involved with a Volunteering Event and sign-posted VMs to use this resource to upload details of their organisation and help to potentially attract new volunteers.

Another suggestion for engaging more people into volunteering was to link in with colleges as well as the Universities for students looking for work placements including Health & Social Care students.

- **AOB**

Manju from Trafford Rape Crisis asked about funding opportunities and support for their service. Sarah from Thrive suggested the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities fund.

Caroline from Thrive asked VMs to fill in a VMN meeting information sheet to ask VMs what volunteering/ project opportunities, training needs or any other support needs organisations had.

**Action: Sarah/Caroline from Thrive to email details of the Volunteering Event once a venue and date has been set for January 2016.**

**Action: Caroline to give VMs details of Trafford Council's Family Information Service Directory.**

- **Agenda items for next meeting**

1. Volunteering Event in January 2016
2. Sports & Health Volunteering Kinetic Website with Greater Sport
3. Next Detroit Soup Event in January 2016
4. Funding Opportunities and Support Needs
5. Open Networking for Volunteer Managers

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

- VMs to email Sarah or Caroline if they require support from Jenny Hunt at Stronger Families.
- VMs to email Caroline if they require volunteering support from students at the University of Manchester or want to use LCCC press suite for an event.
- Caroline to send details of the Detroit Soup in South Trafford event to all VMs.
- Suggested that partners bring the opportunities they have within their organisation to the next meeting to assist with highlighting opportunities.
- Sarah/Caroline from Thrive to email details of the Volunteering Event once a venue and date has been set for January 2016.
- Caroline to give VMs details of Trafford Council's Family Information Service Directory.

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

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at 1pm to 3pm