



Thrive Trafford – Volunteer Managers Network Meeting, Thursday 17th December 2015, Broomwood Wellbeing Centre

Attendees:

- Caroline Lewis, Project Coordinator, Thrive Trafford
- Gayner Tirebuck-Green, CAB Drivers
- Julie Reilly, Trafford Council – Partnerships & Communities
- Justine Lea-Grime – Trafford Youth Offending Service
- Sarah Lewis – Service Delivery Manager, Thrive Trafford
- Steve Ranftler – Redeeming Our Communities (ROC)
- Terry McKernan – Trafford Council Family Information Service

Apologies:

- Aliya Bukhari – Voice of BME
- Amanda Childs – LOSTOCK College
- Catherine Foster, University of Manchester
- Charlie Bruce – Together Trust
- Cherisse Appleby – New Way Forward
- Craig Savage, Genie Networks
- Graham Isaac, Shop Mobility
- Fiona Villanova, Leonard Cheshire Disability
- Karen Duffy, Age UK Trafford
- Lynda O’Gorman – GM Carers Trust
- 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:

- **Updates**

Volunteering Event in Stretford Mall – Caroline from Thrive said she was in discussions with Gareth Wilkins from Stretford Mall about arranging a Volunteering event for local VCSE groups needing more volunteers. In discussion with the building management and centre manager Gareth.

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

Sports & Health Volunteering Kinetic Website with Greater Sport – Caroline from Thrive spoke to the group about the new partnership between Thrive, Trafford Council and Greater Sport with the volunteering website which lets sport and physical activity organisations advertise volunteering opportunities for free and residents across Greater Manchester sign up to take part in the opportunities advertised.

Volunteering Infrastructure Contract – Sarah from Thrive talked to the group about the new volunteering infrastructure contract that Pulse Regeneration were managing to recruit volunteers within the areas of Domestic Incidents, Early Help Hubs (working with 0-11 year olds), Youth Work at Talkshop (working with 11-18 year olds), Older People's support (Befriending and help with home from hospital).

Detroit Soup in South Trafford, Caroline from Thrive talked to the group about the results from the first Detroit Soup event where Sue Mosco from Integen won £440 for their intergenerational project work. Caroline said explained that there would be more Detroit Soup – community events coming up and that she would send further details to all.

- **Open Networking Discussion**

Justine Lea-Grime from Trafford Youth Offending Service said that she was going to be looking to recruit more volunteer mentors and would send through details for the Thrive Trafford website.

Gayner Tirebuck-Green – Project Coordinator for CAB Drivers talked about the debt/benefit and mentoring service she was running to support people in Trafford and the links she wanted to make with other VCSE and organisations to provide all-round support for people, including linking up with Trafford Service Directory and advertising on the Thrive Trafford website for more volunteers.

Steve Ranftler from ROC talked about how their national charity works locally with youth groups to provide activities and relationship building skills for young people. Steve talked about a new project funded by the Big Lottery they were going to be running with NEET groups in Trafford out of the Fuse for 16-24 year olds. Again Steve spoke about how they wanted to partner up with other VCSE and businesses in Trafford to provide a more holistic support approach for the young people on the project, including linking up with Trafford Service Directory, Connexions, Jobcentre Plus and Trafford Youth Offending service.

Partnerships with the University of Manchester and other Businesses. Sarah and Caroline from Thrive talked to the group about recent partnerships formed with the University of Manchester, LCCC, Laing O'Rourke and United Utilities. There was a discussion about how Voluntary organisations could link in with University of Manchester students, and other businesses for support with volunteering and support with projects. Justine from Trafford Youth Offending Service said she had struggled to access the University system to advertise for volunteers.

- **AOB**

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

- **Agenda items for next meeting**

1. GMCVO Devo Manchester Health & Social Care – Taking Charge Campaign
2. Business Engagement Project Support
3. Next Detroit Soup Event in May 2016
4. Volunteering Event in Stretford Mall
5. Student Volunteering Fair – 13th October 2016 at University of Manchester
6. 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.
- Caroline to give VMs details of Trafford Council's Family Information Service Directory.
- Caroline to send details of the Detroit Soup in South Trafford event to all VMs.
- Justine Lea-Grime from Trafford Youth Offending Service and Gayner Tirebuck-Green CAB Drivers to send through details of their volunteering adverts to go on the Thrive Trafford website.
- 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 2016

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 1pm to 3pm at Hotel Football