

**Minutes**

**Minutes of Third Sector Leader’s Forum**

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| **Place:** | Jubilee House, Forthside Way, Stirling, FK8 1QZ |
| **Date and time:** | April 23 2019, 09:30-12:00 |
| **Apologies:** | Brian McGhee – COSCA; Robert Dick - SAAP ; Gail Barton – Town Break; May Chamberlain – Relationship Scotland; Anne Knox – SVE; Margaret Starkie – Volunteer Scotland; Stuart Ballantyne – Trossachs Search and Rescue Team; Sally Shaw – Ideas for Ears; Richard Hickson – The Argyll + Sutherland Highlanders Regimental Museum; Irene McKie – Strathcarron Hospice; Arun Gopinath – CSREC |
| **In attendance:** | Anne Sobey – The Community Partnership; Theresa Sharp – Social Investment Scotland; Helen Young-Forth Valley College; Derek Blue – Scottish Health Council; Donna Hegarty – Neighbourhood Networks; Kevin Burns – Royal Blind; Pauline East – Sistema Scotland; Stacie Costantini – Dunblane Centre; Janine Rennie – Wellbeing Scotland; Tracy Drummond – Social Investment Scotland; Tom Wallace – Stirling Community Enterprise; Susan Fullerton – Plus Forth Valley Ltd; Rachel Keenan – Home-Start Stirling; Ian Black – Aberlour Childcare Trust; Nicola Lockwood – EHM Training; Natalie Masterson – SVE; Jamie Donald – SVE; Tracey Nicholson – SVE |

| **No** | **Details of Discussion** | |  | **Action** |
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| **1. Welcome and Apologies** | |  |  |  |
|  | Natalie welcomed attendees and introduced herself. Natalie explained the background and purpose of the Third Sector Leader’s Forum.  Everyone introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their organisations. | |  | AK: Update and Circulate terms of reference at next meeting. |
| 2. **Minutes of last meeting and Approval** | | | | |
|  | Arun Gopinath emailed in regarding a change in January’s minutes. The change has been noted and the minutes have been amended. | |  | Amend and recirculate with April minutes. |

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| **3. Foundation Apprenticeships** | |  |  |  |
|  | Helen Young from Forth Valley College spoke about the Forth Valley Foundation Apprenticeships.  Foundation Apprenticeships allow pupils to gain vocational qualifications that combine sector specific skills alongside the knowledge that underpins these skills in a workplace setting while still at school.  As an employer, you can decide what level of involvement you have in the Foundation Apprenticeship programme. You can discuss this with the learning provider you’re working with.  There’s no financial cost to you as an employer because the learner is still at school. However, the investment of your time: great or small, can bring you lasting rewards with access to talented and driven young people for your workplace.  Some of the advantages to you are:   * Get early access to future talent * No direct costs to you as an employer * Fast track talent development in your business * Grow your business with the skills you need * Develop your staff as coaches and mentor   Helen handed out information on the some of the frameworks and asked if anyone had any questions.  For more information please contact Helen on [**hyoung@forthvalley.ac.uk**](mailto:hyoung@forthvalley.ac.uk)  Or visit their website at: [**https://www.apprenticeships.scot**](https://www.apprenticeships.scot) | |  | Circulate presentation with minutes. |
| **4.Third Sector Exchange** | | |  |  |
|  | Kevin Burns from Royal Blind and Scottish War Blinded gave a presentation the Royal Blind Group and what it does.  Royal Blind is 225 years’ old and is the oldest visually impairment charity to date. Kevin went through the presentation explaining about different aspects of the charity.  Kevin explained the importance of Cyber Security at Royal Blin and Scottish War Blinded, and his role as a Scottish Government Cyber Security Catalyst.  This week is Cyber Scotland Week and Falkirk, Stirling and Clackmannanshire TSI’s will be holding a Cyber Scotland Resilience Day at Codebase on Friday 26th April.  Kevin offered to assist organisations to maximise their digital systems and embed cyber security.  Kevin asked if anyone had any questions.  More information, Kevin can be contacted on [Kevin.Burns@royalblind.org](mailto:Kevin.Burns@royalblind.org) or visit [www.RoyalBlind.org](http://www.RoyalBlind.org) | |  | Circulate presentation with minutes. |
| **5.Social Investment Scotland** | | | | |
|  | Tracy Drummond from Social Investment Scotland gave a presentation on Understanding Social Investment Scotland.  Tracy started off explaining the role of Social Investment Scotland and the ways in which social investment can support the third sector. .  A video from Camphill Blair Drummond who have been helped by Social Investment Scotland, was played for the attendees.  Tracy gave a short presentation on what you need to be “investment ready”.  At the end, Tracy asked if anyone had any questions.  More information can be found at [www.socialinvestmentscotland.com](http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com) | |  | Circulate presentation with minutes. |
| **6.Volunteer Scotland Festival Update** | | | | |
|  | Natalie gave a brief update on the Festival of Volunteering for 2019 and for 2020 for the yearlong  Volunteering Festival. The aim of the festival is to decrease the poverty related gap and increase  volunteering to 50% in Stirlingshire. It is currently at 39% for this year and 36% overall for 5 years,  however in deprived areas this is 16%.  Natalie explained that we are promoting all forms of volunteering, from informal helping out to formal Participation.  The Volunteering Festival is a month long this year in September with a range of activities throughout the month.  The Inspire Volunteering Awards will start off Festival month. This year will see a big change in Inspiring Volunteer Awards as you will be nominating a group of volunteers, rather than individual volunteers.  To conclude the month of volunteering, a volunteer friends and family day will be held on the last  Saturday of the month.  Natalie asked if anyone had any questions. | |  |  |
| **7. AOCB** | | | | |
|  | Anne Sobey from The Community Partnership introduced a new project that the Community Partnership has been funded for, to develop a Social Enterprise Academy Hub in the Loch Lomond and Trossachs Park  area. | |  |  |
| **8. Close** | | | | |
|  | Natalie closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending. | |  |  |
| **9. Next Meeting** | | | | |
|  | Tuesday 6th August 2019 | |  |  |