

**Minutes**

**Third Sector Leader’s Forum**

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| **Place:** | Jubilee House, Forthside Way, Stirling, FK8 1QZ |
| **Date and time:** | August 6 09:30-12:00 |
| **Apologies:** | Jennifer Ferguson – Families Outside, Pauline East – Sistema Scotland, Robert Dick - SAAP, Arun Gopinath - Central Scotland Regional Equality Council, Richard Norman – Cambusbarron Community Development Trust |
| **In attendance:** | Paula Salcedas Beaton - Advice UK, Charlotte Wallace – Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park, Lynn Whiteside – University of Stirling Management School, Pat Armstrong - ACOSVO, Gail Barton – Town Break, Andrew Bain – Active Stirling, Kirstin Abercrombie, Janine Rennie – Wellbeing Scotland, Elaine Brewster - DWP, Stacie Constantini – Dunblane Centre, Rachel Keenan - Home-Start Stirling, Stuart Miller – Food Train, Brian Magee - COSCA, Susan Fullerton – Plus, Jim Thompson – FDAMH, Anne Knox - SVE, Natalie Masterson - SVE, Jamie Donald - SVE, Tracey Nicholson (minutes) - SVE, |

| **No** | **Details of Discussion** | |  | **Action** |
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| **1. Welcome and Apologies** | |  |  |  |
|  | Anne welcomed everyone to today’s forum. | |  |  |
| 2. **Minutes of last meeting and Approval** | | |  |  |
|  | The minutes from the previous Third Sector Leaders Forum were approved. | |  |  |

| **No** | **Details of Discussion** | |  | **Action** |
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| **3. ACOSVO “Travelling Chief Executive”** | |  |  |  |
|  | Pat Armstrong from ACOSVO introduced herself and spoke about her role. Pat is the Chief  Executive for ACOSVO.  Pat explained a bit about ACOSVO and what they do. Established in 2000, ACOSVO is a membership organisation  for third sector leaders and senior staff in Scotland. There are 500 members across Scotland. A third of the members  are in Edinburgh. A third of the members are in Glasgow and the remaining members are from across the country.  Pat spoke about the “Travelling Chief Executive” in which she visits organisations/forums etc. all over the country.  ACOSVO have 40-50 events each year. There are a range of events from dinners to networks to active leader’s  Programme. ACOSVO upcoming events are: A Walk in Aberfoyle and a Cycle in Glasgow.  Pat took questions from attendees.  More information can be found on their website at <https://www.acosvo.org.uk/> or Pat can be contacted on [pat.armstrong@acosvo.org.uk](mailto:pat.armstrong@acosvo.org.uk) | |  |  |
| **4. Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park** | | |  |  |
|  | Charlotte Wallace from Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park introduces herself and explained about her role within the organisation. Charlotte’s role is Volunteer Engagement Manager.  Charlotte prepared a presentation on the national park. Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park is the first national park to be set up in Scotland. Over 50% of Scotland’s population are with an hour’s drive of the national park.  There are between 120-160 staff based all over the park. There is 250 Volunteers. Which 90 of them are Volunteer Rangers.  Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park are trying to reach out to as many groups as possible to help them make the best of the national park.  Charlotte took questions from attendees.  More information can be found on their website at <https://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/> or Charlotte can be contacted on [charlotte.wallace@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:charlotte.wallace@lochlomond-trossachs.org) | |  | Charlotte’s presentation to be circulated with the minutes - TN |
| **5. University of Stirling Management School** | | | | |
|  | Lynn Whiteside from University of Stirling Management School introduced herself and explained her role within the Management School.  The University is structured around 5 faculties supporting over 14000 students’. Lynn stated that a lot of the students were showing an interest in third sector organisations.  Lynn prepared a presentation on “Opportunities to work with University of Stirling Students”.  Lynn explained how organisations can make a difference through business engagement.  There are three areas in which a student can undertake a position within organisations. They are: projects, internships and placements.  Lynn took questions from attendees.  More information can be found on <https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/faculties/stirling-management-school/business-engagement/> or Lynn can be contacted on [employers@stir.ac.uk](mailto:employers@stir.ac.uk) | |  | Lynn’s presentation to be circulated with the minutes - TN |
| **6. Third Sector Exchange** | | | | |
|  | Jim Thompson from Falkirk District Mental Health Association came to talk to the forum about his role within FDAMH.  Jim’s role is Volunteer Coordinator.  Jim is working on a new project called “Welcoming Community Café”.  The campaign is aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness by providing a table top sign at cafes that can be placed on the table if a person is happy to have someone join them.  25 local cafes and companies who have signed up to take part and hope that many more will participate and encourage people to have a friendly chat.  Jim took questions/feedback from attendees.  More information can be found on <https://www.fdamh.org.uk/> or Jim can be contacted on  [jim.thompson@fdamh.org.uk](mailto:jim.thompson@fdamh.org.uk) or (01324) 671600 | |  | . |
| **7. AOCB** | | | | |
|  | Stuart Miller from Food Train Stirling revealed that they have acquired a new fleet of electric vehicles. | |  |  |
| **8. Close** | | | | |
|  | Anne thanked everyone for attending today’s Third Sector Leaders Forum | |  |  |
| **9. Next Meeting** | | | | |
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