Argyll & Bute TSI Update for the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group – 10th February 2022

1. Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

It has been a busy few months at the TSI with the launch of the £285,000 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. This involved an initial consultation event and two workshops held in December 2021. In addition, 1:1 bid support was offered to over 50 applying organisations. The fund closed for final applications on 24th January 2022**.** There was a lot of interest in the fund which was three times oversubscribed. All applications are currently being assessed, with the panel expected to make a decision on 18th February.

2. TSI Database

The database project is progressing well with some 656 organisations now added. The updating and data entry will be managed daily by Third Sector Support Advisors in each area, which is hoped will reduce the likelihood of data being out of date and offers the opportunity to maintain regular contact with our members. Once finalised the database will provide a directory of information for service users and organisations and will allow the TSI to create reports and enable data analysis.

3. Argyll Community Lottery

We are pleased to report that the initial outlay for the lottery has now been exceeded by income. Nearly 100 organisations have signed up, and over £53K has been raised for local good causes. In early January, one player in Helensburgh matched 5 numbers winning £2,000. The anonymous winner, supporting Helensburgh & District Access Trust, very kindly donated their winnings to the Trust.

4. Inveraray Hub

The Microsoft Teams set up at the Inveraray Hub has been completed and is now fully functional. The facility is available free to our members. It offers the opportunity to meet in person and hybrid working facilities with Microsoft functionality. If anyone would like to become a member of the TSI, please contact me.

5. Young Person's Guarantee

We are currently supporting 10 young people under the scheme and still accepting referrals. The mentors have provided an exceptional quality of work and young people are getting a very tailored approach to help them develop the skills, through volunteering, that they will need in the workplace or in a training environment. If you would like to know more about the scheme or know of a young person who would benefit from this support, please contact me.

6. Proposed Volunteering Conference

We will be looking at hosting a volunteer conference in June 2022 in partnership with key organisations in Argyll and Bute. The key question is whether we can improve the supply and experience of volunteers and volunteering through greater collaboration and removing duplication of effort.

Argyll TSI is now an accredited organisation under the Volunteer Friendly scheme and further details can be found here: - Home - Volunteer Friendly . TSI staff have now been trained as Volunteer Accreditors to further the Volunteer Friendly scheme and are able to offer support.

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