

ARGYLL AND BUTE THIRD SECTOR INTERFACE

Update to OLI ACPG 1st November 2023

The TSI national network has finalised work on a response to the cost-of-living crisis and Takki Sulaiman, our CEO, is on a working group with the SCVO to embark on a joint campaign to highlight the importance of our sector and to advocate for Fair Funding for our sector. This campaign will launch shortly.

The Scottish Cabinet restarted their programme of travelling cabinets and kicked off their first meeting in Inveraray which the CEO attended. The CEO had the opportunity to lobby the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care about the importance of working directly with third sector organisations as well as highlighting the success of the CMHWB Fund and the importance of three-year funding and full cost recovery.

Local strategic partnerships

Given the recent flooding, the TSI took part in Resilience Partnership planning meetings and responded to calls over the weekend 6th -9th October to place volunteers on standby as well as spread core messages to our sector. As reported in August, the TSI has commissioned research from the Social Value Lab into the health of social enterprises in Argyll and Bute which has not been done since 2017. This has been commissioned jointly with the Council and Inspiralba. The census data will help with delivery of our duty to support the social enterprise sector and ties in nicely with the research on Community Wealth Building.

Climate Action Network

We are supporting the financing of the Climate Change Programme Manager for Argyll and Bute. There are some time implications for the TSI in providing governance and communications support to this project, but the Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust (ACT) will be the lead partner so will host the proposed posts and will be responsible for reporting to the Scottish Government.

Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund – Year 3

As previously reported Scottish government funding for year 3 of the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund has been confirmed and will be the same as for year two, i.e. £282,303.16. Three workshops were held in September 2023 with 50 attendees between them. The fund opened for Expression of Interest applications on 29th September 2023 and the last date for completed EOIs was 27th October, with full applications due by 24th November 2023.