

Supporting Voluntary Action in Argyll and Bute

Benefits for support networks, front-line organisations
and
Community Planning Partners

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SVA background

- £8m programme of investment by Big Lottery Fund
- Runs from 2007 till 2012
- Managed by SCVO & directed by SVA Management Group:
 - COSLA, CVS network, Scottish Government, Scottish Local Authority External Funding Officers Group, SCVO, Voluntary Action Scotland, Volunteer Development Scotland

SVA timelines

- May 05 – investment proposed by Big Lottery Fund
- April 07 – launch of SVA programme
- Phased implementation
 - Development: April 07 to March 09
 - Delivery: April 09 to September 11
- Monitoring and evaluation
 - Ongoing, with assistance from Evaluation Support Scotland
 - Longitudinal studies in Edinburgh, Falkirk, Lochaber and Moray

The aim of SVA

- “To bring about a substantial, **strategic**, quantifiable and sustainable improvement in the infrastructure, capacity and effectiveness of the **CVS network** and in its engagement and collaboration with other **voluntary and equalities sector infrastructure networks** in Scotland, and with **local and national statutory bodies.**”

SVA projects

- Change Champions
- Collaboration & Connectivity
- Developing Organisations
- Leading in Change
- Managing Intelligence
- Quality Matters
- Think Tanks

Change Champions

- Identifying & replicating good practice
- Total budget - £2.9m
 - Round One budget allocation - £1.35m
 - Round Two budget allocation - £200k
 - Round Three budget allocation - £685k
- Round 3 criteria
 - Extended to help develop functions and services delivered by third sector interfaces

Change Champions

- **12 projects focussing on:**
 - Charity law
 - Community involvement in community planning
 - Compact development
 - Equalities practice
 - Governance
 - Improving the quality of training
 - Independent examination of charity accounts
 - Quality improvement
 - Rural planning
 - Social enterprise development
 - Volunteering
 - Workforce development

Collaboration & connectivity

- Supporting joint work between local intermediary organisations and between local and national intermediaries
- Total budget - £740,000
- Current activity includes:
 - Two pathfinder projects in Forth Valley (health) and North Lanarkshire (planning)
 - Website where interfaces and other intermediaries can access high quality common resources
 - Shared HR resource (document library & employers' advice service)

Developing Organisations

- Developing improved & more consistent organisational development services
- Total budget - £426,000
- Current activity includes:
 - Development & roll-out of a common resource base
 - Development of a network-wide consultancy service

Leading in Change

- Equipping boards and senior staff in third sector interfaces & other intermediaries with the skills to anticipate, prepare for, effect and influence change
- Total budget - £412,000
- Current activity includes:
 - Review of current & emerging leadership challenges
 - Development and roll-out of governance, leadership & mentoring programmes

Managing Intelligence

- Consistently gathering and managing intelligence on the voluntary sector locally
- Total budget - £663,000
- Current activity includes:
 - Review of existing capacity and practice
 - Development of a common and sustainable approach to data collection and management
 - Pilot, roll-out and promotion of resource

Quality Matters

- Developing & implementing a quality framework for support organisations
- Total budget - £1.27m
- Current activity includes:
 - Roll-out of a quality framework based on the EFQM excellence model
 - Over 50 staff across 30 local authority area already trained in application of EFQM
 - 13 individuals trained as EFQM Assessors

Think Tanks

- Developing a shared vision & identifying effective and innovative ways for intermediary organisations to work better together
- Total budget - £607,000
- Current & pipeline activities include:
 - Stakeholder conference held in May 09
 - Launch of *A Framework for the Future* in Oct 09
 - 200 delegates from local and national intermediaries
 - Consultation on congress, portal, and quality “badge” at The Gathering in Feb 10

A futures approach

- Between March and August 09, the SVA Management Group agreed a futures approach to decision-making, taking account of:
 - The development of third sector interfaces
 - The changing operating environment for local infrastructure organisations
 - The recession
- Targeting of SVA resources on interfaces:
 - Supports commitment to strategic and sustainable investment
 - Focus on 32 units of delivery rather than 100+ organisations

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