
TITLE: Third Sector Partnership Training Project

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** Fairer Scotland Funding enabled the Third Sector Partnership (ABSEN and AVA) to deliver intensive training project over winter/spring 2009/2010 across Argyll and Bute which has had a positive impact on the strength, sustainability and skills of the third sector.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Full Partnership note the contents, disseminate information as appropriate and take account of the activities provided and made available through the TSP.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** FSF funding of £25,000 was made available to founder members AVA and ABSEN to deliver an intensive programme of training which was matched with a further £21,000 from LEADER, over a five month period.
- 3.2** Staff and other partners were involved in delivering 52 courses across the area (with exception of Bute), to 154 organisations from the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector.
- 3.3** Individuals trained were 275 across a range of topics from Governance, Outcomes, HR, Volunteer Management, Health and Safety, Charity Law, Procurement and funding.
- 3.4** Further survey and research work was undertaken to inform learning and updated training needs analysis. The training calendar was very successful with input from a wide range of local and national organisations; lack of further funding means this function has now been lost although recommended with the report of the Demonstration project.
- 3.5** TSP delivered in excess of original targets, within budget, and demonstrated excellent joint working to demanding timescale. Feedback was consistently favourable; a further demand for training has now been evidenced.
- 3.6** Issues such as governance requiring greater attention have been identified as well as number of practical issues impacting on support delivery to the sector. A full report is available detailing the learning from this project.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Third Sector Partnership (at that time) demonstrated its ability to work together, its wide knowledge base and capability and its role enabling the third sector to thrive and grow in its contribution to local communities and social economy.

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