



Strategic Partnership Highlight & Exception Report

argyll and bute
communityplanningpartnership

Strategic Partnership (Name of Partnership you are reporting on)	Third Sector Partnership
CPP Thematic Group (i.e Economy, Environment or Social Affairs)	Social Affairs
CPP Outcome (please select – you can select more than one outcome)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP01 – competitive and successful businesses<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP02 – sustainable economic assets<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP03 – vibrant towns that are centres of economic growth<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP04 – promoting our cultural, social and natural heritage<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP05 – Utilising our environment to create employment and prosperity<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP06 – Protecting our unique area<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP07 – services are planned and delivered based on local need<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP08 – overall health, wellbeing, independence and social inclusion are improved<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP09 – people feel safe and secure<input type="checkbox"/> CPP/CP010 – our diverse culture is celebrated

Activity Summary in Period

(please state period you are reporting on)

Argyll Voluntary Action – period 1st April 2011 – 30th September, dealt with 7,000 enquiries and offered 1:1 support to 1,240. Volunteer placements and matches numbered 1,772. September is start of young people MV awards and thus far we have 345 young people registered as young volunteers. Scottish Government and Voluntary Action Scotland (our umbrella body) are changing the system for young people next March to one which is more complex; we are hoping this will not deter the numbers of young people across who take up volunteering each year. It will also require additional staff time – something of a challenge!

The Partnership has referred many organisations to the newly launched Just Enterprise support programme and ABSEN are supporting 4 with bids to the Enterprise Growth Fund.

289 organisations have gained training over the last six months. IJCVS now have a monthly surgery on Jura to improve accessibility and continue to explore options which will support a third sector forum for Islay and is acceptable to intended participants – much effort is devoted to this support.

Income leveraged in by the TSP over the half year is a minimum of £967,504 – although some organisations do not share this information. In addition, protected current funds stands at £470,000.

ABSEN held a very successful conference in early October and has just completed the recruitment of a graduate to develop capacity in information and communications and improve communications with members. ABSEN also continues to work with Argyll & Bute Council, following on from the children & Families event.

AVA has assisted 34 new groups to start up and a third interim community engagement report has been published; final report due before end of this year. This work has reached over 900 people on a small groups basis and much greater numbers during events. We are now embarking on assisting with the budget consultation.

IJCVS – is currently consulting with its community over plans for an island bakery as social enterprise and working with the High School to raise social enterprise awareness.

IJCVS have been instrumental in developing South Islay Development – funded through HIE. A key achievement was the Festival of the Sea, a major 3 day event bringing all elements of community together and increased visitor numbers, increased income and funds to assist South Islay Development sustainability.

AVA has supported 2 staff to attend 4 day social enterprise training and is undertaking SROI training to better demonstrate added value of third sector.

	<p>ABSEN – continued support to social enterprises through regional fora, e-bulletins website and training to 10 organisations.</p> <p>We continue to work in partnership and to bring organisations and agencies together wherever possible. A new opportunity has opened with a further stage of community engagement – AVA working closely with public sector partners with a project ‘From Involving to Devolving’ – which is probably as ambitious as it sounds.</p> <p>There is no information relating to Bute Community Links which has not been within the TSP since 4th August and did not complete any reporting prior to that date. However, ABSEN and AVA have supported organisations and volunteers on the island. We have leveraged income since August and AVA has completed mapping of all 92 organisations on the island to establish a robust database.</p>
Key Challenges & Actions to Address	<p>Increased demand and an uncertain funding situation continues to be problematic for all third sector, including TSP members. Inevitably some services will have to be reviewed and delivery in other ways considered.</p> <p>Changes brought about by Voluntary Action Scotland have impacted on Argyll & Bute voice at national level as this TSP is now part of a ‘college’ sharing votes with 3 Ayrshires; we are unable to ascertain why that decision as it further complicates co-terminosity and reduces this area to one quarter vote. As this affects funding to support our entire sector we see this as detriment. In addition, the rationale is based on population – a criterion which never serves the unique interests and challenges of this area. This TSP continues to pursue this issue and if this groups wishes to support that we would welcome a minute being taken to which we could refer.</p>
Name	Glenn Heritage
Date	25 th October 2011

Please complete and return to:

Environment Melissa.stewart@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Economy Fiona.mccallum@argyll-bute.gov.uk

Social Affairs Fiona.mccallum@argyll-bute.gov.uk

If you require any more information please contact

Eileen Wilson

Community Planning Manager

Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership

25 West King Street

Helensburgh

G84 8UW

Tel: 01436 658726

Mob: 07769968098

Eileen.wilson@argyll-bute.gov.uk