

Third Sector Partnership

Partner Update December - 2013 – March - 2014

Name of Organisation.....Argyll Voluntary Action Third Sector Forum

Please provide an update under the following headings

Training and Events:

- The Helensburgh & Lomond open referendum debate will be held in the Victoria Halls on 10th March
- The 'Be Aware Prepare for Winter' event was very well attended with the public gathering information from a wide variety of organisations supporting older people
- Work with Backchat Youth project to prepare them for reopening at Easter to deliver services to disaffected young people in the Churchill area
- Work with Kilcreggan Youth project to secure funding and ongoing development
- Numerous bespoke supports/ training to organisations
- Grey matters now moved to Scout Club and has long list of speakers for coming year
- Joint Christmas party between Grey Matters and Visiting Friends took place and was very well attended.

Consultations:

- ABC budget consultation – outputs returned (hoping to see final document and feedback for communities / groups who contributed)
- Community Empowerment Bill second round completed

Good News items:

- Friends of Duchess Wood have secured funding to deliver a Walking Play as a part of the John Muir event. They have also developed a years plan for events in the wood
- Third Sector Forum held in Cove Burgh hall with a significant number attending and new funding opportunities discussed.
- Helensburgh Visiting Friends (befriending) grows to support 60+ with volunteer based service
- Facilitated older peoples representation to inform event in March around person centred care; older people felt listened to, ideas taken into account and event redesigned accordingly – now need to build on this

Challenges:

- Funding & capacity – balancing demand and resources available
- National events; good to be invited and asked to deliver (eg masterclass), delivering 'Objectives' workshop at ABSEN conference.

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