

Management Committee

Date: 27th March 2015



CPP Third Sector and Communities Group (TS&CG)

1.0 Purpose

To provide information on highlights and issues arising from the CPP Third Sector and Communities Group meeting held on 19 February 2015.

2.0 Recommendations

The CCP Management Committee is asked to note:

- The format of the TS&CG to increase attendance from the Third Sector by looking in detail at relevant topics in the last hour of the Group's meetings.
- Videoing of presentations and publishing these on the Council's website to increase viewings at later dates.

The Management Committee is asked to consider how best the TS&CG can link with the Economic Forum.

3.0 Background

The TS&CG meets four times each year with a remit to:

- Strengthen and extend community planning processes;
- Increase community involvement in community planning processes;
- Build capacity of organisations and communities; and
- Share experiences, knowledge, skills and resources.

The highlights report contains matters of importance to the TS&CG it wished to be raised with the CPP Management Committee

4.0 Increasing participation and communication of key issues in meetings

4.1 Meeting Format

The last hour of the meeting is opened up to wider third sector participation, both in person and using video conferencing. Approximately an additional 20 representatives from community councils, development trusts and other third sector organisations joined the meeting on 19 February to hear presentations on European

funding, in particular Argyll and Bute LEADER. The presentation was filmed and will be edited and uploaded to the Council's website with a PowerPoint and information sheet to facilitate wider access.

4.2 Relevant Topics

The Group agreed to continue with this format and the topic for the next meeting is Integration of Health and Social Care within a third sector context.

4.3 Links with the CPP Economic Forum

Members of the TS&CG asked for closer links between the TS&CG and the Economic Forum. The third sector is a significant employer in Argyll and Bute with considerable potential, and contributes directly and indirectly to the economy. The Management Committee is asked to consider what form those links should take.

4.4 Training and Events

Partners provided information on a number of forthcoming events. Further information is available on the Argyll Communities, Council and partners' websites:

Date	Event	Location	Lead Provider
07/03	From Ceilidhs to Conferences, A Training Day to Support Village Halls and Community managed Buildings	Centre 81, Garelochhead	Community Development Team
11/03	Sexual Health & relationships Education Course	MAICC, Lochgilphead	Health Improvement Team
14/03	From Ceilidhs to Conferences, A Training Day to Support Village Halls and Community managed Buildings	Corran Halls, Oban	Community Development Team
23/03	ABSEN Annual Conference	Inveraray	Argyll & Bute Social Enterprise Network
24/03	Financial Planning for Retirement Training for People Working in the Third Sector	Helensburgh	Community Development Team
April	Bowel Cancer Awareness Month	Various	Health Improvement Team
02/06	Community Renewables Seminar	tbc	Social Enterprise Team
13/06	Volunteer of the Year Awards	Kilmory	Argyll Voluntary Action

Community Support Webpages

The Social Enterprise Team has led on creating a simpler and more accessible platform for communities to access the information they need at www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/community-support.

5.0 Conclusions

That the Management Committee notes the efforts of the TS&CG to increase participation of third sector representatives through its meeting format and distribution of information.

That the Management Committee considers the request from the TS&CG to have closer links with the Economic Forum.

6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	Outcome 6: People Live in Stronger and Safer Communities Outcome 5: People Live Active Healthy and Independent Lives
Consultations, Previous considerations	Evaluation and feedback from participants at TS&CG meetings
Resources	The TS&CG is supported by the Community Development Team
Prevention	The report seeks to foster better understanding of the third sector and the contribution it makes to the economy through fostering links with the Economic Forum.
Equalities	Training event in march 2015 in financial planning for retirement for third sector employees will help to address income inequalities in the future.

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References

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Appendices

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