



VCSE SECTOR UPDATE

NORTH YORKSHIRE CHIEF EXECUTIVES MEETING, 18 JUNE 2015

VCSE Strategies

1. Consultation has now ended on the North Yorkshire Volunteering Strategy, which is available in final form at http://www.nyyforum.org.uk/uploads/1433407948_pdf.pdf
2. Comments made at the last CE meeting were fed into the final draft. VCSE colleagues are keen to discuss collaboration with members of this group as the Action Plan is taken forward
3. Through the VCSE Strategic Leaders Group (which includes colleagues from North Yorkshire, York and East Riding) we are out to consultation on a Workforce Development and Organisational Development Strategy. Consultation ends on 25 July and members of the CEOs group are asked to encourage their colleagues to respond. The consultation document can be found at <http://www.nyyforum.org.uk/page/47>
4. The two strategies reflect the considerable joint-working that now exists between organisations in the sector, the efforts we are making to share and shape activities across all parts of the sector, most importantly those VCSOs providing frontline services. The two Strategies provide a framework for closer working across partners within and outside the sector. They clearly demonstrate a professional and strategic approach to the planning and delivery of services, and our readiness to work in partnership with public bodies to plan and deliver services at an increasingly constrained time.

Closer Working

1. A discussion at the multi-agency Thriving Third Sector Group on 30 April explored the benefits of greater joint-working between the public and VCSE sectors. The efficiencies of closer working and the benefits to service users, were highlighted.
2. As a consequence, the VCSE Sector is preparing a workshop on how the two sectors might work together more closely, for the Wider Partnerships Conference on 16 October. The workshop is being planned at present. It is likely to include a vision of service delivery in 2020, and what steps are needed to achieve it. The workshops can include exploration of the following steps to greater cooperation:
 - How new and developing services can be jointly planned
 - Whether VCSE-sourced funding can be added to the pool to pay for services
 - A possible framework for managing available resources budgets
 - How procurement processes can achieve strong outcomes and sustainability
 - Sharing opportunities for community engagement
 - A shared approach to workforce development
3. In addition to the October workshop, the VCSE sector is keen to have a series of bilateral discussions with CEOs and senior managers from public bodies, to explore how the two sectors can work together more closely and increase the understanding of the sectors' make-up and contribution to economic and community wellbeing.

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