

## TSEF Executive Group Meeting (Skype)

11/06/20

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### **Present:**

Grant Alexander- Link Group (Chair)  
Blyth Deans - The Lennox Partnership  
Robin Turner – Routes to Work  
Amelia Morgan – Venture Trust  
Oxana McGregor Gunn – SAMH:  
Tommy McDade – Barnardos  
Leona McDermid – Aberdeen Foyer  
Rachel Le Noan - SCVO  
Louise Goodlad – Princes Trust  
Lorna Forrest – SCVO

### **Apologies:**

Jamie Rutherford –Enable Scotland  
Hazel Benza – Scottish Government

## **1 Welcome and Agenda**

### **2 Note of Last Meeting – Actions**

In Hazel's absence, Rachel will contact Scottish Government and ask that the meeting minutes from the last TSEF Executive meeting (28/05/20) are published on the Employability in Scotland website.

Next steps in establishing a Network of Networks (NoN) were discussed. It is proposed that the Chairs and 2-3 reps from each organisation (ESS, TSEF & STF) meet to scope out shared concerns and formalise an approach to local and national government. Once date is confirmed, decision on TSEF reps will be made via Basecamp.

Tommy gave feedback from Q&A between STF membership and Jamie Hepburn MSP, Minister for Business, Fair Work and Skills. The Minister stressed the importance of the provider network and welcomed the flexibility and innovative approach of providers. The Minister also acknowledged that Government are currently focussing on the immediate response to COVID-19 and rollout of the No One Left Behind policy may be slightly delayed as a result.

Amelia confirmed that the most recent meeting of the Operational Group was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17th June.

### **3 TSEF/ SDS Involvement**

SDS has offered a representative to sit on the TSEF Executive (as was the situation prior to the recent review). The group discussed whether statutory bodies should be offered a seat on the Executive - it was questioned whether this might dilute our message as a third sector body – however there was consensus that TSEF must plan active engagement with stakeholders. It was agreed that Robin respond to SDS suggesting a meeting to discuss future engagement. The Executive will also collate a list of stakeholders to aid mapping and comms planning.

### **4 TSEF/SCVO Partnership Agreement (RLN)**

Rachel flagged that there are a number of outstanding actions relating to the TSEF/SCVO Agreement:

- A 12 month workplan for TSEF
- A review of the Executive group and its composition
- The creation of an oversight group – 2 x SCVO and 2 x TSEF Exec members

Grant asked that these be minuted to be covered in future agendas.

## **5 Youth Employment Group discussion (AM)**

Further to a paper shared prior to the meeting, Amelia proposed a new cross-sector forum focussing on youth employment in Scotland, potentially as a sub-group of TSEF. Reference was made to the [COVID Youth Employability Group](#) (YEG) which has galvanised the youth sector in England behind shared influencing of future UK Government policy. Louise supported the proposal, as did Rachel who has offered to broker a meeting with SCVO and Inspiring Scotland. Leona suggested support and participation could be driven through Basecamp. Louise recommended the approach of the UK YEG, which Amelia agreed as timescales are tight (Parliamentary Recess starts 28 June). There was discussion regards whether the YEG should sit under the NoN or TSEF banner and also concern around capacity to effectively steward another forum. As a next step, Amelia, Louise, Rachel and Leona agreed to sketch a route map for the group and share with the Exec via Basecamp.

## 6 Communications (GA)

### Basecamp Invitations

Executive members sharing invitation with their networks. Rachel to ask Scottish Government to add the invite on the EiS page and bulletin.

### Basecamp Starter Conversations

Grant encouraged members to initiate discussion on Basecamp. As an action, Exec members to share some topics which could stimulate discussing. Tommy suggested Jamie's request for sharing best practice around re-opening sites. Rachel offered to also share Basecamp guidelines with all members. Membership is increasing with 10 more orgs registered today.

### SCVO Networks Blog

Lorna asked that an Exec member write a blog to help promote membership of TSEF to the SCVO network. Further details will be posted on Basecamp.

## 7 Community Jobs Scotland (LF)

Due to time constraints Lorna will provide a CJS update via Basecamp.

## 8 AOB

Jane Chappel of Social Firms Scotland requested a member of the TSEF Exec attend a meeting to talk about employability and engagement with national/local government. Rachel kindly agreed to attend.

## ACTIONS

Ask SG to add TSEF EXEC minutes to EiS website and share TSEF invitation on website/bulletin	RLN
Date to be confirmed for Network of Networks meeting	RT
Set-up meeting with SDS	RT
Create and populate list of key stakeholders	ALL on Exec Basecamp
Add outstanding TSEF/SCVO Agreement items to future agendas	GA
Create route map for YEG	AM, LG, RLN, LM
Suggest discussion starters for Membership Basecamp	ALL on Exec Basecamp
Share Rachel's details with Social Firms Scotland	GA