

TSEF Executive Group Meeting

Online Meeting at 3.00pm on Thursday 3rd Sept 2020

Notes & Actions

Present:

Grant Alexander- Link Group (Chair)
Blyth Deans - The Lennox Partnership
Leona McDermid – Aberdeen Foyer
Rachel Le Noan - SCVO
Jamie Rutherford – Enable Scotland
Tommy McDade – Barnardos
Clare McIntyre - Scottish Government
Lorna Forrest – SCVO (Notes)

Apologies:

Robin Turner – Routes to Work
Oxana McGregor Gunn – SAMH
Hazel Benza – Scottish Government
Louise Goodlad – Princes Trust
Amelia Morgan – Venture Trust

1. Welcome and Agenda

2. Note of Last Meeting – Actions carried forward (not covered in agenda)

ACTION	OWNER
Find out who is the main contact for COSLA and arrange meeting – carry forward – defer this for the moment	GA
Share governance paper from the Operational Group – carry forward GM to pick with AM	AM
CMcl to check for indicative timescales for implementation date of new economic measures	CMcl

Network of Networks Meeting – Update & sub-group feedback (GA, JR, LM)

The group discussed the developments within the Network of Networks (NoN), noting the appreciation of all the work underway in the 3 sub-groups (Commissioning, NOLB and YEG) and associated YEG workstreams. The group discussed the risk of a lack of clarity or understanding about the nature/crossover of groups, and this was raised at the last NoN meeting. The Chair (Kate Still) reinforced the aim of the NoN as outlined in the ToRs, which stemmed from the original letter to the First Minister in late June. The letter set out 5 asks and was signed off by all 4 NoN partners (TSEF/SCVO, ESS/ERSA, SUSE, STF). There is merit in all partners now feeding back on progress on those 5 areas, aligned to the work underway. A formal response will be collated and presented from the sub-groups to Scottish Government with recommendations. There will be a piece of work for TSEF thereafter to continue the dialogue and ensure progress continues. **ACTION: JR to share draft report with exec group for comment.** LM updated on the YEG sub-group noting that the [survey](#) closes this weekend and the analysis should be ready by 16 Sept. It will be key that we agree how to use these results in an effective way.

Online events feedback

Since the last TSEF meeting two sessions have been held with DYW & SDS (and the YEG hosted a meeting with Sandy Begbie attending). All events went well with members finding the takeaways and recordings useful. DYW will have a bigger role to play in employability so it is important TSEF and the sector maintains strong connections, particularly when the ‘normality’ of the senior phase is

set to change. JR noted that he has met with the chair of the equalities group, and we need to keep pushing on their equalities strategy.

Comms Plan

LF will use the opportunity of sharing the Comms Plan on the wider TSEF forum to ask members for ideas on future events they would like us to organise with speakers and decision makers invited to present.

Some suggestions from the Exec included SDS as there are lots of touchpoints for members with SDS. Elaine Walls from SDS is putting together a menu of discussion topics and a future session will help to demystify the structure, work, priorities of SDS and how the third sector can connect better.

A session on the Labour Market Insights reports might also be desirable, with the analysts talking through what sits behind the graphs and pie charts, especially in the run up to the furlough scheme ending.

ACTION: LF to share comms plan and a call out for ideas for future events on wider basecamp.

ACTION: All TSEF Exec to propose future sessions, and agree which one(s) they are willing to organise.

Workplan / oversight group

As part of the TSEF/SCVO partnership we have committed to produce a workplan by end Sept. The oversight group has started to build the workplan, primarily using historical activities over the last 6 months and known future activities. The plan also looks at measures of success for each activity.

ACTION: BD to circulate draft workplan round exec.

ACTION: TSEF Exec members to review the draft workplan and contribute comments and future activities up until end March 2021.

The next meeting will mostly be dedicated to finalising the workplan.

Basecamp

After a volume of requests from CJS employers to join, there are now 116 members on the wider TSEF basecamp group and growing. Jayne Chappell has offered to push message out through Social Enterprise networks. RLN noted that the SCVO policy team is reviewing the usefulness of Basecamp and whether it is the long term vehicle of choice, as there is still some confusion about how it works, including managing notifications. **ACTION: JR to post a message with guidance and help links like <https://3.basecamp-help.com/>**

Kickstart / YP Guarantee

The last 2 days has seen the publication of three keys documents / initiatives;

- **Programme for Government** <https://www.gov.scot/publications/protecting-scotland-renewing-scotland-governments-programme-scotland-2020-2021/>
- **Young Person Guarantee: Initial Report by Sandy Begbie** <https://www.gov.scot/publications/youth-guarantee-no-one-left-behind-initial-report/>
- **Kickstart Scheme** <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/kickstart-scheme>

The group discussed the positive narrative within all publications about the key role of the third sector. However more information is needed on how the first two will translate into implementation and delivery, so that the third sector can deliver with adequate resource to do so, particularly if all funding is routed through LAs. There are many examples of pitfalls and third sector exclusions, but also some good examples of strong partnerships between local authorities and the sector.

There is also a widely accepted challenge of how UKG programmes like Kickstart will mesh with SG programmes. However it is important that the third sector takes advantage of Kickstart as it will be offered on a first come first served basis.

The risk no 10 in Sandy Begbie’s paper was raised;

“Risk: There is insufficient flexibility and longevity/stability with the current 3rd sector contracts in place to allow the sector to build the capability to support the Guarantee.

Mitigation – extend/renew existing contracts for a minimum of 2 years to align with the Young Person Guarantee Ambition timescale.”

This should be a key message that the sector must keep pushing. The key measure of success is that those young people who were at the back of the queue pre-covid are not left at the back of the queue. All agreed a watching brief is required as the next few weeks will be critical. The suggestion of a TSEF blog was agreed once the information has been digested further.

AOB

Date of Next Meeting – 17th September at 3.00pm

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JR to share draft NoN report with exec group for comment.	JF
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