

## Third Sector and Employability

### Follow up meeting to Employability Event on March 5<sup>th</sup>

**In attendance;** Hazel Mathieson (Skills Development Scotland); Viloleta Ilendo, Fife Council; Keith Vanderमotten, Fife Council; Sandra Beveridge, West Fife Enterprises; Alan Boyle, West Fife Enterprises; Carole Patrick, CVS Fife; Bryan Poole, CVS Fife.

**Apologies;** Phil Martin, Job Centre

#### 1. Feedback/issues from Voluntary Sector Event on 6<sup>th</sup> March

Carole summarised information collected from the workshops at the March 6<sup>th</sup> event. The following were seen as important

- Communication/Information
- Working in partnership
- Better understanding of what each 'partner' can contribute
- Need to build capacity of 3<sup>rd</sup> sector to participate
- Some saw the employability agenda as an opportunity, some saw it as a concern – clarity as to what 'it' is important
- Realisation of scale of the agenda is quite difficult to grasp

**\*\* Full feedback notes to be distributed**

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#### 2. Way forward/capacity Building/actions

Alan had prepared some thoughts on paper following the event and has shared some thoughts with CVS Fife. Paper was distributed and Alan spoke to the paper and highlighted some key issues. The paper generated discussion/ideas.

It was agreed,

- To establish a means of communicating with Fife's 3<sup>rd</sup> sector re developments around the Employability Agenda. **Action CVS Fife.**
- There was a positive discussion/response to the recent Fife Council Report 'Best Value Review on Employability Services' in particular the positive comments re 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector and the establishing of a Group to take forward the recommendations contained within the review. It was agreed
  - i. Viloleta to speak to Eric Byiers re how 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector can work with Fife Council to implement recommendations
  - ii. CVS Fife to write to Eric Byiers along the same lines.  
**Action Viloleta/ CVS Fife**
- It was agreed that we should work up the suggestion(s)/idea(s) in Alan's paper into a proposal. It was agreed to form a sub-group comprising representation from CVS Fife; West Fife

Enterprises; Fife Council; Skills Development Scotland; Job Centre, to undertake this task.

**Action CVS Fife to convene**

**3. Other issues**

- It was noted that with the changing role of Scottish Enterprise and knock on impact on Community Planning Partnerships particularly in the area of Economic Development/Economic Forum the picture in Fife in terms of reporting/taking the agenda forward was still developing.
- It was anticipated that resourcing for activity relating to the development of the employability agenda may come via Fairer Scotland Fund and/or European CPP bids.
- It was noted there was a difference between resourcing the development of the agenda and resourcing the delivery of the agenda and resourcing the delivery of the agenda was an issue.

**4. AOB**

1. It was agreed that this group should meet in about 6 weeks – **Violeta to organise.**
2. Proposal sub-group should aim to have proposal(s) worked up prior to next meeting and within 4 weeks if possible.