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Voluntary Sector Update

Community Stars 2017

NCVS is in the process of launching 'Community Stars'. This is a partnership programme with 21 partners on board including Area Based Grant Lead organisations and other local VCS groups, local businesses, the universities, Nottinghamshire PCC and NCC's Looking After Each Other campaign. Nottingham Express Transit are the current main sponsors.

Community Stars is aimed at recognising the unpaid contributions Nottingham people make volunteering, or helping people or their communities in other ways. This will be achieved in 2 ways:

- A monthly community star vote by the general public based on nominations received.
- Community stars partners showcasing the great volunteering carried out in Nottingham across monthly themes. These themes will reflect a particular topic such as poverty or women's issues during that particular month as well as showcasing voluntary work in these areas.

The intention is to hold a Community Star award ceremony late in 2017.

The overall aim of Community Stars is to get more people involved in volunteering.

Looking After Each Other (LAEO)

NCVS continues to be a keen promoter and supported of LAEO and has been actively involved in its marketing and promotion. The Community Stars programme has a clear fit with LAEO.

RSA Inclusive Growth Commission

NCVS along with other core city CVS's is in the process of putting a response together via NAVCA (National Association of Voluntary and Community Associations) to the Inclusive Growth Commission. The response will focus on a small number of points (up to 6) backed up with case studies.

The RSA Inclusive Growth Commission has been set up to examine how the UK can develop a place based model of economic development that promotes inclusive growth as too many people are being left behind. It sees this as the biggest economic challenge facing our society.

The Commission's interim report outlines and tests some of its emerging thinking and to influence the policy environment in the run-up to the Autumn Statement.

Provision of Support for the Local Voluntary Sector under Area Based Grants & Communities of Identity

There continues to be a lack of clarity and confusion around what the group support offer is from some ABG leads and COI leads. There is also a lack of information available leading to groups not knowing where to go for support (assuming that there is support available). City-wide groups appear to be the biggest losers as in some areas support is only for groups based in and delivering in a specific area.

We have planned safeguarding training for adults and children – these are approved by both boards.

Commissioning Event

Jointly with the CCG and NCC the event is taking place on Friday 9 December 2016 at NCVS. This will look at commissioning in the future and how the sector can be prepared changes. We have 73 bookings for the event. Katy Ball, Dawn Smith and other commissioning officers have agreed to come along and give keynote speeches.