

## Commissioning and Procurement Sub-Committee 09.07.19

### Voluntary Sector Update – Nottingham CVS

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#### Voluntary Sector Support Grants:

The varied level of support resulting from the current area based funding arrangements was discussed at the last CPSC meeting. NCVS is keen for further discussion with NCC on a more efficient voluntary sector support delivery model. In the meantime NCVS continue to provide advice, support, casework and training to Nottingham's Voluntary Sector. However, this support is not consistent across the city.

#### Funding Updates:

- **Skills and Opportunities Funding:**  
NCVS has commenced its Enterprising Nottingham training funded by the Nat West Skills and Opportunities Fund. This programme provides free (at the point of delivery) workshop training and one-to-one bespoke support to new and existing (less than 1 year old) social enterprises in Nottingham.

The qualifications are level 3 awards accredited through the Small Firms Enterprise Development Initiative (SFEDI) and consist of:

- ~Starting and managing a VCSE organisation
  - ~Business Planning for a VCSE organisation
  - ~HR for VCSE organisation
  - ~Tender Readiness for VCSE organisation
- (VCSE= Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise)

- **PCC funding: Hidden Harm:**  
The Phase 1 Hidden Harm skills building programme is now complete. The aim of the programme was to equip the VCS with the skills and knowledge required to recognise and respond to indicators of various types of abuse and crimes which typically go unreported or unrecognised. Phase 2 has commenced and we will be offering low/no cost Safeguarding training for small groups who cannot afford to access the existing Safeguarding training offered by NCVS.
- **D2N2 LEP:**  
We are part of a working group looking at how the Voluntary Sector engages with the D2N2 LEP post Brexit. We want to ensure that we can influence future funding from central government and keep up the dialogue with the LEP regarding the importance of the sector in economic development. We have influenced the LEP to ensure there are Inclusion Reps on the main Board and on each of the sub board structures. There are 5 inclusion reps on all Advisory Boards.
- **ESF calls:**  
Futures have now been announced as the organisation that will be delivering the Community programme. This will include small grants for voluntary organisations. NCVS is a partner and sits on the grants panel. The first

round of grants has now been awarded. Nottingham had a higher level of successful applications than Derby.

- **Integrated Care System:**  
There is concern amongst the Voluntary Sector about the impact of Social Prescriptions on Nottingham's voluntary organisations and groups. NCVS are partners in the ICS and Integrated Care Partnership. We continue to attend meetings ensuring the voice of the Voluntary Sector in the delivery of Social Prescriptions.

#### Direct Projects:

- **Practice Development Unit:**

NCVS are currently recruiting to the post of PDU Coordinator. The PDU is a partnership between Opportunity Nottingham and Nottingham CVS. It offers a unique opportunity for front line workers across Nottingham city to learn collaboratively and share good practice and expertise around working with service users who are facing multiple disadvantage. Members can also access a range of resources, including tool kits, reports and presentations, with both a local and national focus.

Please join the portal for more information at: [www.pdunottingham.org](http://www.pdunottingham.org)

- **Disability Sport Insight and Participation Project:**

This 3 year programme in partnership with NCC is Sport England funded to learn and understand the barriers individuals with disabilities face in order to get physically active.

The legacy of this project will be a Volunteer Buddies pilot from May – September 2019. Buddies will be managed by NCVS and provide a befriending type service to enable citizens with long term disability or illness to access and maintain physical activity.

At the moment there is no plan to extend the DSIPP beyond September 2019, but NCVS is engaged in discussion with NCC Sport and Leisure team about Buddy opportunities beyond September 2019.