

Commissioning and Procurement Sub-Committee 14.01.20

Voluntary Sector Update – Nottingham CVS

NCVS general update:

- **New Chair:**
Our former Chair (Gerri Bright) has now stepped down and Jonathan Tallant has been appointed as the new Chair of NCVS.
Jonathan joined NCVS as a Trustee in 2017. He is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Nottingham and has worked at the university for over 12 years in a number of roles, including Head of the Department of Philosophy and Chair of the University's Quality and Standard's Committee.
- **NCVS Strategy 2020-22:**
NCVS will soon be launching its new Strategy. This strategy details how NCVS will be delivering services with our imminent departure from our present building on Mansfield Road, Our core purpose is to create:
 - A Thriving VCSE Sector - through support and development.
 - Excellent Volunteering - by setting the standard/encouraging this to be met.
 - A Connected Sector - through representation, advocacy and engagement.Going forward, NCVS services will be increasingly community based and we shall be developing meaningful partnerships that will ensure communities thrive and prosper and where volunteers are valued and recognised.
- **Partnerships Bid:**
NCVS is in discussion with the Area Based and Community of Identity Leads as well as other partners to consider a citywide bid to The National Lottery Community Fund. This will entail the delivery of citywide satellite Volunteer Centres that will increase and support local volunteers and provide support to local VCS groups and organisations.

Integrated Care System:

- NCVS is working with the NHS and Nottingham's CCG's, contributing to the successful implementation of Social Prescribing across Nottingham's communities. Social Prescribing is part of the NHSE's 10 Year Forward View to deliver personalised care.
NCVS are currently supporting the induction process of the Link Workers who will enable patients to access appropriate support in the community, in order to improve their health and wellbeing.

Voluntary Sector Support Grants:

- NCVS is still keen for further discussion with NCC on a more efficient voluntary sector support delivery model. NCVS feels there are inconsistent levels of support resulting from the current area based funding arrangements, meaning that some groups/organisations in Nottingham cannot access the support they require.
In the meantime NCVS continue to provide advice, support, casework and training where it is contracted to do so.

Funding Updates:

- **Nat West Skills and Opportunities Funding:**

The NCVS Enterprising Nottingham programme is a 15 month project providing free workshop training and one-to-one support to new and existing (less than 12 months old) social enterprises in Nottingham.

This entails 6 non-accredited workshops covering:

- Introduction to Social Enterprise
- Legal Structures and Governance for Social Enterprise
- Business Planning
- Market Research/Marketing
- Finance for Social Enterprise
- Presenting your Social Enterprise

- **PCC funding: Hidden Harm:**

The aim of this 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.

NCVS delivered a Hidden Harm conference with 60 attendees and a series of workshops in March 2019.

We followed this up with 16 safeguarding training sessions over the course of 2019 and concluding in January 2020.

- **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 are the organisation that deliver Nottingham's Community Programme. This includes small grants for voluntary organisations. NCVS is a partner and sits on the grants panel. The second round of grants are currently being awarded. Nottingham has demonstrated a high level of quality bids.

- **Practice Development Unit:**

The PDU is a partnership between Opportunity Nottingham and NCVS. Its aims are to promote and facilitate collaborative learning and the sharing of good practice and expertise amongst professionals in Nottingham and neighbouring areas, who work with people experiencing multiple disadvantage (such as mental health, substance misuse, homelessness and offending).

We do this through standalone learning events, as well as ongoing Communities of Practice - a space where practitioners can come together to share ideas and support each other in implementing practice and system change.

PDU 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