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INTRODUCTION

The Bradford District Assembly (BDA) was established in 2009 and has successfully developed its objective to become an effective and influential voice for voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations in Bradford district within the local authority and other public sector bodies. CNet is commissioned by the council to co-ordinate and facilitate the Assembly, and to support its members and representatives.

The Assembly is firmly embedded in local structures and partnerships and is recognised as an important means of communication and engagement with the sector. It is open to any not-for-profit VCS organisation in the district via membership of forums, attending events and exchanging information.

This structure enables organisations to work together to shape local policy and services, and increases mutual understanding between the VCS and statutory partners. Representatives are elected or selected to participate in partnership meetings, task groups, and consultations to present a voluntary sector perspective.

The Assembly website contains information about how the organisation works, who is involved, reports from meetings and representatives, updates on important policy developments or consultations, and the latest decisions that affect our district's communities. Visit www.cnet.org.uk/bradford-district-assembly/

HOW THE ASSEMBLY WORKS

The Assembly comprises of eight **thematic forums** all of which have open membership for people involved in voluntary/community groups and organisations. Collectively there are over a thousand members participating in the Assembly. The forums meet regularly and are independent but work under the Assembly umbrella. They provide a vital means of accountability for the Assembly and enable more co-ordinated responses to situations and consultations. Forums work with public sector colleagues to represent the needs of communities and the VCS, tackle inequalities and find solutions to the growing challenges for service provision.

- Health & Wellbeing Forum
- Regeneration & Prosperity Forum
- Young Lives Bradford
- Bradford Environment Forum
- Equalities Forum
- Safer Communities Forum
- Women's Forum
- Religion and Belief Forum

The Assembly Steering Group (ASG) has representatives from each of the forums plus other VCS partners. Its role is to filter views, issues and information from the forums through to decision making negotiations.

ASG members meet representatives from the council on a regular basis, at meetings called the **Relationship Management Group (RMG)** which is chaired by the Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio holder for Safer and Stronger Communities. This provides an opportunity for honest and open debate and problem solving, using information from the forums and elsewhere. The RMG has been meeting since January 2011 and has played a key role in influencing and informing strategic decisions.

For further information and details of how to get involved, contact the Assembly coordinator, Janet Ford janet@cnet.org.uk 01274 305045 or visit the website www.cnet.org.uk/bradford-district-assembly/

Also on the Assembly website:

- A directory of assembly representatives and officers
- Minutes of meetings
- Dates of meetings and events
- Reports from representatives
- Links to other websites and information such as Council papers and reports

Janet Ford
Bradford District Assembly Coordinator

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS 2015-16

BRADFORD DISTRICT ASSEMBLY STEERING GROUP

Chair-Paul Stephens, Co-chair Helen Speight

An Overview of the Assembly Steering Group's Work 2015-16

A: Introduction

At last year's Bradford District Assembly (BDA) Conference, there was recognition that we needed to make sure that our work became more focused. Each Forum spent time both at the conference and at subsequent meetings identifying their three key priorities.

For some time the BDA has recognised that if we are to work effectively in shaping local policy and services and increase mutual understanding between the VCS and statutory partners then we need to communicate effectively. Partners need to know what is important to us and we need to be able to convey this effectively.

As Chair of BDA I have the privilege to sit on the Bradford District Partnership (BDP). In reality the privilege has been representing my colleagues from the VCS, which I aim to do to the best of my ability. Each Board member was asked to share the three key priorities for their organisation or network. After some discussion the Assembly Steering Group (ASG) agreed on the following priorities:

1. To work in partnership with interested parties, particularly through **co-design** – developing a partnership approach, with statutory partners, local business, active citizens and service users to address the needs of people in Bradford and district.
2. Building resilience of communities of interest and place – ensuring equality and wellbeing for all the residents of Bradford and district.
3. Focussed intervention for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups – recognising that different needs require different solutions.

In this report you will be able to see the key priorities that have been set by each Forum, and how they have endeavoured to work towards achieving them. However, with the best will in the world we have to respond to issues that arise through the year as well. In this introduction I want to highlight some of the

things that we have done in the light of these priorities and issues that have arisen that we have had to respond to.

B: New Deal

New Deal is the approach that the Bradford District Partnership has adopted to meet the challenges we face. It is about changing the way we all work together as with less money available and more demand people and organisations need to take more responsibility for doing things themselves. The Assembly Steering Group have recognised the need to talk with our statutory sector partners, helping to shape the Council's ideas and solutions. In June the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council (CBMDC) supported the Assembly Steering Group to run the ***New Deal Working Together*** event at Bradford University on 24 June 2015.

The purpose of the event was to enable the VCS to highlight issues we felt were important rather than the agenda being set by CBMDC. The ASG reviewed the event, which had received mixed feedback. It is important to share the outcome of the event with our colleagues, even if it is a bit late.

One of the key issues that came to the fore was ***Co-design*** and the delivery of services, where external funds together with council resources can be maximised to support those most in need. As an assembly this is an area which is high on our agenda at present. It has become a focus of the work of the Commissioners Forum and at a consultation event in December in relation to the District Plan, co-design or co-creation were identified as key issues for the VCS. At present ASG is in discussion with CBMDC to run a BDP to run an event together with our statutory partners, focusing on Co-design.

Another issues that was raised was ***Community asset transfer***. This is an area where some work is being done with the sector and CBMDC via the Community Ownership and Management of Assets (COMA) programme.

Another group looked at ***Self-sustaining Community Centres*** and committed to setting up a steering group to develop a master plan of what a sustainable community centre would be like. This group has been established and is meeting, but they need everyone's commitment to make this happen, especially at a time when raising rents on council owned buildings is being discussed.

The group that focused on poverty felt that groups needed to give more support to ***volunteering*** along with peer support and buddying. Recently volunteering has come up at ASG in relation to the Volunteering Kite mark. The Commissioners Forum felt that this could be a 'light touch' quality standard that is used with groups. It also fits in with the New Deal theme of encouraging communities to be more involved in order to mitigate the impact of the cuts. The Assembly are also committed to the People Can campaign.

C: Developing a positive relationship with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)

On 4th February the Bradford City and District CCGs held a VCS Summit. The aim of the summit was to provide a networking opportunity to investigate how the VCS could work innovatively and effectively with health services and the local authority. There was a structured discussion through workshop sessions about how we can provide excellent person centred care against the backdrop of a challenging economic environment.

Helen Hirst, CEO of Bradford City and District CCG announced that they had set aside £200,000 to develop leadership in the VCS, equipping us to form a VCS Alliance in order to effectively deliver services to meet

health outcomes. As a result of the feedback received in the workshop sessions and the evaluation forms the following 3 next steps have been agreed:

- Develop a 'Steering Group' in order to form a Health Version of the Relationship Management Group addressing issues raised
- Work through the Commissioners Forum to encourage co-design
- The Assembly Steering Group will discuss what the 'Leadership Money' could achieve

One of the key highlights of the event was the networking opportunity for delegates. It was agreed that we need to create more networking opportunities between VCS organisations, local businesses and statutory sector services and commissioners in the future. Events could be on a City-wide level or targeted at specific Ward areas. The Health and Wellbeing Forum will discuss how to take this forward.

D: Future Developments

Two of the key messages from the New Deal were:

- We don't have all the answers
- We need to talk

It is our intention to ensure that we join the conversation with our statutory partners so that we can shape local policy and services and increase mutual understanding. This year has certainly seen an improvement in the conversation with our statutory partners and we hope that this continues into 2016/17. We will put all our effort to ensure that we develop and maintain a VCS that can meet the needs of communities in Bradford and District.

Paul Stephens - BDA Chair

ASSEMBLY FORUMS 2016

i. HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM ANNUAL REVIEW **Co-chairs: Sam Keighley and Helen Speight**

The Infra-structure survey of the VCS in Bradford showed that the Health and Wellbeing Forum has the highest number of members and that these members represent some of the most marginalised and vulnerable communities within Bradford District.

The passion and commitment of those members has been evident again this year. Many of the members represent the Forum on key operational and strategic bodies across our statutory partners. At last year's conference we agreed that, to make our representation even more effective, we should identify key focus areas to ensure all representatives carry the same clear messages from the sector. Four priorities were identified:

1. Voice and influence
2. Engagement with our statutory sector partners
3. Health Inequalities
4. Co-design

The Forum set up a range of task and finish groups, some that have been more successful than others, to develop these priorities. The Health Inequality priority is being addressed in partnership with the Equalities Forum overseen by a Forum member who attends both groups.

The Voice and Influence group focused on the key messages the Forum wanted our representatives to take forward. A core set was identified including – co-design /co production of services and the role of the VCS in ‘prevention and early intervention’ agendas. These key messages are now being taken into such groups as:

- Bradford Integrated Care Group
- Self-Care Steering Group
- Better Health Better Lives (NEW DEAL)
- JSNA: all chapters
- Area Health Hubs
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee
- Commissioning Strategic group

Alongside this, the Co-Chairs have been working with our wider ASG partners to develop a Health Relationship Management Group with our statutory health partners. This is seen as a fundamental development to create sustained dialogue with our health partners creating better two way engagement and understanding. We are hopeful that the first meeting of this group will take place early in the New Year.

The Forum – with the invaluable support of Janet – continued to bring information to the sector through our speakers. Key sessions included information about the New Care Act and shaping the future of CCG Infra-structure provision for the sector.

Things have not all been plain sailing – the sector has continued to face cuts to funding and the ever changing demands of our cross sector partners. Representation has also been a challenge this year, as council and CCG struggled to re-align their services, lost workers, changed workers, and generally workers having less time to focus on things other than direct delivery, changed the terms of reference of groups. The patience and continued involvement of our representatives underlines their dedication to ensuring the voice of the VCS and the communities it serves is heard and influences the development of provision. Thanks must go to each and every one of our members who take time out of their day job to carry out these important roles.

This year Natasha resigned after 7yrs as Chair and then Co-Chair. Natasha’s devotion to our sector and the Health and Wellbeing Forum means that the Forum is well placed to move on and continue its pro-active role in the future development of the health and wellbeing provision across Bradford. We welcomed Sam Keighley as the new Co-Chairs who brings invaluable cross sector knowledge.

The year ahead looks like it will present further challenges. The Forum will continue to work to represent our service users and ensure our members have access to information to support the development of their service provision.

Sam Keighley and Helen Speight - Co-Chairs

ii. EQUALITIES FORUM

Co-Chairs Liz Firth; Neal Heard

The Equalities Forum aims to ensure that equalities work (in terms of race, gender, disability, social class, sexuality, age and faith) remains an important focus not just within the VCS and Assembly structure, but that it is also embedded within statutory and private sector services.

Our priorities for the last year have been.

1. Welfare reform and its impact (covers issues around IT inequality)
2. Health inequalities
3. Communication / engagement and cross cutting themes

We have participated in work around the New Deal and working with partners in BMDC and Health to contribute to and help develop their equalities priorities.

Over 30 local VCS organisations received training in Equalities issues delivered by the Equality Forum as part of the Community Practitioners Training Programme delivered on behalf of the Clinical Commissioning Groups. We are developing a session looking at Mental Health and the impact on equalities. This is planned for July. Details will be circulated around the Assembly and beyond soon. A range of people representing both large and small voluntary sector organisations in the district have participated in the Forum this year. The forum is a great arena for finding out what is going on, hearing about and helping develop the equalities priorities of the statutory sector, helping develop the equalities work of your own organisation and taking part in lively and interesting discussion.

iii. REGENERATION AND PROSPERITY (RAP) FORUM

Co-chairs: David Wilford and Tony Dylak

This has been a challenging year for both the sector and our statutory partners. Advice services are experiencing greater demand as the governments welfare reform measures have inevitably lead to increased poverty particularly amongst vulnerable groups. Key priorities for the forum this year include support to small businesses, employability and social enterprise. Consideration of collaborating and partnership working is also high on the agenda in order for organisations to sustain services.

There has been a move towards improved relationships between the council and the VCS, with regular updates from lead officers from the councils Department of Regeneration and pledged support from the Strategic Director of regeneration and culture. For example we have access to the latest information relating to ESIF (European Structural and Investment Funds). The funding has an overall objective to improve the quality of life of EU citizens. The forum is exploring consortium approaches to accessing the ESIF funds for Bradford.

The Forum has representation on the PLACE Board of the councils The Producer City (click here for info) <http://www.investinbradford.com/bradford-economy/the-producer-city.html>. The new boards are more proactive and business focussed to get the City moving forward. Two other boards - KNOWLEDGE which notionally we have a position on and which used to be our Employment Skills Board place. The third is Regeneration but we have no representation on this as yet.

The Assembly chairs have each taken a lead on a strand of the councils New Deal initiative. Tony Dylak is responsible for “better skills, more jobs and a growing economy” and David Wilford leads on “decent homes”.

The forum agreed to meet quarterly and focus on the agreed priorities through themed task and finish groups. However, time poor members and hectic timetables have hindered progress. The Forum will meet in May to discuss how we can effectively share the work load and engage the wider membership to lead on the priority strands of work.

Tony Dylak and David Wilford - Co-chairs

iv SAFER COMMUNITIES FORUM

Chair: Peter Bloom, Vice Chair: Yasmin Khan

Unfortunately the Safer Communities Forum has had a very quiet year. This has been principally due to the uncertainty within the Council as to the future composition and agenda for the Community Safety Partnership under the reduced funding regime. Happily, the position is now much clearer with the establishment of the Stronger, Safer Communities Partnership. The Forum will therefore seek to replicate this format so as to be better positioned to participate and influence ongoing activities in the District. A meeting will be arranged in Spring 2016 to appoint Forum officers, develop and adopt priorities within the changed agenda and ensure representation of the Forum at all relevant levels.

Peter Bloom – Chair

v. BRADFORD ENVIRONMENT FORUM (BEF)

Chair: Jen White

Members of the Bradford Environment Forum (BEF), in common with most other Voluntary and Community (VCS) Sector Organisations, have had a very difficult year, financially. The ongoing reduction to public sector funding combined with the increasing levels of need exacerbated by national austerity measures has impacted on many of the BEF members.

There has been a slow economic recovery and enormous reforms to the size and shape of government spending since the financial crisis of 2008. The voluntary sector is operating in a time of fiscal retrenchment from government, tight household finances and increased demand for services.

In terms of the BEF this has meant a reduction in time available for BEF work. There has also been a change in Chair midway through the year leading to a temporary cancellation of meetings. The BEF has however now met and confirmed it's continuation as a Forum and has agreed a schedule of meetings for 2016/17.

A key element of the BEF looking forward has been to agree the benefit of working together including:

- An opportunity to ensure that environmental concerns form part of the district's decision making process
- An opportunity to work together to improve the physical and natural environment of the district
- Ability to develop a shared response to district wide changes in priorities and commissioning
- An opportunity to share information and ideas
- A place to explore opportunities in the district and broader geographical areas and the possibilities for joint working
- A chance to understand and respond to broader national changes like devolution
- Be an active part of the Bradford Assembly

The most recent BEF meeting in January 2016 involved attendance from Steve Hartley (SH), Strategic Director of Environment and Sport. SH gave an explanation of the position regarding the New Deal and the District Strategy which enabled the BEF to more fully understand the district position with public funds. Discussion focused on how the BEF and Council could work together to support the safe, clean and active strand of the policies. There was an acknowledged strong interest in improving recycling. The priorities are about improving recycling and waste management and addressing fly tipping.

There are a broader range of issues for BEF to be interested in not just waste, but also climate change, parks and woodlands and sport, leisure and culture. BEF has a good link with CBMDC through SH and his team. BEF has provided a response to the Council's consultation on the proposed budget cuts for 2016/17 and 2017/18, the New Deal and the District Policy. These further highlight the reduction in public funding expected and the difficulties ahead

Jen White, Chair

vi. YOUNG LIVES BRADFORD

Chair: Peter Horner

Young Lives Bradford continues to provide the Children & Young People's VCS with a wide range of infrastructure support. Kerr Kennedy, who had headed up the Young Lives team at Bradford CVS, stepped down in February 2015, being replaced by Peter Horner, who led the team in 2015/16. Given the length of Kerr's service, this meant that, particularly at the beginning of the year, there was an element of transition, but it has also been a natural point for Young Lives to review and refresh its work. Our current network totals over 360 groups and organisations.

In 2015/16 our Core Strategic Group met bi-monthly and engaged with Bradford Children's Trust Board and its sub groups, Bradford Safeguarding Children Board, the Bradford CCGs, the Bradford VCS Assembly, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services. We also hosted four Quarterly Forums: in May, September, 2014 and February and March 2015. We support more than 30 VCS representatives to a wide range of strategic partnerships and through them, the VCS contributed to local strategies such as Integrated Early Years, Youth Offer, Early Help and Special Educational Needs. We facilitate a recognised VCS sub-group of the Bradford Safeguarding Children Board that contributes to its work and aims.

We continue to provide up to date communications. We completely redesigned our newsletter, having a clearer focus on strategic priorities, making it easier to highlight important stories for the sector and for the first time being able to monitor its usage. We have significantly enhanced our use of social media and our building our reach. .

We have been involved in promoting Youth Voice and the sector's involvement in supporting young people to have a say in strategic decision making. We ensured that young people that are engaged with young Lives members were present at a Children's Trust Development Day and a Youth Voice Event held in February 2016.

We have been working closely with the Commissioner for Children's Services to explore different ways of commissioning. We have supported the council with the development of a safeguarding audit tool. We are and will continue to work with the Council on its Journey to Excellence programme, including new approaches to Early Help and using a signs of safety approach. We have worked closely with the Commissioner for Youth Services to develop a new Youth Offer for the District.

Peter Horner, Chair



BRADFORD DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ANNUAL CONFERENCE THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2015 AT CARLISLE BUSINESS CENTRE

73 people attended the sixth BDA Annual Conference

Paul Stephens - BDA Chair welcomed everyone and introduced the facilitator for the day, Elaine Appelbee. He highlighted that at last year's conference each Forum had spent time developing their priorities. Since then the Assembly Steering Group (ASG) have identified three priorities for the Assembly:

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He went on to say that the conference this year is about two things:

- Working in partnership – During the past year we have worked without statutory partners on aspects of the New Deal and over the next 12 months we will focus more on co-design.
- Building resilient communities – statutory partners and the VCS are both facing difficult times ahead, but at a time when the local state is reducing in size the demands on communities to do more for themselves is even stronger. So how can we help communities to become more resilient and to recognise the assets they already have to meet the need.

Introduction to the Day – Elaine Appelbee

What sort of voluntary sector do the diverse people and communities of Bradford District need to support them achieve a good quality of life? The numbers of people living in difficult financial circumstances remain high. Public sector resources are at their lowest for a generation. Charitable grant-making bodies have seen the amounts of money they have to distribute affected by low interest rates and the volatility of banking and stock markets. Many voluntary organisations are fearful for their continued existence.

At the same time the sector is noted for its ingenuity and ability to survive hard times. Today is about harnessing the thinking, ideas and creativity of the sector and its partners to picture what the desired future needs to look like and to begin to put together a first stage plan for achieving that future. There are many current strengths and successes to uncover. They provide a firm foundation for that much-needed positive future.

As Abraham Lincoln put it: 'The best way to predict the future is to create it.'

Aims of the Day

- To identify the most outstanding past/current achievements and present strengths.
- To identify new ideas and innovations that could enhance the sector's ability to support the people and communities of the District.
- To use the reflections and new ideas to create a common vision for the future of the sector.
- To develop a plan that will enable the sector to move towards that vision.

Method of Working

The day was highly participative, everyone had a chance to speak and share their thinking. The aim was to draw on everybody's knowledge and experience so that they could create the very best future for allowing the voluntary sector to play its full part in serving the needs of the people of Bradford District.

Action Planning

Participants began by deciding 2 small steps that would make a big difference towards development of the vision. They then worked together to create BOLD ideas that would contribute to positive change for the district.

Each BOLD idea was pitched and people voted for the idea that they felt would have the most impact. Participants signed up to follow the idea through as a group, here are the selected pledges for action:

Group 1 Ideas		
Small Actions	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Communication links / information e.g. community pride	Local Authority, health, police, VCS, a key I.T volunteer	6 months
Combined website - community resources, community needs		
BOLD ACTION - Central Volunteer Opportunities		
First 3 Steps to action	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Each organisation lists their volunteering opportunities	All – plus coordinator Bradford University - I.T skilled person	12 months
Each organisation then lists skills to develop		
Develop a website		
Name of Task Group: Passport to Volunteering		
Jo Beercroft	Jean Walker MBE	
Fiona Stephens	Jamie and Jane Lynch	

Group 2 Ideas		
Small Actions	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Identify key leads within Bradford District Partnership. Establish contact with them.	The Assembly Steering Group	Sep-16
Mapping Community Assets: what tools can we use, what information do we already have?	Safer and Stronger Partnerships	Sep-16
BOLD ACTION - Establish constituency level key stakeholder group		
First 3 Steps to action	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Identify key players and bring them together	Statutory bodies private/public/third sector	2020
Work together- establish a vision and identify priority areas		
Develop a community engagement model		
Name of Task Group: Not Nigel		
Helen Speight	Peter Horner	Nic Jones
Carol Peltier	Anthony Clipsom	Dot Kilgallon

Group 3 Ideas		
Small Actions	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Secure buy in from key stakeholders e.g. public sector (ensure align with key strategies).	Communities, individuals, public sector, VCS sector and public sector organisations Assembly Steering Group	6-9 months
Develop business plan. Governance, implementation, chapter, secure sign off		9-12 months
Technology e.g. Fitbit for people with high BMI/blood pressure		
Greenspace: target inner city areas to create and sustain green space/ban cars		
Develop a mentoring service to promote aspirations		
Employment skills: Work with public sector		
VCS: Equip VCS for future, make it fit for purpose		
BOLD ACTION - Establish a new business model that focuses on co-production and co-design		
First 3 Steps to action	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Identify key partners	All key stakeholders	6-12 months
Pool resources, governance and draw down funds		
Identify and develop priorities and implement plan		
Deliver pilot review and roll out		
Name of Task Group: Collaborate and Thrive		
Damien Miller	Carlton Smith	
Andrew Oldham	Jenny Scott	

Group 4 Ideas		
Small Actions	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Develop online resource of community spaces that are available.	VCS, Faith organisations etc, public sector spaces, small funding pot	12 months
Listen to the community	Partners, staff and volunteers	ongoing
BOLD ACTION - Speaking as one		
First 3 Steps to action	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Gather people together to decide on an issue to take forward	Community, faith groups, public sector partners, private sector	Stage 1 - 1 month
Agree the messages, how delivered - process	As above, steering group, secure commitment	Stage 2 - 3 months
Training Launch	Volunteers and staff communication, social media, apps	Stage 3 - trial 3 months
Evaluate, replicate, monitor	Review	3 months
Name of Task Group: Speaking as One		
Carol Duerden	Zakra Yasin	Nick Hodgkinson
Helen Hoyle	Kerr Kennedy	Tracy Tough

Group 5 Ideas		
Small Actions	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
To make a new/follow up connection (have a coffee) once per month	Everyone	From today
To set up breakfast/lunch network meetings for all VCS	People in localities, Community anchor organisations	Sep-16
BOLD ACTION - All org's & sectors feel they are equal partners in the design & delivery of services		
First 3 Steps to action	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Gain 'buy in' from the Health and Wellbeing Board	VCS rep	Jul-16
Examine the way in which VCS is organised to see if it can work more collaboratively	Assembly Steering Group	Oct-16
Identify one opportunity to put equal partnership into practice	Statutory Partners, Assembly Steering Group	Nov-16
Name of Task Group: Equal Partners		
Pam James	Jonathan Martin	Chris Whiley
Mark Thornton	Corine Campbell	

Group 6 ideas		
Small Actions	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Community Luncheon Clubs	Churches, Community/ Residents/ Community Centres	
BOLD ACTION - Devolve budgets to local level - none paid, none political, elected members		
First 3 Steps to action	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Ensure communities of interest not excluded - change values and beliefs	Reps, organisations,	
Involve people - truly representative decision making body.	Everybody, Community bodies to develop and support people within and without the process	
Reduce dependence on statutory services' 'Doing - not being done to'!	VCS, Statutory services - local civil servants	
Name of Task Group: Devolve budgets to Local Level Volunteers required to lead, contact janet@cnet.org.uk		

Group 7 ideas		
Small Actions	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Meetings to become more action focused by widening participation and community involvement	Statutory partners, VCS and local stakeholders	Dec-16
Develop your partnership group - joint working. VCS partners and Youth Service (Shipley)	Paul Stephens, other VCS groups	Jun-16
BOLD ACTION - Sep Up Multi-function Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) as single point for statutory sector contracting with Bradford District VCS org's		
First 3 Steps to action	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Learn from similar SPV's in other areas	ASG, CVS's	May-16
Consult on Men and Arts of SPV	VSC organisations, CNet, statutory organisations	Jun/Jul 16
Secure resource to research and establish SPV	ASG & statutory stakeholders	Apr-16
Name of Task Group: Set up Multi-Function Special Purpose Vehicle Volunteers required to lead, contact janet@cnet.org.uk		

Group 8 Ideas

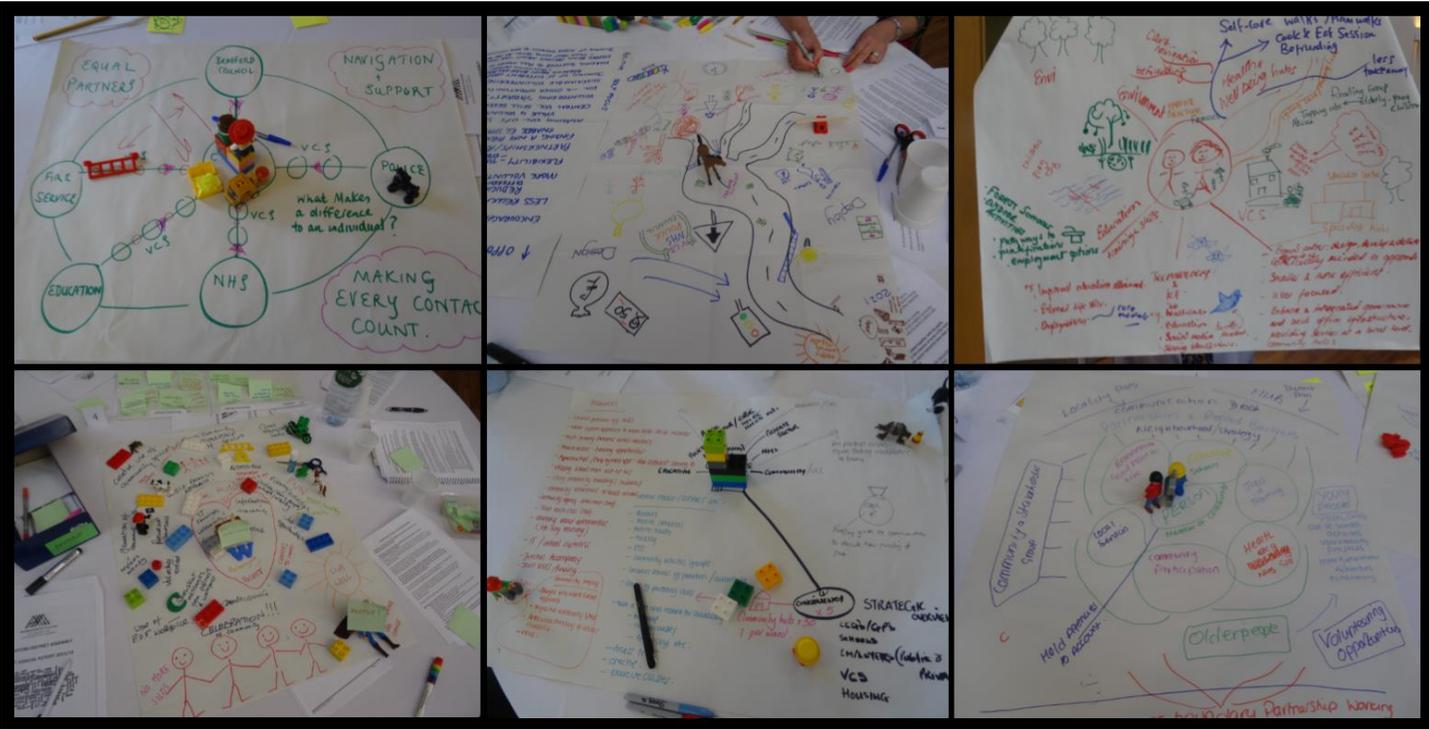
Small Actions	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
Talking and listening:- take personal responsibility for listening; take initiative to have conversations; follow up on today's commitment to turn up to forums; forum feedback on progress	Forums, Assembly	6 months
Volunteering within your community		

BOLD ACTION - Assembling Action

First 3 Steps to action	Who needs to be involved?	When by?
"It is not broken" - it's an asset!		
Understanding how to get involved		
Establishing who's who - help us to get involved		

Name of Task Group: Assembling Vehicle for Action
Volunteers required to lead, contact janet@cnet.org.uk

Expand into a vehicle that can enable closer working and collaboration		
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Conference feedback from participants

One word summarising the day	Ideas that contribute to the vision from people who had to leave early	Suggestions for the future
<p>Excellent Energising Focused Positive</p>	<p>Honesty about what can be achieved by VCS Keeping connected and continuing the conversation Developing a provider alliance for the VCS Partnership Working</p>	<p>Agenda items sent out Increase strength of the VCS-promote our work More businesses present Community development 2 or 3 years time – what's left and what can we do</p>
<p>Good Informative Helpful Very well presented</p>	<p>Build Networks Collaborating and agreeing on a goal Strong demand for more local, focused responsive decision making Greater understanding of all communities (ages, disabilities,/abilities)</p>	<p>Invite Elaine back Identify successful developments elsewhere Build on the work done today How to bring increased funding to Bradford</p>
<p>Encouraging Engaging Inspiring Excellent Broad</p>	<p>Increased partnership and information sharing A way for organisations to share their services Too many ideas need to be shortlisted to 1 or 2 bold ideas Consolidate to a vision Practical issues and guidance on turning 'collaborative vision' into practical change</p>	
<p>Enlightening Interesting Practical Constructive Challenging Stimulation Hopeful Potential Great idea</p>	<p>Main themes: 1. Consolidate vision and turn into action 2. Partnership and network building 3. Developing provider alliance to facilitate more focused and responsive decision making 4. Too many options, narrow down to 2 achievable bold ideas</p>	
<p>Optimistic Productive Awesome Good energy Broad focus Well planned</p>		

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