



OFFER Sheffield First e-bulletin

Keeping you up to date with news and issues from the Sheffield First Partnership, and how the VCF [Voluntary, Community & Faith] sector reps have contributed to, and influenced the discussion

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Sheffield First Partnership Board: Met 11 Nov '09

VCF sector reps influenced for:

- Ensuring that the findings and the actions arising from the City Council VCF sector review are fed into the Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership. This is so that more statutory partners are able to contribute and because the Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership Board has the responsibility for the City Strategy theme of creating a thriving third sector.
- Ensuring the debt prevention action group continues to report direct to Sheffield First Partnership

Additional news - the 3/4 hour sessions with communities of interest about the priorities they would like to see in the next City Strategy, despite initial reservations appear to be working well. So far there has been the Youth Council and Sheffield Faiths Forum. A copy of the report from the Faiths Forum session is available from: <http://www.offer.org.uk/resources/documents/Faiths%20Forum%20City%20Strategy%20Discussion%20Summary.pdf>

Other Boards may wish to do something similar.

Date of next meeting: 9 Dec 2009

Liaison Person: Dave Jackson (OFFER) T. 2536730 E. davej@offer.org.uk

SF Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership Board: no meeting in November

Date of next meeting: 3 Dec 2009

Liaison Person: Dave Parsons (OFFER) T. 2536730 E. dave@offer.org.uk

SF Health and Well-Being Partnership Board: Met 12 November '09

Key points:

- There was discussion about the Community Health Champions [CHCs] - a 2 year lottery-funded programme aimed at addressing health inequalities in the City. There are currently 73 Health Champions, although looking to recruit 240

by Sept 2010. CHC's sign up to volunteer for 100 hours over 6 months and receive training.

- The Draft Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Health & Well-Being: Report [which gives an overview of the health & well-being needs of Sheffield's population] still need to make systematic links with the VCF sector, plus better links with the BME Network.
- Development of Sheffield Food Plan - allotments seen as a key element. A consultation event is happening on 8 December at The Circle 5.30-7.30. If you wish to attend the event please email sfhw@sheffield.gov.uk or
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Date of next meeting: 9 February 2010

Liaison Person: Jasmine Warwick [VAS] T. 2536647 E. j.warwick@vas.org.uk

SF Environment Partnership: Met 25 Nov '09

Key points:

- Communication was raised as a key issue – as there appeared to have been a lack of communication with Environment P'ship VCF reps not having been made aware of a consultation event to inform the Transport Strategy.
- The need for strong communication was acknowledged as being central to achieving the aspirations and outcomes of the 'Sheffield First for Environment Strategy'.

Date of next meeting: 27 January 2010

Liaison Person: Natalie Hunt [OFFER] T. 2536730 E. natalie@offer.org.uk

SF Children & Young People 0-19+ Partnership Board 19 Nov '09

The key agenda item was 'Looked After and Adopted Children and Young People.'

To view Board papers visit:

<http://www.sheffieldfirst.net/our-partnerships/children-and-young-peoples-partnership>

Date of next meeting: 7 January 2010

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SF Strong Economy Board: not scheduled to meet this month [however, as we only reported on 1 of the 2 mtgs. that took place in October – here's the key points from the 15 October meeting]

- A presentation on '**Enterprise in Sheffield**' provided members with city-wide statistics on the numbers of start-up businesses, existing established businesses, and large employers. The number of start-ups has actually increased during the economic downturn. Most, but not all, of the areas with

Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) investment were generally performing better than other areas on start-up rates.

- A report introduced the work planned over the coming year to develop a long term **Transport Strategy** for South Yorkshire. A consultation event is planned specifically for the 3rd sector.
- Eve Waite, Lifelong Learning and Skills, reported on the sub-regional **Future Jobs Fund (FJF) programme**. Some Board members were concerned that the jobs offered for the FJF had to comprise a 'community' element, which they felt was very restrictive. Board members were asked to consider identifying any suitable job opportunities and notify the Council if any arose.

Dates of next meetings: 1 Dec and 16 Dec 2009

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Other news:

A report from the latest x-Partnership Event where VCF sector reps across the Sheffield First Partnership look at key strategic topics likely to be on the agenda over the coming months is available for download from the OFFER website

<http://www.offer.org.uk>. The meeting focused on the production of the new City Strategy and how the VCF sector remains influential within the Sheffield First Partnership given the funds to support this are almost certainly going to further decline.

An event entitled '**Are We on the Right Track**' a mid-term review of the 'Progress Together' [2008-2011] ESF funded Employability Programme will be happening on **Monday 14 Dec**, 1pm – 4pm at the Circle, Rockingham Lane. The event convened by OFFER will be of interest to third sector, public and private sector organisations with an interest in the skills, learning and employability agenda. Contact **Mike Hodson** for more information T: 0114 253 6730 [E: mikeh@offer.org.uk](mailto:mikeh@offer.org.uk) or why not book online @ <http://www.offer.org.uk/events>

The Sheffield Community Economic Network [**SCEN**] meets on a monthly basis. Current areas of activity/discussion include the Future Jobs Fund, and the relationship with the SF Strong Economy Board. For more information visit the SCEN page from the OFFER website and/or contact **Mike Hodson** T: 0114 253 6730 [E: mikeh@offer.org.uk](mailto:mikeh@offer.org.uk)

Finally..... if you have any suggestions for this e-bulletin or any other items you would like included in the Dec 09 edition please email them to suef@offer.org.uk by Thursday 17 Dec.

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