

Report on progress to establish a Third Sector Interface

The Trustees of both the Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire and the Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) Ltd wish to establish and promote a Third Sector Interface to connect with the Single Outcome Agreement which has been developed by the Community Planning Partnership in East Ayrshire.

At the first joint meeting, on 11 February 2008, the Trustees agreed to examine the practical issues which will need to be considered to identify an appropriate infrastructure model which will meet locally identified needs.

The Trustees will seek an early meeting with the Community Planning Partnership to discuss;

- Support to voluntary organisations operating in the area, both local and those national organisations that deliver services at the local level
- Support to and promotion of volunteering
- Support and development of social enterprise
- Connection between the CPP and the third sector

As first steps it was agreed;

- To report progress to the Scottish Government on a regular basis
- To invite Geoff Pearson to address the joint trustees and extend the invitation to representatives of the Community Planning Partnership
- To have a reciprocal arrangement of representation on Volunteer Centre/Council of Voluntary Organisations Board
- To invite the East Ayrshire Council supervising officer (Volunteer Centre) to attend future joint meetings. There is no equivalent CVO person
- Establishment of a working party to include the chief officer of the Council of Voluntary Organisations (East Ayrshire) Ltd and the Volunteer Centre East Ayrshire and senior representation from the Community Planning Partnership.
- The working party will use the Avante 'Leading the Way' report as a structure to develop a baseline of activity and organisational capacity to make proposals on the Third Sector Interface with the Community Planning Partnership