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Supporting an independent and influential
Voluntary and Community Sector

Changing Landscapes: The Journey Ahead



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Welcome

Michael Hunter

Chair

Worcestershire Voices

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Worcestershire Next Generation

Paul Walker

Member

Shenstone Group

Managing Director

Malvern Instruments

Worcestershire County Council

Update and future priorities

Councillor Adrian Hardman

Leader of the Council

Worcestershire County Council

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Key Principles

- Recognises and values the diversity of the sector and the communities in Worcestershire
- Is open and transparent
- Acts strategically, thinks creatively and takes a flexible approach
- Promotes an independent and influential sector
- Is a route through which other sectors can have an open dialogue with the sector
- Is professional and continuously improving

Theme: Health and Well Being

Sally Ellison

Member

Worcestershire Health and Well Being Board

Member

Worcestershire Voices

Theme: Health and Well Being

- The Past:
 - Changes to the NHS arrangements
- The Present:
 - Future Lives
 - Early Help
- The Future:
 - Personalisation
 - Well-connected programme

Theme: Economy

Derek Markie

Member

Worcestershire Voices

Theme: Economy 1

- Worcestershire Voices
 - Working for a just and viable economy
- Engaged with
 - Worcestershire County Council
 - The increasingly powerful Worcestershire Local Economic Partnership (LEP)
 - District Councils

Theme: Economy 2

- Working on
 - Avoidance of disinvestment and loss during austere times
 - EU Social Infrastructure Funds Programme 2014-20
 - Social Enterprise support and promotion
 - Social Inclusion and access to services and resources

Theme: Economy 3

- Campaigning for all in need:
- With integrity and for the long-term
- Not for any particular party line or interest group
- Improving equality and justice
- Drawing on local and wider research and data

Theme: Volunteers and Volunteering

How best can we promote and support
volunteering in Worcestershire?

Nick Parker

Member

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Operating environment

- UK-wide changing patterns of public services:
 - fewer resources
 - growth in commissioning
 - loss of non-statutory services
- Ageing population & increasing levels of need
- Fragmented communities
- Later retirement
- Pace of technological change and increasingly complex systems marginalising many people



Increasing need for
'community' and
'civic society' to fill the
gap and an
expectation of
increasing levels of
volunteering



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Worcestershire Voices Research

Key Findings

- Almost 70% of us volunteer in some way
 - Over 45% give unpaid time to help neighbour, friend and others in their community (informal volunteering)
 - Over 50% volunteered through clubs, groups and organisations
- The estimated Economic value of volunteering in Worcestershire equals £810 million
- Outcomes for volunteers: part of the community, make new friends, improved health & wellbeing, improved CV and led to paid work.

Discussion points.....

- Can we make better use of resources invested in recruiting, training and supporting volunteering?
- How do we increase the numbers of people willing and able to volunteer?
- Can we use IT and Technology more effectively?
- Formal and informal volunteering – what does the spectrum look like?
- Promoting and sustaining volunteering is not only the business of the VCS.
- How can we remove barriers to volunteering so that everyone can get involved?
- What can we legitimately expect of volunteers?

And finally.....

- How do we manage risk, accountability and safeguarding?
- Traditional volunteering perpetuates culture of giver and receiver



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An alternative view of volunteering



A walking group

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Workshops

- Introduction to session
- Group ideas/issues (10 minutes)
- Top 3 ideas/issues – small group discussion (30 minutes)
- Small group feedback to workshop (20 minutes)
- Feedback to Conference

- Post workshop

Open up debate via www.worcestershirevoices.org.uk

(All notes will be posted on the website.)

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Workshops: Feedback

- Volunteers and Volunteering
- Economy
- Health and Well Being

Questions for the Panel

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Sum up and next steps

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