

TSEF Executive Group Meeting

Online Meeting at 3.00pm on Thursday 9th July 2020

Notes & Actions

Present:

Grant Alexander- Link Group (Chair)
Blyth Deans - The Lennox Partnership
Amelia Morgan – Venture Trust
Leona McDermid – Aberdeen Foyer
Rachel Le Noan – SCVO (Notes)
Louise Goodlad – Princes Trust
Lorna Forrest – SCVO
Robin Turner – Routes to Work
Oxana McGregor Gunn – SAMH
Tommy McDade – Barnardos

Apologies:

Hazel Benza – Scottish Government
Jamie Rutherford – Enable Scotland

1. Welcome and Agenda

2. Note of Last Meeting – Actions

TSEF/SDS Involvement

RT & GA met with Elaine Walls and Fergus McMillan at the end of June. It was a positive meeting and SDS is keen to work alongside TSEF as associates. Elaine is the main contact. They shared SDS's latest labour market insight with GA who circulated on TSEF Basecamp group. The labour market insight is updated monthly, and it was agreed that SDS will continue to share them with TSEF going forward. Further updates will also be posted to wider group via Basecamp for info. SDS also offered to share a structured organisational chart and again it will be shared with wider group once received. TSEF Exec Group and SDS agreed to meet again in a couple of weeks' time.

The Exec group agreed it would be useful to arrange similar meetings with COSLA.

Other actions will be covered in the agenda.

3. Network of Networks Meeting 3 July – Feedback (GA, RLN, LM, TM, AM, RT, JR)

GA felt it was a positive meeting, enabling employability support providers and training providers to come together. Three sub-groups were agreed on: young people (co-chair by AM and LM); commissioning (chair by Paul de Pelette from Triage) and No One Left Behind (chair by JR). The aim is to develop responses to Scottish Government and COSLA on the recommendations from reports published by the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery and the Enterprise & Skills Sub-group.

AM agreed it was a positive meeting. She confirmed that work is underway for the sub-group on young people with external comms to be agreed on to encourage signups. The aim is to be visible and transparent and to learn from the work already happening at UK level. Initial work will also be shared with other sub-groups to be used as a blueprint if required.

RT pointed out there is a common interest between all members as well as shared frustration. Further to the letter that was sent to First Minister, both Scottish Government and COSLA offered to meet with the group.

LF attended a Scottish Government meeting earlier that day, along with Kate Still, Anna Fowlie and Celia Tennant. Issues discussed included No One Left Behind, digital inclusion, recommendations emerging from Advisory Group on Economic Recovery, Enterprise & Skills Group, TSEF/SCVO partnership and Network of Networks. Those present (SG in particular) were pleased with the levels of collaboration and momentum coming from the third sector.

AM noted that there is a need for consistent comms moving forward. We need to think of how we communicate with the wider forum on these issues to engage and represent their views. She also confirmed she is checking with ERSA whether they have capacity to help with secretariat to ensure work is progressing at pace.

4. Social Enterprise Network Scotland Meeting 2 July - Feedback (RLN)

RLN attended the latest Employability Social Enterprise Network's event to discuss TSEF/SCVO partnership and Scottish Government's priorities on employability.

It was a positive and interesting meeting. Members of the network welcomed the TSEF/SCVO new partnership and were keen to see the voice of smaller organisations be represented in the forum. RLN explained that it is early days for the partnership and that Basecamp is a first step in terms of comms with the wider forum. She also noted that a governance review of TSEF should happen by the end of the year and members were supportive of it.

Members of the network believe it would be helpful to have further discussions on funding, including on the review of Employability Fund. They explained that organisations can work on employability but do not necessarily receive employability funding per se and that should be acknowledged. On the Employability Fund, RLN mentioned the meeting organised by JR with Katie Hutton from SDS that will take place on 15th July and that has been shared on Basecamp. Another strong point was on the issue of mapping and the need for the sector to work on a 'holistic mapping of employability' taking into account pipeline stages but also what is happening prior/after the pipeline in terms of supporting people into employment.

Exec Group recognises that it is essential to engage with these networks and LM asked how best TSEF can engage and support a complex variety of organisations delivering employability support. It was agreed that Basecamp is a key part of TSEF engagement, but GA will also contact Jayne Chappell to discuss this further.

5. TSEF/SCVO – Oversight Group

As part of the new partnership, it was agreed that an oversight group would meet after 6 months to review work so far. Representatives from SCVO are LF and RLN. Representatives from TSEF are GA and BD. A meeting will be arranged soon to discuss.

6. Basecamp Activities (GA)

Basecamp Sign Ups - Update

RLN noted that about 80 people have now requested to join the TSEF Basecamp Group.

Starter Conversations

AM said she will post info on a survey on behalf of the Shared Measurement Framework group.

Taylor Stewart SDS Meeting? (LF)

It was suggested that TSEF could invite Taylor Stewart to discuss SDS’s work on Data Hub with wider TSEF group (one hour virtual session with Q&A).

Similarly, it was felt that a session with DWP may also be useful to members.

Both LF and AM will coordinate sessions (end of July TBC).

Economy Energy and Fair Work Committee – Call for Evidence 31/7/20 (RLN)

RLN to post call for evidence on wider TSEF Basecamp group.

7. Call for respondents with experience of the 6 NOLB Groups (JR)

JR is keen to speak with people who have experience of working on any of NOLB workstreams.

8. AOB

While Hazel is off, RLN suggested that whoever takes minutes can also send them to Scottish Government once approved, to be published on EIS webpage. RLN will add SG main contact to Docs & Files on Basecamp.

Actions

ACTION	OWNER
Find out who is the main contact for COSLA and arrange meeting	GA
Contact Jayne Chappell and find out how best to engage with Social Enterprise Network Scotland	GA
Arrange a meeting of the oversight group	GA
Arrange virtual sessions with SDS and DWP	LF/AM
Encourage people to sign up to wider Basecamp group	ALL
Prompt starter thread conversations on the wider Basecamp group	ALL
Post survey from Shared Measurement Framework Group on Basecamp	AM
Add call for evidence from Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee to Basecamp group	RLN
Add SG contact for TSEF minutes on Basecamp	RLN
YEG subgroup to share the draft ToRs and workstream paper when available	AM
Share mini governance paper from the Operational Group	AM