

TSEF Executive Group Meeting (Skype)

28/05/20

Present:

Grant Alexander- Link Group (Chair)

Blyth Deans- The Lennox Partnership

Robin Turner – Routes to Work

Amelia Morgan – Venture Trust

Oxana McGregor Gunn – SAMH:

Tommy McDade – Barnardos

Leona Mc Dermid – Aberdeen Foyer

Apologies:

Jamie Rutherford –Enable Scotland

Rachel Le Noan - SCVO

Louise Goodlad – Princes Trust

Hazel Benza – Scottish Government

Lorna Forrest – SCVO

Item 1 –A Network of Networks:

The group discussed a paper that had been produced by Employment Support Scotland (ESS)/ERSA “ Covid -19 Recovery Response” and sent to the Scottish Government in an attempt to foster greater engagement, and to offer the Network’s support. ESS has invited TSEF to join them in the creation of a Network of Networks with a further invite being extended to the Scottish Training Federation. It was agreed by the group that it would be beneficial for TSEF to be part of the Network. TSEF group members will be asked to nominate 2 representatives. ESS will advise on how we take this forward when they have discussed the SG response to the paper

Item 2 – SG Covid-19 Operational Group:

Amelia provided a detailed update on the work of the Operational Group, where there is a genuine feeling for the need to quickly move to more action planning now that the Terms of Reference and Communication channels are now in place. It is expected that both the Scottish Govt and COSLA will drive the actions of the group forward. As TSEF is keen to offer the support of the Third Sector to the actions emerging from the group we discussed what role we could play. It is expected that we would facilitate both user and provider involvement in the co-design work that will be taken forward in the future, and be actively involved when we move from dealing with the Covid-19 crisis at present to implementing the intentions and principles of No One Left Behind. There were discussions about the challenges of implementing NOLB if the procurement processes involve 32 different Local Authority systems. It was agreed due to the changing nature of the development and actions from the Operational Group, TSEF would defer any actions until the landscape becomes clearer.

Amelia also reported that it was the Scottish Governments intention to re-instate the Employability Group, and discussions are underway between SG and SCVO to take this forward.

Item 3- TSEF Communications:

It was noted that Rachel had established a new Basecamp platform for the wider TSEF membership which is a significant step forward for us in terms of our communication strategy with the sector. The group recognised, and were grateful for the progress that Rachel has achieved. At this stage we have 19 organisations registered and the process for promoting the platform across a number of existing networks was agreed. The group had been asked to review the “invitation note” produced

by Louise and feedback any amendments required. Leona offered to produce a final draft that would incorporate the comments already made. We also agreed to consider other networks that we are involved with that the invitations could be sent to, and to think about some content/questions that would provoke a response from any new additions to the platform.

AOB:

Amelia agreed to explore where TSEF members may be able to access labour market data that highlighted the effects of Covid-19 on each areas labour market statistics, although it was recognised that although some organisations may be able to access this there could be challenges with the sharing of data if a Data Sharing Agreement wasn't in place