

Date: 14 April 2010
Our Ref: SS/3SA

Dear Sir / Madam

I am very pleased to invite your organisation to Third Sector Partnership Assembly on 19th May at Alford Hall, Manchester Road, Warrington starting with registration at 9:30am.

The Assembly brings together voluntary and statutory agencies to develop and promote a thriving, effective and influential third sector that will work to improve the quality of life for the people of Warrington.

I have enclosed the programme for the day and information about the workshops on offer. We are trying to make the assemblies interactive and useful for the wide range of third sector organisations in Warrington by giving delegates the opportunity to choose what they learn about with different workshops in the afternoon. I have also enclosed feedback from the last two Assemblies which includes the steps taken to address any issues.

An advice surgery will be available where you can get advice about any issues you may have from a panel made up of third and public sector representatives from the network hub and the third sector policy group.

This is an exciting opportunity for your organisation to get involved; we hope a representative from your organisation will be able to come along.

Places for the event are limited; therefore we ask that organisations nominate no more than two representatives. Places will be booked on a first come first served basis.

To assist in making arrangements for the Assembly I would be grateful if you could complete the attached form and either post or email it to Third Sector Partnership Team at thirdsector@warrington.gov.uk or at the postal address below by 14th May 2010 to confirm your attendance.

Yours faithfully



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Third Sector Partnership Assembly
Wednesday 19th May 2010, Alford Hall



Programme

9:30am	Boarding Registration and refreshment	
10:00am	All Aboard! Welcome from the Chair of the Warrington Partnership	
10:05am	Uncharted Waters – key note speech -	Joe Blott Executive Director for Neighbourhood & Community Services
10:30am	Voyage of Discovery What you said, what we have done And what else?	Nigel Bacon & Rev Stephen Kingsnorth
	What next?	Nigel Bacon & Steve Cullen
11:30am	Asset and Anchors	Jeff Scales Development Trust Agency
12:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm	Afternoon activities Shipmates can choose one of the following workshops:	
	Workshop 1 – Finding your latitude & longitude The Local Compact & its Champions – what are they and what can they do for you?	
	Workshop 2 - Trawling for Money Funding workshop – what is out there and how can you get it?	
	Workshop 3 – What else is in the local Treasure Chest? Asset transfer, what is it? A local case study from Warrington Disability Partnership, is it for you?	
	Workshop 4 - Changing Tides Personalisation agenda – what is it? What does it mean for third sector organisations?	
	Captains Table – Advice is on hand, drop in and speak to network hub and / or third sector policy group members with your queries or issues.	
3:00pm	Shore Leave Summary & Close	Cllr Liz Smith

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Workshop Information

Workshop 1 – Finding your latitude & longitude

The Local Compact & it's Champions – what are they and what can they do for you?
 The Local Compact For: Working Together in Warrington sets out the principles that public sector bodies and third sector groups and organisations should follow when working together in partnership. This workshop will introduce the Local Compact, what it is and how it can be used on a practical basis.

This work shop is best for members of organisations that regularly work in partnership with colleagues from another sector or type of organisation. It is an introductory session for those that have never attended previous Compact presentation and / or workshops.

Facilitator – Stephanie Saxon, Third Sector Partnership Officer

Workshop 2 - Trawling for Money

Funding - What's it all about?

This workshop will take a look at what grant funding is all about, it will explore a range of funding opportunities and funding bodies, and will give you tips on what you can do to improve your chances of being awarded a grant. It will look at what grant funding panels look for when assessing grants and you will learn techniques to help you improve your chances when approaching a funder for a grant. This workshop will particularly be useful to those who are part of a smaller voluntary organisation with very little experience or knowledge of applying for funding.

Workshop 3 – What else is in the local Treasure Chest?

Asset transfer, what is it? - A local case study, is it for you?

Warrington Disability Partnership and Warrington Borough Council were jointly successful with a Big Lottery Community Asset Transfer bid for WBC to renovate their Centre for Independent Living and hand back to WDP on a peppercorn rent. A working group has been set up to look at potential future Asset Transfers and this Workshop is for anyone interested in the 'lessons learnt' as well as any potential 'Future Asset Transfers'.

Facilitator – Jayne Horton & Brun Corbishley, Warrington Disability Partnership

Workshop 4 - Changing Tides

Personalisation agenda – what is it? What does it mean for third sector organisations?

This workshop aims to provide an overview of the personalisation agenda - what it is and why we are doing it and to give a basic outline on Warrington Borough Council's approach to personalisation. It will also consider the role of the third sector in personalisation

The workshop will provide an opportunity for third sector organisations to discuss and share their views on personalisation. It will provide an opportunity for organisations to review their current position in relation to personalisation and make an assessment of their readiness to move forward with this agenda.

Facilitator – Jackie Sweeney & Hilary Baker