**VCSE Assembly**

**Thursday 13th March 10am-1230pm**

**Forum@PQ, Princes Quay, Hull, HU1 2PQ**

**Attendees**

Jason Stamp (Forum CIO) Pippa Robson (Forum CIO) Linda Conway (Forum CIO), Gail Baines (Forum CIO), , Louisa Ingleson (Forum CIO), Chloe Buckley (Forum CIO), Luke Medcalf (Active Humber) , Jane Ingram (Age UK) , Nikki Anderson ( Alzheimer’s Society) , Annie Briggs ( Blossom) , Ali Truman (CGL), Naomi Clark (Child Dynamix) , Lianne White (CISS) , Katie Bewell ( Downright Special) , Julian Rice (Freedom Centre) ,Eric Cserna (Groundwork) , Kate Winstanley (HCC), Sharon Clay (HCC) , Jane Winter (HCC) , Will Adam (HCC) , Tracey Wharvell (HEY CAB), Charlotte Dunstan (Homestart), Jean Templeton (HCHFH) , Lionel Curtis ( Hull District Diabetes) , Mike Mercer ( Humbercare) , Claire Bunker ( Social Care Yorkshire) , Steven Calver ( Sutton Methodist) , Kayleigh Jackson (Tigers Trust) , Wendy Alexander ( Warm Homes) , Kristina Golijanin (Hull CVS) , Zach Hood ( Warm Homes), Laura Stead ( Cash For Kids) , Sarah Shaw (Platform) , Sarah Maccallum ( BBC Children in Need), Lauren Saunders ( WH Hub-JW Park) , Brian Gilliland

**Apologies/ Did not attend**

Temi Makinde (Yoruba Community, Ayse Ozkurt (Turkish Community), Duncan Edge (Choices and Rights), Mandy Donovan (CISS), Lloyd Dobbs ( Goodwin) , Taiye Fatoki (HANA), Peter Oloutch(HCAS) , Sue Green (HCC) , Janine Badger (HKR Foundation) ,Rebecca Theobald (Fisherman’s Mission), Sarah Straker ( House of Light) , Julie Robinson (HRN) , Caroline Tomlinson ( Humber Teaching Trust) , Ben Parry ( Humber Theatre Tec CIC) , Jennifer Herbert (Lampstand), Jamal Choudhury (Peel St Project) , Joanne Gibson (S2BH) , Emma Sullivan Train( Solace Harbour) , Justina Oraka ( TJ Training ) , Ayosola Odunsi ( Welcome House), Temiloluwa Makinde (Yoruba Community) , David Gillyon-Powell,

1. **Welcome & Housekeeping -Pippa Robson**
2. **Check inactivity and discussion -All organisations**

*What are the opportunities to the VCSE around devolution?​*

Feedback examples from tables:

* We do not know who the candidates are
* We do not know what they stand for
* Who are the 6 candidates?
* Not received any leaflets through the door.
* There is a Hustings at HANA 8.4.25 12pm
* Skills agenda- employment where/where will the skills money be. To get people back to work the VCSE needs a bigger voice as we support people in the community.
* VCSE needs to have a single voice and work closely with the potential Mayor. Bulk responsibility for the VCSE.
* The VCSE needs to be collaborative.
* The VCSE services are needed as we build communities s the mayors need to be aware of this.
* Different functions of joint authority
* We need to be involved in the Skills agenda
* Opportunity to work differently
* Need to look at transport
* There needs to be line softening between Hull & ER so that that it is easier to work collaboratively
* It would be good to have Forum as the voice for the VCSE to speak to the mayors.
* The mayor’s role very specific in terms of economy, business and transport
* A lot of talk around the Skills agenda as this is something the VCSE does
* Politically the Mayoral election will be about the person rather than the party they are from. It is too close to call now.
* The mayor will push the debate – why do we have to work in 2 different ways.

1. **Updates - Jason Stamp**

*Before going on to the updates we need to say thank you to Jean Templeton from Hull Churches Home from Hospital. Today will be Jean’s last Assembly. Jean’s passion and drive for the VCSE will be missed. Jean has delivered an amazing service at HCHFH and has made an impact peoples live. So, from us all a big thank you.*

* **Community Services Integration/ Neighbourhood Health** This was the focus of the recent joint Hull and East Riding Assembly and a further briefing session for Hull groups and organisations taking place on 18.3.25
* **Emerging opportunities:**

-Social Prescribing

-Hospital discharge

-Community transport – based on a recent report commissioned by the ICB VCSE Collaborative, it was agreed to circulate this to all attendees for information.

* **Development work** -Frailty & CYPS -scoping is being done to get you involved. A lot of surveys going around but we really need your input
* **Commissioning Principles** – these now are progressing through commissioning forums in the Local Authority with a view to these being signed off in the near future.
* **VCSE Workforce survey**- this will remain live until March 2025 and there was a reminder for as many groups as possible to complete this.
* **Community Plan-** further work around the Hull Community Plan is due to take place in the summer.
* **Cardiovascular Disease-** A piece of work to raise awareness around cardiovascular disease is due to commence in April 2025 and will target specific groups and communities. This work will be lead by Linda Conway.

1. **CISS Presentation -Lianne White**

LW gave an update on CISS – about the service and the support they offer.

Carers’ Service - <https://northbankforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/VCSE_Assembly_13_3_25_Carers_Information_Support_Service_.pdf>

1. **Community Recovery Fund - Pippa Robson**

The fund is from central government about community cohesion and is being administered by Forum CIO. The guidance is on the website and has been widely publicised.

The amounts:

* Small £5k
* Large £40k

It is for long term projects that are about building cohesive communities and community integration to help after last year’s riots. Louisa Ingleson from the team is supporting people with application enquiries. We can advise you but cannot write the application for you or what to apply for. Forum staff are not on the panel. There will be a formal panel to agree funding decision made up of key stakeholders.

1. **Social Prescribing Day – Gail Baines**

* 49 Organisations will be having stalls to promote their services and the work they do
* 8 Organisations will be doing taster sessions
* There will be a breakout space at the PQ hub for tea and cakes
* The event is to promote the work of all aspects of social prescribing in the city and to celebrate the work that is being undertaken.
* VCSE members were asked to promote the evnt.,

1. **Digital Capacity Survey -Tariq Ibrahim**

Tariq advised that a survey around Digital Capacity in the VCSE had recently been distributed and he encouraged organisations to complete this in order to gain a better understanding.

Tariq also advised that within his role at Forum CIO he is also available to deliver training around CRM’s, database development and cyber security.

1. **HM CLG – Policy Lab -Pippa Robson**

Policy Lab have been working in Hull over the past two weeks carrying out a piece of engagement linked to community cohesion and the impact of the riots.

1. **Hull Truck Theatre - Hull Truck Theatre Community Partnership Coordinator** ​

Charlotte from Hull Truck gave an update:

* On her role
* Role of Hull Truck
* Developing new and existing relationships with communities and Hull Truck
* Breaking barriers with communities about the arts
* Successes and challenges

Hull Truck – <https://northbankforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/VCSE_Assembly_13_3_25_Community_Engagement_at_Hull_Truck_Theatre.pdf>

1. **Sector Connect Update -Louisa Ingleson**

Updates were provided:

* Funding available all details on Forum and Hull CVS website.
* Training
* Vacancies

Sector Connect Hull - <https://northbankforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/VCSE_Assembly_13_3_25_Sector_Connect_Hull_.pdf>

1. **VCSE Organisation Updates**

* Luke Medcalf -Active Humber advised with regards to the grant from Peter Hamlyn Foundation if anyone needs support with statistics, please contact Luke who is able to support. [lmedcalf@activehumber.co.uk](mailto:lmedcalf@activehumber.co.uk)
* HCHFH -Nicky Andrews will be taking over from Jean Templeton and will be attending future meetings
* Lionel Curtis – Diabetes training available for free as well as presentations.
* West Hull Community Hub – JW Park – Laura asked the group if anyone would like to do a presentation or talk about a specific offer, they are more than welcome to attend please contact Laura.
* Will Adam HCC-Mental Health & Suicide Strategy in process of putting together priorities and hoping to come back and speak at a later assembly.
* Fair Trade Hull – Fair Share Hull.
* Poverty Truth Commission – Pippa Robson. It is a 2-year project that came to an end recently. It is made up with lived experience and decision maker working together. We are recruiting the next round of community commissioners – if you know anyone who is living with or has had experience of living in poverty, benefits – please contact Pippa. They must be prepared to talk about their experiences.
* It is Down Syndrome Awareness next week – on 21/3/25 HCC buildings will be lit up in blue and yellow. Check the website for promotion and also on social media.

**Date of Next Assembly:**

* Health Workshop: 18.3.25 10am Forum@PQ ​
* Next VCSE Assembly: 15.4.25 1030am Forum@PQ