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**Third Sector Engagement Group**

**Invitation for Community & Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC) members to be appointed as members of the new CVSC Third Sector Engagement Group.**

**What is the Third Sector Engagement Group ?**

 A *Third Sector Partnership Group* is being developed to support the work of Conwy’s Third Sector Compact – a commitment from Conwy County Borough Council, and Community & Voluntary Support Conwy to work as equal partners in the strategic planning of services within Conwy.

We are seeking representatives from Third Sector organisations to support CVSC in their consultations with statutory partners regarding the delivery of Public Services. The new Third Sector Engagement Group will feed into the *Third Sector partnership Group*.

***Do you have experience of delivering Third Sector Services in a multi-agency environment?***

***Would you like to learn more about Conwy’s Compact and feel you have the skills and time to input into Strategic consultations regarding the delivery of services within Conwy?***

***If so, CVSC would like to hear from you.***

**PURPOSE of the COMPACT**

The purpose of the Compact is to maintain an open and constructive relationship, based on mutual understanding, between partners in order that strategic advice and guidance can be given on issues and/or priorities in which we have a shared interest, including those of the other strategic partnerships. Key areas include:

* Identification of issues
* Strategic planning
* Consulting together
* Streamlining and efficiency
* Intelligence sharing
* Presenting joint cases for national funding

The Compact provides a local partnership framework which is set in the context of the National Compact and the Voluntary Sector Scheme.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the *Partnership* Group consists of representatives from the partners:

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| **Partner Organisation** | **Core Membership** |
| The Voluntary and Community Sector (Third Sector) led by Community & Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC)  | Chief Officer, Chair and one trustee of CVSCPlus representation from Third sector groups operating in Conwy |
| Conwy County Borough Council | TBC  |

The Compact allows for regular contact between the Local Authority and Third Sector representative/s to enable the Third Sector to influence, consult and engage on third sector interests, and our shared principles and objectives.

CVSC is seeking to develop a **Third Sector Engagement Group** to provide a wider consultation group for issues relevant to Compact discussions.

CVSC is inviting expressions of interest for membership of the Group, as of November 2019

**What will be expected of you as the appointed member of the Third Sector Engagement Group?**

You commit to

* Attend and contribute to consultation meetings facilitated by CVSC (3 meetings a year) to discuss key areas of work for Conwy’s Compact e.g Conwy’s WellBeing Plan, Third Sector Strategies, etc.
* Work with CVSC to facilitate discussion and consultation on how all Public Services can work collaboratively to achieve positive change for the people of Conwy.
* Review and Contribute to the content of relevant papers for discussion at Compact meetings and other relevant Strategic partnerships
* Working with the partnership group for a minimum of 12 months (up to 3 meetings)

If you would like to be part of this new engagement group, please complete the following Expression of Interest form and return to the address below by 15th November 2019. Positions are open to members of CVSC only.

If you submit an Expression of Interest form, CVSC would like to invite you to a **meeting on 12th December at 2pm to initiate the appointment process**.

For more information, please contact

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| **Expression of Interest for Conwy Third Sector Engagement Group**  |
| Name | Job Title | Third Sector organisation you represent |
| Contact details (inc. email and phone) | Areas that are of particular interest to you (please tick)  | Community Safety |  |
| Economy and Skills |  |
| Environment |  |
| Resilient Communities |  |
| Healthy and independent Living |  |
| Background (please give some details as to why you wish to be a member of the group and your experience of working in multi-agency environments) (Maximum 200 words – continue overleaf if necessary) |
| Are you able to attend the meeting on 12th December at 2pm?  Yes/No |
| Any additional comments: |

Please complete and return by 15th November 2019

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