

Chair:	Dee Luckza	Notes:	Farzana Patel
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1. Welcome	Lead
<p>Present: Dee Luckza, Farzana Patel, Elaine Butt, Nicholas Russell, Pam Duxbury, Pamela Eaton, Michael Naughton, Natalie Tichareva, Atiha Chaudry, Minesh Patel, Martin McLoughlin, Alison Counce, Peter Firth, James Walton, Liz McNabb, Beth Warriner, Olwyn Holgate, Jenny Matthews, Karina Royale, David Kenyon, Lisa Murray, Helen Carter</p> <p>Apologies: Dave Bagley, Heather Berry, Lynn Meadowcroft</p> <p>Dee welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	

2. Highlights from the Chair	Lead
<p>Dee mentioned that Bolton CVS has appointed a new COO (Chief Operating Officer), Beth Warriner.</p> <p>Beth introduced herself, what she would like to do in her new role and how she will be making an impact in the VCSE sector.</p>	Dee Luckza reported

3. The Phoenix Way Project	Lead
<p>Athiya talked about giving background information on GM Ethnic Communities Network organisation. GM Ethnic Communities Network aims to provide networking opportunities and better access to knowledge, information and support for VCFSE sector organisations led by and/or supporting communities who experience racial inequalities across Greater Manchester.</p> <p>Athiya talked about the transitional change the organisation has gone through, for more information have a look at their website: https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/GMEC-Network</p> <p>Natalie talked about the The Phoenix Way Project, this project is a national collaborative partnership created during the Covid-19 pandemic as a response to the structural inequalities which black and racially minoritised communities and community-led organisations face in relation to influencing and accessing grant funding.</p> <p>Natalie went on to talk about how the project exists to support black and racially minority communities and community-led VCFSE organisations across Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Merseyside.</p> <p>For more details, you can e-mail Natalie Tichareva on natalie.tichareva@gmcvo.org.uk</p>	<p>Presented by Natalie Tichareva, Development Officer, GMCVO</p> <p>Athiya Chaudry, GM Ethnic Communities Network</p>

4. Funding Update	Lead
<p>Liz introduced herself as Grants and Funding Manager at Bolton CVS.</p> <p>Liz talked about the Bolton's Fund grants programme, supporting the VCSE sector in Bolton to do carry out activities/projects helping to grow and thrive.</p> <p>Liz talked about the eligibility, priorities and deadlines for each grant level of the Bolton's Fund. Liz went on to speak about the priorities of the Bolton's Fund and how to apply from the Bolton CVS website.</p> <p>Liz mentioned other grants that are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bolton Community Homes Grants - charities, community groups, organisations and individuals are invited to apply for grants to help support projects that will benefit Bolton Community Home customers. • Bolton's Fund: Household Support Fund 5 - large grants (up to £15,000) for provision of crisis support to vulnerable household in the most need with the cost of essentials. <p>Visit Bolton CVS website for more information or e-mail funding@boltoncvs.org.uk.</p> <p>The full presentation can be found here.</p>	<p>Presented by Liz McNabb, Bolton CVS</p>
5. VCQA Update	Lead
<p>Elaine introduced herself as Development Manager at Bolton CVS and has been recently working on the VCQA accreditation. Elaine was pleased to announce that Bolton CVS received the accreditation.</p> <p>Elaine explained the importance of the accreditation and what the process involves. Elaine asked members to come to the next Volunteer Development Network on 11th June to find out more.</p> <p>If you want to find out more, e-mail on elaine@boltoncvs.org.uk</p>	<p>Presented by Elaine Butt, Bolton CVS</p>
6. Trauma Informed Toolkit	Lead
<p>Kerry introduced herself and gave a brief how A Brilliant Thing CIC are working with VCSE organisations and Public Health in Bolton to understand how to become trauma informed as a sector.</p> <p>Kerry explained what is meant by trauma informed communities which is a framework that establishes and promotes resilient healing and healthy communities so that people can be healthy enough to sustain opportunity and realise their potential.</p> <p>Kerry spoke about the spectrum of organisation types when considering the level of trauma-informed and healing-centered approaches they currently implement.</p>	<p>Presented by Kerry Tottenham, A Brilliant Thing</p>



Notes and action points

Voluntary and Community Sector Forum

Thursday 28th March 2024

<p>Kerry talked about different types of trauma that the VCSE sector can support with.</p> <p>Kerry showed the Toolkit on A Brilliant Thing website and what resources are available to help organisations identify their own journey and access the support they need.</p> <p>For more details, you can contact Kerry on kerry@brilliantthing.co.uk.</p>	
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7. Any Other Business	Actions
<p>Elaine mentioned Bolton CVS are looking at reviewing their training offer and will be sending out a survey for feedback, requested everyone to complete.</p> <p>Farzana mentioned that Volunteers Week will be celebrated on 1st June at Victoria Square and welcomed everyone to come along to show support to the VCSE sector.</p>	All

Date of next meeting:
Thursday 25th July 2024, 10.30am – 12.00pm at The Bolton Hub