

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate partnership working to focus our efforts and resources for the benefit of Angus Communities.

## **Angus Third Sector Collaborative**

Membership of Angus Third Sector Collaborative is open to all organisations within the Third Sector in Angus regardless of size. The primary aim of Angus Third Sector Collaborative is to work together sharing the wealth of skills and experience across the sector to better inform design and delivery of services to meet the needs of communities in Angus. This will be achieved through partnership working across all sectors.

Angus Third Sector Collaborative will hold a minimum of 6 collaborative meetings per year.

Angus Third Sector Collaborative will adopt a shared leadership approach with different partners leading on different issues or pieces of work as per their respective areas of expertise. Meetings will be chaired on a rotating chair basis.

Angus Third Sector Collaborative will establish sub groups and task and finish groups as required. Voluntary Action Angus, as the Third Sector Interface, will provide clerical support for these groups and will source resources to support Angus Third Sector Collaborative and any sub groups.

Angus Third Sector Collaborative recognises that collaborative relationships are built through partnership working and are built on empowerment and not dependency.

Voluntary Action Angus, as the Third Sector Interface, will offer strategic guidance, clerical support and capacity building support to Angus Third Sector Collaborative.

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will enable a stronger and collective voice to represent Angus Third Sector Collaborative with other sectors locally and nationally. This MOU is underpinned by a commitment to openness, transparency and trust within our sector to assist one another where possible, to make best representation of views, provision of service and awareness of the outstanding issues within Angus. We also aim to develop innovative ways of working and develop a broader range of collaborative advantage within the third sector.

This MOU is about joint working, greater solidarity and cohesion within the Third Sector in Angus. Whilst building around concepts of collaborative advantage, this MOU recognises and supports the individual sovereignty and values of all Third Sector organisations and appreciates their independence as required within good governance and by charity law.

## **Social and economic change**

The Third Sector operates within conditions of significant and unprecedented change where economic and social challenges impact on resources whilst facing increasing demands for services. This requires better recognition of both the third sector's impact and opportunity to grow in respect of the key challenges faced. Voluntary Action Angus, as the Third Sector Interface, and Angus Third Sector Collaborative seek to ensure the third sector is well represented as an equal partner at the top tables of decision making in Angus.

## Activities

- Voluntary Action Angus, as the Third Sector Interface and Angus Third Sector Collaborative will work in partnership to update the compact agreement with statutory partners.
- Angus Third Sector Collaborative, will, supported by Voluntary Action Angus, as the Third Sector Interface, seek new arrangements for joint approaches on commissioning and procurement seeking a fairer distribution of resource.
- Membership of Angus Third Sector Collaborative is open to all third sector organisations. Each member organisation will have a single vote in any decision making.
- Angus Third Sector Collaborative will welcome and mentor newly appointed senior officers of third sector organisations.
- Encourages the concepts that services are person centred and that user involvement are at the heart of all provision
- Develop new ways of joint working and pilot innovative approaches
- Promote involvement in the community planning process
- Enable work on joint outcomes to better measure the overall impact of the work carried out by the Third Sector in Angus.
- Work to identify current and fitting service provision in Angus and campaign to address any imbalances dependant on the needs of communities.
- Identify any areas that do not have equal and appropriate representation from the Third Sector where representation is appropriate and aim to arrange support for the same.

This memorandum of understanding is to be reviewed on an annual basis.

Signed on behalf of (*name of organisation*)

I confirm that the above organisation wishes to be a member of Angus Third Sector Collaborative and supports the above statements.

I agree to my contact details (email and phone) being shared with the group for the purposes of sharing information and making connections.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_